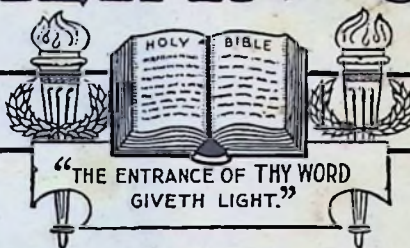


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## Avoiding Error and Achieving Success

THOSE churches following the simple New Testament order and known as churches of Christ have enjoyed in their one hundred years of witness in Australia a unity of fellowship that has been unique. At times there were differences of opinion regarding methods and modes of church government and worship, but never a sacrifice of any fundamental Christian principle. Although the differences might have been exaggerated and emphasised more than necessary, nevertheless they were handled with discretion, patience and tact. Eventually one problem after another was overcome, and the unity of the brotherhood was maintained and even strengthened. It is evident that there was a great love for Christ and a genuine desire to set all differences right in the light of his wisdom and not according to human knowledge. Matters of opinion were not allowed to overrule and to take the place of the vital and essential principles of the Christian faith.

This insight and ability to hold steadfastly to the eternal truth in Christ and then at the same time to show tact toward those who differed on mere opinions about methods and unrevealed teachings, enabled the pioneers to go forward with vigor and determination. It was generally understood that those holding private views would not attempt to press them upon others, particularly at the public services of the church or in representative statements. By such wisdom and consideration the brethren declared in a practical manner the ideal of unity they taught and preached as necessary for the worldwide Christian church.

Because there was unity among the churches and a loyalty to Christ as revealed in the scriptures, great and successful campaigns were undertaken to bring the citizens of the Commonwealth under Christ. In many different ways young and old were brought into the kingdom of God. Thus New Testament unity and evangelism were linked and demonstrated for one hundred years by the brotherhood.

The plea for Christian unity that was once known as "our plea" has now become the clarion call of many Christian brethren throughout the world. In addition there has been a growing recognition of the authenticity of the New Testament scriptures in view of the recent discoveries by archaeologists and by research work on ancient papyrus documents. There is also renewed appreciation of the fundamental principles of conversion and Christian worship as emphasised by the leaders of the Restoration Movement. This, then, is the time for churches of Christ in Australia to hold fast to the great mission and calling that brought them into being, and to declare through a united brotherhood and by a zealous, well-balanced evangelistic campaign the essential truths of New Testament Christianity. We suggest that failure to maintain unity or indifference

toward adequate, well-planned evangelistic programmes will be detrimental to the success of the Australian brotherhood in the future.

### AN AMERICAN PROBLEM

An unfortunate feature in the American brotherhood has been the open opposition of one section against the other. At the International Convention held in August at Columbus, U.S.A., an "open letter" was addressed to the brotherhood, urging that appointed leaders be removed from executive positions. Certain charges were made about the literature being circulated among Sunday schools. The claim was made that one thousand Missouri "laymen" were responsible for the letter. Efforts will be made, it is declared, to secure one million signatures to a petition urging that unity be secured by a restoration of a general loyalty to the word of God. To support their claims the "laymen" have incorporated into their statement quotations from books suggested in "Senior Teachers' Quarterly" for the general reading of teachers. Certainly the quotations are unscriptural and dangerous. However, it is hardly just or right to take quotations from a book suggested for general reading and try and fasten them down as the belief of the one recommending the book. Such propaganda methods may get some results, but they do not encourage Christian unity. We instance this divisive movement and the methods adopted as typical of the unfortunate condition of the American brotherhood. The two brotherhood journals have taken up in this instance, as in others, conflicting attitudes. One has given the "open letter" very prominent publicity; the other has treated the affair with lightness. Neither approach will solve the problem. How the American brotherhood drifted into such a plight may make a long story, but that there has been such a departure from the spirit of unity is sad news. For us in Australia it would be most encouraging if those divisions were healed. We do not think that taking sides with either section or being influenced over duly by either will help us to develop the strength and unity of the Australian brotherhood; that is the task for brethren here to maintain and to advance. If we can measure up to the present situation and go forward into the new century, in the bond of Christian unity, we may help to join those divided ranks of other lands.

### FALLING MEMBERSHIP IN BRITAIN

From Great Britain we have news of a serious decline in membership of churches of Christ that are associated with our British conference. Although during the last twenty years our brethren have won recognition for their doctrinal position in what we may call ecumenical circles, there has been a large

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# Half and Half Night

*We are indebted to S. A. Crouch of Texas, U.S.A., for sending the following programme that was put into operation by churches at McAlester, Okla., and at El Campo, Texas.*

AT 7.30 o'clock on Tuesday evening, the doorbells rang in one-half the homes represented in First Christian Church, McAlester, Okla. It was not by chance that they rang, for that was Half and Half Night of the annual Christian Home Week observed by that church, and half the families were asked to stay at home that evening while the other half were assigned to visit them. Every family was informed of the plan in advance. No preparation was necessary for entertaining. The purpose was to enable the families of the church to become better acquainted.

Christian Home Week is a timely undertaking for any month in the year. The second week in May is generally designated as Christian Home and Family Week, but any week will do, and the programme of the McAlester church is a good one for a pattern.

"Our purpose for this Christian Home Week," said the minister, Frank A. Grubbs, in the foreword of an attractively printed folder, "is to bring the church and the home into a closer fellowship and unity in these days when our homes and lives are under a constant and increasing strain of pressure, brought about by the tragedy of war and the separation of loved ones, and the many other activities which demand our time. . . . With modern perplexities threatening to undermine and even destroy our home life, it is our sincere hope and earnest prayer that every family will give Christian Home Week wholehearted co-operation."

The minister listed six objectives for the week, as follows:—

1. Every member of every family of the church participating in the programme of the week.
2. A Bible in every church home.
3. A religious picture displayed in every church home.
4. Bible reading and prayer in every church home each night during the week.
5. Grace to be returned at the table of every church home.
6. Every member of the family attending all the church services, including the Bible school, during the Christian Home Week.

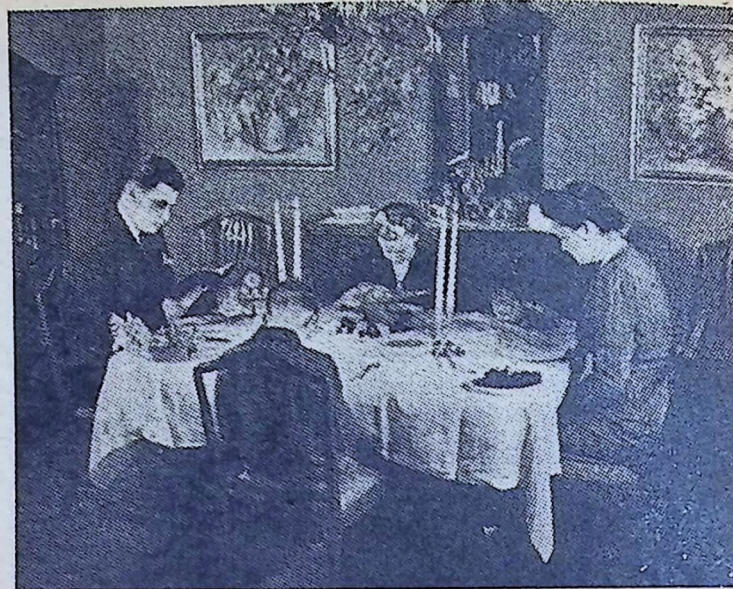
"A child's first impression of the church comes from his parents in the home," said Mr. Grubbs, further discussing the need for such a special week. "When we realise that approximately five out of every six who confess Christ and become a part of the church come from the Bible school, surely we cannot treat lightly the great working force of Christian education in the church. J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, has this to say: 'The church is needed in the home to-day more than ever before if the youth of America is to be guided into paths of decency and good American citizenship.' Even more important, the influence of Christ and his church is needed in the home to-day if the members of that home are to glorify him through his church and in their daily lives."

With such a purpose and programme, and with such a need definitely in mind, the following week of activity was outlined:

Sunday Morning: Every child and parent present in Bible school and the worship service. Morning sermon, "The Christian and the Home."

Sunday Evening: Christian Endeavor at 6.30 for juniors, intermediates and seniors, followed by evening worship, with sermon, "Our Home Over There."

Monday Evening: "Stay at Home Night." This was family night at home. Said the programme, "We hope you will cancel all en-



gagements and spend a night with the family. Play a game, read a story, listen to some good radio programme. Whatever you do, do it with the entire family."

