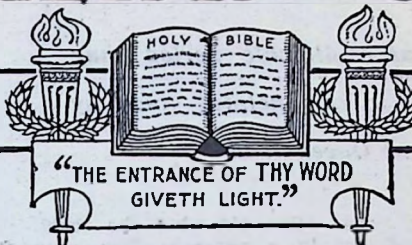


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## THE BIBLE AND UNION

THE pioneers of the Restoration Movement did not start off with saying, "You believe what we believe and the problem of Christian unity is solved." They were not as naive as that. They did ask, however, for the recognition of vital Christian principles as a base from which to proceed and make the advance. They did urge that the right of private judgment for each person be respected. That is an essential Protestant principle. It points back to the right of each man to be free to act and to speak freely. This principle, arising out of the Reformation in all its fulness, is precious. For its rights men have suffered and died. At the Paris Peace Conference, Dr. Evatt fought for this Protestant principle by demanding respect for the private judgment of small and large nations. It stands over against totalitarianism whether it be in a modern State or in a Roman Catholic church. If there is to be a united church, it must not be so top heavy and so over organised that it will crush the rights and judgments of the private individual. There must be liberty in the united church, otherwise it would not be the church. One is sometimes fearful lest the method of approach by some to this problem of unity is along the line leading to totalitarianism within the church. If we go that way then the last state will be worse than the first. Let the cry be unity in freedom!

### THE BIBLE AND UNITY

Private judgment cannot proceed along the road unaided. Those who put their trust only in reason after the awakening of the Reformation were tempted to go the way of human speculation; some ended in the parched and desolate desert of free thought and rationalism. Private judgment must be harnessed to the scriptures. Whether our judgments are right or wrong must be determined not by any man or group of men in some self-appointed place of authority, but by an appeal to the scriptures. Not to the creeds but to the word of God we must turn

and make the appeal. It was Chillingworth who made that famous Protestant statement, "The Bible and the Bible alone is the religion of Protestants." Thomas Campbell wrote, "We are of opinion that as the divine word is equally binding upon all, so all lie under an equal obligation to be bound by it, and it alone." No man has a right to judge his brother; he can



Bishop Berggrav.

only show the erring that he has departed from the truth of the scripture. The word of God must be the final judge. The whole problem of Christian unity is bound up, then, with the authority of scripture. There can be no church union that Christ desired if the word of God is neglected by the church and the members. One of the great tragedies of the modern period is this neglect of Bible truth. Because people do not read and study their scriptures they do not know Christ well, and they fail to appreciate what is his will and what he requires them to do. So long as the Bible is so neglected the church will remain divided. Ignorance will perpetuate erroneous doctrines and practices, and people will continue to be satisfied with customs not according to the will of God. Christian unity will come when there is a revival in the reading

and studying of God's word. How can we come to know Christ if we neglect or reject the scriptures? Emil Brunner says, "There is no Christ for us apart from the New Testament. It is in the scriptures alone that God gives us his Son, through the Holy Spirit." "Our access to him is through the book, through the witness of the eye witnesses who are also those to whom by special grace God has given to know him best." It may be that we, like others, may have to go through some Gethsemane to find the power of God's word. That was what Bishop Berggrav found when he was imprisoned. Held under the watch of four soldiers, the bishop found comfort in the reading of the Greek New Testament and the Norwegian Bible. Then, in that prison, the Word became real and personal. It became, he said, the hand of God. He used this new found knowledge and power when speaking to the prison guards. One by one they yielded to the grip it laid upon their heart. The four men were converted. Another guard was set over the prisoner. Again he told of this word of God, and again these yielded. To that student of the word the Bible became not just an interesting book but more—the hand of God. If there is one hand capable of bringing the scattered forces of church into unity it is the hand of God. Until the church is willing to allow this Hand move in its midst, until the word of God is read and heeded, division must remain. If the Bible is to be, as Campbell says it must be, the judge, then the church must not treat it as some idol, keeping it for special occasions, but must come to know it as the word and hand of God.

### THE BIBLE AND REASON

Some will say, "But if you allow private interpretation of the Bible to prevail in the church, then you will have each man exalting his own pet theory and there will be confusion." To that state of affairs

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# Encouragement at a Critical Time

*How a shining deed or kind word at a difficult period may  
lighten someone's burden is shown in this helpful study by*

*P. C. D. Alcorn, B.A., of Queensland.*

THE gospel narratives tell us not only what Jesus did to help the world, but what people did to help him. In Mark 14: 3-9 we have the beautiful story of Mary anointing Jesus before his crucifixion. Mary's action on this occasion became an imperishable monument to her love and devotion. Her gift was outstanding because it was

## Extravagant

Simon, the leper, gave the feast; Martha served it. Lazarus and Jesus and his disciples were there as guests. Mary, being a



An Act of Love.

woman, would not even be a guest at the supper. But Mary had to express her gratitude, and the only way she could do it was by a gift. She stole away, and taking her most precious possession—an alabaster box of ointment—in gratitude and love poured it

over Jesus. She did what she could. She poured out in a generous flow of perfume the fullness of her heart. The disciples were indignant, and so small are our hearts that perhaps we would have shared their indignation had we been there; but Jesus, whose loving insight could appreciate goodness wherever it manifested itself, rebuked the disciples and commended Mary in words that enshrine her deed with a glory that will never die. "Verily I say unto you, wheresoever the gospel is preached throughout the world, that also which this woman hath done shall be spoken of as a memorial of her." "Kind deeds will never die."

We may suggest that Jesus appreciated Mary's act because she did it at a critical time. Hers was a shining deed because it was

## Courageous

On that day "the chief priests and scribes sought how they might take him by craft and put him to death." What nervous tensions Mary would have to overcome to perform her act. The religious leaders were opposed to Jesus. The men sitting by would be critical. It was known that if anyone confessed Jesus he would be put out of the synagogue. But Mary dared to honor him. Across the dark background of that tragic week her deed shines like a beam of heavenly light. Her action illumined the sorrowful way that led to Joseph's tomb; so does a word of commendation in the midst of condemnation; so does a spiritual contribution when all things sacred are being profaned; so does an heroic stand when fainting hearts

would fall away. Life's pilgrimage has been lit by those who have done the high, the holy, the heroic deed in critical days.

But what most of all made the gift appreciated was the fact that it was

## Opportune

She did her beautiful deed before it was too late. Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus came with sweet spices to pay their honors to Jesus after his crucifixion. They had been secret disciples and paid their honors after Jesus had died. But Mary anointed Jesus beforehand. She honored Jesus while he lived.

In the days when it was the custom for wealthy men to assist struggling writers, Samuel Johnson applied to the Earl of Chesterfield for help. The Earl refused. But when success came to Johnson he was then only too eager to show his patronage. But Johnson replied in words that teach a lesson, "The notice which you have been pleased to take of my labors had it been early it had been kind, but it has been delayed till I am indifferent and cannot enjoy it, till I am solitary and cannot impart it, till I am known and do not want it."

How often we let our fellowmen struggle on without a word of helpfulness and cheer! Many a preacher, many a mother, many a student, many a worker struggles on with breaking heart because we take their labors for granted, and without an expression of appreciation. Like Elijah, they faint because the seven thousand fail to give the necessary support where and when it is most needed. "Have you had a kindness shown? Pass it on" ere it is too late. Many a plant would have grown into a flourishing tree had someone supplied a generous flow of water at a critical time. The generous gift, the courageous act, a word in season, will strengthen the cause of Christ as we journey forth to redeem the world.

## OFFICIAL RECOGNITION

THE following telegram is from Maston Bell, secretary of Federal Aborigines Board of churches of Christ:

"Federal Aborigines Missions Board announces with great pleasure our mission at Carnarvon now officially recognised. This is the Lord's victory over vested interest. It entitles us to child endowment, to full assistance from Native Affairs Department, and many other advantages. It completely justifies the gigantic and courageous effort of Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Hammer. It challenges the Australian brotherhood to speedily and effectively equip the mission with buildings and facilities worthy of our splendid opportunity in the native cause."

## SUNDAY CHRISTIAN OBSERVANCE COUNCIL

THE Melbourne Sunday Christian Observance Council has published an attractive and informative six-page folder embodying a series of resolutions adopted at its October meeting, together with a copy of the correspondence which recently passed between the council and the Commonwealth Rationing Commission on the subject of the Sunday issue of new ration books, which is to take place next month. In addition, the folder quotes appropriate opinions from recognised public authorities on Sunday observance and its implications. A free copy of the publication may be obtained upon application to Mr. W. Gordon Sprigg, honorary organising secretary, Sunday Christian Observance Council, P.O. Box No. 1852N, G.P.O., Melbourne, C.I.

## REMEMBERING OUR LORD

# The Blessings of Communion

WHEN Paul asked the question in 1 Cor. 10: 16, "The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not a communion of the blood of Christ?" he made it clear he expected the answer to be a definite—yes. By partaking of the communion cup we have fellowship with the blood of Christ.

There is a deep meaning in the word *communion*. Note how alike in appearance it is to the dynamic word *communism*. Communism has been used to describe a way of life in which it is urged that all the material wealth of a community ought to be shared. It is a word being used to declare that life consists in nothing more than material things. But the things most precious to men are not material. For freedom, truth and justice men have given up the fruits of materialism and have died for a spiritual cause. The way of life described by the term communism is too superficial; it does not go deep enough

into life to set out clearly all that men need so as to be content. We require a word suggesting a way of life that not only aims at satisfying the material needs of man, but also meets his spiritual demands.

