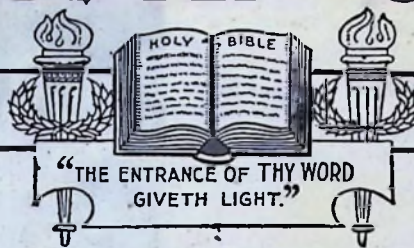


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## WHERE REVIVAL BEGINS

A YOUNG father who prided himself on being an expert child psychologist confessed it was much easier to advise others how to care for their children than to train well one's own child. Most people find telling others what to do easier than the doing of the task. It is not difficult to be a critic. But how much toil is required to make oneself proficient in a skilful trade or art?

The only person who has a real right to rebuke or to criticise another is the one who has proved in his own experience he can and does fulfil what he requires in another. The people whom Jesus condemned most vigorously were not the real out-and-out sinners, but those individuals who expected others to behave righteously while they themselves acted meanly. Those pretenders and deceitful people condemned failure in others, but gave no heed to their own sins. Jesus hated to find in men hypocrisy.

The Master had no need to rebuke in words the person who was aware of his own sin, because the beauty and perfection in the character of Jesus were sufficient to show to men their failings and need of repentance. If we do consistently the thing we should like others to do, we are more likely to influence them by example than by words of condemnation. Why should we expect others to behave heroically if we are cowardly? What right have we to demand others to live sacrificially on our behalf while we live selfishly or in ease? We cannot expect society to get better unless we improve ourselves. We have no right to demand of a church that it be more evangelical unless we, as individual members, are doing all we can to win men for Christ. If the church, society or the world is to improve, we must start with ourselves and set the right example. We shall then be so busy raising our own standard of righteous living, we shall find no time left to criticise others. However, a good example of sacrificial living will achieve more to lead others to a higher life than all the disgruntled murmurings of an inactive hypocrite. Example is much better by far than precept. While it is more difficult to live the right than to teach what is right, the effects of good living by a humble man will be more far-reaching than the clever teaching of the selfish opportunist.

We may observe that a critical attitude arises out of failure to live well. Often what we criticise in others is a personal sin we are trying to hide. We find this when Adam sinned. He failed to measure up to the good life. When he was brought face to face with his iniquity he sought the cause, not in himself, but in another. He saw sin in the world. Who was to blame? He did not criticise himself, but turned upon his wife and sought to make her responsible. But Eve would not take a share in the blame. Who was the cause of the trouble, then? Why the serpent—the Evil One! No

doubt Satan had his contribution to make to the presence of evil in the world, but human responsibility and freedom are such that not even Satan can compel a man to do what he does not want to do. In the last detail each individual is responsible for his sinful deeds. That is a truth we dare not deny. Man stands condemned for sin in this world. War, poverty, unemployment, slums, and superstition, etc., are still with us. Taking up an attitude that is critical of others will not achieve

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A Pharisee's Hypocrisy and a Publican's Humility.



# Making Preaching EFFECTIVE

*C. Young, of Maryborough, Victoria,  
pleads for a church revival to create a  
world revival.*

A POET of great fame had something to say about the gift to see ourselves as others see us, and you Scots will see I have put it in my "mother" tongue, which gives me enough trouble without trying it in another. Well, self-reform is sure the hardest of all reforms. It is always easier to give castor oil to another than to take it oneself.

We talk about the conversion of the world, or to Christianise the world. I think our immediate task is not to Christianise the world, but to Christianise the church. When the church of God is sincere, transparently sincere, the things for which we are praying will be accomplished.

"Thou hast a name that thou livest"—that is to say that there was everything in Sardis that would satisfy the outside observer; "and thou art dead"—that is to say there was nothing in Sardis to satisfy the heart of Christ.

As one great writer puts it, all kinds of committee meetings were attended, but nothing done, nothing finished, nothing fulfilled, resolutions and promises, and great showing upon paper, but nothing reached fruition before God, nothing that satisfied the divine Heart, nothing that answered the divine purpose; outward forms, ceremonies, organisation, but death reigned. "Thou art dead, dead dead." The forms were not wrong; they needed to be filled with power. Works unfulfilled before God must sooner or later manifest their emptiness before God.

We are told to examine ourselves, not the other fellow. To be honest, does our action live up to what we claim to believe and do proclaim? The world is critical and has a right to be. But the critical world is also speechless where deeds are in harmony with the mind of him whom we claim to serve.

One ounce of practice is worth a ton of theory when commending the gospel, and Christ's way of life to others.

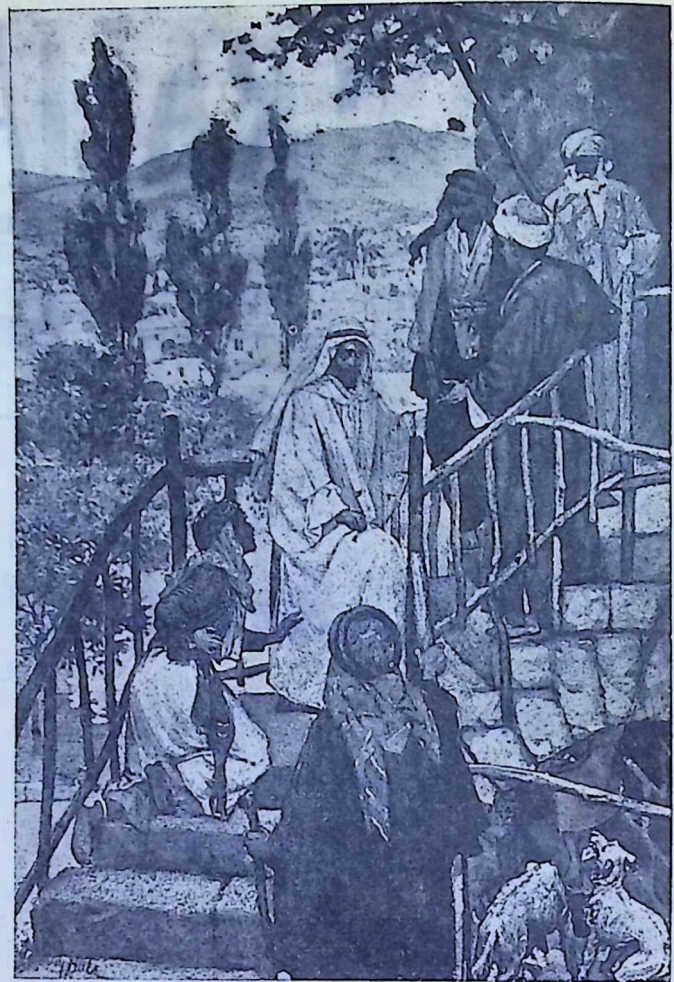
An apostle had something to say about some folk who lived so magnificently that there was no need for them (the apostles) to preach. It will be a great day for the church of Christ when that is true of all who claim to be followers of Christ.

A long-faced Christian talking about "the joy of the Lord" is about as good a recommendation for Christianity as a bald-headed man selling hair restorer.

We sing with all the fervor of a devout soul, "Jesus is all the world to me" and "To him I've given my heart; the world shall never have a part. What a wonderful Saviour," and then dive into pleasures that destroy all that is best and in which Christ cannot share a part.

It is easy to sing, "O Christ, in thee my soul hath found, and found in thee alone, the peace, the joy, I sought so long," and then lust after the fleshpots of Egypt.

"Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold," but often our neighbors know we spend more on pleasure than we do on Christ. When we who claim to be members of the church demonstrate that we really believe what we claim to believe, then the world will begin to respect us.



Jesus' Good Deeds Won Faith of Canaanitish Woman.

One Sunday a noted infidel went to hear a preacher, and when questioned as to why he went, when he did not believe what the preacher proclaimed, answered: "That may be so, but what is more important, the preacher believes in what he preaches."

"Rise up, O church of God! Put on thy

strength, O Zion," is the clarion call to the church of to-day.

Men will criticise, argue, but no one can argue against the life that is Christ-like.

Our business is to love as he loved, live as he lived, and show the same spirit as he showed.

## IN REMEMBRANCE OF THE LORD.

### Sacrifice and Service

THE Lord's Supper brings us to Jesus. When we see him, we cannot liken him to anyone else who walked the uncertain path of life.

Men delight to be waited upon. They enjoy a place of authority. None escapes ambition's subtle snare. To sit in a place of honor and to occupy the front seat men esteem a great privilege. Jesus was different. He found no pleasure in the human delights of vain men. This Son of man did not come to earth to be waited upon or to receive worldly honors, but to make some contribution to the lives of others. He came to help and to serve men and to become their slave. By giving himself up to a ministry of healing, both spiritual and physical, he enriched and strengthened multitudes of frail, sinful people. However, it was when he saw the need of making the supreme sacrifice and of giving his life to the great cause he came to serve, that he went to the lowest level of bondage and service and rose to the greatest height in the whole range of human history.