Tuesday Evening: "Half and Half Night." This was the time for the unique plan outlined in the opening paragraph of this article.

Wednesday Evening: "Family Prayer Meeting Night" at the church. The printed programme urged that the entire family attend, as an interesting and instructive service, undergirded by prayer, had been planned.

Thursday Evening: "Music Appreciation Night" at the church. An appropriate musical programme was presented by the choir.

Friday Evening: "Family Fellowship Night" at the church, with a programme of fun, fellowship and entertainment, carefully planned and conducted. Refreshments were served. When food is more plentiful a covered dish supper could be planned. Another good suggestion would be arrangements for the annual reports and election of officers, should the meeting come at the time of the year when the congregation holds its annual business session.

Sunday Morning: A big day in Bible school at 9.30, followed by "Roll Call Sunday" about the Lord's Table. Said the programme: "A plan for a roll call by families will be announced. This should be a great service around the Lord's Table. Sermon, 'When the Roll is Called Up Yonder.'"

Sunday Evening: After the Christian Endeavor meetings at 6.30, a special programme was announced under the heading, "The Value of Religious Art in the Christian Home," with Prof. Harold Humbert, of Phillips University, as the speaker. It was requested that during the week religious pictures were to be brought to the church for an exhibit in the auditorium and vestibule on Sunday evening.

In suggesting that during the week every church home purchase an appropriate religious picture, if it did not already have one, to be hung in the chief room of the house, the programme read: "The purpose of such a picture would be to let visitors know that the home is a Christian one."

Regarding the success of the special week, Mr. Grubbs not long ago made this statement: "We would like to say that every phase of this programme went over successfully; however, that would be stretching the truth. Nevertheless, this being the first time for both pastor and church, for such a programme, naturally we had our lessons to learn. This we did at the expense of the programme this year. But we gained valuable information for next year. One thing we discovered was that the parts of the programme we worked out in full detail in advance succeeded much better than the rest. Another was that in the Family Church Night at the church the programme should be made up of different families. By having several copies of religious pictures on exhibit in the vestibule and ordering others through the church office for members, this phase was very successful. It is a very happy experience for me to call in the homes of the members and find a nice religious picture hanging in the living-room, and to know that it is there because of this church programme. Visible results: We had a 7½ per cent. increase in attendance in church the month following this programme. Many families are acquainted with others they never knew well before. If any one finds anything of value in the plan we used we are more than happy to have that one make use of it."



# The Future Through the Eyes of Christian

WHAT is likely to happen is always of interest to most people. The future is a subject of perennial interest. No doubt since the dawn of history man, with his gift of imagination, tried to look ahead, and in spite of limited knowledge planned accordingly. It is so to-day. Time marches on—one generation working for the good of its successor, one era for the well-being of succeeding eras. And if so in days long ago, when life was so simple, how much more to-day? War then was tribal and really on a very small scale; to-day nearly every nation is bruised and beaten by the monster. Life is complex—no nation is really isolated. What means life or death to one involves all. Distance is largely a thing of the past. Speed reigns. For example the flying bomb or rocket planes. And existing conditions are but a prelude to what we may expect in the future. What is around the corner for this nation, that nation, all nations? What of the future? Some people on its threshold are terrified. Others become fatalists and say, "What is to be, will be. We can't alter it." Another type, under the strain of looking ahead, indulge in all kinds of evil—"eat, drink and be merry, for to-morrow we die," is their philosophy. Even amongst Christians two schools of thought are seen—one, the world is growing worse day by day in every way and will never be Christianised until Christ's second advent; whilst number two believes in evolution—we are getting better; note the progress in this, and that, made during the years, and by-and-bye will be under the sway of Christ, who is King of kings and Lord of lords. My reference to such viewpoints is not a criticism of either, but I do believe that, even at this late hour, it is possible for us to penetrate to an extent the future, and make plans that it may be dedicated to the glory of God and secure the salvation of man.

Christian sees enough to convince him all is not well to-day, and will not be all right to-morrow unless faith and common-sense direct the concerns of individuals and the affairs of nations. It is possible to look hopefully to the future, seize it and utilise it in a way that will receive the approval of our heavenly Father. It is not surely his will that mankind should hate, despise one another and destroy each other. His will is peace. Neither is the golden age in the past. It could be—it can be—in the future. This, of course, will require men and women to be in tune with the Infinite. Godless men and women can never produce a God-fearing world, so why expect a different—a better world as long as the love of God is set at nought and the will of God ignored? So Christian believes that a wholehearted return to religion will guarantee happiness in days to come. Let him submit a few of his ideas whereby he thinks this happy state of affairs may be realised.

## 1. Christian Believes that the World, Minus the Christian Faith, will Not Work

Who will say for one moment, "God's in his heaven, all's right with the world"? What did Browning have in mind? Even H. G. Wells, for so long the voice of those who believed that man could by his own efforts bring about a prosperous, happy and peaceful world, like the rest of the humanists, gave up in despair. "The end of everything we call life is close at hand," he declared. And there are so many disturbing factors in evidence, that one is tempted to share his des-

*C. B. Nance-Kivell, B.S.Litt., B.D., pictures the future hope behind the confusion of the present age.*

pair but for the fact that it is a *redeemed world*, and in the last analysis God's plan will be accomplished.

So, as Christian looks at things he is hopeful. A book of great value to thinkers and readers is on its way to Australia, if not already here, entitled, "The World That Works," by the Bishop of Rangoon. An appeal is made to give God his place in the world and faith the right of way. We have proved our mettle as fighters in the material realm; we have still to win the fight against greed and pride, against lust and covetousness, against hate and division. As the bishop puts it, "Not governed by the Right or by the Left, but governed by God. Not Right versus Left, but right versus wrong." Each one of us to pray, "Thy will be done on earth, . . . through me."

## 2. Christian, too, is Well Aware of the Existence of Atomic Energy and asks, Will it Bring Life or Death?

Fifty years ago a German physicist discovered X-rays, an epoch-making discovery in medical science. Then considerable doubt was expressed as to its use on the human body; now it is welcomed everywhere as a tremendous boon to mankind. To-day we have atomic energy, cosmic ray and radar, which so far have been presented to us as destructive forces. Consider the atomic bomb—a small bomb carried in one's hand more powerful than 20,000 tons of TNT, with more than 2000 times the blast power of the largest bomb ever used. One might well ask, What is its use in the future? A soldier's vision appeared in "The Argus" a while ago. "Then miles above the surface of the earth, noiseless battles will be fought between blast and counterblast. Now and again an invader will get through, and up will go London, Paris, New York in a 40,000 feet high mushroom and smoke and dust." Little wonder that Mr. Churchill wrote, "This revelation of the secret of nature, long mercifully withheld from man, should arouse the most solemn reflections in the mind and conscience of every human being capable of comprehension. We must indeed pray (please note this) that these awful agencies will be made to conduce peace among the nations, and that instead of wreaking measureless havoc upon the entire globe, they may become a perennial fountain of world prosperity."

Even laymen like ourselves can see mankind has in its grasp a great friend or deadly foe. Which, is the question, O which? It all depends on the character of man into whose hand this terrific force is placed. In the hands of devils it spells our destruction; under the control of Christians, whose concept of life is the same as Christ's, perhaps our prosperity, health and happiness. God grant this may be so. You see it is man who counts, and the task of the church is to provide the world by the grace of God with such men. To me this constitutes a greater challenge to the church than she has ever received before. Scientists may deal with the tremendous forces of the universe, but our concern is the scientist and the men who utilise such powers. Man is more important than his product.

## 3. Christian Approves of a New World

Is what some people think correct, that Christians are old-fashioned and opposed to

a new world? I do not think so! Christian remembers Christ, his Saviour and Master, who was a revolutionist in his day. He was new and taught new doctrines, though it is true he came not to destroy the old but to fulfil it. His was a new approach to life, a new outlook for the nations; and because of it, and other things, he was despised and ultimately crucified. Christian follows Christ.