This word "communion" is found in the "Acts of the Apostles," and it explains how the early Christians shared their wealth with the needy. By so doing they revealed the love existing within the Christian fellowship. But the word also sets out a more significant fellowship. That newly-formed community in Christ—the church of Christ—was created by the saving power of the cross. Now the strength of the church is to be found in Christ who shed his blood. Communion in the Lord's Supper has always been regarded as the central act of Christian worship. In this service worshippers enjoy communion, or fellowship, with the blood, symbolised by the fruit of the vine. The Lord's Supper is, then, more than a service of remembrance; it is a communion with the crucified Saviour. Here in such a service we touch and handle things unseen; here the deeper meaning of communion is found.



# N.S.W. Discusses Evangelism

*Ethelbert Davis, our correspondent, refers to need of church manse and to a successful half-yearly conference.*

THE half-yearly conference of churches of Christ in New South Wales was held at Bowral on Saturday, Oct. 12. It was one of the best conferences yet held. Two special motor trains were placed at our disposal to convey the delegates from Sydney. Groups of delegates also came from Wollongong and Newcastle. The conference was held in the Church of England hall, kindly loaned for the occasion.

There were afternoon and evening sessions, attended by over 250 people. The conference theme was "Evangelism." The speakers were from the Woolwich college. At the afternoon session H. J. Patterson, principal, and N. Flint, student, spoke; at evening session the speakers were A. W. Ladbroke, lecturer, and J. A. Luff, student. An open-air witness before the evening meeting drew a large crowd. Tea was served by the ladies of the Bowral church, two halls having to be secured to accommodate the visitors. The conference was certainly a help to the newly-formed church in that town.

## The Church Manse

A number of our Sydney preachers have been laboring under difficulties because of the lack of housing accommodation. Two churches will soon have overcome the difficulty. The church at Bankstown decided to erect a building, which is now nearing completion, and will soon be occupied by the preacher, A. Hallop. The church at Lidcombe on Saturday, Nov. 2, as part of its 63rd anniversary celebrations, laid the foundation stone of a manse for its preacher, Arthur Baker. Other of our churches are planning along similar lines.

## Movement of Preachers

Mr. A. C. MacLean has been welcomed to the leadership of the church at Epping. W. J. Crossman commenced his ministry at the City Temple on Sunday, Nov. 10. His experience

as a chaplain will no doubt serve him well in connection with that city work. Chas. Latimer, a graduate of the Woolwich college, who has been preaching at Canley Vale for the past year, has been invited to become the first resident preacher with the Bowral church, and will commence his ministry early in December. R. K. Rapkins has accepted a call to Seven Hills with a view to entering many of the rural centres around. The church is to be congratulated on its faith and vision.

## Congregational Assembly

The annual meetings of the churches get little notice by the press these days. At the annual assembly the president of the Congregational Union, W. Clair Palmer, was reported as saying that "If there should come again to this earth the implacable fury of war, it will not be because the problems of this day are too complex for God to solve, but because we dared not follow him. We are being forced by the trend of events to realise the eternal values of elemental things like truth, honor, sacrifice and service. We must not forget that the reality of judgment and retribution is still true, though obscured by a rosy optimism which degrades God to the level of the fondest and most foolish of earthly parents." The assembly was told that there was an acute shortage of ministers, and it was suggested that the possibility of securing recruits from overseas should be explored.

## Council of Churches

For some years the Anglican Church has not been represented on the Council of Churches in this city. We learn from the Sydney press that the Sydney diocese of the Anglican Church has again become a member of the Council of Churches. The basis of representation was one of the questions affecting former relationships; that has now been adjusted and the council has been strengthened by the return of that church.

# British Brotherhood and Baptists

DURING the past few years conversations have been held at infrequent intervals between representatives of the Baptist Union and representatives of churches of Christ, in the interests of growing friendship and understanding. At the most recent meeting, Dr. Townsend, principal of Manchester College, took the place of the late Dr. Wheeler Robinson. Dr. A. C. Watters, who is recovering from a serious operation, was unable to be present. It was agreed that each group should report back to its appointing body that "open membership" was an obstacle to any real union, and that there seemed no way of overcoming this obstacle. A statement of agreements and differences is also to be presented. It was agreed that the conversations should continue to be held. The witness of Baptists and churches of Christ had already been effective in defeating a proposal made by the Free Church Federal Council for "interchangability of membership" among Free Churches, because from the point of view of Baptists and churches of Christ, it was impossible. Of the ten representatives of the two bodies three are college principals, and these have been asked to prepare a statement on the subject of "baptism in recent

*G. J. Hammond reports on the reaction of churches to "open membership" problem, and to the centenary of William Jones.*

theological writings." This is to be submitted to the next meeting and if approved, will be issued by the two publishing houses.

## Cause Revived

The church at Armadale, Scotland, has been re-opened. Closed before the war owing to decreasing membership, the premises were requisitioned by the military authorities. Now, renovated and refurnished, services are being held again. The Scottish Evangelist Committee came to the help of the local brethren, and the first meetings to be held were sessions of the Scottish conference. G. E. Barr and J. L. Colver gave addresses. Contingents were present from Glasgow, Edinburgh, Fife, and Slamanan district churches.

## Unique Anniversaries

Joint commemorative services of Scotch Baptists and ourselves were held at Chester re-

cently, the occasion being the centenary of the death of William Jones, M.A. (1762-1846), who first made known to British churches the writings of Alexander Campbell. Speakers included J. Idwal Jones, headmaster of the Modern School, Rhos; A. L. Brown, H.M. secretary; and J. Rhosyod Williams, our only Welsh-speaking evangelist. William Jones was a great scholar and preacher, and both the Scotch Baptists and ourselves are indebted to him.

The church at Grange-rd. West, Birkenhead, formerly known as Alvanley-place, celebrated its diamond jubilee at the beginning of October. A week of special services was planned, the speakers including H. B. Roberts, former minister; W. Mander, Leicester; A. L. Brown, H.M. secretary; and local ministers, Anglican and Free Church.

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some would prefer the approach of the Church of Rome requiring that interpretation be left with the church. Such an attitude, however, would bring us back to something like totalitarianism, and that is what we want to avoid. How can we steer through this Scylla and Charybdis? How can we escape the horns of that dilemma? Now Campbell had great faith in the inherent qualities of human reason. He believed that you have the power to reason and John Brown has that same power, and, in fact, we all have it. He believed that not only are we free beings, but we are also rational beings. Now the united church must, as we have seen, recognise our freedom of judgment; and it must also give recognition to our powers of reason. It is just here we find the uniting element in the interpretation of the Bible.

Just as all can add two and two together and make it four, so we find you agree with us when we say, "All men are mortal; John Brown is a man, therefore John Brown is mortal." When we make a judgment that is rational, we are united. Your rational mind and ours are one when they work on the same evidence and act rationally. Some have tried to turn this principle into a "common mind" and make a kind of creed out of it. We doubt now whether that is the meaning of Campbell's statement. If we act rationally we shall come to a common agreement, but the authority of the united church must be in the final analysis as Prof. Kershner has said, "revelation interpreted by reason." If we act freely and use our private judgment to grasp the meaning of scripture and do so rationally and you do the same, then we shall find agreement upon the great truths of the Bible. Where there is not sufficient evidence in the scripture to make a rational judgment binding on both, we shall respect, then, one another's opinion. There will be unity in essentials and in opinions liberty.

Just as the Lord believed in man and trusted him, so the united church must have the highest opinion of man. The united church must make the revelation of God in the Bible the great authority. By use of logical reasoning the truth of scripture must be found and followed faithfully. By such means we shall come into the unity of the church of Christ.

"Head-knowledge is our own, and can polish only the outside; heart-knowledge is the Spirit's work, and makes all glorious within." —Thomas Adams.

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# A Visit to India

## FEDERAL F.M. SECRETARY REACHES DHOND

Dhond, Poonā District,  
India, 31.10.46.

HERE I am at Dhond. I had expected to go via Madras and then overland by rail. A coolie strike at Colombo upset all calculations and the harbor was full of ships, which meant that we would have had a long wait, as the "Madura" had 4000 tons to unload. Even prior to knowledge of strike the estimated stay at Colombo was a week. With a fellow passenger who was making for Bombay, we decided to leave the ship at Colombo and make our way by rail first to Madras and thence to this area—a four days' journey and very tedious, I believe. However, when we got to Colombo Cooks', to whom we had radioed for train reservations, informed us that normal train running would not be till Monday (then Saturday), and up till then the ferry had not been running from the island to the mainland. It really seemed like a stalemate.

Unexpectedly we learned that a large troopship expected at Colombo at 10 a.m. Saturday would discharge 15,000 Ceylon troops, and embark an equal number of Tommies at Bombay. The agent for the B.I. line was on the "Madura," and the B.I. were the

The food boxes sent from Australia have been appreciated more than we can imagine, and have actually meant the difference between real shortage and insufficient food-stuffs and sufficient to cover their needs. It would be a good thing still to suggest that individuals or societies send food parcels to missionaries. This would help them to keep their larders up for a while, and help them to tide over for visitors when they come. At a place like Dhond visitors are many and this eats into the stores of the missionaries.

I had a good trip to Colombo, a more than pleasant trip to Bombay on the large ship; and though I had to make my own way from Bombay I had no trouble. My telegram not arriving meant that I had to make my way from the station at 4 a.m. and give Mrs. Oldfield a pleasant surprise.—A. Anderson.

## WELCOME TO MRS. G. WATERMAN

ON Monday, Nov. 11, 8 p.m., in Gardiner chapel, a large and representative gathering assembled to honor Mrs. G. Waterman, missionary from New Hebrides.