In dying Jesus endured the pangs of a death he had no need to suffer. He chose to do

so in order that he might serve those bound in sin. In his death he gave his life a ransom for many. How he did it is a mystery. Nothing is gained by trying to find out more than has been revealed. Just how sinners are set free by that death and are ransomed we do not know. We are told, however, that Christ died for us. The Lord's Supper brings us face to face with that truth. It also reveals a great principle of life. While the supper makes it clear we have been set free by the blood of the Christ, it also declares that this was done by Jesus fulfilling an essential principle of life. Instead of seeking to serve his own interests, he sought to serve others. Here we are taught to be humble, and we are urged also to be servants of all. This is summed up in the words of the Master, "The Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45).

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# Baptism and Rebaptism

*Professor F. D. Kershner, of Butler University, discusses clearly the importance of a vital scriptural truth.*

**A**DVOCATES of rebaptism have occasionally appeared since the apostolic days, but on the whole they have been extremely rare. The first on record were probably the Elkasaïtes, a Hebrew Christian sect dating from the first or second century, whose members regularly rebaptised backsliders who repented of their sins and wished to return to the church. The Catholic dogma which defined the character of a sacrament as an indelible mark which could never be effaced from the soul definitely outlawed rebaptism in the orthodox Christian concept. At the time of the Reformation the Anabaptist groups, as their name indicates, were dubbed rebaptisers by their enemies but never accepted the misnomer themselves. From the standpoint of their definition of baptism as an ethical transaction involving specific moral factors as prerequisites for the ordinance, to speak of an infant as having been baptised is a complete misuse of language. They therefore never regarded themselves as rebaptisers because they insisted upon the ordinance possessing those rational and ethical features which the New Testament always prescribed. To speak of a person as being rebaptised who never had the remotest pretensions either to the New Testament conception or to any ethical interpretation of the ordinance is surely an erroneous form of expression. To do other-

wise than to characterise this error as it deserves is to do an injustice to the memory of the martyrs throughout the ages who have given their lives, as was the case with so many during the Reformation times, in order to bear witness to the truth. Of course if anyone believes that Christian baptism involves no ethical features, that it is a sheer bit of magic or mechanistic ritualism, that it is in substance a survival of primitive ethnic practices to save infants from the baleful effects of evil spirits, if he believes all or any of these interpretations of the first Christian ordinance he has a right to refer to Disciples and Baptists or their Anabaptist forebears as rebaptisers; otherwise there is no adequate justification for such practice.

The radical Disciples who criticise their brethren who insist upon being logically consistent in their interpretation of baptism do not really believe in christening any more than the people they slander by calling them rebaptisers. They prefer inconsistency to what they regard as discourtesy to their paedobaptist friends. The latter should not feel flattered by this intellectual and moral compromise in a field which rises far above conventionalities. The New Testament tells us to speak the truth in love but always and everywhere to speak the truth.—"Christian Evangelist."

## Our Task

Thomas Hagger

**A**CCORDING to the "Great Commission" which Jesus gave to his disciples just before his ascension (Matt. 28: 18-20) we are to *make disciples, baptise disciples and teach disciples.*

We may do many other things, and good things; but if we fail to do the three things enjoined in that utterance of the Lord we shall fail to perform the one task that Jesus Christ has given us.

Disciples are to be made by the preaching of the gospel (Mark 16: 15, 16). And so we must be sure that we preach that message, and not merely give utterance to good advice. When those who hear become disciples they are to be baptised, and so we must show them that the Lord has enjoined this upon them, and then, when they come to render this obedience, see that the ordinance is properly and reverently administered. And having thus come into the school of Christ, the disciples are now to be taught the "all things" that Jesus has commanded.

If this threefold result is not following our ministry surely it calls for self-examination. Are we preaching the right message? Are we acting in harmony with the "Great Commission"? Or have we become side-tracked?

There is no other work as important as this. The salvation of the individual, and of the world, depends upon the faithfulness of Christian people to this task which has been Christ-imposed.

It was faithful adherence to this task that brought such wonderful success in the days when the church was very young. It was faithfulness to this task that gave to the

pioneers of the movement with which churches of Christ stand identified such great results. And similar faithfulness will bring success today.

And so this is our task. We are to preach, win people to "the obedience of the faith,"



The Baptism of Jesus.

and teach them the things that Jesus taught concerning life, and conduct, and the kingdom of God. Then let us quit criticising one another and get on with the task; let us stop arguing about theology and take Christ's gospel to people everywhere. If we do this we will be too busy for criticism and argument. The performing of the task will call for all our energy and all our strength.

## Pie in the Sky? No!

**M**C EWAN LAWSON, in "The Christian World," answers the question raised by the psychologist Freud concerning religion being wishful thinking.

There is some truth in what Freud is saying, Mr. Lawson declared. Some forms of religion are really a selfish ladder of escape from sacrificial service to others. We must have met some Christians so enthralled with harps in heaven or "pie in the sky" that they conveniently dodge all their chores on earth. But it should be noted that so far as real Christianity is concerned these have been held to be bad eggs. The mark of a Christian is to lose himself or herself in sacrificial service for the community under the love of God. He belongs to the joyous fellowship of the cross. The best Christians have never run away from the lions; they have run at the lions.

Other psychologists since Freud don't agree with him. When the hero in Ibsen's play, "Peer Gynt," asked the director of the asylum whether his patients were beside themselves, the director was very amused. He explained that they were men and women convinced of themselves and nothing but themselves. They were each, he said, shut in a cask of self and stopped by the bung of self. So Adler the psychologist says that the only way to health for the human mind is to escape from self to something bigger than self; whilst Jung, looking back to his long line of patients, says that the root cause for their sick minds or their nervous breakdown has been the fact that they have lost faith in God, in a divine purpose, and a life after death.

So don't be misled by the wishful thinking bogey. W. W. Jacobs begins one of his short stories by saying that a seaman is like a fish and is safest when he is at sea; and if you study carefully the history of the human spirit you will find, I think, that Christ is dead right in saying that a human life is withered when it's by itself, but is whole and fruitful when it is joined to the vine.

## Where Revival Begins

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any good thing. To pass the blame on to another as Adam did is not worthy of the dignity of one made a little lower than an angel.

We must look to ourselves and be humble enough to require of the Lord mercy. Like Saul of Tarsus on the road to Damascus, we must cease kicking against the goads, recognise our pride and its futility, and cry, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" What the Lord desires within each is a "broken and a contrite heart." Falling to that humble level means we empty life of self and become ready and willing to be filled with the grace of the Lord. From that starting-point Paul rose to a full life of service. From that time he no longer lived, but Christ lived in him. That was so with Martin Luther, John Wesley, Hudson Taylor and many associated with them. God used these men and hastened revival in Germany, England and China, because they were vessels fit for his use. When the day of revival comes to Australia, it will be humble, uncritical men and women, those who see their own failings, whom God will fill with such grace that they will become powerful instruments in his hands. Let us aim first to begin a revival in the life that is ours, to show by example the need of others being revived. Let national and individual salvation come by God's grace through humble faith in each heart.



# Travelling to India

THE Federal secretary left Melbourne on the s.s. "Madura" on Saturday, Oct. 5, and touched Fremantle on Oct. 12. He feels that in the centenary year of our brotherhood work, it is an honor to represent them in India and China. The trip has long been contemplated; only the war years prevented its fulfilment earlier. The route taken will be Colombo, thence to Madras and rail across India to Dhond. Missionaries have already expressed their pleasurable anticipation to his visit, and from time to time items will appear on this page giving his impressions on our overseas work.

## WELCOME TO J. E. ALLAN

DURING the absence of A. Anderson, F.M. secretary, J. E. Allan has kindly consented to look after the F.M. page. He is



J. E. Allan.

well qualified for the task, having been F.M. secretary for the Victorian Committee for a number of years, and also served as a member of the F.M. Board. Our missionaries all remember with gratitude the genial organising ability of Mr. Allan, and will note with satisfaction that he has charge whilst the Federal secretary is abroad. The Federal Board appreciate the willingness of Mr. Allan to undertake this task.

## "GOODLY PEARLS"

OUR missionary quarterly will appear as usual, the next being the Christmas issue. Reg. Bolduan, our one-time missionary in India, will prepare copy for the next few issues.

This magazine continues to have a wide reading public, and is meeting the needs of C.E. societies and schools where it is read. We feel, however, that the magazine should have a wider field. All current mission information is given as well as movements and addresses of missionaries. Scores of enquiries come to the F.M. office seeking information and addresses, etc. Those who read "Goodly Pearls" are always well informed on these items. At present, owing to increased costs, extra postal charges, etc., the magazine runs at a loss, but the price remains the same (1/- per annum through church agent, 1/3 posted direct). More subscribers would mean a wider missionary education and help to meet costs. New subscribers would be welcomed, and what family would miss the annual subscription? Our aim is to have our own missionary magazine in every home.