Yes, new men for a new world. Christ believed new men would make the new world, not better conditions would produce new men. Without being political, the contents of the Social Security Plan published some time ago, if put into practice will mean much. It will bring about a mighty change in both mental and material stature of the bulk of the population, freedom from want, from the haunting fear of all income being brought to an end by illness or loss of work. A smooth outlook for the future which means that old age will have lost its fear. New housing activity, providing decent, if limited, abodes in place of overcrowded rooms. Children welcomed and bringing in their wake increasing family allowances. Help for the newcomers from the time of birth until the hour of death, be the passing out ever so long deferred. Health studied and pain relieved. Can we visualise what it all means and will mean? "The hard core of poverty removed." Freedom from fear! It is fear that mars the life of thousands. And to banish it for all time is to translate the spirit and teachings of Jesus Christ into every phase of life. In other words, ring in the kingdom of God. What a God-given chance is ours to-day! Something to live for is this. Christian certainly approves of and is prepared to work for such an order of things. That will mean a new world, but first things must be put first. The spiritual need of the world forces him to declare, if it is to be realised, and really last when it comes, men must have a right estimate of values. As long as we view money to be of more value than health, or the passing pleasures of life to be superior to the eternal joys of the soul, so long will burdens and difficulties remain. General MacArthur, after the surrender of Japan, said: "The problem is basically theological; we must save the spirit of man if we would save his flesh."

With all his heart Christian wants to see men and women everywhere released from so much that makes life terribly hard, but improved conditions are not, nor will they be, enough.

## 4. Christian Believes in a New Earth and a New Heart

The holy Bible has much to say about new things. "Behold, I will make all things new." "The mercies of the Lord are new every morning." "If any man is in Christ he is a new creature." John tells us in the Revelation that he saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. The new heart is implied. A new heart! What a world of meaning in the three words! A wise and good man, the late Lloyd George, said after the 1914 war, "What the people of Europe need more than anything else is a new heart and a new spirit." That is precisely what General MacArthur said. "Keep thyself with diligence, for out of it flow the issues of life." The prophet Ezekiel reminds us of one of the greatest promises of God: "A new heart will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you." The Bible is never in doubt that the deepest need of the human race is a new heart. If we carry into the future old enmities, old

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# Co-Workers in the Making

LATEST lists from India give the number of students being assisted in training as twenty-seven, eight of whom are supported from the Tunstall Trust. Various branches of studies are being undertaken, preachers, teachers, nurses, Bible-women, etc. As the years pass an increasing number of such students will be sent for training. This is the only satisfactory solution for the Indian church to take control of its own work. National, racial and religious differences are making it more difficult for the Western workers to carry on free from hindrance. One of our missionaries writing says: "The more I think of our work here, and the future, I feel it's going to be confined to some really personal work, dealing with individuals and not groups and the strengthening of the Christian church. This latter, I feel, will occupy quite a deal of our time. We must be a source of strength to those who live in non-Christian environments."

Miss Vawser, commenting on some girls from the Girls' Home, says: "Seven of the girls passed the Government examination, and they have gone on with their studies. Five have gone to high school. Of the others, one has gone into a hospital in Poona to train as a nurse, but it will not be until she has been there for three months that we will know whether she will continue or not. Another girl has gone to Bible school, another having to wait for a year or two before she is old enough to enter teacher training, and has gone into the training school kindergarten class as a junior teacher. Five girls have married. We wish them all God's richest blessing. Of course, there are others who have come. To-day a man brought four of his little ones because the mother is insane and the children are terribly neglected. It is a wonderful thing to be able to help."

Hariba Waghmodi, B.A., who is now in Australia to take the course at the College of the Bible, Glen Iris, is one formerly helped by various groups. We are happy to report that the heavier costs in connection with his studies are met by the Tunstall Trust.

## CHINA NEWS

PASTOR HEO, writing from Kunming (Yunnanfu), Sept. 3, gives some further information regarding the work in West China. Owing to financial difficulties and upset, the work did not make much progress during the later years of the war, but nevertheless the work continues. There is need of further workers and additional financial support, but there is some reason to believe that the Chinese Home Missionary Society will be able to reorganise their work now the war is over.

At present Mr. Heo is helping the China Inland Mission in establishing a Bible school in Kunming, which calls for his remaining in Yunnanfu. Mrs. Heo, however, has returned to Hueili and hopes to be able to carry on an interim work until the C.H.M.S. can send someone to relieve. We are glad to report that some of the old workers remain in harness at Hueili and the Tribes' work.

Mr. Lui, former dispenser at Hueili clinic, and Mr. Chen, former deacon and helper, are named as still helping the church. Dr. Gee and family are still in the city, and Mr. Loh Hao Ming, the Chinese worker among the tribes, remains among his chosen friends. It is sixteen years since this worker took up the task. We are glad to learn that the China Border Mission in Chengtu are sending some support to Mr. Loh.

One important item from Mr. Heo tells of Miss Li, former pupil of our Hueili girls' school. During times of persecution some years ago, Miss Li was baptised in the An-

derson home so as not to bring a storm of abuse and persecution from communistic-minded military then in the city. This girl also suffered many beatings and mental torture from the members of her own family.



Chinese Refugee Children.

Miss Li grew up to be a fine Christian girl, trained as a nurse, and is now stationed at the C.M.S. Hospital in Yunnanfu. Her mother, now a Christian, is helping Mrs. Heo in the work at Hueili. This girl's fruitful testimony won her mother to Christ.

## INDIA'S ILLITERATES

LITERACY and education in India constitute a universal and crying need. The problem, however, is to find teachers to cope with the 300,000,000 illiterates scattered throughout 500,000 villages. The young Indian intellectual, though raised in the village, prefers to remain in the relative comfort of the city than to return to the hardship and poverty of the village in order to help in the uplift of his own people. Total conscription, therefore, is thought to be the only solution, thus making education a compulsory subject in every university curriculum and

compelling every university student to spend at least one month as a "missionary" in an Indian village. The radio might be installed in every village and the Indian film industry utilised for the production of educational "shorts." By means of such a campaign on a national scale it is thought that illiteracy might be overcome in two or three decades.—"World Dominion."

## The Tripersonal God

CHRISTIAN baptism is to be "into the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Contemplate this profound statement, for in it the doctrine of the Being of God is precisely revealed. Christ did not say "into the Names," nor did he say "and in the Name of the Son, and in the Name of the Holy Spirit," but "in the Name"—one Name because one Being. Yet that Being is tripersonal—Father, Son and Spirit. The doctrine of the Trinity transcends the intelligence of man, but it is definitely declared, and is the foundation-stone of all religion, both in the Old Testament and the New. The two outstanding occurrences of it in the New Testament are here, as the baptismal formula, and in the universally used Benediction (2 Cor. 13: 14); but there are other equally clear statements of this truth, notably in John 14: 16, "I . . . the Father . . . another Comforter"; and in Ephes. 2: 18, "Through him (Christ) we both (Jew and Gentile) have access by one Spirit unto the Father." The mystery of the Three Persons is beyond our comprehension, but we can have spiritual experience of each of them; of the Spirit quickening, indwelling, and sanctifying; of Jesus Christ the Redeemer, Saviour, High Priest, Intercessor, Advocate, and Friend; and of the Eternal Father to whom we are related by the Spirit, through the Son. The "Name" of the Triune God speaks to us of his nature, and "into" that we are baptised.—Dr. W. Graham Scroggie.

God wants our life to be a song. He has written the music for us in his word and in the duties that come to us in our places and relations in life.—J. R. Miller.

## Presiding at the Lord's Table

THE responsibility of conducting effectively the service at the Lord's Table rests upon the president. He needs to make adequate preparations during the week prior to the service. This involves a reading of the planned Bible lessons so as to make sure there are no phrases unsuitable for a public service. Advice may then be offered to the reader if it is thought necessary on points likely to be of advantage. As a rule, although it is not always necessary, a brief address is required to prepare the congregation for the breaking of bread. A subject or text that is directly related to the communion service ought to be selected. To introduce a discussion on some general theme is not only out of place, but also disturbing to the harmony and reverence of worship. Many services have been marred by unsuitable talks. Let the address be based on the theme of the Lord's Supper or a verse directly related. Let it be confined to four or five minutes. To speak to the point and briefly requires considerable preparation. When well developed and presented in a few minutes, such a message can be most effective. The president will wisely arrange for brethren to be ready to offer brief prayers of thanksgiving for the bread and wine. There is no need to take up time by making long quotations. Silence at the right time can be most im-

pressive. The symbolic actions ought to be allowed to give their own message. Therefore every act performed by the president must be dignified, graceful and solemn. The handling of the emblems and their distribution are part of the service. There is need, then, to study these details to help to make the service adequate and beautiful.

To stand at the table and lead in such a sacred service is a heavy responsibility. Beside the mental preparation, there is need for the president to watch his appearance. This does not mean elaborate dressing, but it must be obvious to worshippers that an effort has been made to be tidy. That impression can be conveyed, even although our clothes are not expensive. Many worshippers are repelled by the smell of tobacco. Those associated with the conduct of the service of the Lord, if they are in the habit of smoking, will take care that no suggestion of the smell of tobacco is associated with the Lord's Table. A little care and a little restraint will ensure this desirable end. Finally if the president plans the service well he will allow adequate time for the preacher to deliver his sermon without embarrassment.



