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# THE CROSS in the BIBLE

THE first book of the Bible gives the announcement that the cross was needed to save the world. It is stated in Genesis by the Lord that strife must exist between Satan and the seed of the woman. "It shall bruise thy head," said the Lord to Satan, "and thou shalt bruise his heel." Then in the last book of the Bible we read of "the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world." Thus between Genesis and Revelation there is one story underlying all the accounts of the movements of races and the lives of men. We read of the promises, hopes and prophecies concerning that cross. We are brought, with dramatic suddenness, to the cross itself. We read finally of the triumph of the cross within the historic events of the nations.

## *Faith in the Promise*

Abram was assured that, through his seed, all nations would receive a blessing. Paul revealed that this seed was Christ (Galatians 3: 16), who was born, in the fulness of time, of a woman. Abram had faith in this Promised One who had been slain from the foundation of the world. This primary faith in the One who was to come and to be crucified was set down to Abram's account as righteousness. That is why Abram became the father of all those who put their faith in the Redeemer and find salvation, not by works, but by faith. Such a way of salvation has been in existence through all the ages, even since the days of Abram until now. Nothing can destroy the promise given to Abram, not even the coming of the law. Men at all periods have been and are being justified by faith in the crucified Lord.

## *The Coming of the Law*

Why did the law come four hundred and thirty years after the promise had been made to Abram? Because men generally failed to live creatively by faith, and they fell into sinful ways. The law became needful so as to hold men in check until the promise made to Abram was fulfilled and the Christ came and completed his redemptive work on the cross.

The superiority of a salvation gained by a faith in the promised Christ, rising spontaneously and without compulsion from the heart, over the legalistic outlook of life was appreciated by the prophet Jeremiah. He was able to declare:—

"Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake.

"But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. . . . I will forgive their iniquity; and I will remember their sin no more" (Jer. 31: 32-34).

## *The Suffering Lamb*

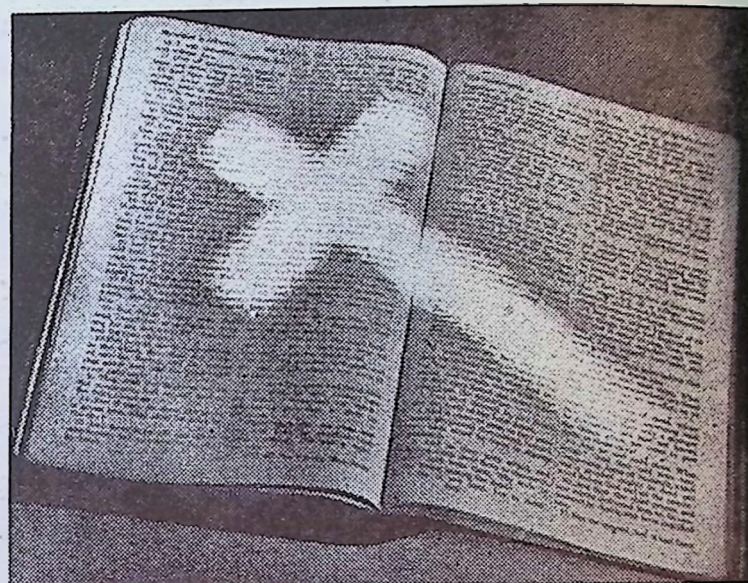
Isaiah likewise anticipated this new covenant to be established through the Redeemer. This "Redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression." "This is my covenant with them," saith the Lord; "my spirit that is upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed" (Isaiah 59: 20, 21).

Within the prophetic picture given of this Redeemer we see that "he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth" (Isaiah 53: 7).

At the sight of this promised Redeemer, John the Baptist, the herald of the Saviour, raised a cry that indicated the purpose and mission of the Master. "Behold the Lamb of God," he announced, "which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1: 29). Did not Jesus witness to the same truth? "The Son of man came not to be ministered unto," he said, "but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many" (Mark 10: 45).

## *The Plight of the Jews*

The need of Christ dying for the nations was expressed, somewhat unwittingly, by the Jewish high priest, Caiaphas. "How must we deal with this man who is so mighty in deeds?" members of the Jewish council asked. Caiaphas had no doubts as to the way this problem ought to be settled. In reply to the query, he said to the council, "You know nothing about it—you do not understand it is in your own interest that one man should die for the people, instead of the whole nation being destroyed" (John 11: 50, Moffatt).



Here, in the midst of Israel, stood the promised Messiah—the One who was destined by promise and prophecy to redeem the world. But the people to whom he most surely belonged by blood did not perceive what he had to be if he were to be the true Messiah. They, seeking selfishly an earthly king, rejected foolishly their heavenly Lord. Nicolai Berdyaev expresses this fact and shows the tragic consequences of Israel's rejection of the Christ. "The Jewish people had longed for the Messiah and prophesied concerning him, but it finally repudiated him because it could not accept him in the role of a servant. Its expectation had been of a king who would realise the kingdom of Israel on earth." "It could accept neither Christ nor the mystery of his crucifixion, because he came as the bearer of a meek, and not a triumphant, truth on earth." "Christ was repudiated because he died on the cross instead of using his kingly power to banish evil and suffering and institute the reign of justice and beatitude." "There would have been no Golgotha without the Jews, and yet they could not accept the mystery."

## *The Hope of the Gentiles*

What the Jewish people rejected has been accepted by the nations. Because the cross proved to be a stumbling block to the Jews and they turned from it, the way of salvation by faith was offered to the Gentiles. (See Rom. 11: 11-15.) But salvation is still offered to the Jews. The tragic destiny of these people is still overshadowed by the cross. As Leon Bloy has said, "The Jews will be transformed only when Christ descends from the cross, and Christ can descend from the cross only when the Jews are transformed."

The cross, human redemption and future glory are gathered into one whole—one triumphant note of praise. John, in his vision, saw that "a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and peoples, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands." The question was asked, "Who are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?" The reply came, "These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

So, from the opening book to the final chapters of the Bible, there is one theme, one story: it is the story of the cross.



# Athwart the World

*J. E. Brooke, of Cottonville, S.A., shows  
how the cross of Christ demands of  
Christians that they live and serve  
sacrificially.*

LET us try, this Easter, to think of the cross in a bigger way than we have ever done before. For, as ever, and more than ever, men to-day need the message of the cross of Christ, but they need to see that cross, not only as the most tender and touching thing, but also as the most tremendous and terrifying thing in all the world.

We are blind to the true landscape of life unless we see the cross and the crucified, mounting up within and above the whole universe.

The cross looms high on the horizon of history. It is no worn and crumbling relic, left stranded by the drift of the ages, and passed by the movement of humanity. It towers o'er the wrecks of time, the only thing, indeed, in time which is not a wreck. It is one of the miracles of history how that cross of Calvary has been transformed from a symbol of ignominy to one of glory. Before Jesus was crucified, the cross was the ugliest and most barbaric thing one could imagine. It was the most hideous method of execution which sadistic men had devised. But from being a thing of horror and shame, which men would fain forget, since Christ hung and died upon it, it has become the supreme symbol of gladness and glory which men can never forget but which grows ever greater and greater in their faith and love.