## DR. LINDSAY MICHAEL

AT present Dr. Michael is with his family in Perth. To fit himself for even more useful service in India, the doctor plans to do some post-graduate work in surgery. Negotiations are going on now, and it is likely that Dr. Michael will commence on this useful course in one of the Eastern States shortly. In whatever State Dr. Michael locates we are certain he will be assured of a welcome.

## FEDERAL FINANCES

THOUGH annual offering figures are not finally computed, it is certain that the offering will not show an advance on last year. Indications are to the contrary.

On the other hand there is ample evidence

that our field expenditure will be the heaviest we have faced.

Costs in India and the Islands are mounting, and there are still many items held over because of lack of finances. Even fares which had risen last year 100 per cent. over pre-war years, have made another advance this year of approximately 20 per cent. Thus pre-war ordinary fares to India, which were slightly over £30 have now risen to more than £80. This is serious in view of the fact that, now shipping is open, more missionaries will return to Australia, and those on furlough return.

So rapid has been the rise in fares that the Indian field, for the first time, was not prepared to estimate this year's figures.

Other costs have risen proportionately, and unless an increasing monthly rate is maintained, our present satisfactory financial position will deteriorate. Brethren, we need your assistance as never before if we are to maintain our overseas work.

# God is Love

I FEEL sure that lots of people who do not find their way into churches would give anything to know God, to appreciate his presence, to be sure of him and his purpose.

Perhaps they feel that they don't find God in the routine services of the church, so they don't come any more. Creeds and dogmas about God have only clouded the issue for them. Maybe they have noticed that Christian people do not appear to reveal anything of God.

For many of them the hungering for God is only felt as an intangible desire for they know not what. They might be ashamed to admit that they want God. They are aware of a nameless hunger, and seek to alleviate it in diverse ways, but still find no satisfaction.

We can tell them about God, of course. We can explain his goodness and his purpose. But those who are trying to do much of that kind of thing know how hard it is to help these people to find God. It seems that they need something more than information about God. They need to be aware of God himself.

How can we help these folk to experience God? We know that God is love. Thus if one experiences a rich and deep love that comes from another, that one is experiencing something of God, for all love is of God. If we Christians could genuinely love people with a limitless love that shows itself in acts of genuine goodwill and kindness, I am sure that we should be helping many folk to a beginning of a knowledge of God. Perhaps this is the way of evangelism in a world that is being starved of love, and goodwill, and disinterested service of others.

It is not easy to love folk. It is a lot easier to pray for them. It is a lot easier to desire their salvation and their membership in our churches. It is even easier to talk to them about God, and that is hard enough sometimes.

Maybe the best way to learn to love folks is to love them. It will no doubt mean taking the towel and basin and washing their feet. We shall not go to them as saints on pedestals to sinners in gutters, but as brothers to brothers. We will not forget that he who loseth his life shall save it, and the lives of others as well. In other words, we shall be so little concerned for ourselves that we shall be able to let ourselves go, with reckless abandon, in love and service for our fellows.

Perhaps before we set out on this way of

G. R. Stirling, B.A., of South Australia, urges  
the demand for preaching the gospel  
in deed as well as in word.

evangelism that helps men to know God because they have known love first, we will need a little practice. As first steps we could practise loving the brethren in the church. This would ensure that those we win through love would have an atmosphere of love to come into. Those who see their first dim visions of God through the love of Christian folk, will learn to know him more fully in the atmosphere of a church where the brethren love one another, because they themselves have experienced God who is love.



Jesus Washing the Disciples' Feet.

## FRIENDSHIP

FRIENDSHIP is a harbor for our souls,  
A song that lingers never to depart.  
The love that binds, and gives us in a friend,  
That golden link that chains us heart to heart."

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# The Pioneers' Prelude

*Mrs. C. M. Verco, of South Australia, presents  
impressions of a unique and interesting gathering.*

PREVIOUS to conference, the executive of the South Australian Sisters' Auxiliary was doubtful as to whether their usual pioneers' afternoon would be held. The programme was full, so it looked as if it were crowded out. Nevertheless it did eventuate, and it was fittingly placed before the conference proper started. An invitation was extended to all who had been in membership for forty years and over.

It began somewhat quietly, as the ones and twos and little groups entered the Grote-st. church hall. Gradually the hall filled, until it overflowed. Soon the building resounded with song, as one hymn after another was sung—old favorites. Perhaps these hymns never sound better than at such times! Now and again a verse or two was sung by some sweet singer whose voice had been much used over the many years to the glory of God. The singing gave warmth and vigor to the prelude.

Then came a softer strain, and an almost reverent hush was felt as one voice was telling part of the fascinating story of other days when the Restoration Movement was in its infancy. Minor notes were heard at times, for those were days when real drama was often in their midst, and when hardships and difficulties were everyday occurrences. The sisterhood in those days had colossal adjustments to make, for some were used to the refinements of life, and all were unused to such conditions. Maybe they sometimes looked lovingly and longingly across the sea to the horizon, and their thoughts would travel to their native land. One is sure, however, that they soon grew fond of the beauty of the bush in this lovely plain between the hills and the sea. Now and again merry strains were heard, for these pioneers, with their keen sense of humor, responded heartily to the many ridiculous situations of that makeshift community. They laughed naturally and easily.

But this is not all—the main theme of this prelude was something quite different from these various cadences; it dominated all else in its intensity, purpose, passion and dignity. It was the simple, strong religious faith of these pioneers as they gathered on the first day of the week, in their tents or primitive houses, to remember their Saviour. It was not unlike—in its freedom from the things of this world—the upper room of long ago. Educational advantages may have been few and far between, but their natural gifts were many, and they prayerfully and intelligently studied God's word with the result that they grappled with the religious difficulties which were peculiar to those days, and out of much confusion made a splendid basis for the work of the Restoration Movement. Like the disciples of old, they were fired with enthusiasm for evangelism, and as time went on, they were scattered abroad and they, too, preached Jesus. With their progressive outlook they no doubt had visions of the time when their descendants would have many privileges which they lacked, so they planned and worked for the days ahead. The great town-planner, Colonel Light, did the same things in another direction. He saw Adelaide a great city with beautiful buildings, surrounded by parks and enjoying all of the advantages of

modern civilisation when he himself was half starved through lack of sufficient food, and ill and weak, possibly through lack of medical help. In both instances many of these visions came true. The pioneers of the religious world were a humble people, and would be the last to think that their work counted so tremendously. But it did. They carried the torch of truth high and unashamed, for they were a downright people, those early settlers of the land. Had they failed in their trust, the church of the Restoration Movement might have been non-existent today, but instead they have handed down to posterity a heritage which is both a gift and a challenge, for it is a Christ-like heritage born of love and sacrifice.

Amid all of the changes since those days, there still remain the unchanging things of the realm of Christ's kingdom, for the great God of the universe changes not. His book is the same, as are the responsibilities of the church. The unmade streets, the bullock waggons, the tallow lights have gone, just as the bitumen streets, the motor cars and the electric light will pass. But the task is the

same to-day as it was a century ago. Difficulties still confront the church, and the same pioneer spirit is needed, with which we associate such traits as loyalty, determination, vision, and so on. The church of tomorrow still depends in a large measure on the church of to-day. It is weaving a kind of heritage that will be handed down to her.

The afternoon was drawing to a close; the singing, the reminiscences gave the right atmosphere for the last few bars of the prelude. It was a gay finish, as friend greeted friend over tea cups. Quietness now gave place to a gradual crescendo, until the room hummed with the sound of many voices, for this was the time of happy Christian fellowship—the same joy and fellowship which had inspired and helped those into whose world we had been transported earlier in the afternoon. Gradually the sounds died away until all was quiet again. The pioneers' prelude had ended. A fitting prelude for a centenary conference.

## JESUS

MANY names are dear, but his is dearer,  
How it grows more dear as life goes on.  
Many friends are near, but he is nearer,  
Always what we want, and all our own.  
Jesus! Jesus! let us ever say it  
Softly to ourselves as some sweet spell:  
Jesus! Jesus! troubled spirit lay it  
On thy heart, and it will make thee well."