R. L. Williams, chairman of Victorian Overseas Committee, presided, and W. Nankivell, of Camberwell, opened the meeting with prayer.

The chairman welcomed representatives from suburban churches, their presence manifesting the spirit of brotherhood, and their love and esteem for Mrs. Waterman, home on her first furlough from Pacific Islands.

Postponement of the welcome owing to recent transport strike meant absence of many friends, including conference president, B. J. Combridge. Principal E. L. Williams voiced the welcome of the brotherhood and thanked Mrs. Waterman for her service overseas; he also represented the College of the Bible.



Street Scene, Dhond, India.

agents for this troopship "Queen of Bermuda," 24,000 tons, with a speed of 23 knots full out. Her usual speed was about 450 miles a day. I asked re possibility of a berth, and secured one. Thus all I had to do was to put luggage over side into a launch and run over to the other ship—a matter of minutes—and she sailed direct to Bombay that night. The "Madura" is still at Colombo, but I arrived here at Dhond on Wednesday at 3.30 a.m.

Dr. Oldfield anticipated that I would not arrive till Wednesday, and he left on Tuesday for Bombay to meet me. He could not learn much about shipping movements, and was advised that the only possibility was a boat coming in to-day. Consequently he is anticipating my arrival to-day, and here I am. We have sent two telegrams and a trunk call message to him. We do not know whether he has received any of these messages.

Here at Dhond we have Miss Walker, Miss Taylor and Mrs. Oldfield. I have hardly had a look around yet, but will get about when Dr. Oldfield returns. The weather is very hot, and rain is badly needed, as things are dry and the situation serious. Grains are still heavily rationed. Bread is rationed to about half pound a day. It is rationed on a grain basis, rice, wheat, etc. In other words, if you use less than half pound of bread a day, any surplus grain units can be taken out as grain; otherwise you do without. Potatoes are almost unobtainable also, so the situation is not good. At the moment there are few signs of any let-up.

Women's Conference was represented by its president, Mrs. W. Nankivell, who extended loving and cordial welcome on behalf of all the women of the brotherhood, and in their name presented the guest with a bouquet of flowers.

Mrs. J. Turner, superintendent of Mission Bands, welcomed Mrs. Waterman as the other living link of the bands, and said they were happy to have their "very own" home again, and would express a hearty welcome in flowers.

The Federal Board and State Overseas Committee said, "Welcome home, and thanks for a splendid record of service," through J. E. Allan, State secretary, who referred to the unique record of Mrs. Waterman, the only missionary of the brotherhood to have served in two fields—China and New Hebrides.

R. C. Bolduan, preacher of Gardiner church, appreciated the privilege and opportunity of welcoming home such a beloved member of the congregation. Gardiner was happy to have Mrs. Waterman in their midst again.

The Hartwell preacher, C. Robinson, conveyed the welcome of the youth of the churches, especially the C.E. societies, who are so interested in the Island work.

Sustained applause greeted Mrs. Waterman as she rose to respond. In appropriate words and bright style she thanked the speakers for kindly reference to her work and their loving welcome home, making special mention of her long association with the women, and her joy of being a living link of the mission bands. Her informative and graphic description of the various aspects of work, particularly her own work among the women and children, created great interest.

Splendid musical items by Miss Iris Atkins, soloist, and R. Geyer's quartette party, were appreciated. Miss Sheehan presided at the organ.

R. J. Sandells, ex-missionary in New Hebrides, closed the meeting with prayer and the benediction.

Gardiner ladies invited the congregation to be their guests, and a delightful supper was served in the school hall.

## Our Young People

THE Victorian camp site at Monbulk is making steady progress. The credit goes to a small group of men who have put their hands to the plough, slasher, pick, shovel, rotary hoe, barrow, hammer, chisel and saw. Owners of cars and trucks have been most liberal on transport facilities. The Victorian Church Men's Societies have accepted the camp site as their present target.

### Gifts of Manpower

Stan and Les Allison, supported by Thornbury young men, have installed an electric light system. C. Waters, J. Pye, W. Johnston, J. Scott, P. Emmerson, G. Ogden and the men of Bayswater have given yeomen service on excavation. Essendon men provided labor and most of material for engine room.

### What Men Can Do

Men with a will to work have within one month shifted tons of earth, built an engine room 10 ft. x 8 ft., installed engine and generator, placed permanent electrical installations in two large huts and four rooms in girls' dormitories and at various outdoor points.

### What Men Propose to Do

The Victorian Young People's Department has secured the officers' mess at Cressy aerodrome, 120 miles from the camp site. The department issued a challenge for men

to leave Melbourne at midnight, Friday, Nov. 15, and at dawn Saturday, Nov. 16, commence the demolition of the building 112 ft. x 29 ft. The department is seeking the help of truck owners, and by this means transport much of the lighter material. Next issue will tell the story of this enterprise.

When demolition is complete erection will commence immediately. Teams of willing and capable men will be required each Saturday until Christmas. To expedite transport a van will leave from Gas Company building, Flinders-st., each Saturday at 7 a.m., and picking up men from Eastern suburbs en route. The men of the churches are also encouraged to initiate their transport.

### What a Chance!

Come on, men, let us prove to ourselves and to the world that Christian men can league together and spend themselves in the cause of Christ. This is a peace-time task. We dare not falter. There is joy in achievement. Those who contribute to the re-erection of the hall during the next five weeks will know that thrill to the full.—W.R.H.

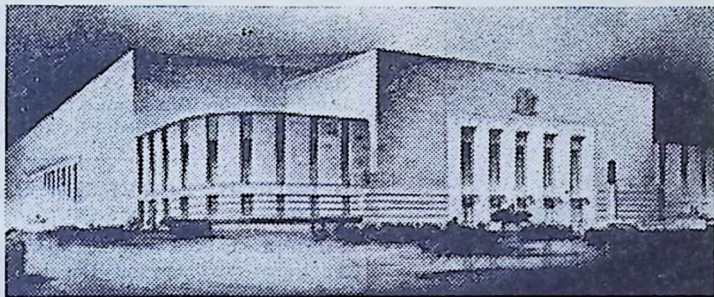


# Buffalo

## CITY OF THE WORLD CONVENTION, 1947

THE choice of Buffalo as World Convention city appears to be an excellent one, particularly in view of the fact that Toronto was the original choice. By the gracious invitation of the Buffalo churches, the convention will be held in the American city nearest to Toronto. Thus the disappointment to the Canadian churches will be minimised. Geographically the choice is good. Buffalo authorities claim their city to be the most accessible city on the North American Continent. More than half the population of the United States, and almost 70 per cent. of

fine hotels and its friendly atmosphere lead many organisations to select the city again and again for their conventions. It is estimated that fifty major conventions are held there annually, with some sixty thousand registered delegates. Buffalo's three million dollar Municipal Auditorium has been booked for our 1947 convention. This great building seats fifteen thousand persons in the main arena, and has eighteen committee and meeting rooms seating from twenty-five to two thousand persons each. The whole building is air-conditioned and scientifically lighted.



Buffalo Convention Hall.

Canadian population, live within 500 miles of Buffalo. New York, Washington, Chicago, Montreal and Boston are among the many great cities in a 500 mile radius.

### Beautiful for Situation

Situated on Lake Erie, at the source of the Niagara River, Buffalo is the focal point of a great historical and scenic area known as the Niagara frontier. It is estimated that the city is host each year to two million tourists. This university city is inviting to visitors of many tastes and inclinations, cultural, romantic and recreational. The whole district is alive with interesting things to see. The historic Peace Bridge is one of four which span the river bounding the States and Canada. World-renowned Niagara Falls are about twenty miles distant. The round trip 'bus fare to this amazing sight is about five shillings. Equally accessible from Buffalo are such delightful spots as Alleghany Park in the wooded hills at the border of New York and Pennsylvania States, Cattaraugus Indian Reservation, and Chataqua Lake, with its world-famous assembly grounds. Buffalo is the largest inland water port in the United States in value of water-borne commerce handled, with an average tonnage of twenty millions. Great Lakes Passenger Steamers carry nearly a million passengers annually in and out of the city. Buffalo with its four hundred and nineteen churches is declared to be among the first cities in the world in proportion of church membership to population.

### A Noted Convention City

Buffalo is recognised as the convention city of the East because of its central location to the heaviest populations of the United States and Canada. The city is equipped with every necessary facility for great gatherings of people. Its ideal summer climate, its many

### A City Close to the Brotherhood Heart

The great strength of our American brotherhood is in the middle and middle west States of the Union, and Buffalo is near to the heart of the brotherhood. Lexington and Transylvania College of the Bible are not far distant. Butler College and Indianapolis, a city of our churches, and Columbus, city of the last International Convention, lie nearby. St. Louis, with its churches having members running into thousands, Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and many other cities prominent in brotherhood interests, will all be within easy reach of the convention city. Australians who are fortunate enough to be at Buffalo, August 3 to 7 of next year, will get an inspiration for the years ahead. New Zealand, like Australia, has its World Convention Committee at work, and steamer space has been reserved for New Zealand and Commonwealth representatives. All Australians who have thoughts of going should get in touch early with the secretary of the committee, F. N. Lee, 430 St. Georges-rd., Thornbury, Victoria.—R. Enniss.

## Rocket Bombs and Aborigines

Chas. Schwab, of South Australia, reports on cathedral bells, drink and evening hours, Youth Week and movement of preachers.