The cross is the symbol of Christ's conquests. The mighty Roman Empire swaggered in pomp and pride, and that cross on the little hill outside Jerusalem seemed a weak and futile thing. But in three short centuries the Roman Empire had declined and fallen, and the cross was planted on the ruins of the Capitol in Rome. From the little hill outside Jerusalem to the seven hills of mighty Rome the cross had come, and it was destined to fill the skyline of the whole world. For, although with that triumph over the State, the cross became for many a thing to be venerated in itself and an object of idolatrous worship, yet, in spite of formalism and superstition, it has gone on exercising its practical power through the ages.

Where, in history, the cross has not been accepted by men as salvation, it has risen up above their ruined world in judgment and renewed entreaty. Again to-day, Christ looks down from his cross upon the rows on rows of crosses which stud the world's battlefields and says, "Why will you die, when I have died to save you from all this?"

It is time we brought the cross, with its saving power, out of history into this hour, down from the steeples into the streets, from our devotion into our deeds, from our reverence into all our relationships. Great as is the cross in history, it has never yet been given a chance to reveal its full redemptive power.

Never was there a more urgent need to see the cross in its world relevance. There are those who talk about "preaching the cross," as if it were just a little story to tell the individual, to appeal to him as an

individual and that is all there is to it. But though the cross does challenge us all one by one, it has a universal significance as well. For Christ was not crucified in a quiet little corner, where men could come aside and meditate on him. He was crucified beside the public thoroughfare where the world of men passed by amid the noise and heat and stench of bare and busy life. Christ's crucifixion was public and his cross is still public. It has its profound public implications for the whole life of the world.

The cross is "the ground plan of the universe." The whole world is Calvary writ large; its date is all time, and we were all there that day. There is a cross at the heart of all life. It was the way life and the world were meant to work, and they will work in no other way.

If you look at the cross in a big enough way, you will see that it stands there as the most stupendous signpost for the world's guidance, pointing in three tremendous directions.

It goes down into the deepest reality. Ours

is an age which has babbled much of realism, and it has construed realism in a very grubby way. But the cross is the utmost realism of all. When that hole was dug on Calvary, and with that divine Victim nailed to it the cross was jolted down into it, the cross went deeper down into the realities of the world's life than anything else has ever done, and the freshly trodden earth, wet with the blood that flowed mingling down, cemented it there to solid earth so that it can never be moved.

It also reaches up to the highest grandeur. The plans that men put forward to solve the world's problems have plenty of ground work but no sky. They just go down, but the cross goes down—and up. It rears its head into the sky, to lift men up to God, and to bring God down to men. Its message is not that man can lift himself up by his own bootlaces but that "God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself."

And the cross has a third direction. It goes out to the utmost of human need. It is the only thing in all the world which does that. All the various rival faiths of nationalism and imperialism, which are still menacingly alive, are symbolised by the horrid emblem of the swastika, the crooked cross turned in to embrace itself. But the cross of Christ alone has its arms stretched straight out, and they reach out and out to all the world with the wide welcome of divine love for all men.

The great cross athwart the world is a challenge to every Christian. Looking to the cross for our own salvation, we must look further and see our commission to selfless cross-bearing service for our Saviour, and for the world of men for whom also he died.





# Forever Different

*When the cross is more than a pleasing theme in hymns and touches everyday experiences, the Christian's life gains power. F. T. Morgan stresses this truth in the following article.*

"Dead black against a blood red sky  
It stands,  
With outstretched hands  
The Calvary.  
What can it mean . . . ?"

THE Son of God was strung up on a gallows—or its ancient equivalent. It was judicial murder. Mob violence used by crafty political scheming swept a hesitant, uncertain governor off his balance and Jesus was slaughtered. It was horrible, a scene to be forgotten as quickly as a decent mind can forget such horror. . . .

More than once have I seen a picture of the world with a shadow over it—the shadow of the cross. Its dark shape blots the life of a continent. As the globe turns the whole world is shadowed. . . .

Why don't men forget it? What has the cross of Jesus to do with this world's life?

Men dare not forget it. If this were but another crime of man against God and against his fellows, it were better lost in oblivion, but because this is an act of God men forget it at their peril. We shall not grasp all that this colossal thing means. Our minds reel with the attempt, but we must make it. At least we can analyse what Jesus himself thought about it, and lay hold of the spirit revealed there.

The analysis shows certain definite points in his outlook on the death he was to die. For him it would be voluntary. No man took his life from him. He gave it freely for men. Again, there was purpose in this voluntary self spending of life. That purpose was the redemption of man from sin. Yet again, it was to be the pattern by which men should learn, not how to die, but how to live in

such a way as to discount death and defy sin. Men, following him, accepting the principle of life shown in his cross, being his disciples, would not only find a new and wonderful experience, but would bring to birth within the realm of man's life the energy and direction of the life of God. Through them God's kingdom would come and the world would be saved. "Except a grain of wheat fall into the ground and die," he said, "it abideth alone. If it die, it beareth fruit. He that loveth his life loseth it. He that hateth his life shall keep it. . . . For this cause came I unto this hour. If any man would be my disciple, let him take up his cross and follow me."

Voluntary, purposeful self spending for the lifting of the lives of others, as a way of life, not merely a spasmodic and abnormal extra; this is at least a part of the meaning of the life that found its inevitable expression in the cross. This is surely an essential part—or is it the whole?—of that life which marks the true disciple of the Christ who died for man.

Men dare not forget this, for this is the only way of life. It is no blot, no shadow, that is cast on the world by the cross. Only where the crucified life is lived is there light in this world of chaos and decay.

Men in the church of Jesus Christ are the men who are in danger of forgetting. The world has never known. The church has. Many to-day are seeking reasons why the church has not swept the world into a new way of life by reason of her own possession of divine power. The thoughtful among the faithful are troubled because a day that begins to suspect its own bankruptcy and seeks feverishly for resources finds the church so largely bankrupt herself. Is the reason for weakness the failure of men to see the cross



at the heart of our faith? Have we forgotten the word, if it die, it beareth fruit? When the cross is something more than a pleasing theme in our hymns, something more than a subject for theological debate, something more than a conventional symbol, when its costly implications are implicit in the everyday way of life of every professing Christian, then shall be the day of the church's power.

This is a programme for practical application. The amazing blindness of men who can, in conferences, in church officers' meetings, in group gatherings of various kinds, talk of the demands that Christ makes on men by his insistence on the cross and then go home and do nothing different, is shamed by the clarity with which Jesus saw that every act of life must be shaped and controlled by the spirit of selfless service. He saw it so clearly that he had to see it through. Because this principle was plain to him, he did something so different that the world will never be the same again.

But programmes need power. Caiaphas enunciated the principle—It is expedient that one man die for the people. That sounds like Jesus—almost. The difference is that Jesus died. He loved the people. Dorothy Sayers' treatment of Judas Iscariot suggests that he understood the words of Jesus more clearly than any of the twelve. At any rate, it is obvious that Peter misunderstood and was often shamed into silent misery by the Master's rebuke. But Peter followed, albeit afar off. He loved his Master. Judas loved himself. The principle of the cross is obvious in the words of Jesus and its cost in life all too obvious at a moment's thought. Nothing less than the love of God is power enough to carry it into effect.