## Lord's Day Observance, Queensland

THE Queensland Council of Churches has received several complaints from ministers' fraternals that organised Sunday sport is taking place in their districts. War conditions encouraged influences which tended to undermine the sanctity of the Lord's day. To educate people in the value and importance of the proper observance of the day, the Council of Churches has issued a manifesto which in part reads: "No greater calamity can come upon this young nation than that the altars of God should be forsaken. When a nation ceases to worship it loses its sense of divine authority and of the majesty of the moral order, and thus its whole future is placed in great peril. As citizens we must take our stand, not with a desire to dictate to this or that man what he shall or shall not do, but because the whole future of our Commonwealth is being determined now by our relationship to the moral law. Confronted as we are with national and international problems which require moral and spiritual insight and courage, we dare not continue to neglect the source of all true national greatness."

### God and the Drought

For some months the State has been in the throes of drought. Some parts have been very seriously affected. Alongside the news about the drought, we read of wilful waste and destruction of food and materials during the war years. God has given us a wonderful country with a plentiful supply of water and fertile soil, but we have not yet learnt to conserve and use aright his good gifts.

### The Cathedral Organist

For forty-eight years Mr. George Sampson has been organist for the Brisbane Anglican Cathedral. But his services to Queensland music have extended beyond the cathedral, for he has also been musical adviser to the City Council, the Department of Public Instruction, and the University, and has also

P. C. D. Alcorn, B.A., reports on moves to encourage respect for the Lord's day, on drought conditions, and on activities of organising secretary.

been the city organist. Through his influence and hard work Mr. Sampson was responsible for the purchase of the present organ in the City Hall. He was also instrumental in organising the first orchestra in Brisbane. We remember Mr. Sampson telling us that when he first came to Brisbane in 1898 his predecessor at the cathedral said to him, "One of the benefits of playing for a community like this is you can make mistakes and they don't know the difference." "But," said Mr. Sampson to us, "I was not content to play to satisfy the public. I aimed to satisfy the inner standard of excellence within my own soul."

### After Five Years

H. E. Greenwood has completed five years' service as secretary and organiser. During that time he has travelled approximately 20,000 miles and helped to raise £8158 for brotherhood work. Those who have travelled to Charters Towers (915 miles from Brisbane) know that when you get there you feel you are a long, long way from home, and although Roma (our most western field) is only 318 miles from Brisbane, yet as you travel it seems a long, long trail. Mr. Greenwood has travelled these distances under wartime conditions. Including calls to isolated members, fifty visits have been paid to country places in the interests of home missions, and year by year annual home mission offerings have increased from £276 to £386. When he was appointed full-time organiser, Mr. Greenwood said the day would come when our youth department would have its own organiser. We look forward to the fulfilment of the prophecy.



# Here and There

The following telegram reached us on Oct. 21: "Mission at Dubbo, N.S.W., entering fourth week; prayers of brotherhood requested.—Eager."

Successful Bible school anniversary services were conducted at Maryborough, Vic., on Oct. 13, G. Andrews, of Ballarat, giving appreciated addresses.

Miss I. V. Gill has accepted an invitation to serve as field worker amongst girls and young women, under the Victorian Young People's Department and Victorian Women's Conference.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Manning and Margaret are leaving Cape Town, South Africa, for Australia by the "Asturia," and are expected to reach Fremantle on Nov. 15 and to proceed to Melbourne.

We note that the Christian Radio Missionary Fellowship hopes to establish a wireless station in Northern Australia to present the gospel through this channel to the millions living in the continent north of this land.

Baptist churches in Australia are enjoying the visit of Dr. M. E. Dodd, preacher of Shreveport Baptist church, Louisiana, U.S.A. After his Victorian tour he leaves for Tasmania and South Australia, returning about Nov. 12 to U.S.A., via New Zealand.

By use of projector and screen, B. F. Huntsman, of Camberwell, Vic., was able to present his secretarial report to the church on Oct. 9 in an interesting and unusual manner. Photographs of various auxiliary groups and office-bearers were presented on screen along with statistical reports and balance sheets.

Miss Ada Jermyn, who with her sister, was associated with the College of the Bible for a long time and later took up membership with the church at West Preston, Vic., passed away suddenly in the afternoon of 20th inst. We express deepest sympathy for those who mourn the death of this faithful Christian worker.

On Sunday afternoon, Oct. 13, a youth rally was held at Hartwell, Vic., when 120 young people were present. F. Elliott conducted singing, and Ken Sturgess was chairman. A trio was rendered by Miss G. Hurford, and Messrs. F. Elliott and L. Hurford. Scripture lesson was read by Ian Burchall, and a solo was rendered by L. Hurford. Mr. Gardiner, M.L.A., gave a challenging address, urging constructive activity in the life of youth. A very fine tea was served.

The Deputy Director, Posts and Telegraphs (Mr. C. G. Brown) has just advised us that food parcels sent by post to the United Kingdom may now weigh 11 lbs. including the wrappings, i.e., the previous maximum of 7 lbs. of food per parcel does not now apply. Further, the limit of 2 lbs. for each type of foodstuff has been discontinued. Food parcels are not now restricted to one parcel per month from the same sender to the same addressee, but must be unsolicited bona fide gifts.

The Victorian Regional Committee of the World Council of Churches is asking all ministers and churches in Victoria to observe Nov. 17 as Ecumenical Sunday, and to give special place in services and sermons to work of the World Council. A short history, relevant quotations and some sermon suggestions are being prepared, and will be sent to all ministers about the end of this month. The sub-committee preparing this literature is Principal Northey, A. C. Watson, and W. S. Lowe (convener). Preachers and presidents planned for Nov. 17 are asked to accept this as a preliminary request for the observance of day.

On Saturday evening, Oct. 5, 66 representatives from Eastern Suburban Christian Youth Fellowship, Vic., journeyed to Chelsea and took part in a service to encourage the formation of a fellowship in the seaside dis-

tricts. Ken Sturgess presided over the service, and F. Elliott conducted competitions and quizzes. Harold Smith rendered a solo, and Misses Gwen and Pam Hurford a duet. Scripture lesson was read by Ivan Greenwood. F. Combridge delivered an interesting message. Supper brought a profitable evening to a close.

We have just been introduced to "Cap and Cuffs." "The little lady with the blue and white uniform" is making her debut in a very interesting dress. "Cap and Cuffs" is the title of a very helpful quarterly journal issued by the "Australian Nurses' Christian Movement." It contains articles by nurses, doctors, missionaries and others. We were much impressed by the article entitled, "A Doctor Looks at the Bible," by the late Professor Duncan Blair. His statements on the accuracy of Dr. Luke's medical terms in the Acts of the Apostles and in Luke's Gospel are worthy of a very wide reading. Here is a journal Christian nurses and doctors will value, and we venture to suggest many others will read it.

## FEDERAL F.M. SECRETARY'S VISIT ABROAD

AS the brethren and sisters know, Mr. Albert Anderson, the devoted secretary of the Federal Foreign Mission Board, is now steaming towards India, and possibly China.

This trip takes place after many years of prayerful planning. At each of the two Federal conferences prior to that held in 1946, the Federal Board were instructed by conference to arrange for the secretary to make such a trip, as soon as it could be arranged. Now that events have allowed the commencement of this journey, it is confidently expected that the good wishes and the prayers of the brotherhood will accompany Mr. Anderson.

Much of the future planning for the work in India will depend on the information and the impressions gained by Mr. Anderson as he visits the churches and villages in India, and talks over problems and possibilities both with the missionaries and the Indians. It is certain that the workers in India have looked forward to this visit with great eagerness, and the work in India is sure to benefit greatly from this venture. The trip requires expenditure beyond our normal budget, and it is hoped that special contributions from the members will avoid the need to curtail ordinary expenditure.—P. S. Messent, chairman, Federal Foreign Mission Board, Inc.

## NORTHERN CONFERENCE, OLD.

THE first Northern Conference was held in Townsville on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 28 and 29, delegates being present from Charters Towers, Townsville, Mackay and Rockhampton. The theme of conference was "The Restoration of the New Testament Church in a Modern Age."

Conference opened with devotions led by E. Buckley, of Charters Towers. Business session followed. The following officers were elected: President, G. T. Millar (Mackay); secretary and treasurer, L. Maycock (Rockhampton). An address by E. McIlhagger on "Restoration Problems and Remedies" led to a very profitable discussion.

Speakers at the brotherhood rally were C. Beale (Townsville), "The Beginning of the New Testament Church"; G. T. Millar, "The Creed of the New Testament Church."

Sunday morning service was broadcast by 4TO.

The conference sermon, "A United Church the Answer to World Chaos," was given by H. E. Greenwood, State secretary.

E. McIlhagger spoke at the youth rally on "The Place of Youth in the New Testament Church," whilst the crowning conference session was conducted by E. Buckley, who spoke on "God's Plan of Salvation Given to the New Testament Church."

On Monday a conference picnic was held at Magnetic Island, many availing themselves of this opportunity.

An invitation to hold the conference at Mackay was accepted.