DR. CHARLES DUGUID has gathered much support in his vigorous protest against certain areas in Australia being used for rocket bomb tests. The doctor is manifesting his usual interest in the welfare of the aborigines for which he is well known and appreciated. He is very anxious that the natives should not be subjected to dangers and fears calculated to be associated with the experiments.

### Cathedral Bells

Early next month a peal of bells will arrive from England for erection in the belfry of

St. Peter's Cathedral. The eight bells, which are a bequest, with fittings and frames, will weigh approximately eight tons. The cathedral occupies a delightful position overlooking well-kept park lands, and faces the city's main thoroughfare. Special architectural plans will house the bells in a manner calculated to carry the sound over the two large hospitals in the immediate vicinity. The chimes will be audible for some five or six miles. The bells will be pealed before morning and evening services on Sundays and on special national occasions. If the eight ringers be available, weddings will be heralded by music from the lofty belfry.

### Drink and Evening Hours

Dr. Trevor Turner, conference president, and Frank Lade, of South Australian Alliance, opposed alteration of liquor trading hours in a vigorous debate at the Town Meeting of the Air conducted by 5KA. They were matched against two advocates of evening trading hours for the special benefit of men and women not able to get drinks in comfort during the day. Dr. Turner and Frank Lade excelled in their handling of the theme. Their facts, logic and question answering powers were presented in an atmosphere of inspiring sincerity.

### Youth Week

Probably the greatest emphasis ever placed upon youth work in our city was given a few weeks ago. Rallies, banquets and field days were held. The Minister of Education (Mr. Rudall) and several other prominent men gave very constructive addresses which incorporated the leadership and membership of the various youth groups. G. R. Stirling, our State youth director, took a very prominent part in the proceedings.

### Preacher Changes

W. L. Ewers, seeking necessary relief from the more strenuous pastorate of Semaphore, goes to Victor Harbour for a brief interim ministry. S. E. Matthews, of Whyalla, has accepted a call to Semaphore. G. T. Fitzgerald will take over at Edwardstown-Colonel Light Gardens, and H. P. Manning will go to Mt. Compass. F. G. Banks transfers to Whyalla, and other changes are pending.

### DINNER AND DISCUSSION

THE dinner and discussion arranged by the Victorian Social Service Department in the lower Melbourne town hall on Nov. 7 proved to be one of the most successful yet held. Invitations had been issued to leading members of other religious bodies, but owing to the short notice given only few could accept. However, some very encouraging messages were received. The subject, "Can the church stop the next world war, now?" was introduced in the form of motions all of which were carried unanimously. An interim statement consisting of eight clauses had been circulated amongst those attending, which, as was expected, was unanimously endorsed. This provided a basis from which action was taken to widen the constituency of those holding anti-war views. The view was taken that war is sinful and as such must be condemned by Christians. The whole matter, however, was remitted to the Social Service Committee to confer with Professor Woodruff and A. M. Dickie, a Presbyterian minister, with a view to further action. It is intended, later, to submit the whole case to conferences and assemblies of the various religious bodies in the hope that the voice of the Protestant church shall be heard in the councils of the nations. The Social Service Committee believes that now is the time, if ever, to form a solid front by the Christian church to outlaw war. It is proposed to call a meeting of representatives of all the churches at the earliest possible date.—Will. H. Clay, secretary.



# Here and There

An offering of £35/18/3, received at the women's meeting of Federal conference, was given to the South Australian Christian Guest Home fund.

A. M. Bell, president of the W.A. conference, and F. Fewster, home mission secretary, have completed a 1000 mile home mission trip in the northern farming districts of W.A. Their visits to the brethren strengthened the work being done by B. Clapp.

C. Young concluded on Nov. 10 a successful interim ministry with church at Maryborough, Vic. During the eight months' service he contributed a great deal to the spiritual welfare of young and old. His pastoral work and addresses were much appreciated.

The annual report of Bethesda Hospital, Claremont, W.A., reveals very satisfactory progress. Total cash donations to June 30, 1946, reached £3732. W.A. churches are being requested to hold a yearly hospital Sunday to bring before members the need of assisting this ministry of healing.

During conference of Southern Bayside District Churches (Cheltenham, Parkdale, Chelsea, Frankston-Moorooduc, Red Hill, French Island) the young people present assembled to discuss formation of a district Youth Fellowship. A rally has been arranged for Saturday, Nov. 30, at which the fellowship will be constituted.

Dr. G. W. Buckner, editor of "World Call," reported to the recent Canadian Convention of Churches of Christ that there were 11 million orphans in the East to-day, 13 million children hungry and in some form of starvation, many children living in conditions which cannot be imagined; 71 millions were homeless, and in Slovakia 45 per cent. of the churches were destroyed. Of the 6½ million Jewish people before the war, 4 million were killed in concentration camps.

There was great excitement at the Waterman memorial camp site, Vic., on Saturday, Nov. 9, when the first test of engine and generator proved successful in lighting camp buildings and precincts. After months of detailed work on engine and generator by S. and L. Allison, construction of engine room by men of Essendon church and permanent installation of huts by Thornbury young men and friends, the above result was achieved. Much work yet remains to be completed.

The church at Ormond, Vic., has experienced a happy week in the tent. Services have been well attended, and K. A. Macnaughtan's addresses enjoyed. There had been three decisions to Friday. "Happy Hour" meetings for children are proving successful, attendances reaching over 100 after three nights. W. W. Saunders is doing a fine work with the children. The tent was filled for a children's and parents' meeting on Friday, and many contacts were made. Churches are supporting well with delegations.

At North Kensington Park (Beulah-rd.), S.A., large attendances were feature of winter months, and of Sunday school anniversary on Oct. 20 and 27. Children sang excellently under leadership of Mr. Penhall, supported by orchestra. Helpful addresses were given by L. Lush, D. Pike, L. Johnson and the preacher, C. B. Cartmel. Record offerings were received towards much-needed school building. Ladies' Guild labors hard for this cause. Picnic on Nov. 9 was held in church grounds in lieu of Morialta, owing to weather. On Nov. 2, Ray Hoffmann and Barbara Cowan were united in marriage. G. Simpson is able to take part in services, but has not yet been permitted to resume his employment.

The Y.M.C.A. Boys' Camp Committee, which has organised boys' camping for 39 years, has planned to accommodate 1000 boys in five camping periods extending from December 24 to February 3 at Camp Buxton, Shoreham. The

camp periods are December 24 to January 2 (seven days)—January 2 to January 9 (seven days)—January 9 to January 20 (eleven days)—January 20 to January 27 (seven days)—January 27 to February 3 (seven days). All periods excepting the first are open for school boys. The first period is especially for employed boys or senior school boys over 15 years. The full cost of one week's camp, including fares, is £1/19/6. An attractive camp folder is available from the Director of Boys' Work, Mr. J. V. Gray, Y.M.C.A., City-rd., South Melbourne, S.C.4. (MX2161.)



R. Greenhalgh,  
Youth Director for N.S.W., whose "Happy Hour" campaigns for young people have been very successful.

Seventy-five officials and delegates attended the annual general meeting of the Victorian Baptist and Churches of Christ Tennis Association held at the Christian Club, Melbourne, on Friday, Nov. 8. Highlights from the reports were that sixty-four teams from forty churches had taken part in the year's fixtures, the number of Baptist teams is steadily growing to make a co-operative movement in all four districts, and the association is continuing its vital interest in all forms of Baptist-church of Christ co-operation. General secretary, Mr. Trevor Howe, in his report advocated the establishment of Baptist-church of Christ district youth committees as one of the best ways in which the association could be bound up with a programme catering for both spiritual and physical needs. The following general officers were elected: General president, Dr. E. R. Killmier; general vice-presidents, Mr. W. E. Quirk and Dr. Stanley Whiteside; hon. general secretary, Mr. Norm White; organising secretary, Mr. Trevor Howe; general treasurer, Mr. A. L. Finger, A.F.I.A.; general match secretary, Mr. Albert Turnham; correspondence secretary, Miss Grace Waters.

Wilson-Greenhalgh mission commenced on Sept. 29 at Dubbo, N.S.W., with a well-attended meeting comprised of a large delegation from Gilgandra church, 40 miles distant, and several strangers from Dubbo. During past five weeks attendances have fluctuated; work has become increasingly difficult, and a degree of opposition is being faced. Some contacts made are becoming keenly interested in the work, and it is anticipated that some at least of these will continue after mission. Generally the response has been very slow, but the church is praying that in the closing weeks the seed sown will ripen and a goodly harvest of souls be won. Gilgandra church has supported the work nobly and well, each night

a lorry load travelling from 80 to 100 miles to assist in the mission. Many of their number missed only one night, and that when forced back by a heavy storm. They are also backing the mission, and the Dubbo work financially, but would appreciate any help in this from interested brethren. Hurstville church has already helped in this way. Mayfield church has released R. M. Wilson as missionary and are meeting the expense of his salary. The church is also appreciative of the gesture of the Young People's Department in making youth director, R. Greenhalgh, available as song-leader and to conduct the Happy Hour for young folk, and H.M. Committee in making available the marquee. Visitors to mission have come from Gilgandra (40 miles), Narromine (25 miles), Mudgee (90 miles), Welling-ton and Orange, as well as from Sydney. On Oct. 29 all were stirred by a message from the N.S.W. director of evangelism, E. C. Hinrichsen. The tent was well filled on this occasion. At close of the address a young man confessed Christ. During the Happy Hour a peak attendance of 205 was reached. The services of Don Risson (Ipswich) and Jim Davidson (Mayfield) as soloists, and of Bob Hume (Canley Vale, and State Scribe, K.S.P.) are greatly appreciated.—G. H. Eager.