# Buffalo, 1947

WHAT is this Buffalo about which people are talking? This was the question put by one lady to another at the recent Federal Conference. Others were somewhat startled as Dr. Jesse Bader in his very first utterance spoke of Buffalo, Buffalo, Buffalo. They soon learned that the reference was to nothing fearsome, but to the World Convention of Churches of Christ to be held next year in Buffalo City, State of New York. So many were the references to Buffalo at the Adelaide conference, so alluring the pictures drawn by Dr. Bader, and so urgent his appeal, that very many people are now definitely planning to make the trip.

## World Conventions Past and to Come

There have been only two World Conventions, in 1930 in America, and in Great Britain in 1935. Toronto, Canada, was the appointed place for the convention at the end of the next five years, but the outbreak of war in



Reg Enniss,  
Vice-President of World Conference.

1939 upset all plans for 1940. The 1947 convention is therefore in lieu of that planned for 1940, and Buffalo becomes the meeting-place instead of Toronto, much to the regret of the Canadian brethren, who found it impossible to secure the necessary hotel space for the large company expected. Australia's turn will come. The present plan is to restore the regular five-year periods, holding the fourth convention in 1950. This may very well be allotted to Australia. Our Federal Conference Executive is making the request. Dr. Bader is strongly in favor. He would expect to bring a delegation of five hundred from America and Canada. What a thrill it would be, and what an uplift! The best way to make the 1950 convention sure for our country is to have a large and representative Australian delegation go to Buffalo next year.

## What is a World Convention?

Something vastly more than any one of the great individual State conventions of America. Greater by far than even the periodical International Convention, so named because it includes both North America and Canada. A World Convention is the coming together of representatives of churches of Christ from the forty-one countries where

our people are found, and in which we have a membership of around two millions. To most people it will be a relief to know that a World Convention has no business sessions. All our vast spiritual and social enterprises are controlled by States and groups of States. This makes the World Convention to be purely inspirational in character. It is an opportunity to present a world-wide witness of our faith and aims. It provides a fellowship to be found nowhere else on earth.

## Who's Who in the World Convention?

The honored president is George H. Stewart, of Winnipeg, Canada, a business man known for his wide interests in the work of God. His home sheltered many of our Australian Air Force trainees when located near his home town. Five vice-presidents were appointed by the last convention, one each in Australia, Great Britain, India, Mexico and New Zealand. Jesse M. Bader is the driving force. His work as secretary, his dynamic personality, his passion for brotherhood, and his all-pervading enthusiasm maintain the World Convention as a vital and effective instrument of the brotherhood.

## Australians for Buffalo

1947 World Convention dates are August 3 to 8. Ten months hence a happy company of Australians will be en route. Particulars

as to steamers, sailing dates and travel rates are not yet available. The Australian World Convention Committee, appointed by the Federal Executive, is busy planning. Space has been definitely reserved on the boat sailing nearest to the convention date. Eighty persons have intimated their intention to go if at all possible. The committee will communicate with each of these direct. Any not hearing from the committee and who may be planning to make the trip should write early to the secretary of the committee, F. N. Lee, 430 St. Georges-rd., Thornbury, Victoria.

## Christians and Christians

THERE are two classes of Christians—those who live chiefly by emotion, and those who live chiefly by faith. The first class, those who live chiefly by emotion, remind one of ships that move by the outward impulse of the winds operating upon sails. They are often in a dead calm, often out of their course, and sometimes driven back. And it is only when the winds are fair and powerful that they move onward with rapidity. The other class, those who live chiefly by faith, remind one of the magnificent steamers which cross the Atlantic, which are moved by an interior and permanent principle, and which, setting at defiance all ordinary obstacles, advance steadily and swiftly to their destination, through calm and storm, through cloud and sunshine.—Professor Upham.

# Moral Problems and National Life

A STRONG and timely editorial under the heading, "Nation's Need of Stocktaking," appeared in the "Sydney Morning Herald" on Sept. 14. The writer said, "There is the obvious assessment to be made of political parties and policies, but to thoughtful minds there are more fundamental questions and deeper issues equally demanding attention. An election can and should be an occasion not only for resetting the course of our national life in political and social terms, but for a re-examination of the moral and spiritual condition of the country." Complaining of the purely materialistic outlook of our politicians, he said that the Prime Minister claimed that "Australia is about to enter upon the greatest era of her history," but he made it sadly clear that he was thinking entirely in terms of material things. He then pointed out that political parties give an almost exclusively materialistic emphasis to their appeals. There is much talk of that which the individual may gain, none of what he must give. Concluding the writer said, "All history shows that it is through the quickening of spiritual life that nations prosper. But if this presents a challenge to the churches which they have not yet met, it equally imposes a duty upon our political leaders to remember that man does not live by bread alone, and that a morally strong and virile people cannot be developed unless rights are matched by responsibilities, and benefits by obligations."

## Marriages and Families

A Roman Catholic priest, Father Funcheon, at St. Mary's Cathedral, has been giving a series of sermons on the above question. The first address had to do with mixed marriages. "The church," he said, "knew that marriages between persons sincerely attached to different religious faiths contained elements of danger to the happiness of both parties, and to the stability of the union. Normally there must be some compromise. There must be mutual respect for divergent opinions, but the compromise has to be limited to accidentals. It

★ Ethelbert Davis, of N.S.W., analyses trends in the ways and manners of Australians.

cannot include such fundamental matters as creed, moral code, and method of worship." This was intended to be a warning to Roman Catholics; it should be taken as a warning to Protestants too. The second sermon dealt with the boon of large families. He urged upon his hearers the blessing to the family and to the State of "fruitfulness in child-bearing." The third address of the series had to do with the absence of children. In that address the speaker claimed: "Few things were more harmful to the life of the home than the absence of children. . . . It is no surprise that the majority of broken homes are childless homes." Further: "Where there are children, lack of interest in their training has harmful consequences. In our days emphasis on the school has reacted harmfully upon the home. Some parents have become neglectful of their duties towards their children and have shifted their burdens from the home to the school. A vigorous campaign to counteract this should be very much in place." We fully endorse the plea to make the home again what it should be, our fundamental educational institution, the school of schools.

## Juvenile Crime

Not only in Australia, but throughout the whole world, there is an unprecedented wave of juvenile crime. From authoritative sources these two reasons were recently assigned: The police themselves blame the juvenile crime wave on the lack of discipline in the homes and in the schools. In the home, children do as they like. In the schools there is little or no moral training. The war-time absence of fathers has relaxed home discipline. Also there is a special factor which seems to have a bearing on the problem—precocious emphasis on sex.



# Here and There

Mrs. Waterman arrived in Melbourne on Oct. 11 from New Hebrides, and will be on furlough for six months.

Several items of news have been held over and will appear in next issue. This is due to extra demands made upon space allotted to news and advertisements.

The Social Service Department in Western Australia is appealing for £250 on Nov. 3. Efforts are being made to erect two cottages for aged members during the W.A. "Golden Jubilee Conference Year."

At Newmarket, Vic., on Oct. 6, Mr. Kingston addressed both services. On 13th Mr. Kemp, of Essendon, presided, and Mr. Kingston preached. Mr. Kingston has commenced a full-time ministry with church.

Mr. and Mrs. Berthelsen, who were to have gone to Carnarvon, W.A., and to have assisted the aborigines mission there, were urged at short notice to take up urgent work at the Norseman mission station. By accepting this call they had to cancel their planned trip to the recent Federal Conference.

Springvale (Vic.) church anniversary was held on Sept. 29. J. K. Bond spoke in morning, and an offering for chapel building fund was received. This amounted to £45. Gospel service was addressed by J. Anderson, who used film projector. K. Fordham was soloist. One was received into fellowship after baptism on Oct. 6. Members of Explorers' Club spent week-end at Monbulk camp.

Some very encouraging meetings have been held recently at Parkdale, Vic., and efforts to bring gospel to every home in district has been consistently pursued. On Lord's day, Oct. 6, the Young Worshipers' League held 21st anniversary. H. Earle, who was instrumental in commencing league, spent day and spoke appreciably at both services. Past members of league took part in services. Misses Allamby and Hogan are leaders in this department. On Monday evening following, Mr. Earle lectured on "Scott in the Antarctic" to men's club. Mrs. Rees, wife of esteemed secretary, after a serious operation is making good recovery.