Let us sit down—no, let us kneel before the cross of Christ. Let us not flinch when the flame of his love for men would scorch puny self to a cinder and kindle such devotion in us that we and the church we live in and the world we live for shall be forever different.



## Calvary Again

READ of the thorn-crowned brow,  
Serene, with crimson stain,  
And hot tears flow. How do I know

But that one single sin of mine,  
The careless shutting out of some impulse divine,  
Cuts him with keener pain, scarifies again.

Heavy timber for so mean a use  
He bore upon his shoulders, and abuse.  
I see him stagger on the way to a climax of agony.

Sobs beat upward from my breast  
Remembering, with heart oppressed,  
The side once pierced by Roman spear—  
Hate-driven, the hand which struck that blow.

I love him, yet how do I know  
But that my futile life, with failures sore,  
Deals him a heart-wound deeper far.

—Margaret C. Williams.



# Our Young People

V. C. Stafford.

## REACHING CHILDREN IN THE STATE SCHOOLS

THE Council for Christian Education in Schools in Victoria, pursuing a progressive plan, has published an agreed syllabus for use in teaching Christian faith and conduct in the schools of the Education Department in Victoria. It is an agreed syllabus in that the constituent churches of the council—Church of England, Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist, Congregational churches, churches of Christ and the Salvation Army—have approved of the syllabus.

Companion handbooks for the use of teachers who visit the schools for the purpose of giving this instruction are also published in conformity with the divisions of the syllabus.

### Syllabus

The syllabus is published in booklets, the work for two grades being included in each booklet. Thus Booklet 1 contains the syllabus for Grades 1 and 2, Booklet 2 the work for Grades 3 and 4, etc. One booklet contains the special syllabus designed for use in one-teacher schools where the children of all ages are given religious instruction at the same time.

Excellent statements are given in the syllabus relating to the scope covered, the Christian teacher's task, basic points in the syllabus, a "yard-stick" for each lesson, and hints for teaching practice.

### Handbooks

The teachers' handbooks (not to be confused with the syllabus) provide suggestions for the treatment of each lesson in the course, and are published to conform to the divisions of the syllabus. Thus Booklet 1 among the handbooks contains suggestions for the treatment of the lessons outlined in Booklet 1 of the syllabus.

Adequate supplies of the syllabus and handbook should shortly be available, and preachers and voluntary workers of our churches who teach in State schools should equip themselves with this literature. Our department, with other bodies represented on the council, have agreed to this syllabus as the basis of teaching, and it is desired that this syllabus be adhered to as a guide.

### A Great Opportunity

There has been a long-felt need for such a course of teaching, and the council is to be commended for the provision thus made. We must make good our calling. These new aids will be of little good without the loyal and loving service of men and women filled with the Spirit of God and desiring earnestly to win the children for Christ and his kingdom.

### The Council's Office

If this literature has not reached instructors, they should enquire at the council's office: 1st Floor, 31 Queen-st., Melbourne, C.I. Phone, FJ6826. The director is Dr. H. R. Trenaman.

## Schooling for Natives Opposed

*Maston Bell, of Western Australia, writes of building programme at Carnarvon and gives news of missionaries.*

VIOLENT opposition from some of the white people against our native children at Carnarvon attending the State school has been experienced. Mr. Hammer at a Parents' and Citizens' Association meeting was able to defend the rights of the children to education and many sympathetic people are accepting these rights. Unfortunately, however, the school is overcrowded, and it will remain to be found what unforeseen forces will be brought to bear to endeavor to prevent the children having their opportunity.

### BUILDING DRIVE

OWING to the indeterminate delay in R.A.A.F. decision concerning the buildings at Geraldton, the Federal Aborigines Mission Board has had to postpone the drive for building at Carnarvon. Although the organisation was well in hand, it will need to be rearranged when finally the buildings are put up for disposal, as a number of the men, such as farmers who were proposing to go, will now be attending to their seasonal work on their farms. It is expected, however, that there will be no difficulty in obtaining a substantial team when the time comes.

### MISSIONARY HOLIDAYS

TAKING advantage of the above delay, the board arranged for Mr. and Mrs. Hammer to take a much-needed holiday. They ex-

pected to leave Carnarvon by boat for Fremantle March 20, and will be in Perth during the Western Australian conference.

E. Park has readily undertaken to be at Carnarvon to help look after things while Mr. Hammer is away. It is expected that later Mr. Park will relieve also at Norseman.

We regret to report that Mrs. Berthelsen was taken to Norseman Hospital with pleurisy, and also Raymond Berthelsen with enteritis, but we understand both are progressing satisfactorily now.

### NORSEMAN MINISTERS TO A NEEDY NATIVE

WE delight to report on the missionary spirit of our Norseman workers. Kalgoorlie hospital had a native, ex both wars, originally a native of Norseman, unable to be retained at the hospital any longer, and with muscular paralysis. There was simply with nobody willing to care for him, and his strong desire was to return to Norseman. He was reported to be a very decent fellow. After consultation between Mr. Fitch, of Kalgoorlie church, the missionaries at Norseman and the Board, it was decided to care for the man at Norseman. Mr. Fitch took him while he was on his way to Esperance. It was an opportunity of real ministry to one who needed care and for whom nobody cared. Unexpectedly he only lived for a short while, but during that period gracious Christian ministry was tendered to him, and our missionaries spoke of the Saviour's love.

## Obituary

### Margaret (Madge) Sylvia Magarey

MISS MAGAREY, who died at North Adelaide, S.A., on Mar. 16, at the age of 62, was the daughter of Dr. Sylvanus J. Magarey, and granddaughter of Thomas Magarey, father of the Restoration Movement in Australia. Miss Magarey was baptised by H. D. Smith and welcomed at Grote-st. church on July 16, 1899. She possessed rare musical talents, which she heartily placed at the disposal of the church and brotherhood functions. Her services in the Bible school for over twenty years were much appreciated. Though a sufferer for the past four years, and unable to attend the Lord's house, her zeal for the Lord never flagged, and her support of the work of the church never diminished. She had a pleasing disposition, and all who knew her loved her. Our sister maintained her faith firm to the end, cherishing the "glorious and blessed hope" of meeting her Lord. We sorrow not as "those who have no hope," though we will miss seeing and talking and praying with her. Our sister was predeceased by her four brothers, Percy, Frank, Will and Don, but to her relatives who have had to part with her for a season we tender sympathy, but rejoice in the hope of the happy re-union in "the land that is fairer than day."—W.B.

### Gordon Frank Nisbet

AFTER a long illness, Gordon Frank Nisbet passed away at Alfred Hospital, Melbourne, on March 13. Though only 14 years of age, he had a missionary outlook, and looked forward to the day when he would be well enough to go forth in service. Up to the time of his illness he attended Ormond Bible school, Vic., and it was last year that he accepted Christ as his Saviour. He was a patient, cheerful sufferer, and was loved by all who cared for and contacted him in the hospital. The writer was assisted at the service in the home by W. R. McEwen, and later at the graveside the writer conducted a service in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends. We commend his parents, brothers and relatives to the Comforter and Hope of all who mourn until the day when we shall all be re-united.—J.K.M.