## PORT LINE MEN'S GROUP MOVEMENT, S.A.

THE first post-war year of this group's activity will be completed on Oct. 28. It has proved to be one of the happiest and one of the most successful in its history. At 1923 conference the Home Mission Committee convened at Grote-st. a special meeting for men at which brethren of city and suburban churches were invited, when a group church system was suggested to assist in aggressive evangelism. Four groups were formed, of which the Port Line Group alone remains. When first formed this group consisted of Hindmarsh, Croydon, York, Queenstown and Semaphore churches, and to-day added to this number are Flinders Park and Cheltenham churches, offsprings of York and Queenstown respectively. Throughout this group has served faithfully, and has endeavored to work by mutually helping to handle and solve the problems of each church and of the brotherhood as a whole, in order to remove any hindrances preventing the extension of the kingdom and the winning of souls. Among those to-day who stand loyally behind the group of its foundation members are W. C. Brooker and R. E. Mossop.

This year has been exceptional under the presidency of G. S. Bartlett, of Croydon, who lovingly and faithfully has co-operated with his executive in making the year outstanding. Four rally services were held, one at Hindmarsh, when W. L. Ewers addressed the meeting; the second at Queenstown in May, when past conference president, K. A. Jones, spoke. Two final rallies were held at Semaphore and Croydon. All messages proved challenging. At these final rallies in August, 240 members attended, when a Port Line choir of 80 voices assisted under baton of C. Battle. All rally services have been helped with special items which have been much enjoyed.

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# News of the Churches

## Western Australia

**Perth.**—Bible school anniversary celebrations were continued on Oct. 8. The secretary, C. L. Owen, reported that scholars numbered 118. Six had been added to church during year. In scripture examination 8 scholars sat, 7 passed, 4 with credit. School's giving to home and overseas missions and to Radio Sunday School reached £20. On morning of October 13 visitors included Mr. and Mrs. Bremner, Mrs. Wright (Malvern, Victoria), A. McRoberts (Maylands) gave a heart-searching talk. At night J. K. Robinson was preacher.

## Tasmania

**Hobart.**—J. Firth gave lantern lecture on South America on Oct. 9. F. E. Monfries was guest speaker at Youth Fellowship meeting and tea on Oct. 6. Cricket club has been reformed. Dorcas sisters have been busy sewing for UNRRA.

**Mole Creek.**—On Oct. 6 Mr. Edmunds, of Invermay, delivered helpful messages at Cave-side and Mole Creek. Mr. Gibson gave use of car for visit. Four representatives from Mole Creek travelled to Ulverstone on 12th for N.D. conference, and reported a profitable day.

## Queensland

**Gympie District.**—On Oct. 13 a Sunday school mother was welcomed into church at Monkland; at night her son was baptised at Gympie. Good services all day with one new scholar at Gympie school. College of Bible offering is now £8.

**Maryborough.**—In absence of H. C. Spratt, who attended Sunday school anniversary services at Howard on Oct. 6, H. J. Wiltshire conducted morning service, which was a broadcast service, and J. Ingham conducted evening gospel service. Quarterly church social, organised by young people's society, was held on Oct. 11. B. O'Hanlan, who has been ill in hospital, has sufficiently recovered to attend meetings. Sympathy is extended to Sister Klein and family in recent bereavement in passing of Sister Nagel, senior.

**Rockhampton.**—Two members from Rockhampton church attended Federal Conference in Adelaide, travelling the longest distance of any of the Australian delegates. Five brethren attended the Northern District Conference in Queensland held at Townsville on Sept. 28 and 29. In Mr. McIlhagger's absence at that conference, services on Lord's day were conducted by G. and N. Watson. Miss Mavis Jones, a Bible school scholar, has been baptised. On Sunday evening, Oct. 6, a special young people's rally was conducted, when young folk took part in service, and rendered choral items. D. Steel gave the message. H. E. Greenwood was present at a special meeting on Oct. 8, and gave a short message in interests of home missions and youth. Preparations are in hand for the 18th anniversary of church.

**Toowoomba.**—Eight decisions for Christ were received at recent meetings. Another woman, living in New South Wales, who "listened-in" to services for some time, has intimated her intention of confessing Christ and coming to Toowoomba for baptism. Members of the Y.P.F. are responsible for conduct of a prayer session before gospel service each Lord's day. During past six months the fellowship has

contributed over £25 to Caloundra Youth Centre, and made gifts to foreign missions, League of 500, and local improvements. Women's work has included visitation of sick and aged and preparation of several boxes of goods for mission fields. An improvement has been effected by lowering of brick wall in front of chapel and its extension across whole frontage of property. A short mission, with L. Burgin as missionary, concludes with 64th anniversary services. Gospel meetings being held at Harlaxton on first and third Sundays each month are fairly well attended by non-members living in district. Sunday school there held successful anniversary services recently; some new scholars have been added as result of competition. After a long illness Mrs. A. J. Sutton died. Sympathy has been expressed to relatives.

## South Australia

**Prospect.**—Bible school held picnic at Hazelwood Park on Labor Day, Oct. 9, when 170 enjoyed outing. Special tram took children and friends to picnic ground. K.S.P. held "father and son" banquet on Oct. 11. Dr. Trevor Turner was speaker, and among those present was the Mayor of Prospect (Mr. Stevens). 100 attended the banquet. Greetings were received from R. Bradshaw. Services on Lord's day Oct. 13, were led by R. Vincent, there being good attendances throughout the day.

**Berri-Winkie.**—Bible schools in both places have continued with anniversary practice; attendance at Berri school has been best for year. Weather was perfect for picnic, held at Lake Bonney on Oct. 9. Three members have been welcomed into fellowship of church and another three young people have decided for Christ. Colin Smith and Jack Searle assisted Mr. Marshall with gospel service on Youth Sunday; Ruth Chapple and Thelma Searle sang a duet. After many weeks' sickness Sister Wilson, of Berri, died recently.

**Kilburn.**—Meetings on Oct. 13 were affected by rain. 35 attended morning Bible school. A. McEwan, of Prospect, is conducting choral practices for school celebrations. Morning service was conducted by J. Pritchard, with A. E. Brown as speaker. 27 were present. Sisters decided to accept invitations from Cottonville and Prospect sisters to join their auxiliary meetings. F. Lawrence, of Prospect, was invited to preside over special church business meeting on Oct. 15 to receive Home Mission Committee deputation.

**Unley.**—On Sept 30 debate was given over air on the extension of liquor trading hours. F. Lado (Methodist) and Dr. Trevor Turner (church of Christ) spoke convincingly against extension. Church regretted passing of Mrs. Rich on Oct. 9; sympathy was extended to Mrs. Messent and family. On Oct. 6 D. Pike, of Glenelg, gave an interesting address at church anniversary in morning and Mr. Russell in evening. Sunday school had a good day for picnic at National Park on Oct. 9. Mrs. Riches is gradually improving and may soon leave hospital.

**Forestville.**—Church has enjoyed a happy time during youth week. The service on morning of Oct. 6 was taken by young men. Efforts of young people were appreciated. On Oct. 13 the evening service was encouraging. A ladies' choir gave splendid musical items. Mrs. Green, of Mile End, gave the address. On Friday evening a father and son social was held. Bible school received cheque for £22/- from Youth Dept., being an award for winning increase and attendance campaign. Tennis club is looking forward to new season. Church is making definite attempts to liquidate interest-bearing debt on building, and thankoffering has been planned for church anniversary day.

**Whyalla.**—On Sundays, Sept. 29 and Oct. 6, the Sunday school anniversary was held. Individual items were given by scholars from the kindergarten. Presentation of prizes won during year were presented on Wednesday evening following, L. C. Ryan, chairman of Whyalla Town Commission, acting as chairman. Mr. Pigdon, of Pirie church, and Mr. Cain, of the Methodist church, were speakers at anniversary services. The picnic was held on Eight Hours Day, when three lorry loads of scholars, parents and friends spent an enjoyable day in bush about 8 miles from Whyalla.

**York.**—Bible school anniversary was held on Sept. 29 and Oct. 6. Bright, well-attended services were enjoyed. Sickness prevented some teachers and scholars from attending. H. G. Norris and C. Cartmel gave illustrated addresses. On Sept. 29 H. L. Davey addressed morning meeting on Oct. 6. L. G. Johnson at night gave an interesting message. Bright singing was rendered by school. A feature of anniversary was items given by kindergarten. Leadership of Mrs. N. Rowett was appreciated. Miss G. Mossop led school. On Oct. 6 Bible school picnic was held at Hazelwood Reserve. Promotion day in school was held on Oct. 13. Awards for attendance and certificates for scripture examinations were presented.