September was Loyalty Month at Hamilton, Vic., and special services were held each Sunday. On Sept. 1, E. Squire Nicholson, of Victorian Local Option Alliance, spoke at morning service, and also at C.M.S. tea. G. R. Clark, of Black Rock, was speaker for following Sunday. Sept. 15 was Youth Sunday, and at evening service two short addresses were delivered by young men; one led in prayer, one read, and another played the organ. Young ladies formed a choir. Speaker for Sept. 22 was E. D. Gill, of Christian Education Movement. On Sept. 29 A. W. Cleland addressed morning broadcast service and C.M.S. tea, and Mr. and Mrs. Cleland addressed gospel service. The month was one of happy fellowship.

W. Gale writes: "Word that has come to hand from Ararat, where K. A. Macnaughtan and W. W. Saunders are holding the tent mission, tells of very bad weather conditions. Our missionaries will know that all the brotherhood will remember them in their difficult work. Under the most favorable circumstances it is an exacting task. The church at Ararat has lost many members in the past few years by death and removal. There is a slight return of the tide, and we know there have been removals to and not from Ararat recently. This church has been reduced in numbers, and mission work there is not easy. We thank those from neighboring churches—some many miles away—for their delegations which have been of good cheer. On last week-end J. McG. Abercrombie and writer went to Shepparton. The occasion was the wedding of Miss

Myrtle Paul of Shepparton, and Colin Mott of Woorinen—both from home mission churches. On Sunday the morning service was addressed by Mr. Abercrombie, and in the evening the home mission secretary brought the message. We both feel that Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Butler have made a good commencement, and we are confident they will be successful in their work. This church is making progress. It does one good to see it."

Anniversary services were well attended on Sept. 22 and 29 at Fairfield, Vic. Visiting speakers and T. Fitzgerald gave interesting talks to children. Ten confessed faith in Christ over the two Sundays. Social evening and prize distribution were held on Oct. 2. Baptismal service was conducted on Oct. 13, when electric heaters, recently installed for baptistery, were used satisfactorily. Another young man confessed Christ. Mr. Forbes gave two pleasing solos. Mr. Fitzgerald continues to give helpful addresses.

Visitors at Nth. Fitzroy, Vic., on Sept. 29 included Mr. and Mrs. L. Peacock, Inglewood, W.A.; and Mrs. Cosh, Perth. The latter rendered a solo at morning service. Women's Mission Band were pleased to have Mrs. Brough as speaker at meeting on Oct. 9; there was a good attendance. John Turner's messages are greatly appreciated. Good interest is being taken by young people in a training class. On Oct. 6 Mr. Buckingham spoke at morning service on work of Social Service and Christian Fellowship Department. A house near chapel has been secured for preacher, and it is expected that tenancy will be secured early in new year. Attendances at services have been well maintained.

Following Federal Conference, J. E. Allan conducted a week of special services with the church at Moonta, S.A. Many residents remember his very successful ministry of thirty years ago. At opening service 140 persons were present. Average throughout week was 51. Closing Sunday night service clashed with a school anniversary. Interest was keen, and continued to grow. It was regretted that Mr. Allan's services could not be retained for a longer period. Results were very promising. There were no confessions, but there were indications of a revival among those who had been in active membership with the church and a fresh vision and new hope given those who have faithfully carried on the work. Following the Sunday night service, Theo Edwards, who completes his ministry with the church in January, spoke words of appreciation, and the elder, A. Doley, presented Mr. Allan with an inscribed copy of the scriptures and a monetary gift. A cup of tea in the hall gave a number of friends opportunity of recalling the days when the building could not accommodate the gatherings.

## WELL-ATTENDED CAMPAIGN

FRANKSTON (Vic.) church has just held a series of special services extending over eight nights, the theme being, "The Lord of Glory."

It is the first time the church here has attempted such a continuous effort. On the whole the meetings were well attended, except one wintry night when it dropped to 26.

The speakers were R. T. Pittman, H. H. Jeffs, F. A. Youens, E. Lyall Williams, D. R. Stirling, C. B. Nance-Kivell, J. Wiltshire, S. Russell Baker and J. H. Robinson. They all rendered excellent service.

The congregational singing was led by Harold M. Long, of the College of the Bible and student-preacher at Burnley. In Mr. Long the brotherhood has a capable song-leader, his solo work being good.

Some brethren came a distance to attend one or more of the services, while churches in the Bayside District Conference supported the meetings well. If any could be signalled out it would be the Red Hill brethren, some of whom came almost every week night.—Thos. Hagger.

## WESTERN SUBURBS TALENT QUEST

ON Oct. 19 medallions and certificates will be presented to following winners of Western Suburban Youth Fellowship's annual talent quest:—

Vocal Solo.—Section 1—(a) 1st, Pamela Kurford; 2nd, Joan Fau; (b) 1st, Joan Mott, 2nd, Dorothy Pitt; (d) 1st, Walter Fredrickson; 2nd, Ronald Rookes; (f) 1st, Donald Strender, 2nd, Edwin Hales.

Gospel Hymn.—Section 2—1st, Betty Mitchell and Dorothy Pitt (equal); 2nd, Joan Fau.

Vocal Duet.—Section 3—(a) 1st, Dorothy Pitt and Donald Strender, 2nd, Joan Buckley and Ian Carter; Section 3—(b) 1st, Joan Buckley and Ian Carter, 2nd, Marjorie and Jean Lambert.

Group Singing.—Section 6—1st, Ormond Youth Choir, 2nd, Burnley Youth Choir.

String.—Section 8—1st, Ronald Smyth.

Woodwind.—Section 9—1st, David Milne, 2nd, Alfred Hunt.

Pianoforte Solo.—Section 11—1st, Lois McNaughton, 2nd, Ruth Rusden.

Pianoforte Duet.—Section 12—1st, Fay Mitchell and Beverly Spowart, 2nd, Pat Barnett and Ruth Rusden.

Piano.—Hymn Sight Reading.—Section 13, Ruth Rusden.

Elocutionary.—Section 14—(a) Beth Prince, (b) Dora Edwards, (c) 1st, Joan Sullivan, 2nd, Dorothy McKinnon; (d) 1st, Joan Sullivan, 2nd, Jean McKinnon, 3rd, Esme Quirk.

Presentations will be made to prize-winners at Raleigh-st., Footscray, at 7.45 p.m. Admission is 1/6, and proceeds are in aid of the Waterman Memorial Camp Site, Monbulk.

## 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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# News of the Churches

## Western Australia

**Perth.**—On Oct. 3 the church's anniversary celebration was continued. Reports showed seven additions by faith and baptism, four by transfer. Dorcas Society had spent a busy year in making garments for UNRRA and other organisations. Bible school and auxiliaries are in healthy condition. Solos by E. R. Berry and Mrs. Campbell were enjoyed. Echoes of Federal Conference given by A. M. Bell and Mr. Berry were encouraging. On morning of Oct. 6, visitors included Mr. and Mrs. Palmer (Hindmarsh, S.A.). A talk by J. K. Robinson was helpful. In afternoon, Bible school commenced anniversary celebrations. Singing by school and items from kindergarten gave delight. G. A. Whiting (Wembley) was speaker. At night pictures on "Back to the Bible" were screened. Mr. Robinson preached.

## Queensland

**Charters Towers.**—During Mr. Buckley's absence at the first Northern District Conference held at Townsville, W. Howie was speaker at morning service of Sept. 29, and F. Morris (Baptist) at evening service. Sunday school has been preparing for anniversary.

**Bundaberg.**—Services on Sept. 29 were well attended, morning service being broadcast. Evening service marked end of "come-to-church" campaign for September. A large procession was conducted by all churches through Bundaberg's main street. At conclusion of evening service a retiring offering was taken for Food for Britain Appeal. Church extended deepest sympathy to S. Jorgensen and wife in the loss of a relative. Soloists were Sisters J. De'Oberitz, M. De'Oberitz and G. Pohle.

**Mackay.**—An outing at Far Beach was arranged for scholars who sat for scripture examination. Nine members attended Northern Conference held at Townsville Sept. 28, 29. Mr. Nielsen was speaker for day during Mr. Millar's absence. Two confessed Christ on Sunday night, 22nd. One scholar was baptised during August. Junior Fellowship has donated £1 to foreign missions, £1 to Townsville, £1 to B. and F. Bible Society, besides assisting local work. Mr. Milne spoke to juniors on Sept. 15. Several visitors have had fellowship with church.