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### VICTORIAN CONFERENCE OF YOUTH AUXILIARIES

ON Tuesday, March 11, youth auxiliaries met for conference at Lygon-st. chapel. Dinner was served by the Women's Conference Catering Committee. Reports were presented by V. Foster (C.E.), G. Pearson (Phi Fraternal Orders), D. Reynolds (Associated Youth Committee), J. Fowler (Good Companions), Mrs. McGregor and A. Ashley (Girls' Fellowship), C. Berg (Eastern Suburbs Youth Fellowship), M. Dean (B. and F.B. Society, Youth Auxiliary and South Bayside Youth Fellowship), B. Hainesworth (North-west Youth Fellowship), B. Tippet and K. Balson (South Suburbs Youth Fellowship). R. P. Morris, M.C.E., showed pictures of his trip abroad, and made a strong plea for leadership training and Christian statesmanship.

### UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' FELLOWSHIP

THE Victorian Young People's Department sponsors the Churches of Christ University Students' Fellowship. The first meeting for 1947 was held on Monday, March 17. Ten young women and thirty young men attended, representing seven faculties. Dr. W. A. Kemp presided, and Mr. F. Lewis, Chief Inspector of Game and Fisheries, illustrated an address on Australian animals and bird life with moving pictures.



# Here and There

A. Anderson, after his long trip to India and China, has reached Adelaide.

T. Hagger is planned to speak at several meetings of the W.A. State conference. H. R. Coventry will attend the conference of the Tasmanian brethren.

P. R. Baker is enjoying a fruitful evangelistic campaign in Tasmania. On Sunday night, March 16, Nubeena chapel was crowded out, 150 being present; there were 12 decisions.

Chaplain L. G. Crisp has taken up service with the R.A.A.F. and has concluded his ministry with church at Essendon, Vic. At present he will be stationed at Amberley, Queensland.

The following message in a telegram reached us on March 24: "Marquee crowded out Hinrichsen mission, Wiley Park, N.S.W., Sunday night; more than hundred men standing; fifty Catholics present; four decisions."

A public meeting to protest against the setting up of a rocket testing range near Mt. Eba, S.A., with observation posts within the natives' reserve, is to be held in Melbourne Town Hall, Monday, March 31, at 8 p.m.

At a rally of Eastern Suburban Youth Fellowship held at Camberwell, Vic., on March 10, an instructive address on the social evils of gambling was enjoyed. A. Tate, of Gardiner, rendered two solos. 130 were present; these enjoyed tea in hall before returning to respective churches.

News of the Hinrichsen-Morris mission campaign at Wiley Park, N.S.W., is most encouraging. Reports of many Roman Catholics being present at meetings has aroused great interest. These include a hotel-keeper and a bookmaker. In addition well-known Sydney doctors have been attending services regularly. A full report will appear next week.

At Coburg, Vic., Mr. Macnaughtan has exhorted the church on last two Sunday mornings, his addresses being appreciated. On March 23 H. Connor, after deciding for Christ at the mission, was received into fellowship, and Mrs. Connor by transfer. Mrs. R. McDonald has been ill, but is improving. Mrs. Abernethy is home after illness. The Macnaughtan-Saunders mission continues to draw large numbers. Sister churches are helping. Geelong and West Preston church choirs have assisted with anthems. Visiting soloists from other churches have helped. There have been five decisions and many are interested.

Meetings at Granville, N.S.W., show a slight improvement. On Mar. 2 a young man made the good confession, and following Lord's day evening three young folk came forward seeking baptism. At close of evening service on March 16, a Bible school scholar confessed Christ. Practice is in progress in Bible school for anniversary. March 14 was set aside for a meeting of special appreciation of work of Mr. Flint. Welcome was also extended to Mr. Moran, who has now entered upon his fifth week of ministry with church. Four new scholars have been added to school. Mid-week service continues to be well attended.

Over sixty young people representing churches of Eastern District Conference spent Labor Day week-end at Berwick, Vic. R. W. Graham (Boronia) assumed leadership, and splendid assistance was given by C. H. J. Wright (Blackburn). Group leaders were Messrs. Graham, Wright, F. Langford, D. Thomas, V. Quayle, E. W. Heard and J. Baker. Sunday morning communion service was led by F. Langford, morning worship by D. Thomas, and open forum by R. W. Graham. L. A. Trezise was speaker at Sunday evening service in Berwick chapel, which was filled. An impromptu camp concert revealed talent. Offering towards expenses of churches of Christ representative to Oslo reached £6/13/6.

W. C. Brooker, preacher of church at Queens-town, S.A., died on March 24. Our brother had been building up for an operation for some weeks past. The operation was on Saturday, and after a heart turn on Monday morning he fell asleep. As preacher of church at Queenstown for more than forty years, as past president of Federal Conference Executive, and as an outstanding leader in South Australian brotherhood for many years, he has enriched the lives of many who live in various parts of the Australian continent. To Mrs. Brooker and other relatives we extend deepest sympathy. An adequate obituary notice will appear later.

At Bendigo, Vic., on Feb. 28, annual meeting of church was held. During year there was a nett increase of 15 new members. £994/13/7 was raised by church and auxiliaries for all purposes. There are at present 118 active and 17 isolated members. H. Bullen, G. Felton, together with R. M. Streader (re-elected), were elected as deacons to official board. Appreciation is expressed to J. Ellis (elder), G. Briggs and R. G. Perl (deacons), who have retired from office. There was a large attendance at evening service on Feb. 23, when a parade of Protestant Progressive Party was held. Mr. Mathieson's sermon was appreciated. On March 6, 45 were present at opening of Ladies' Auxiliary. Bill Woolan, baptised recently, was received into fellowship on Feb. 23. Good Companions have re-commenced activities for year. Visitors have been welcomed. Mr. and Mrs. Haslett have come to reside in Bendigo.

The Ladies' Choir, under leadership of Miss M. E. Pittman, L.Mus.A., handed to the committee the sum of £17/11/-, proceeds of their recent concert, towards the cost of furnishings of the home mission tent. This was greatly appreciated. We have had the pleasure of visiting the church at Springvale, where we found a group of keen, active disciples, having perhaps the largest attendances of any people in their district. The committee is helping to maintain Mr. J. K. Bond, their able and efficient preacher. They are waiting permit to build. On Sunday last we were in Kyneton, and were greatly cheered with what we saw—the church is perhaps in the finest condition for more than twenty years. The church and the student, Mr. P. R. Whitmore, are to be congratulated. These brethren appealed to the Home Missionary Committee to place amongst them a full-time resident preacher. This is one of the many calls that we have been compelled to put aside until men and money are available.—W. Gale.