## CHURCH SERVICES ON SHORT WAVE

PEOPLE in the remoter parts of this continent and beyond the reach of ordinary transmission of church services from Australian capitals, will be interested to know what services are available from the national stations by short wave transmission. These are: Short Wave station VLR carries the national service, Sunday 9.30-10.15 a.m. Station VLH carries the Victorian service at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. (This station is heard in W.A.). Station VLQ carries the Queensland service at 11 a.m. Preachers in distant areas are invited to draw the attention of their people to these times.

## TEACHER AND LEADER TRAINING IN S.A.

WHEN the Christmas Leader and Teacher-training Camp at Mylor is completed, 220 present and prospective workers will have taken part in courses during 1946. Generous financial aid has been given in all courses by the Adelaide Bible College, founded for training by Thomas Magarey, and carried on now as a trust for training Christian workers.

It has been decided that for 1947 training should be decentralised. The programme will commence with a central youth workers' "Programme Planning Course" in February. Eyre Peninsula will have had its district training camp by then. District courses will be held after that as follow: Northern district at Balaklava, first week-end in March; South-western suburbs at Forestville and northern suburbs at Prospect also in March; eastern suburbs at Norwood and southern district at Strathalbyn, both in May; western suburbs at Mile End in June; south-eastern district at Bordertown in July. Unley is to act as host for the southern suburbs at a date to be determined, and other courses are being planned. The biggest feature of the year will be the State conference of youth workers from April 25-27, with delegates from every church.—G.R.S.

## FOR SALE

Books from the late F. C. Vians' theological library. Rare, and in perfect condition. Ring Haw. 1813.

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## Western Australia

**Perth.**—On evening of Nov. 5, Young People's Fellowship had an enjoyable hike and campfire in King's Park. Nov. 10 was observed as Remembrance Day. In morning J. Russell, of Methodist Church, North Perth, sounded the last post. J. K. Robinson gave an appropriate talk. At night attendance was large. Dr. L. Michael was preacher. He showed lantern pictures of mission work in India. Mr. Robinson helped.

## Queensland

**Gympie District.**—Annual meeting of church on Nov. 6 was successful, all reports telling of progress and credit balances. On Nov. 10 all services included Remembrance Day observances, and in morning E. Milne, of B. & F. B.S., preached at Monkland and Gympie. At night Orange Lodge held church parade. During week church suffered loss of Mrs. Biddell and Mrs. Spiller, two aged members who passed away on Nov. 6 and 9. Church expresses sympathy to bereaved.

**Boonah.**—During E. Hart's absence on holidays and through illness, services were conducted by J. Christensen, J. McCormick, F. Smith, G. Taudevin, T. F. Stubbin, H. G. Payne and C. Jenner. W. E. Reeve (conference president) and H. E. Greenwood (conference secretary) spoke on Oct. 20 and 27 respectively. Since Mr. Hart has taken up duties again there have been three decisions. Ladies' Guild held a successful social evening and jumble stall recently. Church extends sympathy to relatives and friends of late Mrs. Dickfos, sen.

**Rockhampton.**—18th anniversary of church was celebrated with special services on Nov. 10. Morning service aimed for every member present. There were 87 communicants and a total of 95 for day. Special birthday gift offering exceeded £25. A movie film was taken at morning service. A new organ proves an asset in services. There were five new scholars in afternoon at Bible school. A young people's choir rendered three items at gospel service, and Mrs. D. Jones was soloist. Mr. McIlhagger terminates his ministry on Jan. 26, and G. T. Millar, of Mackay, has accepted a call to labor with church. He will commence his ministry during March.

## South Australia

**Brooklyn Park.**—On Oct. 6, at church anniversary, morning preacher was Dr. Trevor Turner. Evening service was taken by Mr. Ritchie, and choir sang a beautiful selection. Bible school continues in good heart, and is practising for anniversary. One of the scholars, Miss Rosalie Vivien, has been baptised. Bible school picnic was held on Oct. 9. Church auxiliaries are functioning strongly. Tennis and cricket clubs have been formed.

**Unley.**—On Oct. 29 K. Jones, of Maylands church, gave an address at midweek meeting in preparation for Temple day. E. H. Watson spoke at Christian Youth Fellowship meeting, and on morning of Nov. 10 gave address to church. Speaker at Men's Fellowship was Hon. R. S. Richards; subject, "Christianity in Industry." Mrs. Hart was at meeting after long illness. Alfred Verco and W. Cosh are both ill. Mrs. Bruce Blundell has also been sick for some weeks. Churches appreciated interchange of preachers within Protestant bodies of district. Temple Day offering resulted in £102/14/-.

**Kilburn.**—On Nov. 10, 53 attended 10 a.m. Bible school. Six young folk from Prospect church were present to assist practice for choral celebrations. 11 a.m. service was conducted by A. Fax, of Prospect church, 40 being present. A. E. Brown's address was appreciated.

**Whyalla.**—Sixth annual business meeting of church was held on Oct. 29, when A. Mitchell and R. Morrell were added to diaconate for first time. All auxiliary reports showed progress, especially Endeavors and Bible school. Nov. 3 marked anniversary of church, when special services were held. Sister Cooper has been confined to her bed through sickness.

**York.**—Helpful addresses have been given by L. G. Johnson. On morning of Nov. 3, R. E. Mossop spoke. On Nov. 10 L. E. Johnson gave an address suitable to Remembrance Day. Tennis club was officially opened by W. Jarvis on Oct. 19. Afternoon tea was served. Junior and Intermediate C.E. annual rally was held Nov. 6, about 80 being present. An illustrated talk was given by L. G. Johnson, and reports were presented. On Nov. 10 a graduation service was held, when a number of juniors were transferred to intermediate society. Juniors brought gifts to make a present to Mrs. H. Buck, who has for several years led junior society, but has resigned. A number of juniors went to her home after Bible school and gave their present. A "bee" was held on Nov. 12, when building was cleaned up. Sick ones are much improved in health and able to meet with church again.

**Croydon.**—Good meetings were held during October. K.S.P. club gave a concert and physical culture demonstration for benefit of Estcourt House. Two weddings have been held at chapel. On Oct. 5 Betty Webb was married to Don Dyson; on Oct. 12 Yvonne Lamshed and Allen Cooke were married. Bible school anniversary services on Oct. 27 and Nov. 3 were successful. Singing by scholars reflected great credit on conductor, Mr. Sterling. Addresses were delivered by F. G. Banks and visiting speakers, J. E. Brooke, B. W. Manning, W. J. McKenzie and A. G. Brown. Distribution of prizes and diplomas took place on evening of 29th, at which service secretary's annual report was read. An inspiring teachers' dedication service was held on Nov. 10. F. G. Banks delivered an appropriate address. At gospel service Ira Durdin gave a fine address and a young man accepted Christ. Mrs. W. Hewitt has been in hospital, but is home again. I. Messenger is also indisposed and unable to attend meetings. Phi Beta Pi club is working in interest of Minda Home. J.C.E. work is encouraging. F. G. Banks has tendered his resignation and will terminate his ministry with church at end of January.

## New South Wales

**Earlwood.**—In absence of A. Hinrichsen at Lane Cove on morning of Nov. 10, an exhortation from H. Patterson was appreciated. Chapel was packed at gospel service, when one young lady made the good confession, and four others reconsecrated themselves to Christ. Last month a mother and daughter were baptised. Prayer has been made on behalf of sick folk, amongst whom is Mrs. Tabrett, church organist.

**North Sydney.**—Meetings have been good and there has been one confession and baptism. Bible school anniversary was very successful, the address of Ron. Wotherspoon in afternoon being greatly appreciated. S. R. Knapp, of N.Z. Y.M.C.A., was a recent visitor on his way back from Japan. During absence of Mr. Paternoster in N.Z., evening services were taken by A. Surtrees, and his help was appreciated. Recent death of Roy Blinkhorn came as a great shock

to members, and deepest sympathy is extended to Mrs. Blinkhorn.

**Taree.**—On morning of Nov. 3, S. Jenner presented claims of Sudan United Mission, and afterwards addressed Wingham church. On evening of Nov. 4 a united meeting was held in chapel. Lantern slides were used to support address of Mr. Jenner. Remembrance Day was observed on Nov. 10, A. B. Clark speaking to a representative gathering in morning and conducting gospel service at night. At C.E. on Nov. 7, a thanksgiving night was arranged for restoration to health of Carl Norling, a victim of infantile paralysis last year, who has made a remarkable recovery.

**Marrickville.**—Helpful addresses on Nov. 10 were given by Mr. Surtrees (Chatswood) and Mr. French (Hurstville), whilst Mr. Thomas was conducting mission at Hurstville. At Bible school session, Mrs. Lewis was presented with flowers in appreciation of her efforts in connection with anniversary. K. A. Rae, superintendent, who is leaving Sydney to take a position in Melbourne, was farewelled. Speeches by members of staff paid high tribute to Mr. Rae's service in connection with school. He will be greatly missed not only at Marrickville, but by the brotherhood in general, particularly in connection with youth work.