## Tasmania

**Devonport.**—Mr. and Mrs. Ron Pitt have been received into fellowship. During absence of Mr. Grainger on Sept. 22, R. L. Pitt and F. T. Burr were speakers. H. E. R. Steele was speaker for Youth Week meetings. A district rally on Sept. 25 attracted 150 young people, and on 28th two bus loads came from Launceston to lead a rally. Colin Orr, Allan Orr and George Groves, representing youth of three Launceston churches, assisted to conduct meetings on Sept. 29.

**Launceston (Margaret-st.).**—A temperance exhibition arranged by S. H. Wilson and opened by Mayoress on a recent Saturday and Sunday afternoon created good interest. Practical experiments in effects of alcohol on various organisms were given by Mrs. A. H. Narry, M.A. Church rejoices in two more confessions of faith in recent weeks, a young lady and a girl from Bible school. Mrs. A. Porter has been received by letter from Invermay church. John Piper has returned from service with R.A.N. Loss of esteemed brother P. J. Byard as elder is recorded, owing

to his removal to Mole Creek. Ladies' Guild collected three boxes of clothing for UNRRA Chinese appeal. Miss Lorna Nelson has relinquished work as primary superintendent in Bible school after long and effective service. John Firth, missionary on furlough from Columbia, South America, exhorted on Oct. 6, and gave lantern lecture to large audience at close of gospel service. Largest attendance in recent weeks was 151 at gospel service on Oct. 6. College of Bible offering reached £12 on first Sunday.

## South Australia

**Kilburn.**—On Oct. 6, 41 attended 10 a.m. Bible school, including one new scholar. 14 babies have been added to cradle roll, making 61 in all. P. T. J. Roberts, of Prospect church, conducted 11 a.m. service, when 39 attended. A. E. Brown's addresses are enjoyed by children and adults.

**Norwood.**—On conference Sunday R. V. Amos was speaker at morning service, and on Sept. 18 F. T. Saunders, of the College of the Bible, preached. Mr. Ingham was speaker at all services on Sept. 22. A young woman who made the confession on Sept. 22 was baptised on 29th. Bible school picnic was held at Long Gully on Wednesday, Oct. 9.

**Prospect.**—Bible school anniversary services were concluded on Oct. 2, when scholars enjoyably presented the cantata, "Soot and the Fairies." There was also distribution of prizes. On Oct. 6, "at a well-attended morning service, Mr. and Mrs. Rowlands were welcomed by letter of transfer. At evening service R. Vincent spoke and Mrs. Ness rendered a solo.

**Cowandilla.**—Evening service on Oct. 6 was conducted by young people; Bill Docking presided, Jean Ensor was soloist, P. Hassack spoke to children. Addresses were given by V. Miller, M. McLean and Mr. Wilson. About 85 were present. On Sept. 29 an after-church song service was held at home of Mrs. Arnold. On Oct. 5 young people joined in Mr. Stirling's moonlight hike. The S.S.S.C.C.C. held a picnic at Bridgewater on Wednesday, 9th.

**Mile End.**—Bible school anniversary services were conducted on Oct. 6 and 8. J. E. Webb was speaker at morning service and G. R. Stirling afternoon and evening of Oct. 6. D. C. Ritchie, of Brooklyn Park and Torrensview, spoke on Tuesday night, when class prizes and examination certificates were presented. School sang, well under leadership of R. Potter, of Maylands. Mission Band donated a number of rugs for Indian mission work. Mr. and Mrs. Webb and Mollie are in Victoria on holiday, and visiting speakers have been arranged to fill pulpit in Mr. Webb's absence.

**Adelaide (Grote-st.).**—Good meetings were held on Sept. 29. A young man was baptised at evening service, and at close of Mr. Beiler's address a scholar from Bible school made the good confession. On Oct. 6 Mr. Schwab's address to church in morning was appreciated. Mr. Beiler conducted a youth service at night. School was well represented. Two young men assisted in service, and a quartette was rendered by young people. Children's Day programme in interests of foreign missions was rendered in afternoon. An offering of over £4 was received. Tea was provided for scholars, and a series of pictures shown previous to evening service.

## New South Wales

**Enmore.**—Church is having a time of revival under leadership of E. C. Hinrichsen. Mr. Hogden was baptised and welcomed into church. Fellowship with many interstate delegates on their way to S.A. was enjoyed. The new choir is rendering valuable service.

**Dareton.**—Sunday school anniversary services were held on Sept. 29. Dr. Schwary, of Wentworth, and Mr. Snow, of Mildura, were special speakers. Singing by scholars under Mr. Jemmeson was enjoyed. Fellowship has been enjoyed with visitors recently, including J. Holloway, from Malvern-Caulfield, whose address at morning service on Oct. 6 was appreciated.

**East Lambton.**—Average attendance at Sunday school is about 25, with 7 teachers. Wednesday night meetings for young folk are well attended. Gospel services are conducted on alternate Sundays with speakers from Georgetown assisting. A lad from school recently made the good confession. Others who have decided for Christ are developing nicely. Negotiations for purchase of a block of land are proceeding.

**Earlwood.**—On Sept. 28 members of church entertained Miss May Thompson and Allen Graham at a kitchen tea. Both are foundation members and have been faithful workers for many years. On Sept. 29 A. Hinrichsen preached morning and evening. On night of Oct. 2 the marriage of Miss C. Avar and Mr. Grines was celebrated. On Oct. 5 the wedding of Miss May Thompson to Allen Graham took place.

**Lismore.**—Good meetings were held during church anniversary. Special speaker, E. C. Hinrichsen, who addressed both services on Sunday and meeting on Monday night. Sunday morning meeting was well attended. Visitors were present, also Bruce Munro, home from Bible College, Woolwich. At close of meeting on Monday night four young people made the good confession. On a recent Sunday morning Elaine and Zelma Taber, Beth Davis, Mae Podmore and Maurina Roach were received into fellowship following baptism. A tennis club has recently been formed with young people of church. Ladies of the Salvation Army recently took charge of ladies' meeting.

**Burwood.**—S.S. anniversary services were held on Sept. 29 and Oct. 3, special speakers being R. Amos and J. Henderson, whose addresses to scholars were enjoyed. A "conference echoes" meeting was held on Sept. 26, when those who attended Federal Conference brought interesting reports of various phases of conference. Church expressed sympathy to P. Chipperfield (deacon), whose father passed away on Sept. 25. Best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sales (Gwen Stow), who were married on Sept. 21. Football club finished season with social evening on Sept. 28. One teacher and two scholars won prizes in scripture examination. There was one confession on Sept. 29 and one on Oct. 6. Two others have been baptised and one received by letter.

**Wollongong.**—During Mr. Candy's absence in Victoria, services were conducted by local brethren. There was one decision and a number of reconsecrations on last Lord's Day. Church sympathises with Mrs. R. D. Train in loss of her father. George Meade, who met with a serious cycle accident, is recovering splendidly in Sydney Hospital. A lot of illness prevails among members, and accounts for slight fall in church attendance. Mr. and Mrs. Bignill and family have gone for a holiday to Lismore, for health reasons. Sunday school is growing steadily; many new scholars. The superintendent, Dick Williams, brings many in from outer districts in his car. Church ladies have forwarded many cartons of clothing to UNRRA, and are now working upon toys for missions and local Christmas tree. A delegation from Social Service conducted prayer meeting on Oct. 10; splendid meeting. Number of church members went to attend half-yearly conference at Bowral on Oct. 12; the choir led the singing. The branch work at Port Kembla-Warrawong is steadily progressing. Open-air Sunday school meets every week in the open fields among Commission homes. C.E. society conducts enthusiastic meetings in a private home each Wednesday night. The board is negotiating for erection of a hall on land purchased.



## Victoria

**Portland.**—T. Davey, A. Rivett and H. Hadden were speakers during September. Members have enjoyed fellowship recently with a number who were in membership when church commenced. Scholars and teachers are looking forward to anniversary concert. Prayer meeting attendance keeps up well and gives encouragement to all.

**Hawthorn.**—Mr. and Mrs. R. Clark have been received by letter from Prahran. Speakers at morning services during September were C. K. Milne, W. W. McDowell, Dr. A. J. Saunders and Russell Baker. Evening services were taken by W. W. Baird. The church has engaged A. Gordon Bennett as part-time preacher for 12 to 15 months, commencing Nov. 10.

**Camberwell.**—On Oct. 6 D. W. Cartmel spoke and L. Symes presided; both are graduate students at college. On Sept. 29 Sunday school anniversary was continued. W. F. Nankivell spoke morning and evening and L. Trezise in afternoon. Sunday school concert realised £7, and many scholars gave individual items. October is Fellowship Month, and efforts are being made to bring members together in various ways.