E. W. Roffey (South Yarra) gave a splendid address in morning of March 9 at North Essendon, Vic. Dr. A. J. Saunders held interest of all with his address at gospel service. Mr. and Mrs. C. H. J. Wright were welcomed at a function in chapel on March 13. Words of welcome were expressed on behalf of church by F. Funston; by H. Hillbrich for Bible school; by Mrs. F. Mason for ladies; and by Dr. A. J. Saunders. Representatives were present from Essendon and Moreland churches. There was a splendid attendance on morning of March 16, when Mr. and Mrs. Wright and Mr. and Mrs. G. Conning were received into membership by letter. Members were delighted with the address given by Mr. Wright. Youth council had tea together, when the new preacher and his wife were guests. J. W. Burns was elected president and Ruth Funston secretary of council. All youth organisations held church parade at gospel service, when there was a large congregation. Mr. Wright held interest of all with his message for youth. Members were glad to welcome Mrs. F. Funston and Mrs. H. Hillbrich back after sickness. Bible school is again on upgrade, and plans are made for a special campaign.

Victorian brethren are particularly urged to make the coming conference a notable one by helping to secure large attendances at every session. The executive has been at special pains to provide a most interesting and helpful programme. Commencing Thursday evening, April 3, and running through to the following Thursday, there should be great meetings with great forward planning.

A special series of meetings was conducted at Burnley, Vic., during week beginning Mar. 9 and concluding March 16. Speakers were R. T. Pittman, Mr. Holloway (B. & F. Bible Society), C. B. Nance-Kivell, E. L. Williams, D. D. Stewart, W. F. Nankivell, J. Wiltshire, L. G. Crisp, W. T. Atkin. Local members gave faithful support, largest meeting numbering 66, and an average of 60. H. Long, preacher of church, led singing at all services. Visiting soloists were Mr. Gavros, J. McKenzie and Sister G. Long. Wonderful fellowship was enjoyed. Members appreciate ready assistance given by all.

We congratulate J. O. Methven, preacher of church at Castlemaine, Vic., on receiving an additional award for distinguished service as a chaplain in the Aitape-Wewak operations. The official report says: "Chaplain Methven displayed courageous devotion to duty during the Aitape-Wewak operations, and was continually in forward areas. His unselfishness and behaviour under enemy fire earned him the respect of all. Chaplain Methven did not spare himself in efforts to reach all sections, and has traversed the rugged Torricelli mountains to fulfil his obligations on many occasions." For this service our brother has been awarded the M.B.E. (Medal of British Empire), being the highest award received by any chaplain of the United Board.

Ballarat (Peel-st.) church is looking forward to fellowship with W. W. Saunders, who commences a short interim ministry on March 30. Harvest thanksgiving was held on March 9, with G. J. Andrews as visiting speaker in morning. Produce and gifts supplied were sold on following evening in aid of Sunday school reconstruction appeal. On March 16, Fay McBride made the good confession. Church business meeting was held on March 18 with large attendance of members. Reports showed all auxiliaries in good heart, with 16 decisions for year. The sound balance sheet reflects credit on treasurer and church. Following were re-elected: Elder, J. G. Lacy; deacons, R. McLeod, A. Pfeifer, W. Hearn, J. Robinson, A. Compston, R. Davies, C. Horbury, P. Graham; J. G. Lacy was re-elected treasurer, and R. McLeod appointed secretary in place of P. Graham, who had resigned after nine years' faithful service. Sunday school superintendent once again is A. H. Graham, while Mrs. Floate and M. Coombes were appointed senior and junior organists respectively, with June Turner assistant. It was decided to alter evening communion service to incorporate it in gospel service, while prayer meetings on Tuesday nights are to continue for at least six months. On behalf of church, J. Robinson and J. Lacy moved a vote of thanks and appreciation to A. H. Graham for his three and a half years' ministry and faithful service to church. A similar vote was tendered to P. Graham.

## NOURISHMENT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

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# News of the Churches

## Tasmania

**Mole Creek.**—E. Stephens conducted services at Caveside and Mole Creek, and rendered solos. Mr. Baton gave use of his car for visit. Keen interest was shown in district conference at Caveside. A good representation from Mole Creek attended. Hephzibah Byard, who has removed to Mole Creek, was welcomed into church by transfer from Mayberry.

**West Hobart.**—Services on March 9 and 16 were well attended. In absence of Mr. Burt at Nubeena, H. England and J. Park were speakers on 9th. Mr. Coomber (Rockdale, N.S.W.) has been with church for several weeks. On 14th, Young People's Club enjoyed a moonlight hike to Myrtle Gully. J. Woolley and B. Golder were speakers on 16th. Visitors included S. Harding (Footscray, Vic.). Mrs. Beer (Ballarat, Vic.) and Mr. Vogel (Camberwell, Vic.). Church has also enjoyed fellowship with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Byard, of Upper Natone.

## Western Australia

**South Perth.**—Monthly meeting of members was held at home of Mr. and Mrs. Cooper on March 18. Evening commenced with devotional service, followed by business session. It was encouraging to note increased attendance and interest shown in project, and all are looking forward to commencement of services in district.

**Inglewood.**—Ladies' Guild held a well attended social early in March. Mr. Nixon was visiting speaker on March 2. About 50 attended a social gathering at Morely Park, when appreciation of work Mr. Sherman has been able to do was expressed by residents. Roy Raymond, preacher at Subiaco, has accepted an invitation to labor with church. Mrs. Abbott, Mrs. Sharp and Miss Sharp are in Eastern States.

**Wembley Park.**—On March 9 Maston Bell, from Lake-st. church, gave an encouraging address on aborigines missions at Carnarvon and Norseman. Other visitors were also welcomed. At gospel service one lady confessed Christ. On March 16 W. Marshall, from church at Subiaco, gave the address. There were good attendances at Bible school and at morning and evening services. On March 13 a combined prayer meeting was held at Presbyterian church, West Leederville. During month a cricket match was played between teams from Lake-st. and Wembley Park churches.

**Perth.**—Brotherhood centre fund has reached £83/6/9. On March 11 a river trip was enjoyed. Singing of well-known hymns gave added pleasure to outing. On March 9, J. K. Robinson was preacher at both services. Morning service was broadcast. Bible school had four new scholars. Young Women's Fellowship spent an enjoyable outing at Crawley. Further contributions brought Aborigines Mission offering to £63/1/6. On morning of March 16 a talk by R. Hilford (North Perth) helped all. Evening service was broadcast. V. Conigrave contributed a solo. J. K. Robinson preached.

**Cottesloe.**—Harvest thanksgiving services were held early in March, and owing to illness of Mr. Fewster, church is indebted to visiting speakers for their part in success of these meetings. To the sick and local S.A. Girls' Home went the gifts of fruit and vegetables. Messrs. Paget and Hunt were visiting speakers, and Mr. Jeffrey has also spoken words of blessing on two different occasions. A garden

party was held at home of Mrs. Yeomans, when church renovation fund greatly benefited. A Bible school social was held on March 15, when a presentation was made to winning class in recent competition. School is at present in third position in State-wide increase in attendance campaign. Visiting from Victoria are Misses Gwen and Betty Brooker. A social evening and presentation in honor of Joy Coy's marriage to Les Grant was held recently.