**Epping.**—On Oct. 18 church welcomed and inducted Mr. MacLean. There was an excellent and representative gathering. Elder Mr. Torode presided. Mr. MacLean was welcomed and P. E. Thomas, preacher of Marrickville church, engaged in prayer. Mr. MacLean being conference president, executive and conference were represented by N. D. Morris, who spoke in appreciative terms of Mr. MacLean's ministry at City Temple, and welcomed him on behalf of brotherhood to his new field. Words of welcome were extended to Mr. and Mrs. MacLean and family on behalf of congregation and auxiliaries. Mrs. McCallum on behalf of ladies extended welcome to Mrs. MacLean. Mr. Wilton spoke on behalf of Sunday school teachers, and Mr. Corlett on behalf of Home Mission Committee. President of local ministers' fraternal brought greetings. Misses MacKellar and Mulvaney and Mrs. Macdonald contributed vocal items. Mr. MacLean suitably responded to the welcome. Supper was served, and the new preacher had opportunity of meeting members of congregation. Mr. MacLean opened his ministry on Oct. 20, both services being excellently attended. During first month numbers have been well maintained, and Mr. MacLean's addresses appreciated. On Nov. 10, Day of Remembrance, evening congregation reached almost 100.

## Victoria

**Shepparton.**—On Nov. 10 Remembrance Day services were held, D. Butler being speaker at both services. Bible school picnic was held on Nov. 9. Mr. and Mrs. Butler have left for annual holidays.

**Collingwood.**—Church has accepted, with regret, resignation of T. Westwood after one year's ministry. Sunday school picnic was held at Eltham Park on Nov. 5, a delightful day being spent. A special service of remembrance was held on Nov. 10, at which T. Westwood spoke.

**St. Arnaud.**—On Oct. 9 a successful Sunday school picnic was held at the Bend. On Nov. 3 Mr. Gross was speaker; Mr. Jackel, of Wedderburn, presided. Members appreciate interest and help of these brethren. On Nov. 10 Mr. Talbot conducted service, offering being given to local hospital.

**South Yarra.**—Recently Mr. Buckingham addressed church in interests of C.F.A. Officers met leaders of auxiliaries on Nov. 8 to plan future work. Special emphasis was given to efforts for new building. Youth work is encouraging. Members regret that E. Roffey has tendered his resignation. Women's Guild has been led ably by Mrs. Roffey.



**Red Hill.**—S. Ryles gave forceful addresses both morning and evening on Nov. 10. 43 broke bread. It is pleasing to notice so many young folk attending. Senior and junior Endeavor societies are in good heart. Sunday school has added new members. Mrs. O. Holmes has not been in best of health lately.

**Reservoir.**—Bible school anniversary concert and distribution of prizes took place on Oct. 30. Church building was crowded to capacity, and items by children were greatly appreciated. On Nov. 2 ladies of church conducted an enjoyable fancy dress social. Hospital Sunday offerings were £5/5/5 from church and Bible school. All services are well attended, and interest is maintained.

**Croydon.**—W. Gale spoke on evening of Oct. 13 and baptised Mrs. Kear, sen., of Yarrard. At annual meeting on Oct. 26, reports showed successful year's work under leadership of Messrs. Quayle and Davey. Among officers elected were: Deacons, Messrs. Lacy, Parker, Smith, Archer, Robinson and Burden; secretary, F. Burden; treasurer, Mr. Robinson; Bible school superintendent, Mr. Quayle.

**Footscray.**—Mission Band ladies held an enjoyable luncheon on Nov. 12, when Mrs. Kershaw gave a nice address at table. Items by Mrs. Cordy and Mrs. Jones were appreciated by a good attendance of ladies. Mrs. Durber is ill in hospital. Mrs. Clencie has returned home after operation in hospital. Mr. Clencie has also been in hospital and is still under treatment after meeting with an accident.

**Boort.**—Mr. Streader and Mr. Lanyon, with help of Mr. Coventry, are giving helpful service in preaching. Church spent a happy day when it met Wedderburn church at a picnic at Granites. Church extends sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Broad who lost their little girl through burns received when their home was burnt down. All wish Mrs. Broad a speedy recovery. Mrs. J. Stanyer, a pioneer of the church at Boort, has passed on to her reward.

**Doncaster.**—Bible school picnic, held enjoyably at Mordialloc on Nov. 10, was one of the largest in recent years. Thos. Williamson passed away after a long illness. Sympathy of church is extended to wife and family. On Nov. 5 Mr. Banks took the boys' club for a hike. A short prayer service held just before evening meeting is well attended. Increase in attendance is noted during a series of addresses by Mr. Banks on history of church.

**Harcourt.**—A combined picnic of Harcourt and Castlemaine Sunday schools was held at Harcourt Reservoir on Oct. 26. A successful two-weeks' mission concluded on Nov. 10 with six confessions. Meetings were well attended. H. Ball was missionary and Mr. Briggs song-leader. Words of comfort have been expressed for Mr. and Mrs. W. Broad, of Pyramid Hill, in loss of their infant daughter and home by fire. Mrs. Broad is in hospital recovering from burns.

**Bayswater.**—Sunday school anniversary was held on Oct. 27, all meetings being well attended. Mr. Muller was speaker at morning service and gave the children an interesting talk in afternoon. Mr. Thomas spoke at evening service, continuing his weekly illustrated talk on "Pilgrim's Progress." Singing by S.S. scholars was very good. On Oct. 31 a concert and prize-giving night took place, at which there was a good attendance. Hospital Sunday offering was approximately £10.

**Wedderburn.**—Meetings have been good of late. On Oct. 26, church met with Boort folk in an enjoyable picnic at Granites. In absence of Mr. Gross on Oct. 27, C.E. Society took charge of evening service and Roy Hayes gave the address. On Nov. 3 Mr. Evans exhorted and Mr. Long (past preacher) came to conduct Bible school and evening service. Mr. Gross and secretary went to St. Arnaud to help there in morning service. Aged Mrs. Foster has passed to her reward. Mr. Gross intends to stay on week-end over college vacation.

**Spring Vale.**—Church annual business meeting was held on Oct. 26. Mr. Wright, from Baptist College, spoke on morning of Oct. 27. Two young people made their stand for Christ at gospel service. On Nov. 3, Mr. Fordham gave morning address. S. Neighbour, from Oakleigh, spoke on morning of Nov. 10. Gospel services have had a good average attendance of about 75. Keith Fordham has started fellowship meetings on first and third Saturday nights in each month; these are attended by about 20 young people. A different speaker is asked to come each night.

**Kaniva.**—Sunday school celebrated anniversary with special services on Oct. 19, when Mr. Earle was speaker, and one scholar made public her decision for Christ. Anniversary concert on Oct. 25 was enjoyed by a large audience. Yearling Bible school had annual picnic on Oct. 26. During Mr. Earle's absence at Dimboola on Nov. 3, R. M. Williams was preacher at gospel service. Two girls from the Sunday school made the good confession. Good gatherings attended on Nov. 10. Mr. Earle addressed evening service. One lad came forward, and with three others was baptised at conclusion.

**Belmont.**—On Nov. 10, in Shire Hall, church celebrated sixth anniversary with 52 present. A. Pratt, of Drumcondra, was speaker. A pleasing item was given by members of Sunday school. Two collection plates were presented to church by Mrs. D. Whittington in memory of her late husband, Sgt. A. Whittington. Interest in church is well maintained. On Nov. 9 a successful tea meeting and social evening took place. Reports of Sunday school and Ladies' Guild activities were given by secretary, Mrs. J. Richenberg. Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Dunn congratulated members of guild on success of the evening.

**Black Rock.**—Reports presented at annual business meeting on Nov. 6 revealed that all auxiliaries are in healthy condition, though Bible school attendances have decreased disconcertingly. Mr. Sewell was invited to continue serving church during coming year, and members decided to transfer property to Properties' Corporation. Deacons elected were: J. Baker (assistant secretary), W. Bond, J. Byrne, V. Driscoll, G. Holloway (secretary), L. Sercombe (treasurer), and R. Sercombe. Ladies' Guild donated £50 to building extension fund, which also benefited from concert given by Churches of Christ Ladies' Choir on Nov. 4 after postponement due to transport strike.

**Bendigo.**—At evening service on Nov. 3, Lois Thornton and Max Hughes were baptised by Mr. Mathieson. A successful Sunday school social was held on Nov. 4 to conclude recent new scholar competition. This was won by girls, and eight new scholars were obtained. Approximately 200 attended evening meeting on Nov. 10, when Mr. Mathieson spoke. Y.W.C.A., Y.M.C.A. and Student Christian Movement were well represented, and members of each took a part in service to mark occasion of world week of prayer. One young man confessed Christ. Annual S.S. picnic was held enjoyably at Lake Weeroona on Nov. 13; 150 were present. Harry Brewer has recently been discharged from Services.

**Ballarat (York-st.).**—Church suffered a loss by sudden death of Edith Bathurst. Mr. Vautier, assisted by W. Feary, conducted in memoriam service on Nov. 3. Tennis club is enjoying use of second tennis court, prepared by working bee. W. Feary declared court open for play recently. Y.P.C. enjoyed a mystery hike on Nov. 6, and concluded with a short meeting and supper with Mr. and Mrs. Methven. Meetings are well attended. Mr. Vautier's ministry is appreciated. Mrs. Vautier rendered a solo at gospel service on Nov. 10. A few C.E. members visited an invalid lady recently and conducted a short service. Mr. Methven, sen., will take up part-time work with church for twelve months, beginning in new year.

**Echuca.**—On Oct. 8 ladies of church were invited to an afternoon at Salvation Army, and had a happy time. In evening Girls' Club held a successful concert and raised over £10 towards tennis fund. Crowded meetings were held during anniversary services on Oct. 27, at which Mr. Mathieson, from Bendigo, spoke. Children sang well, and people were impressed by the large school (approximately 90 scholars). Following Tuesday, concert and prize-giving took place enjoyably. About £6 was raised. Mrs. Beyer and Mrs. W. Payne are in hospital. Mr. Dudley has announced his intention of accepting a call to Footscray church early next year. Mr. Roffey will commence ministry in his place.