**Shepparton.**—On Oct. 2 church met to welcome president of conference, B. J. Combridge, and also to honor Miss Myrtle Paul, who was married to Colin Mott on Oct. 5, W. Gale officiating. On Oct. 6 W. Gale presided at morning service. A splendid address was given by J. McG. Abercrombie. At evening service W. Gale was preacher. Good attendances at both services included several visitors. Church welcomed Bill McGill, returned from holidays in Tasmania.

**Maryborough.**—On Sept. 26 women of church were guests of Mr. Young, when a happy session was held. Mrs. Young was present and spoke a few words of encouragement. On Sept. 29, young women's choir were guests of church at a splendid tea held in vestry. For past six years young women have rendered splendid service. F. Buckingham (Social Service) gave inspiring reports of the department's work. Church has over 50 subscribers to C.F.A. Mr. and Mrs. Ward have been welcomed from Baptist church.

**Warragul.**—Evening meeting on Sept. 29 was well attended, when F. Mitchell (Presbyterian) conducted meeting and gave a fine address. Miss Goldthorpe, of Parkdale, kindly acted as organist for meeting, and Miss Norma Keatly rendered a solo. Church welcomes back Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Waters, who have returned much improved in health. Recently young people of church journeyed to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robertson, where a very enjoyable evening was spent. Members of Ladies' Guild spent an afternoon at home of Mrs. Keatly.

**Moreland.**—Neville Cottee, late of Annet, Brisbane, was recently welcomed into fellowship. Another year of sterling service has been rendered by the Bible school staff and results are encouraging. The "House" system has aroused and maintained interest, and a number of new scholars have been added as a result. The first Sunday of the anniversary service was a distinct success; excellent addresses were delivered by W. R. Hibburt and E. J. Miles. A special feature was the "Explanation of the House System" given by the superintendent, C. R. Burdeu. A. E. Barber again brought out the beauty of children's voices as he led the massed voices and arranged individual items. Christian Men's Society had a large gathering to hear C. R. Thomas, LL.B., on the subject, "Industry and Society—the Christian's Contribution." H. Preston is now secretary of C.M.S. following G. Conning, who has left the district. The 35th anniversary of the Women's Mission Band was celebrated on Sept. 18, when a special programme was arranged and Mr. Edmunds, M.L.A., was the guest speaker.

**Ballarat (Peel-st.).**—Meetings continue to inspire. Norman Rough has made the good confession. Visiting speakers for month included J. Methven, J. Wilkie and Miss Higgs (Melbourne Bible Institute). On Oct. 5, one of the old boys of church, Bob Halbert, delightfully rendered a solo. Cricket and softball teams are starting what is hoped will be successful seasons, and church members are liberally supporting efforts to raise material. Young people's club met officers in debate, and after a keen struggle just lost verdict of adjudicator. Explorers' Club is meeting with success.

**Essendon.**—On Sept. 24, at church half-yearly business meeting, reports from all auxiliaries were read. On morning of Sept. 29 Mr. Burt, from Prahran, was speaker. At conclusion of Mr. Crisp's address in evening, Lindsay Croxford decided for Christ. Friendly Society held a successful concert in school hall on Oct. 2. On Oct. 5 a number of friends visited Mr. Alves (snr.), who celebrated his 92nd birthday. Owing to Mr. Crisp's indisposition on Oct. 6, speakers for day were Mr. Rasmussen and Mr. Atkin (Social Service Department). Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Hambridge (snr.) in loss of her husband. Mrs. Cheal (snr.) is in hospital, having undergone an operation. Mr. Summerton has been admitted to Caulfield Military Hospital to undergo an operation.

**Horsham.**—A party of 31 from Dimboola and Horsham enjoyed a visit to Macnaughtan-Saunders mission at Ararat—a travelling distance of 120 miles. The effort is being backed with much prayer. On Sept. 15 a baptised couple were received in. On Sept. 22 a man made the confession and a lady reconsecrated her life to Christ. There followed a baptismal service in which four who had previously confessed their faith were immersed. These were welcomed into church fellowship following Lord's day. North-western District Conference has been held, in which fellowship and splendid addresses by K. A. Macnaughtan and W. Saunders were enjoyed. There are excellent attendances. Sisters L. and M. Smith and R. Berry, who have been seriously ill in hospital, have returned home.

**Ballarat (Dawson-st.).**—In absence of G. J. Andrews at Warracknabeal on Sept. 22, W. Benson and J. Methven were speakers for day. Children's F.M. Day was observed on Sept. 29. Special programme was given to church in afternoon. J. Smith and Mavis Edwards are in hospital, and Mrs. Regan has returned to hospital for operation. Will Dunstan was welcomed back after series of operations. Good Companions have resumed under leadership of Miss Violet Hume. School is preparing for anniversary under leadership of Lloyd Morris. At midweek service J. Wilkie gave interesting details of Federal Conference. Spring Sunday was observed on Oct. 6. Speaker was G. J. Andrews. Several South-st. visitors were present. In evening Misses Betty Morphet and Valma Golding, of Adelaide, were soloists.

**Ormond.**—As church approaches tent mission work is progressing favorably. Special prayer meetings are being held during October on Wednesday and Sunday evenings in chapel, and Thursday evenings in homes of members. Six have been welcomed into membership during past three months—five by faith and baptism. Evening services are well attended by young people, who are active in the work. Explorers' Club has grown to 20 members and is increasing weekly. Choir is doing a good work at evening services. C.E. is enjoying happy meetings. Ladies are working well. Clothing has been collected and mended for China appeal. Guest Home was visited during September and a social was held early in month. Bible school held a successful anniversary on Sept. 22 and 29. Children are singing excellently under leadership of C. Gadge. Children and teachers contributed to a suc-

cessful concert on Oct. 2, when year's awards were made. A great day of fellowship took place on Oct. 6. Bible school commenced meeting in morning, when 98 were present for first meeting at 9.45 a.m. Largest morning service for some time followed, with 73 present. First meeting of Men's Fellowship took place at 4.30, Dr. Kemp being speaker. 21 sat to tea, when discussion on juvenile delinquency continued. Mr. Martin conducted a fairly well attended evening service, and day closed with a bright service of prayer and choruses.

**Kyneton.**—In absence of P. Whitmore at Dimboola mission in August, help of N. A. Saunders, Footscray, was appreciated. Hike, bonfire, sausages and potatoes were enjoyed by Youth Fellowship on Sept. 14. Mr. and Mrs. C. Bingham and Beth were received into fellowship by transfer during September. Sympathy is felt for the Beer family in passing on Sept. 19 of their mother, Mrs. B. H. Beer (nee Collings), early member of Taradale and Kyneton churches. On Sept. 29 two S.S. scholars confessed Christ, and were baptised on Oct. 6, when two more, mother and son (young man) made the good confession, P. Whitmore preaching.

**Wangaratta.**—Echoes of Federal Conference were given at Ladies' Guild by Mesdames Scott-Brown and K. Jackel. S.S. anniversary on Sept. 29 was a great success. Choir sang under baton of W. Wakefield. Several items were rendered by scholars and teachers. L. Brooker, from Melbourne, spoke at all services throughout day, and his addresses were enjoyed. Bible school concert also was appreciated by a good audience. Items were given by kinders, young people's auxiliaries and teachers. A presentation was made to George Jackel, who had been superintendent for 19 years, his place being taken by Kevin Jackel. Ladies' Guild held an American tea on Sept. 25. Other churches of town were represented, and a pleasant afternoon was spent.

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### IN MEMORIAM

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—Inserted by his loving wife Lily and family.

LONG.—In loving memory of our dear father, who passed away Oct. 23, 1942; also our dear mother, who died suddenly Feb. 17, 1939. (Late of Bendigo.)

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—Inserted by their loving family (South Yarra and North Richmond).

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## ANNIVERSARIES

OCTOBER is the peak period for anniversaries in Australia. They reveal the universal charm of the child and give proof that the child can be the chosen messenger of God. Many schools are giving studied attention to anniversary procedure, and are eliminating elements that violate principles of religious education. There is a refusal to make the choir glamor boys and girls. Words of the hymns are not sacrificed for a tune that is "catchy." Choir leaders give devoted service in training school choirs, and they should be encouraged when they desire to sustain worship values. Features are being associated with anniversaries with a view to gain the concern of the parents in the motive, standards, and methods of Sunday school work.