**Fremantle.**—An impressive "in memoriam" service was conducted by Jas Gordon on Mar. 9, in memory of life and witness of late H. A. Verco. A successful harvest thanksgiving day was celebrated on March 2. Dorcas and Church Aid commenced new year with Mrs. Gracie president and Mrs. Gordon vice-president. At church business meeting on March 5, encouraging reports were presented. Meeting unanimously decided to inaugurate a "manse fund," £20 being voted from church funds as an inaugural effort. Mrs. Taylor, after long membership at Fremantle, has been transferred to Claremont church. Living link fund to end of February was £110.

**Kalgoorlie.**—On Feb. 10 church gathered to bid farewell to Don Tonking, who has gone to Woolwich Bible College, N.S.W. On Feb. 23 a farewell was tendered to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Maloney, who have gone to live in Melbourne, Vic. Late in February Mrs. Polkinhorne passed away. During absence of Mr. Fitch on holidays, Fred Stephenson and Ted Smith conducted gospel meetings and addressed morning meetings, as did Roy Beard, Alan Wishart and Mr. Berridge. Bible school attendances are nearing 200. An increase and attendance campaign was begun on March 16. Mrs. Varney is recovering after operation in government hospital. Mrs. Collins was able to attend morning meeting on March 16 after illness. All auxiliaries are doing well. Mr. Fitch spoke on holiday reflections on morning of March 16.

## Queensland

**Ma Ma Creek.**—After many months of patient suffering, Edna Metcalfe passed away and was laid to rest in Ma Ma Creek Cemetery. Endeavorers united with Gatton society for monthly consecration meeting. H. E. Greenwood showed films of recent camps at Grantham on March 13. Speaker at all services on 16th was Mr. Milne, of B. and F. Bible Society.

**Mackay.**—An evening to farewell the Millar family and to welcome Mr. Grant, the incoming preacher, was held on March 6. Items were given by scholars, officers and Bible Circle members. Presentations were made to Mr. Millar from church, to Mrs. Millar from Ladies' Guild, and to the children from Bible school. Mr. Grant commenced his ministry on March 9. At close of gospel service on 16th, a married lady made the good confession. New scholars have been added to Bible school.

**Boonah.**—"Happy Hour" (children's mission) conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Hart for ten days, created much interest, an average of over 100 children attending each day. Mr. Hart's series of special addresses taken from journeyings of children of Israel have been interesting and instructive. At annual business meeting of church held on March 13, all reports were encouraging. Following deacons were elected for ensuing year: T. J. Stubbin, W. Vogler, C. Jenner, A. Muller, C. Muller, G. Willey, H. Muller, F. Muller, A. Jenner.

**Gympie-Monkland.**—Churches rejoice in arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson to take up ministry of gospel, after a prolonged period without a regular preacher. A happy gathering at Gympie chapel on March 12 gave a warm welcome to them, and provided an opportunity for becoming acquainted. Mr. Wilson preached at all services on March 9, when

there was one reconsecration. A service was held at Rossmount, and Endeavor meeting on Monday night.

**Bundaberg.**—Ninety gathered for worship on March 9. Sister Voss, accompanied by her son, Reg Voss, and wife, and W. Wissman, were given a hearty welcome. Election of deaconesses took place, those chosen being Sisters S. De'Oberitz, N. Linderberg, T. Pohle and Mrs. Christesen (sen.). A. Williams, transferred from Kaniva, Vic., has been received. Aboriginal offering amounted to £7/18/7. Soloist at evening service was Mr. Roberts, who is holidaying in Bundaberg. Prayer meetings held on Thursday nights show good progress. An inspiring address was given by M. Roberts, from Chinchilla circuit, on morning of Mar. 16. Church commenced a Bible class for members from 16 years of age and upwards on Mar. 16, under leadership of J. McCormick, who is doing good work for church. A pre-wedding party was held on Mar. 14 for Mavis and Joan De'Oberitz, soon to be married. Soloist at evening service on Mar. 16 was J. McCormick.

**Brisbane (Ann-st.).**—All auxiliaries are functioning following close of recess period. Encouraging meetings have been held of newly-formed Intermediate C.E. Y.P.C.E. meetings have seen re-introduction of Endeavor teas which were a feature of war-time meetings. From new board of deacons for 1947, following appointments have been made: Chairman, H. J. Payne; secretary, G. McKelvie; treasurer, W. Berlin. Retiring chairman of board, W. A. C. Wendorf, rendered many years' valuable service to Ann-st. church and brotherhood. Dawn Porter, an isolated S.S. scholar, was baptised on morning of March 9, and following good confession the same evening Ken Schulz was baptised during morning service of Mar. 16. Recent soloists have been Miss Mavis Haigh and Mrs. Macfarlane. Attendances have shown a slight increase at evening services. 148 broke bread on Mar. 16. Church has gained spiritual stimulation from Frank Hunting's recent addresses on Ephesian letter.

## South Australia

**Murray Bridge.**—Harvest thanksgiving services were held during March. A fine selection of groceries, fruit and vegetables was displayed. The gifts were sent to Morialta Protestant Children's Home. A. E. Cremin spoke at both services. Young people of church attended last "Youth for Christ" rally in Adelaide town hall. Transport was provided by Presbyterian minister, A. E. Giles, free of charge.

**Victor Harbour.**—Meetings have been well attended. Harvest thanksgiving services resulted in about £7 worth of foods for Britain in addition to perishables sent to local hospital. A lantern lecture by Mr. Horne, of South Seas Mission, attracted a large audience. Three adults were immersed recently. W. L. Ewers concluded his five months' interim ministry on Mar. 23; C. B. Cartmel begins on 30th.

**Mt. Compass.**—Church was represented by 14 members at Southern Conference held at Strathalbyn. 43 ladies of district attended a combined service for Women's World Day of Prayer, when Mrs. Morris, of Black Forest Baptist Church, addressed meeting. There was a good display of gifts at harvest thanksgiving service on March 9, afterwards taken to Morialta Protestant Children's Home. H. Manning is settling into the ministry, and has already visited many homes in district. His sermons have been helpful and appreciated. There has been one confession of faith. B. W. Manning has been presented with a Bible in appreciation of his service to church while it was without an evangelist. Endeavorers were delighted to have a surprise visit by Mr. and Mrs. Riches at one of their meetings. Mr. and Mrs. Horne showed lantern slides on Solomon Islands at meeting on March 11. Miss Brenda McKinlay has commenced nursing at Memorial Hospital, and was presented with a propelling pencil at a social on March 13.



**Goolwa.**—A valuable supply of foods for Britain has been forwarded from harvest thanksgiving Sunday. This was last Sunday of ministry of W. L. Ewers in circuit. C. B. Cartmel begins his ministry on March 30. Barbara Bugar was married on March 15 (preceded by a kitchen evening) to Kelvin Peters, of Mt. Compass. B. W. Manning conducted services on March 9. Many expressions of appreciation, accompanied by a gift of money, were made to W. L. Ewers.

**Fullarton.**—There was a good attendance on morning of March 16. B. W. Manning was speaker. Members were glad to see Norman Gitsham after his accident, and to learn that his father also is progressing well. Several other members are in hospital. Jim Suttle's condition is causing grave anxiety to his family and friends. At gospel meeting a youth service was featured, and Endeavorers gave testimonies and a solo. Mr. Manning spoke and a young man made the good confession.