**Balwyn.**—Attendances during October were well maintained. Visitors were welcomed. 24th anniversary of church on Nov. 3 was a time of re-union and inspiration. Approximately 175 were present in morning at home-coming service. At 5 p.m. in school hall about 85 sat to anniversary tea, and A. E. Hurren spoke of commencement of work at Balwyn and needs for advancement. In evening building was almost full. K. A. Macnaughtan was speaker at both services, and continued to assist in the special meetings for the week. His addresses were helpful and appreciated. On Nov. 5 Bible school and church united in annual picnic at Kilsyth with excellent attendance of members, children and friends. Mont Albert school joined in outing.

**Malvern-Caulfield.**—On Oct. 27 C. Cole spoke morning and evening. Members of Boys' Explorer Club took special part in evening service. At morning service on Nov. 3, R. P. Clark gave an instructive address. Two members of choir—Alan Brown and Miss L. Austin—were married at chapel on Nov. 2. Presentations were made to the couple at a social held in their honor on Oct. 31. Evening service on Nov. 3 was preceded by a men's tea, at which plans were made for recently formed Men's Club. Church members extend sympathy to Mrs. R. P. Clark, who is in hospital, and are pleased that Mrs. G. W. Mitchell has returned home from hospital and is progressing satisfactorily. Mrs. Stevenson has not been well for some weeks, and all are pleased to see her back at meetings.

**Ballarat (Dawson-st.).**—Owing to illness of G. J. Andrews, J. Methven was speaker at both services on Oct. 27. At Bible school anniversary on Nov. 3, visiting speaker for day was F. T. Morgan, of Box Hill. His addresses afternoon and evening were enjoyed by scholars. Special features in afternoon were contributions by primary and kindergarten, also gifts to members of cradle roll. Bright singing by scholars under leadership of Lloyd Morris was enjoyed by good attendances. On Wednesday scholars had tea meeting, followed by school concert and distribution of prizes. Dawn Townsend gained first prize for obtaining highest marks for year. Church welcomed back Mrs. Barnett and Mrs. Methven, who have been absent through illness. Church regrets home-call of Mr. W. Arthur, of East Kew, a faithful member and deacon for many years.

**Caulfield (Bambra-rd.).**—Splendid interest and attendances are manifest. On Oct. 30 a young man responded to invitation. On Nov. 2, 161 communed for day. Over 50 attended Men's Fellowship, when T. Corne delivered an informative and appreciated address on India. Special loyalty services, under leadership of R. L. Williams, are creating deep interest. College of Bible offering and Hospital Sunday resulted in over £17 for each appeal. Several members have suffered bereavements. Sympathy is expressed to Mrs. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Ward, Mr. and Mrs. Whittaker, Mr. and Mrs. Pearson, and to Mrs. W. A. Brown, wife



of church secretary, whose mother, father and sister have been called home recently. News of Miss Ada Jermyn's death was received with deep regret. Her memory is held in highest regard by all who knew and worked with her amongst children at Bambra-rd. for 25 years.

**East Preston.**—Seventh anniversary services of Bible school were held on Nov. 17, with good attendances. At 3 p.m., J. Plummer, of Reservoir, held children's attention with his address. At 7 p.m. R. F. Bethune gave a flannelboard address to children.

**Hampton.**—On Nov. 12, Ladies' Choir (Miss M. E. Pittman conductor) and assisting artists gave an enjoyable concert in chapel to aid funds of hospital auxiliary of church. Mrs. G. P. Pittman spoke to S.S. on India on morning of Nov. 17, and received on behalf of F.M. Committee £19, year's giving of school to Dhond hospital.

**Newmarket.**—On Nov. 3 Mr. Kingston spoke at both services. On Oct. 29 a social evening was given in honor of young men returned from active service. On Nov. 5, Bible school held annual picnic at Blackburn. On Nov. 10, North Melbourne members held annual reunion. On Nov. 17 N. Cheal, of Essendon, presided in morning; Mr. Kingston spoke at both services. Amongst visitors was Mrs. Barnfather, of Sydney.

**Middle Park.**—Bible school anniversary services were celebrated on Nov. 3 and 10. Scholars sang splendidly under leadership of Maurice Kentsch. Addresses by E. Roffey, E. Randall, A. Thomas and E. Fisher were appreciated. Annual prize-giving and concert on Nov. 13 reflected credit on training of teachers. Mr. Kentsch was presented with a book as a token of appreciation. Mention was made of the passing of A. Duncan.

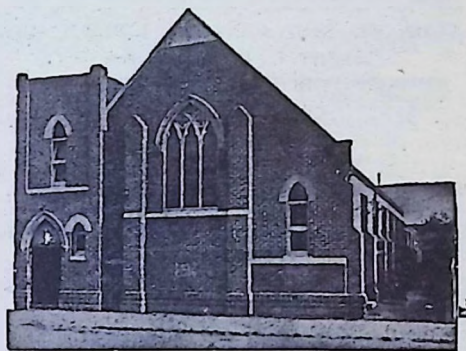
**Boronia.**—Mr. and Mrs. Thorne and family, and Mrs. Chapman, from Balwyn and Hampton churches, have been welcomed. An exchange of pulpits was made with Mr. Wright, of Blackburn. E. L. Williams addressed church and gave instruction to men of church on same Sunday afternoon. S.S. has attained a new level with record attendance. Church said farewell to J. Baker, who has helped in all departments for many months. Good wishes are extended as he goes to Frankston-Moorooduc circuit. Good attendances are sharing fellowship at combined meetings.

**Coburg.**—On Nov. 3 Mr. Curtis, of Baptist Union, was morning speaker. Hugh Gray, who underwent an operation recently, is home again. Mrs. Kiagan, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Kemp are all sick. 18 young people from Coburg attended district youth fellowship at North Essendon camp fire-side recently. Les. Armstrong arrived home from Borneo on Nov. 9. S.S. picnic was held at Heidelberg Park on Nov. 5. Sympathy is extended to relatives of Mrs. Munro, who died suddenly. A. R. Lloyd officiated at wedding of R. Meggs and Lorna Elder. A. Hurren officiated at wedding of Tom Kelly and Jean Somers, of W.A.

**Carlton (Lygon-st.).**—Bible school picnic was held at Clematis on Nov. 5. May McColl and Geof. Barnett were tendered a social evening on Nov. 9 and presented with an auto tray from Youth Fellowship and friends in view of their approaching marriage. Members of Lygon-st. were guests at Swanston-st. homecoming on Nov. 10. C. G. Taylor preached at night. Bible school concert on Nov. 13 was enjoyed by a large gathering. Bible class held annual reunion on Nov. 16 with a pleasant musical evening. Good meetings were held on Nov. 17. Several members of C.M.S. have done good work painting front fence. Among many visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Rodgers, of Glenelg, S.A. Allan Swain is recovering after operation in Sale hospital.

**Mitcham.**—Women's Guild sent a large parcel of clothing to Social Service Department, and two large parcels of food to Britain. Sunday school held anniversary services on Nov. 3, speakers being Mr. Banks and Mr. Cameron. Singing was excellent under leadership of Mr. Sandells. On Nov. 9, children's tea and distribution of prizes took place. A presentation was made to Ken Barton, who is leaving to take up full-time work at Port Pirie, S.A. Mr. Cameron commenced full-time ministry with church on Nov. 17.

**Moreland.**—Church was delighted to have an address from L. Peacock, of W.A. (Federal Conference president), and enjoyed fellowship with him and Mrs. Peacock. E. J. Miles and family have been laid up by illness, but are now recovering. During Mr. Miles' absence, following assisted church: Messrs. Rasmussen,



The Chapel at Moreland.

F. T. Saunders, H. Preston, W. Gale, C. R. Burdeu and F. N. Lee. Bible school house competition final results showed Hermon first, Carmel second, Sinai third, Olivet fourth. Individual winners were Valeri Jenkins first, Rochelle Miles second, Margaret McKinnon third. Fred Dickson gained most points amongst boys. Junior Crusaders maintain keen spirit, and average attendance is 27. Good Companions' Club has now 23 members and is doing excellent work. Junior and senior cricket teams are in full swing.

**Essendon.**—Mr. Crisp spoke at both services on Nov. 3. In morning Mr. and Mrs. Carnaby were welcomed into fellowship. At evening service Lindsay Croxford was baptised. A collection was taken for "Food for Britain Appeal." Sunday school picnic to Blackburn was held on Nov. 5. Combined sports were held, North Essendon, Ascot Vale, Newmarket and Essendon participating. Sports shield this year was awarded to Essendon. On Nov. 10 Mr. Blackburn (Burnley) presided in morning. Lindsay Croxford was received into church. Mrs. Bone was present, having been absent through illness; also Mrs. Crisp, Mrs. J. Strack. 36 men attended C.M.S. monthly tea meeting. An interesting talk was given by D. Rogers (ex-P.O.W., Japan). Mr. Crisp spoke in evening to a large congregation. Choir rendered an anthem. Mr. Summerton and Mrs. Cheal (sen.) are home from hospital and doing well. Mrs. C. Ferguson is in hospital, progressing favorably after operation.