**Col. Light Gardens.**—Church has celebrated 21st anniversary of opening of chapel, and enjoyed great blessings. Prayer meeting, led by Mr. Cornelius on 28th, was well attended. Anniversary tea on 30th was a great success. Ladies of church provided a splendid tea for 84 persons. Birthday cake was cut by J. Samels, only foundation member of church still in membership. Public meeting at 8 o'clock had larger attendance. Several visitors who took part included Thos. Hagger, of Victoria, and D. Pike, of Glenelg. A presentation of a reading lamp was made by J. Samels on behalf of members to W. J. Harris, another foundation member, recently transferred, for his help to the church for many years. Mr. McGlasson, of Glenelg, presented moving pictures of a world tour. On Sept. 1, at 11 a.m., B. W. Manning delivered a splendid sermon, 74 being present. In evening A. Anderson delivered an appreciated message. Church has been inspired by meetings. On following Lord's day, Federal Conference day, Mr. Quayle, of Ringwood, Vic., addressed church. Fellowship with Mr. and Mrs. C. Hollitt, of Northam, W.A., was also enjoyed.

## New South Wales

**Rockdale.**—On Oct. 6 Mr. Burns exhorted, and at night Bill Howard, one of the young men of church, gave gospel message. Young people rendered items. Mr. Thomas, of Marrickville, ably exhorted on Oct. 13. Mrs. Burns is still confined to her home.

**Inverell.**—Church held a fellowship tea, in Butler Hall, on Oct. 10; 180 sat to tea. Anniversary services were held morning and evening on Oct. 13, with very good meetings, and on Monday night, the 14th, Sunday school scholars presented the programme. Visiting speaker for services on 13th was L. Dewberry, of Woolwich Bible College.

**Marrickville.**—Mr. Thomas gave first of a series of addresses on Christian stewardship at morning service on Oct. 6. Women's Guild held a working bee on Oct. 2, repairing carpets, curtains, etc. Efforts are being made to prepare Christmas gifts for patients at Newington State Home and the Boys' Home at Pendle Hill. Sisters Harrison, Evans and Sperring, recently visited Newington Home and distributed comforts to patients. Bible school held annual house party on Oct. 11, when the new house patrons, George Jeffress and Tom Benson, were introduced. Preparations for anniversary are well in hand. Bible class held a launch picnic on 12th, there being a good attendance.



## Victoria

**Gardenvale.**—Meetings have been well maintained during past month. One young lady made good confession on Oct. 6. Sympathy of church is extended to Mr. Symes in passing of his mother at Harcourt. Mr. and Mrs. Barnes, from Geelong, were visitors on Sept. 29. Miss Gladys Kelson is shortly returning to Egypt as a missionary with the E.G.M. Sunday school has commenced to practise for anniversary.

**Essendon.**—Miss P. Young and Mr. Hewson were married in chapel by Mr. Crisp on Oct. 12. On Oct. 13 Mr. Crisp was speaker at both services. Mr. D. Ploog (Nth. Essendon) presided at morning meeting. C.M.S. held their monthly tea meeting, when 52 men were present to hear an interesting talk illustrated by lantern, Mr. Hubert Opperman being speaker. Cricketers paraded at evening service and also took part in meeting. Mrs. Pitt was present at evening meeting, having been absent through illness. Mrs. Bong is missed from meetings owing to illness. Mrs. Cheal (snr.) and Mr. Summerton are progressing after operations, but are still in hospital.

**Footscray.**—S.S. anniversary services commenced on Oct. 13 when speakers were C. Cole and J. I. Mudford. Both services were well attended, visitors remaining for tea. K.S.P. are sorry to lose services of K. Buckley as deputy chaplain; his services have been appre-



The Chapel at Footscray.

ciated. I. Buckley has kindly consented to fill position. L. Dudley, from Echuca and late of New Hebrides, is to take up ministry with church early in new year. Mr. Mudford continues to labor with church and his services are appreciated.

**Mildura.**—Attendances at morning worship are encouraging. L. Snow is giving inspiring addresses. Attendances were splendid at S.S. anniversary services on Oct. 6. At 11 a.m., Mr. Rose, of Presbyterian church, was speaker; at 3 p.m., Mr. Chivell, of Dareton, and at 7.30, Mr. Snow gave talks. Special singing by children at afternoon and evening session was under leadership of B. Jenkins. Women's Mission Band held an "at home" to district church ladies, and to local church representatives. Mr. Snow and Mr. and Mrs. A. Leng attended Federal Conference. Mr. Benham has been able to attend services after an absence of two months through illness.

**Dunolly.**—On Oct. 6 the 74th anniversary of church was featured. At morning service past members and visitors were welcomed. Mr. Mackenzie addressed church. Throughout day attendances and interest were encouraging, particularly at P.S.A. service where 80 people gathered. Artists for afternoon were Miss Giddens who recited, Miss McLear, of the Frankston church, who gave two pianoforte solos, and Mr. Mackenzie, who rendered a vocal solo. Mr. Dixon, of Bet Bet, exhorted. At gospel service an attendance of 50 people witnessed baptism of Ray Freemantle, one of the Bible school scholars. During the service Miss McLear and Mr. Mackenzie rendered a vocal duet. Keen interest is being shown by the Ladies' Guild in raising funds for the furnishing of a room at the Dunolly hospital's new nursing quarters. The assistance and message of Bruce Burn during absence of Mr. Mackenzie were appreciated. All departments are showing steady work and interest.

**South Richmond.**—Bible school anniversary services, held on Oct. 6 and 13, were very successful. Scholars sang excellently under baton of Mr. Gill, of Blackburn. Children's addresses, given by A. Hurren, M. Williams, T. Hagger and F. Langford, were appreciated. Parents and scholars met for an enjoyable social evening on Oct. 16, when prizes won by scholars were distributed.

**Carlton (Lygon-st.).**—On Oct. 8, Miss Pittman and ladies' choir gave a delightful concert in chapel, in aid of the Guest Home Hospital. Good services were held on Oct. 13. Bible school held anniversary on Oct. 20, and gave a fine display in singing of anthems under lead of N. Haddow. F. T. Morgan addressed children at 3 p.m. and L. E. Brooker at 7. Mrs. Pettifer was welcomed back after long illness.

**Malvern-Caulfield.**—At evening service on Oct. 6 G. Gilbert spoke. Services on Oct. 13 and 20 marked anniversary of Sunday school. Singing of scholars, conducted by R. Besson, was enjoyed. Speakers on Oct. 13 were W. R. Hibbert, S. Burwan and M. Sandlands; on Oct. 20, Jas. Holloway and C. Cole. On Oct. 18 a demonstration was given by Sunday school scholars and staff. Church sympathises with Alan Boak in recent bereavement. Members are pleased that A. McConchie, sen., has recovered from injuries sustained in an accident.

**Cheltenham.**—Bible school anniversary on Oct. 13 was a happy event. At 3 p.m. Mr. Bruce Smith was speaker, and at 7 p.m. V. C. Stafford. Teaching staff is greatly encouraged by decisions of two scholars (Barbara Vennell and Esme Fordham). On Oct. 15 annual demonstration was held and greatly appreciated by a good audience. Annual prize awards and scripture examination awards were presented. Staff regrets that F. Judd and S. Deane are absent through sickness. On Oct. 20 V. C. Stafford's address created great interest.

**Brighton.**—Members of University Fellowship were guests of Women's Mission Band for tea last Sunday and later attended gospel service. Miss Dorothy Clark was soloist. A church social was given on Oct. 15 to Ken Morris and Merle Moebus who are to be married. At the same time Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Price, who leave for Yarrawonga, were farewelled. 120, 250 and 200 were attendances at services on 87th Sunday school anniversary. £17 was collected to provide a fund to purchase a new piano for primary department. T. F. Keyts, of Brighton Baptist church, was speaker at Sunday afternoon service.

**Montrose.**—At conclusion of Mr. William's work at Montrose to minister at Chelsea, church has secured services of E. Heard, of college, to assist until end of college year. On Oct. 13 Mr. Heard exchanged with Mr. Fisher, a former preacher. Mr. Fisher gave two fine addresses. Annual business meeting of church showed all departments to be in healthy condition. All officers were re-elected and O. Finger was elected deacon and Sister F. E. Rogers was appointed superintendent of Sunday school. This department is flourishing, there being over 30 scholars and four teachers on roll.

**Melbourne (Swanston-st.).**—C. B. Nance-Kivell has been able to address all recent services, and has been helped in the conduct of meetings by various brethren. Several among the older members are ill. Further successful meetings of the young people's group have been held, and plans have been made for others. On Oct. 20, a Sankey hymn night was held, when congregation and choir joined in singing many of the old favorites. The church has extended sympathy to Mrs. Nanve-Kivell, whose father (F. C. Vian) passed away recently, aged 88. He was senior Methodist preacher in Victoria, beginning his ministry at Benalla in 1880, retiring from active work in 1924.