**Queenstown.**—On March 2 a man was baptised, and with three others, who had been previously immersed, was received into fellowship. Harvest thanksgiving services were held on March 9 with a large display of goods which were afterwards given to Escourt House. At gospel service on March 16, a young lady made her confession. G. Wilson, G. C. Purdie and J. M. Hall have assisted with appreciated addresses during recent weeks. Mrs. Corby, who has been laid aside, is able to attend services again.

**Nailsworth.**—Attendances and interest at all services continue to increase. Both services at harvest festival on March 2 were well attended; 150 in evening. Goods were given to Morialta Protestant Children's Home. Recently, church has been strengthened by return of 16 members. Prior to commencement of Ladies' Guild work for year, a picnic was enjoyed at Waterfall Gully. Y.P. department recently went to Norwood anniversary services, Mr. Fisher giving the address. Mr. Redford is much improved after illness. Plans are in hand for formation of football and cricket clubs. A special series of subjects for Easter services is creating much interest.

**Cowandilla.**—W. E. Fisher has entered sixth week of service, and has created deep interest. Two young people were baptised on evening of March 2. H. Jones and Mrs. Bain have made good recovery after illness. J. Grigg, church secretary, will return home shortly from hospital after operation. On Feb. 19, ladies gave Mrs. W. E. Fisher a social afternoon. Mrs. Purdy presided; community singing was led by Mrs. Arnold, and other items were appreciated. Afternoon tea was provided, after which surprise pantry gifts were presented to Mrs. Fisher. Feb. 23 was harvest thanksgiving day. Many gifts were sent, which made a good display. The gifts were given to Morialta Children's Home. Mr. Fisher gave two good addresses. After-service prayer meetings led by C. Bowes are well attended. Endeavor Society recently arranged a visit to Minda Home, and gave a concert to inmates; C. Simms was in charge. All auxiliaries and clubs are working well. Church has enjoyed fellowship of visitors, including Mrs. Fisher's mother, Mrs. Wood, from Victoria.

**Prospect.**—Church received news of passing away of Harold Mansell with deep regret, and prayers and sympathy go to his wife. He served the church for a number of years as deacon and treasurer. Choir arranged a social evening for Misses P. Robson, M. Searle and Blaskett, to be married shortly. Sermons on March 9 were conducted by R. Vincent, who has been with church for twelve months. He and Mrs. Vincent have had a happy year of service. Work has been placed on a good footing. Ladies' Guild held first meeting for year. Mrs. Vincent presided and R. Vincent addressed gathering; about 30 present. The marriage of Miss P. Robson to W. Klem was celebrated by Mr. Vincent on March 15. At services on March 16, Mr. Vincent addressed

church. Evening service was well attended. Mr. Vincent paid tribute to work done by older members. Services for day were in respect to aged members. Foundation members attending were Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Thompson, Miss Whitfield, Mr. Dunn. Sympathy is extended to R. Roberts in passing of his mother in W.A.

**Cottonville.**—Mid-week prayer meetings for year commenced on Feb. 25 with 15 present. Morning and evening services continue to be well supported, with a fine spirit prevailing. On evening of March 2, Rae and Alan Butler and Fay Jackson, scholars from Sunday school, were baptised. Mr. Brooke went to Kadina on March 9 for harvest thanksgiving services. In his absence, church had fellowship with and addresses from J. T. Train and F. Collins. Various young people contributed towards success of youth service on March 2. Mr. Brooke gave gospel address. Mrs. H. Mortimer is progressing satisfactorily following operation. Mrs. Syd. Berry and Mrs. Berry, sen., are home from hospital. Mrs. Bradshaw has been ill again. "B" grade tennis team has reached semi-finals.

## New South Wales

**Inverell.**—Church held annual business meeting on March 11, when following were elected: T. Young (chairman), J. Jackson (secretary), A. Newman (treasurer), G. Brighty, L. Barry, G. Stone, C. Stone, L. Lowrey. A. Winter and T. Cosh were re-elected elders. L. Wylie continues to preach forcefully.

**Earlwood.**—At a splendid gospel meeting on March 9, two young ladies confessed Christ, and a young man came forward for re-consecration, when A. Hinrichsen made the appeal. Bible school picnic on March 8 was most enjoyable. Buses took 140 scholars and 100 parents and friends to Parsley Bay.

**Marrickville.**—Reports at annual church business meeting showed good work by auxiliaries. Offerings through duplex envelopes for home and overseas missions were specially good. Discussion took place on ways and means to stimulate interest in evening services. A group of young people has commenced open-air services prior to gospel service in chapel. Bible school picnic at National Park was a great success. Mrs. Evan Lewis is confined to hospital.

**Canley Vale.**—The church welcomed Mrs. Rowe, a baptised believer, as a member of church on March 1. On March 8 Mr. Adams, of Loftus Park, was morning speaker. At other services Mr. Saunders has addressed congregations averaging about 35. Mr. Saunders is continuing with considerable visiting in district. At recent midweek meetings members enjoyed open discussion on "Can I be Truthful and Honest in All my Dealings?" and Bible quiz. Young people have re-commenced Saturday afternoon tennis club.

**Bexley North.**—During absence of J. Henderson on holidays, W. Small, of Burwood, R. Greenhalgh and B. Cavill conducted services on March 2, 9 and 16. At church annual meeting on March 5, a satisfactory position was revealed. 111 members are enrolled, and offerings to all funds totalled £544/10/4. A gift of £20 from Women's Fellowship brought building fund aim of £100 to £109/4/5. All auxiliaries have worked well. Bible school reports addition of a teachers' library "as a valuable asset to the work of the school."

**Bankstown.**—Work is progressing. There have been two baptisms during the month, and on March 16 four were welcomed into fellowship, two by transfer and two by confession and baptism. A successful concert, arranged by Sister Cox, was held in chapel on March 1. Help of Young People's Musical Society, along with visiting artists, was appreciated. This effort was in aid of manse fund, and over £7 was raised. Bible school picnic was held at Carr's Park on March 15.

Special effort is planned for an increase in Bible school attendances.

**North Sydney.**—Annual business meeting of church was held on March 5 with a representative group of members present. Reports showed good work had been accomplished in various departments. There had been a slight increase in membership. Treasurer's statement showed credit balance of £42/5/3 and £135 paid off building debt. Over £128 had been given to various brotherhood committees, and over £60 spent on sending parcels of food to brethren in England. All officers were re-elected. At Men's Fellowship on March 9, Mr. Milan, of Sydney City Mission, gave an interesting address, and a gift of £3/6/- was made to the mission.

**Chatswood.**—Keen interest is shown in special series of services which commenced on first Sunday of March. Attendances are steadily increasing and many visitors have been welcomed, including Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson, from Peoria, Illinois, U.S.A., Mr. and Mrs. A. Wilson, of East Camberwell, Vic., Misses Joan and Kathleen Verco, of Bordertown, S.A. Newly-formed Men's Fellowship had a fine meeting on March 2, when L. M. Haynes, B.A., Vocational Guidance Officer of Commonwealth Reconstruction Training Scheme, was speaker. Mrs. A. Graham and Mrs. J. Attack have been re-elected president and secretary respectively of Women's Missionary Band. Members of Seekers' Club are commended on their objective for the year, which is to purchase a block of land for establishment of a church at New Lambton.