## A SUPERINTENDENT'S REFLECTIONS

C. R. BURDEU, superintendent of the Bible school, Moreland, Victoria, presented the following statement in a special school number of the church paper:—

There are two sections in my garden: one holds beautiful fresh green lawn grass, and the other tall rank weeds of every kind. One was planted with a definite purpose, and the result is according to the amount of care and effort put into preparation yesterday. The other, the weeds, is the result of neglect and absence of effort yesterday. Everyone who passes my home knows the answer to both sections. Neighbors must be hoping that we will do something to-day so that they may share the pleasure of another orderly garden to-morrow.

That is analogous to our personal lives, to the community or to the nation. All the good things have been hardly won for us by those who fought for high ideals in years gone by. Those things which blight our community constitute the residue of the evil "carry over" which good people were not able to change.

Frequently we act as though there is to be no day of reckoning, no gathering in, no reaping, no effect following cause and no results. There will be a harvest of corn or tares, according to the good effort we exert or the evil intent of our hearts.

The surest way to build to-day to ensure success to-morrow is to build to-morrow with to-day's children. Youth to-day will be the nation's, the church's and the families' leaders to-morrow.

Perhaps everyone is agreed that the training of youth is the surest method of building. Where people differ is in the method of construction. Would education, sport, travel

or discipline be the technique we would recommend? All of these agencies are essential, but not paramount. The prime, basic quality having highest priority is character.

Try to mentally exclude character from education, sport, travel or discipline and anything might happen, but if character is basic, all else falls into proper perspective, everything worth while fits in.

I know of no more effective way to give character to youth than a training in the Bible school and other auxiliaries of the church of Jesus Christ.

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### THE PALESTINE QUESTION

I. O. COLLYER and Wilkie Thomson, in the 14. issue of the "Australian Christian," Sept. 4, have said some things that call for some serious consideration politically, and seem to call for action in the way of force to prevent any infringement upon the rights of others even if they might be sponsored through good but misguided men. We, however, reach the higher plane by not arguing the justice of the Jews' claims on philosophical grounds, but take our contentions within a scope that assures us of a consummation on higher and safer grounds, even the promises of him who taught us to pray, "Thy will be done in earth, as it is done in heaven."

Mr. Fergus in the same edition of the "Christian" makes the mistake in the nature of the kingdom and the time and manner in which it was to be introduced. Nationally the Jew had his day, and the Messiah warned him that the kingdom would be taken from him and given to another nation bringing forth the fruits of it. They had their chance and abused it, and now they will only be grafted in if they are saved in the same manner as the Gentile on the ground of faith (and so all Israel, or in like manner, shall they be saved). Why? Because God has concluded all in unbelief (Rom. 11: 20, 32), that he might have mercy upon all.

A thing that causes great unrest in the Jewish question is the faulty exegesis by the vaporings of much that might be classed as modern prophesying, which reacts upon the nationally complex minded, urging them to take measures that as we have seen only lately are quite unlawful. For three and a half years, by the unsullied purity of his life and miraculous powers, Christ made his appeal to the heart and conscience of the nation, but without success, till by persistent clamor the chief men in the Jewish church and State impeached him before the Roman governor on the charge of making himself a king. He was delivered up to be crucified, and the title upon his cross bore this inscription, "This is the King of the Jews." This tragic event marks the final breach between the covenant nation and their King. The covenant had often been broken before, but now it was publicly repudiated and torn in pieces. Up to this point the covenant nation was put upon its trial whether or no the covenant nation would prove loyal to their King. It had failed; it only remained that the penalties covenant should be enforced. We see the result in the ruin of the temple, the destruction of the city (Matt. 22: 1-7), the effacement of the nation and the abrogation of the law of Moses, accompanied with scenes of horror and suffering without a parallel in the history of the world.

We know our brother would not desire unnecessarily a repetition of such scenes. God can still raise up men who would hinder those that seek to impede the progress of his kingdom. He did it in the person of Titus and notably in the person of Churchill and Roosevelt with others in the carnage just past. No nation, Jewish, British, Arab, Catholic or Communist, or any other, has a right to force unjust decisions on others. Even minority rights must be respected.—L. J. Johnston, Launceston, Tasmania.

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## Obituary

Mrs. Dulcie Brooks

ANOTHER loss is sustained by Grote-st. church, Adelaide, S.A., in the sudden home-call of Mrs. Dulcie Brooks, wife of J. Brooks and eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Ross Manning, at the age of 41 years. Our sister was baptised by Thos. Hagger on June 12, 1918, when 13 years of age, thus was a member of the church 28 years. She was very faithful in her life for Christ, and witnessed clearly to her Lord and Master. She had been a fine worker while in membership in the C.E. and as a teacher in the Bible school. Our loving sympathy is extended to her husband and parents, her brothers (two of whom are missionaries in Africa), and sisters. We know that all will find great comfort in the assurance of the Christian's victory through Christ even over death, and derive much peace from the assurance of the re-union by-and-bye in "the land that is fairer than day."—W.B.

H. Thomas Pedler

THE death in Queensland recently of Thomas Pedler, at the age of 71 years, removed from this life one of God's most faithful servants. Mr. Pedler was baptised at Kadina about 1902 by G. B. Moysey. In 1906 he settled on Eyre Peninsula where Ungarra is now situated. The strong cause at Ungarra is the outcome of the evangelistic zeal and faithfulness of our brother. For some years he met with the church at Butler, and assisted the cause there. Anxious to establish the New Testament church in his own district, he commenced meetings fortnightly in the home of the late Oliver Treasure. In 1912 meetings were started each Lord's day morning in his own home. After a building had been erected in Ungarra, the first world war and outside opposition made the work difficult, and Mr. Pedler had at times to be preacher, Bible school superintendent and teacher to keep the cause going. He was one of the first presidents of the peninsula churches of Christ conference. He took no glory to himself, but gave it all to the Lord, believing that the planting of a church was through the work of the Holy Spirit. As a pioneer we honor him. As a Christian we rejoice in the witness he gave and the way he was used. Besides the church he took an active part in public affairs. He was a member of Tumby Bay District Council, and did much for the progress of the district, being on deputations to obtain a water supply and a railway for the people he represented. Mr. Pedler had hopes of starting meetings where he was living in Queensland, but the Lord had other plans for him and his labors here ceased. He leaves a wife and four sons all living in Queensland. With them we sorrow because of a parting. With them we rejoice because his name is written in heaven and there will be no partings there.—M.T.L.



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### ERROR AND SUCCESS

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falling away in the numbers attending Sunday schools and churches. Twenty years ago, according to Chas. K. Green, the membership reached 20,000; now it is below 13,000. The failure to reach out effectively and to win others by any form of evangelism, whether it be special or general, has had serious reactions. The encouraging sign is that there are those awake to the need of arresting the decline and of making fresh efforts to go out and bring people under the influence of the church.

The lessons for us are obvious. We shall fail to make an effective witness if we cannot carry out the New Testament commission of making disciples of men and women. If we permit a decline in numbers to reduce the strength of our witness in this land of Australia we shall soon become a people of the past. For our part we must be constantly planning and working for the saving of souls of men and of communities. In the second place our plea for Christian unity will be hollow and like sounding brass, if ever we permit division to separate our ranks. We can only make an effective stand for the unity of Christians in Australia, so long as we remain united. By loyalty to Christ, to his word, to his church, to his way of life, and to one another, we shall help to that end. May we be humble enough to allow God work through us to his honor and glory!

### CHRISTIAN LOOKS TO FUTURE

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class hatreds, love of self and neglect of God, how can we hope for heaven on earth? Let us heed the words of Isaiah: "Behold I will create a new heaven and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered." When God's new world comes the bad old world will be forgotten. May it come quickly! There is only One to whom we can turn; and one way to take, as Peter's reply to Christ reveals. The people were turning away from Jesus, and he turned to his disciples and said, "Will ye also go away?" And Peter, with a touch of genius, said, "To whom can we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life." Peter was right. And there is no one else to whom we can turn to-day. Principal Broadbent, of Sheffield, writes, "The new world will not come through Westminster, Washington or Moscow, but by the way of Galilee, Calvary and Jerusalem." Does he set at nought the discussions and decisions of the great leaders who meet at the above places? Certainly not. He wants them, and we want them, to get the Christ view of the new world. The keys to open the door of the new world are not in the hands of the enemies of Christ, the foes of his church, and lovers of things evil, but in the hands that were pierced and nailed to the cross for the sin of the world.

If the world of to-morrow is to be safe, a fit place for our children to live in, where they can be creative and their best selves, we must unitedly enthrone Jesus Christ in our heart by faith, and crown the Prince of peace King to-day.

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