**Gardiner.**—Boris Smith visited 2nd Degree K.S.P. on Oct. 15 and told of experiences abroad with Victory Contingent. On 16th, midweek meeting for prayer resumed at chapel after cottage meetings during winter. R. Fullerton, after some months in charge of young people's class, has taken charge of senior boys in Bible school, and Mr. Bolduan is now leader of young people's class. Mr. Bolduan, who was speaker at both services on Oct. 19, 26 and Nov. 3, continues to give challenging exhortations and addresses. Ralph Hall is now song-leader for gospel services. Hospital Sunday collection amounted to more than £27. Cricket clubs, which are having a successful season, held church parade on Nov. 3, and captains of each team took part in service.

Norma Burbidge, from Bible school, was baptised. Bible school picnic was held at Mt. Evelyn on Nov. 5. Three vans and cars of church members helped to make it one of the best. Annual business meeting of church was held on Nov. 6. Roy Kemp was elected a deacon. K.S.P. club held successful ladies' night on Nov. 7. Welcome was extended to Mrs. Waterman, and presentation was made to D. Cartmel on behalf of club.

**North Essendon.**—Hospital Sunday offering from church and school was £17/17/5. R. Thompson has been elected chairman of board of officers. Two cricket teams are playing in local churches association. Bible school picnic at Blackburn was successful, 216 scholars and friends being present. A. Burdeu gave a fine address at gospel service on Nov. 3. C. H. J. Wright has been invited and has accepted a three years' appointment as preacher, to commence in three months. Thanksgiving offering reached £111/4/-. Girls' calisthenic club held first annual display in Essendon Town Hall on Nov. 15. L. A. Trezise has been giving thoughtful addresses, and church will follow his future as youth director with earnest prayer.

**Hartwell.**—At annual meeting of church on Oct. 30, C. J. Robinson was asked to continue as preacher for further two years. A. V. Morfrew was elected an elder and L. Butler, R. Jones, L. Seath, S. Ellis and A. Laird deacons. Tributes were paid to past work of E. H. Staley, church secretary, and F. Haycraft, who did not seek re-election. Reports from all auxiliaries, particularly those of young people, were encouraging. Chapel was packed at anniversary services on Nov. 3 and 10. J. E. Owen (Gardiner Presbyterian) gave an inspiring address on morning of Nov. 3. In afternoon over 230 scholars were on platform. J. Turner, from North Fitzroy, was speaker. In evening J. I. Mudford spoke. Both gave excellent addresses. Prize-giving evening was held on Nov. 9, when scholars were entertained at tea and a concert programme followed. On Nov. 10 Mr. Wigney, from East Kew, was speaker, and in afternoon and evening Mr. Robinson gave illustrated addresses. At night four young ladies from Bible school confessed Christ. Singing of scholars throughout was exceptional, and kindergarten and primary department items also delighted. Over 25 young people attended a camp-fire at Warrandyte on evening of Nov. 2. W.M.B. was visited by Camberwell ladies on Nov. 6, and a successful meeting was held.

## N.Z. Letter

E. P. C. Hollard, of Wellington.

IN recent days the "wooing" has begun all over again! It is only a short time to the general elections, and the politicians are out in full cry, having declared open season on one another. The last day of Parliament was hurried, but filled with good spirit and much humor. Now that there are ears to tickle the humor has gone and the harsh and unnecessary things are being said; faults and personalities and the usual high pressure of "selling" is upon us. How the public suffer! Whichever party assumes the leadership of this country, it will find grand opportunities to lead the people into clearer thinking and better living, for there is no place in all the earth so favored as this fair land.

Wellington was recently the scene of a CORSO drive with amazing results. The people of New Zealand are particularly interested in Greece and its misfortunes, because it was there that New Zealand soldiers had dire experiences. Some weeks ago £4000 was given at the doors to postmen collecting for overseas relief. Last Saturday a clothes drive was organised and resulted in over £40,000 worth of clothing being given at the doors of the houses. This included ten fur coats. Multiply this according to the number of cities



we have, and it will be seen that this people of less than two millions have a heart.

In church circles little of importance has happened. Bishop Holland, of Wellington, has left for England, thus creating quite a gap in inter-church relationships. The visits of Dr. Bader to Auckland were filled with inspiration. He brought with him much of the glow of the Federal Conference from Adelaide. Principal Haddon also held meetings throughout, and gave fine reports of the meetings in Adelaide. I believe we have mentioned that Mr. Haddon is serving a second year as chairman of the National Council of Churches.

Among our own churches there are movements which indicate that the brethren are planning to make the most of the forthcoming campaign with Frank Purnell. At Oamaru A. W. Gilbertson has resigned from the work. In Lower Hutt R. W. Simpson, who is engaged in a second ministry, there are very evident signs of healthy activity. All departments and church services report increases. The future of this work is bright. At Gisborne Ira Paternoster, of Sydney, held a mission to celebrate the jubilee of the church there. This church, isolated from most of the brethren, is a bright spot in our work. Roger Marshall is the young and energetic minister. Invercargill, which has Wallace Harford ministering, is showing all-round increases. Two of our older preachers, Godfrey Fretwell and James Crawford, have been indisposed, but are now making progress. Wanganui has something which is unique in New Zealand. Tom Cave has five singing daughters who have recently been featured over the national radio stations. This versatile combination has gathered a large listening public in recent months. That they are all ardent church workers makes them all the more interesting.

It was my privilege to visit the Auckland churches some weeks ago. In this city of over 200,000, we have eight churches and only two full-time preachers, both home mission men. There was a day when the largest Sunday school in the Dominion was a church of Christ school in Auckland. That day has gone, but we feel that the opportunity has not departed with it. The desperate urgency for preachers in Auckland can only be believed as one meets with the brethren there and senses the situation as it is underneath. With Australia unable to send men, ourselves utterly limited in preaching strength, one is forced to be downcast. Where we are going to secure preachers from is some problem.

In the midst of our difficulties there are bright spots. The amazing recovery of Mr. Brough, our esteemed conference president, is cause for rejoicing. Whilst far from well our worst fears have passed. In Auckland we have received a magnificent gift from a Baptist man of a permanent camp site for our youth. The situation and surroundings will make it one of the most attractive camping areas in the Dominion. The home mission offering is steadily mounting up, and is almost £2000. It is too early to tell the results of the overseas mission appeal. The work at Dadaya in Africa continues apace. Reports here indicate that Garfield Todd will be a credit to Parliament and a force in Christian witness. This mission work is one of the most romantic stories which the modern mission world has to tell.

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WASHBOURNE.—The family of the late Mrs. M. E. Washbourne wish to thank all kind friends and relatives for telegrams, letters, cards, floral tributes and personal expressions of sympathy in their recent sad bereavement. Will all please accept this as a personal expression of gratitude?

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as to what feature of a worship service  
does him the most good," remarked Alan, "but  
I am learning to value, ever more highly, cer-  
tain brief but eloquent silences which wise  
leaders allow to occur." "Don't we owe  
something to the Quakers for their witness  
in this regard?" asked Harry. "They believe  
that God is present in their meeting, wait-  
ing to speak to them. They must listen for  
his voice. So each one in the group by his  
own hushed sense of expectation quickens the  
sensitivity of his fellow worshippers." Rita  
reported a saying that "Silence, like a poultice,  
comes to heal the blows of sound." "But to  
me there is more to it than that," she con-  
tinued. "Moments of reverent silence in a  
whole worshipping company impress you with  
the unanimity of your quest; it is a fellow-  
ship of sincerity. Then, beyond knowing  
you are together 'with one accord' the divine  
Spirit seems to make use of such silences  
for his most impressive inward speaking."  
"And when someone persistently whispers or  
chatters in the great moments of worship,"  
rejoined Alan, "doesn't it seem to be the  
supreme rudeness, the ugly act of interrupting  
God?"

These young people in their discussion were  
touching a secret as old as Isaiah, who said:  
"In quietness and in confidence shall be your  
strength" (Isa. 30: 15). Indeed, they were in  
the way of doing as Paul urged upon the  
Christians of Thessalonica: "That ye study  
to be quiet" (1 Thess. 4: 11).

Thinking of the desirability of silence as  
worshippers enter the sanctuary, Charles H.  
Heimsath suggests: "In the foyer of all our  
churches should be emblazoned the inscrip-  
tion,

'The Lord is in his holy temple;

Let all the earth keep silence before  
him.'

Considering the importance of a reverent  
commencement, Raymond Calkins says, "The  
Spirit of God has hard work to cast his spell  
upon a congregation which is engaged, up to  
the moment the service begins, in more or  
less noisy talk and interchange of greetings  
and remarks. For silence is the very secret  
and medium of spiritual efficacy. It is one  
of the most evident and indispensable condi-  
tions of real worship. The words, 'Be still  
and know that I am God,' might well be  
placed before the eyes of many a modern  
congregation." While W. R. McNutt writes  
strongly thus: "It seems certain that quiet  
is a first characteristic of the worship climate.  
People arrive at our churches with noisy dis-  
cords ringing in their ears, and bearing with-  
in themselves the clash of many warring voices.  
All these must be stilled; must be subdued  
before the God of 'the still small voice' can  
be heard by them. The sweet music of  
waters that flow beneath the streets cannot  
be heard until tradesmen and hawkers quit  
those streets. Silence please! Let the quiet  
and quieting God utter his voice. Silence  
has a healing quality for all of us, residents  
in a blatant, jangling world. It is within a  
meaningful silence that men take shelter from  
danger and menace in their souls, and within  
its restful and ample folds they need to find  
a relaxation and rest which renew and re-  
create. Men driven by the hurries and the  
complexities of our times scarcely need any-  
thing more than these ministries; to them  
they are blessed ministries."—G. J. Andrews.

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