**West Preston.**—Mr. Hart was speaker at worship service on Oct. 20, when Miss C. Living was received into fellowship by letter of transfer from church at Maryborough, Mr. Withers being speaker at gospel service. A social evening was tendered W. Pullar and Miss N. Patton and to W. Sheppard and Miss A. Box to celebrate their approaching marriages. Presentations were made on behalf of church members and some auxiliaries.

**Preston.**—At annual church business meeting on Oct. 10, reports of auxiliaries showed a steady progress. F. J. Lang and F. Chatley were re-elected elder and deacon respectively, C. Johnson and W. Pinches being elected new deacons. Church anniversary celebrations commenced on Oct. 20, S. G. Prentice, of Brunswick, speaking to a combined meeting of junior and C.E. societies, and also to church at worship. Several who had been absent for some time attended. W. Gale was speaker at night.

**Gardiner.**—Sunday school anniversary was celebrated on Sept. 29 and Oct. 6. Speakers on first Sunday were R. C. Bolduan, morning and evening, and R. Muller, afternoon. Scholars sang well under leadership of R. Hall. On second Sunday A. W. Stephenson and V. C. Stafford were speakers. In afternoon cradle roll cards and scholars' awards were presented. The annual concert was given on 9th. On 12th football club held successful social and trophy presentation evening, over 90 members and supporters being present. Mr. Bolduan was speaker for both services on 13th, special welcome being extended to Mrs. Waterman on her return home from New Hebrides. Concluding cottage prayer meetings were held at homes of Mrs. A. Fisher and Mrs. A. J. Thomas. At annual business meeting of Men's Fellowship, held on 13th, it was decided to affiliate with Church Men's Society.

**Black Rock.**—Messrs. Sewell and Holloway attended S.A. conference. After weeks of prayerful preparation, special meetings conducted by Messrs. Margetts and Brown proved a blessing. Children's sessions after school, when films of life of Christ were shown, were well attended, averaging 80 for two weeks. At closing Sunday gospel meeting three lads from Bible school made good confession. On Oct. 16 a meeting of praise and testimony was held, Mr. Brown being speaker. On Oct. 4 Mr. Brian Morcombe, of Borneo Evangelical Mission, gave an illustrated lecture. On Sept. 14 June Le Gassick and Dave Alison were married, Mr. Stafford officiating. At young people's monthly fellowship tea, Mr. Gavros, of the college, addressed gathering. Ladies' Guild conducted C.E. meeting on Oct. 14. Mrs. Lawrence is attending services after several months' absence through illness.

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### ADDRESSES

R. Hall (secretary Albury church, N.S.W.).—C/o Wodonga P.O., Vic.

A. H. Pratt (interim preacher Drumcondra church Vic.).—"Kenarthem," Railway-pde., Mt. Evelyn.

W. J. Read (secretary church of Christ, Camberwell, Vic.).—88 Toorak-rd., South Camberwell. 'Phone, WM3788.

### CHURCH OF CHRIST, DANDENONG.

#### CHURCH ANNIVERSARY, NOVEMBER 3.

11 a.m., J. K. Bond. 7 p.m., F. A. Youens.  
Past members and visitors especially welcome.

### DEATH

**JERMYN.**—On Oct. 20, suddenly, at 31 Benambra-st., West Preston, Ada, dearly loved sister of Frank, Flo and Ethel; devoted friend of Wyn, May and Gwenda Hart.



## WANTED

Boy wanted, opportunity to learn electrical trade.—Claude Gadge, 27 Northcote-rd., Armadale. U3029, after 5.30 p.m.

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## "CHERUB NOOK," MT. MACEDON

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## BIRTH

EDEBOHLS (nee Hargreaves).—At Berwick Bush Nursing Hospital on Sept. 27, to Lila and Les—a son (Lawrence Raymond). Both well.

THOMAS (Judd).—At Swan Hill on Sept. 8, to Holley and Rowland—a son (Darryl William). A brother for Malcolm.

TILLEY (nee Ruth Thomas).—On Oct. 2, at the Memorial Hospital, Bordertown, S.A., to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Tilley—a son (William Alfred).

## MARRIAGE

BROWN-MOHR.—On Sept. 28, 1946, at Epping Church of Christ, by R. Greenhalgh, Hilda, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Mohr, of Loftus Park, to Glen S., preacher of church at Grafton, and eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Brown, of North Sydney, late of Wagga, N.S.W.

## IN MEMORIAM

BROWN.—Treasured memories of my beloved husband and our dear father, Walter Brown, whom God called home Oct. 24, 1939. Ever remembered.  
—Inserted by his loving wife and family, Moreland.

BROWN, Walter.—At Moreland, on Oct. 24, 1939, the dearly beloved father of Harold (dec.), Will, Ruby, Myrtle (dec.), Alma, Dorrie and Ivy.

"Not only to-day, but every day,

In silence we remember."

One of God's greatest gentlemen.

BURROWS.—In affectionate memory of my dear wife, Louisa Chambers, who at Surrey Hills, fell asleep in Jesus on Oct. 22, 1934.

Memories.

—T. W. Burrows, Bon Beach.

ELLIOTT.—In loving memory of Frederick G. Elliott, who passed away on Oct. 26, 1933; also his dear wife, Emily E. Elliott, who passed away on Oct. 23, 1941.

Many a lonely heartache,

Many a silent tea,

But always beautiful memories

Of the two we loved so dear.

Though death doth hide, it cannot divide,

We will meet them again at the Saviour's side.

—Inserted by their loving son Jack, daughter-in-law Jean, and grand-daughter Nita.

LEGG.—In loving memory of my dear wife, Nellie Alice, who fell asleep in Christ, Oct. 22, 1941.

On that bright and golden morning when the Son of man shall come,

And the radiance of his glory we shall see,

When from every clime and nation he shall call his people home,

What a gathering of the ransomed that will be.

## COMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 1.—Women's Conference Executive Council will meet in Swanston-st. lecture hall at 2 p.m. Leader of devotions, Mrs. C. Cole. Speaker, Mr. B. J. Combridge; subject, "Home Missions."

## BROADCAST SERVICE

Subiaco Sunday school anniversary, 7.30 p.m. (Perth time), Oct. 27, through A.B.C. Preacher, R. Raymond.

## LYGON ST. NEW CENTURY BIBLE CLASS.

Leader: C. G. Taylor, B.A.

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Cities and Saints

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Sunday, Oct. 27.—Epaphroditus—the Daring Delegate.

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## Victorian News—Continued

**Mitcham.**—On Oct. 5 a social evening was held to receive gifts for fancy goods stall of Eastern District fete. Offering for College of the Bible amounted to £5/7/-. Two members attended Federal Conference. Church attendance is same as usual. Sunday school is practising for anniversary.

**Chelsea.**—M. Williams, an exit student from college, who commenced ministry on Sept. 23, has been warmly received, his messages being appreciated. On Oct. 5, about 70 young people of South Suburban Young People's Fellowship, held a "squash" in chapel to help church form a fellowship of like nature.

**Branswick.**—Meetings have been fairly well attended. Address by C. Watson at morning service was appreciated. On Oct. 13 Mr. Scandiett, of Congregational church, spoke at morning service. Mrs. Elliott and Mrs. Donaldson were present after long illnesses. Mention was made of passing of Mrs. Bodley and Mrs. Phyllis Crutchfield. Preparations have been made for 64th anniversary of the church.

**Emerald.**—On Oct. 6 R. Bolduan took all services, his "home-coming" being thoroughly enjoyed. At annual meeting Miss E. Daff and V. Hamilton were re-elected to official board, other appointments being held over for month. Proposal to join in with East Emerald church was rejected. Financial statement showed a cash balance of £505, cost of hearing aids installed and piano being £105. A manse is in course of erection. Membership has been more than doubled in last three years.

**Reservoir.**—Bible school anniversary meetings were held on Oct. 6 and 13. There were excellent attendances at services. Children, under leadership of G. Hing, sang well, being ably assisted by an orchestra. Speakers were: on 6th, R. Burns, afternoon, and J. Burns, evening; 13th, C. J. Robinson, afternoon, F. B. Alcorn, evening. Church officers and ladies provided a banquet for players and officials of cricket club on Oct. 2. A most enjoyable time was had by all, and trophies won during last season were presented.

**Ascot Vale.**—Mr. and Mrs. Burt were delegates to Adelaide conference. Mr. Manalick took services for day, also prayer meeting. Auxiliaries of church organised a tea for men of church; about 30 sat to tea. Mr. Lee, of Thornbury, addressed men. Mr. Holloway was speaker at night. Mrs. Hendry is very ill. Annual church business meeting was held when following officers were elected: Messrs. Moncur, Petrie, Alpine, Green, Burt, Gumley and Brown, deaconesses being Mrs. Young, Mrs. Burt, Mrs. Rose, Mrs. McCallum. Church financial position was reported as being very sound.

**Sunshine.**—Sunday school anniversary services were held on Sept. 29 and Oct. 6. Singing by school under leadership of J. P. Wright was of high standard. On Sept. 29, at 3 p.m., H. A. Hunt, from St. Kilda, was speaker, and in the evening at 7 p.m., T. Morgan, from Box Hill. A reunion tea was held after afternoon service; old scholars and friends shared in fellowship. Mr. Morgan is a past minister of church. On Oct. 6 H. Small, of local Methodist church, addressed school in afternoon, and in evening A. G. Bennett. Mr. Bennett is nearing close of his fourth year of ministry to church, during which time he has rendered faithful service; it was with regret that church announced conclusion of his ministry to take effect next month.

**Caulfield (Bambra-rd.).**—Work generally is going along nicely; interest and attendances are well maintained under leadership and teaching of R. L. Williams. 159 communed last Sunday. Since last report church has appreciated helpful messages by Messrs. Rogers-Wilson, C. R. Burdeu and A. McDiarmid. £25 has been contributed to Social Service Department to endow a bed at proposed hos-

pital as a memorial to the life and ministry of the late H. M. Clipstone. Social service offering reached £22; College of the Bible offering, £17. Miss Amy Keillor has resigned as J.C.E. superintendent to commence training at Bethesda Hospital. Miss Marjorie Buckingham has been appointed J.C.E. superintendent. John Atasayam gave an inspiring address to Men's Fellowship. A. McDiarmid's helpful address to youth fellowship was appreciated. Bible school excelled in examinations, having gained prizes, honors and certificates.

**Camberwell.**—Thirtieth annual meeting held on Oct. 8, revealed a satisfactory year's work. Reports indicated that the church has endeavored to maintain a strong witness. Appreciation was expressed to W. F. Nankivell for his ministry and leadership. Members have been helped by his loyal visitation. B. F. Huntsman, church secretary, and E. Peters, Bible school superintendent, have resigned. Both have rendered long and devoted service. W. J. Read, who served churches in W.A., has been appointed secretary. A. W. Stephenson has been elected an elder. Many members have shared in brotherhood enterprises, and church has liberally supported financial appeals, £277, 25 per cent. of income, being contributed. Mutual fund scheme has enabled church to finance, free of interest, church and manse debt, amounting to £2300. Men's Fellowship, a new feature of work, is showing great promise, 28 being present at last meeting. F. R. Ryall is president. On Oct. 13, 110 communed, and at gospel service Ian McNally made the good confession.

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## WHAT THE CHILDREN PLANNED.

Jack, Jean and little Ken planned to build a play-hut.

Jack said: "We'll build the hut against this fence, but we must first clear away these little stones. Then we'll use some big stones for a wall and bark strips for a roof."

Jean: "When the ground is clear I'll fetch some of the big stones the men left in the yard."

Ken: "And I'll bring the strips of bark lying outside the fence."

So they all worked together, keeping to the plan, and a fine play-hut was built. After a play-time in the hut, the children heard mother call, "Come, children, it's tea-time!" So they went into the house.

At tea-time they told mother and father about their plan and their work.

Mother: "It is splendid to have a good plan of work, and then work out your plan in the right way."

Father: "When people disobeyed God our heavenly Father, he planned to send his Son, the Lord Jesus, to show them his love and to save them from their wrong thoughts and ways that kept them from being his loving, obedient children."

Jack: "How did God carry out his plan, father?"

Father: "God had workers who worked with him by helping to get people ready for the coming of the Lord Jesus."

Jean: "Can we hear about the workers, father, please?"

Father: "Yes, Jean. We will have four stories about them. This evening I'll tell you about one of them. Other evenings I'll tell you about the other workers."



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## WHAT THE CHILDREN DID.

Father's story was finished. Sleepy little Ken had been put to bed. Jack and Jean knelt at mother's knee to say their prayers. And they prayed, "Dear heavenly Father, thank you for planning to send Jesus to make us happy and to help us to be good. Help us to be workers for you, showing our love by doing things that please you, and that help people to know about your love for them. Amen."

## WHAT WE MAY DO!

Draw a picture from the story. Plan and do something to make a little playmate happy. Learn and say the prayer in this folder.

# Obituary

## Mrs. Lydia Moyle

THE home-call came on Sept. 4, at the age of 74 years, to Mrs. Lydia Moyle, a loved worker in the church of her Master. Baptised 39 years ago by Mr. Rankine at Norwood chapel, S.A., she subsequently transferred to the one-time Kensington Park church, and later to the cause now meeting at Beulah-rd. Although prevented in her latter years from attending services, she always showed her interest and regularly sent her offerings. She also maintained her charitable work, the testimony of her medical attendant being, "She has just worked herself out." From its inception Mrs. Moyle was closely associated with the Protestant Children's Home, Morialta, and she held high office in the Loyal Orange Lodge. Her laying to rest in West Terrace Cemetery was honored with 29 floral tributes. Mr. Moyle and his two sons are much comforted by her Christian faith, life and hope, the thought of which will also be cherished in the church which she loved. "She hath done what she could." "Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things; I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."—C.B.C.

## Mrs. Beryl Ann Wilson

A GREAT loss has been sustained by the church at Mayfield, N.S.W., and by churches of the Newcastle district, in the passing after a long illness of Mrs. Beryl Ann Wilson, wife of R. M. Wilson, vice-president of New South Wales conference and preacher of church at Mayfield. The late Mrs. Wilson was born at Ipswich, Qld., and came into fellowship with the church of Christ there at an early age. Taking an active interest in all as-

pects of work, she used her gifts and talents in Bible school, the Junior Christian Endeavor, and as church organist. After her marriage ten years ago, she came, with her husband, to the Newcastle district and, until laid aside by illness, gave unstinting service in the work. Throughout her long illness, and especially during the seven months she spent in Waratah hospital, her innate cheerfulness and deep-seated faith in God, together with a keen sympathy in the cares and concerns of others, combined in an effective witness, leaving behind a fragrant and radiant memory.

Services were conducted in the Mayfield chapel and at the Sandgate Cemetery by the conference president (Mr. MacLean), assisted by Newcastle and Sydney preachers. The large congregation and the mass of floral tributes gave evidence of the place Mrs. Wilson had won in the esteem and regard of all who knew her. To her sorrowing husband, to Dal and Max, and all relatives we express our sincerest sympathy.—S.W.V.

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Fears of life's many ills are faced. Thus, James Reid: "The world will only be set right by men who value principles above possessions, who are detached enough from the treasures of earth to be undeterred from righteousness by the pistol point of life's ills. The man who has accepted Christ's values is free. There are troubles he discounts at the very start. There are events which never cause him a tremor of fear. He has not staked his life on possessions, or position, or popularity, or any of these shifting foundations. He has sunk the base of his life down to the solid rock. He wants what Christ wants, and sees that that is best. What care we give ourselves by pinning our life's success to the little things instead of the big things, to the accidents instead of the essentials."

Fears of death are faced. Thus, W. E. Sangster: "On June 5, 1910, O. Henry, the famous short story writer, lay dying. As the shades of death gathered about him, he said to the nurse, 'Nurse, bring me a candle.' 'A candle?' she said. 'Why do you want a candle?' 'Because,' he answered grimly, 'I'm afraid to go home in the dark.' Many people dread the path that leads out of this earthly life because it seems all dark. . . . Most of us know that when we came into this world we were not unexpected and we were not unwelcome. Loving hands had made joyous preparation for our coming and warm arms held us tenderly against a warm bosom. Will our heavenly Father be less kind to us than our earthly mother? Is the love and hospitality of this poor earth more cordial than the raptured greetings of heaven?"

To some extent fears are faced and found friendly. Thus Leslie D. Weatherhead: "For most civilised people the fear of punishment by the law is not operative because they have been so broken in that they are not tempted to transgress the law, but still the fear of failure, and above all the fear of ridicule, the fear of being hurt, the fear of being unpopular, and the fear of being poor all play their part in determining human action. We may say that this is not a high motive, and that is true, but fear is a school master who keeps us in order until we graduate and pass beyond the need of its friendly restraints. . . . The fear of hell, perhaps mistaken, has been of service to many in the lower forms of the school of life. We need not deny that fear is the name of one of God's most useful servants, even though we realise that the name of the Master is Love. It was a very wise man who wrote, 'The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.'"

Some years ago, before World War II, Dr. Elwood Wooster declared: "There are more fears and apprehensions and grave depressions in the world to-day than I have seen in a quarter of a century." Without doubt there is vast scope for the fear conquering ministry of the Christian church. We must fulfil that ministry or life will see a multiplying of the leagues of frightened men.—G. J. Andrews.

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