## Victoria

**Ballarat (Dawson-st.).**—Bible school, in conjunction with York and Doveton-st. schools, held annual picnic at Lake Burrumbeet, a large number of parents and friends attending. At annual meeting of church, reports showed encouraging activity in many and varied departments. E. Davey, W. Reid, J. Stabernach, J. Price and E. Steele were elected deacons. Plans are in hand for church anniversary and Temple Day. Dorcas room has been renovated and painted. Men's club has re-commenced with Harold Smith president and Eric Steele secretary. Club held a social evening when over 60 members and friends attended. All churches in city have united in holding a Religion and Life Week. Opening speaker was C. G. Taylor of Lygon-st. Special collection for youth centre amounted to £5 and from school £2/2/-. Ruth Morris and Edith McGibbony have returned home after treatment in hospital. Mrs. Regan is progressing after operation. Church welcomes Mr. and Mrs. Saunders, sen., on a visit from W.A.

**Bentleigh.**—At annual business meeting of church on March 13, attendance was good. Officers elected: A. Beddome, S. Ratten (elders); A. Pott, R. Nugent, R. Wellington, H. Lee-Archer, J. Baensch, C. Dahl, T. Keneley (deacons). Reports revealed lively interest in all departments of work, and monies raised during last six months for all purposes excellent. Miss Yewdall, leader of girls' club, handed to secretary £15 raised by girls to be put into new building fund. Temporary alterations have been made to building to enable church to accommodate more people, but this is still inadequate. Dr. L. Michael gave an interesting illustrated address on evening of Feb. 23. Ladies' Mission Band is doing good work, and at meeting held on March 13 Mrs. Nance-Kivell was visiting speaker. Since R. J. Anderson has been full-time preacher, work and spirit in church have never been better. Sunday school anniversary commenced on March 9, when kindergarten gave demonstration; every child received a prize. Miss Yewdall and Mrs. Beddome officiated; Mrs.



Dahl presented prizes. On March 16, at teachers' dedication service in morning, Mr. White was speaker; attendance was excellent. S.S. anniversary was continued in afternoon. Mr. Beddome, S.S. superintendent, presided; Mr. Wiltshire was speaker; C. Gadge conducted singing. Service was broadcast over station 3AK. In evening Mr. Muller brought a challenging illustrated address.

Red Hill.—On March 9 N. Moore spoke morning and evening. Twenty Endeavorers visited Frankston church on March 8. N. Moore gave morning address on March 16. At night a beautiful message in song was rendered by N. Moore, L. Brown, B. and P. Holmes. Attendances at evening meetings last three weeks have been very pleasing. Cecil Prossor (returned soldier) was married recently. Ed. Holmes met with an accident which has laid him aside for a while, but he is improving. A presentation was made by S.C.E. to Ron Holmes, who has entered College of Bible. A recent building addition has been made to church grounds.

Horsham.—Two Bible school girls have been received into fellowship. On March 1 a married lady made the good confession. Bible school has had 110 scholars present on two Sundays. C. W. Jackel organised a successful concert on behalf of Mount Margaret Mission for Aborigines. Approximately 1200 people crowded town hall; proceeds amounted to £104. Harvest festival services were held on March 16. Building was full for each service. J.C. Endeavorers gave choruses, and Sister R. Fitzsimmons sang a gospel solo. There was one decision. Two married ladies, one previously baptised and one by transfer, were received at morning service. Temple Day has yielded £124 to date. Mrs. G. Barnett has been bereaved of her son, George. Sympathy is extended to all relatives. The time of Mr. Jackel's departure is indefinite because of delay in house accommodation.

Drumcondra.—Harvest thanksgiving services were held on March 16, when D. R. Stirling was morning speaker, and A. R. Pigdon at night. Endeavorers and Sunday school children contributed greatly to display, which consisted mainly of tinned foods. Garden produce of display was sold on following Monday night, and proceeds went to buy further tinned foods, all of which will be sent to Britain. M. Adair was received into fellowship on March 2. Mrs. G. Butt was baptised by Mr. Pigdon on Mar. 9. Endeavorers tendered a 21st birthday surprise party to Miss G. Cullum after their meeting on March 7. Endeavorers took charge of Manifold Heights Baptist Y.P.S.C.E. meeting on evening of March 18. Mrs. Meyers has returned home from hospital. Election of officers for Mission Band took place on March 5. Sunday school took charge of broadcast over 3GL on afternoon of March 16.

Carnegie.—Annual business meeting of the church was held on March 12 with fairly good attendance of members. Encouraging reports were received from secretary, treasurer and various auxiliaries which showed the work to be in a good condition. Election of officers took place: Deacons, E. Jury, S. Jenner, R. Mudge, L. Enticknap, G. Warmbrunn; deaconesses, Mrs. McDowell, Mrs. Ford, Misses Sherman and E. Ryall, and Mrs. McCarty; secretary, W. G. Organ; treasurer, Clive Ward; organist, morning, Elva Organ; evening, Clive Ward. Ten have been added by faith and baptism within recent months. Church is being ably led by W. E. Quirk as preacher, whose work is greatly appreciated. Mrs. Wm. and Mrs. Lever have been laid aside for some weeks with illness, but are improving. Cath. Ashmead has been received into fellowship by letter from Wangaratta church.

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Minister: W. S. Lowe, M.A., B.Com.

#### CHANGE OF OFFICE ADDRESS

Victorian Young People's Department notifies change of address. On and after Monday, March 24, offices will be located on First Floor, Morton House, 262 Flinders-lane, Melbourne. Direct correspondence relating to Victorian work to L. A. Trezise; Federal activities to V. C. Stafford to above address.

#### IN MEMORIAM

SPARGO (on active service).—In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Flt/Sgt. William Henry (Bill), killed Nuremburg, Germany, March 31, 1944.

Deep in our hearts a memory is kept  
Of one we loved and never forget.  
—Inserted by his mother, father, and sisters Betty and Peggy.

THOMPSON.—In loving memory of our beloved father, John (missionary) Thompson, who was called home on March 31, 1945. We thank God for him.

—Inserted by his loving family.

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APRIL 2 to APRIL 10, 1947.

Synopsis of Programme.

Wednesday, April 2—Lygon-st. Church, Women's Conference. All day from 10.30.

7.45, Swanston-st. Church, C.M.S. Annual Meeting.

Thursday, April 3, 2.30, Swanston-st., Reception by President Women's Conference.

3, Lygon-st., Preachers' Session.

5.45, Lygon-st., Pre-Conference Session. Tea and address, with discussion.

7.45, Lygon-st., Opening Session of General Conference. President's welcome. Reports and discussion of last year's work.

Friday, April 4, 9.30, Lygon-st., Conference continued. Address by incoming President.

2, Lygon-st., Addresses and discussion on vital brotherhood activities.

7.15, Lygon-st., Home Mission Demonstration.

Saturday, April 5, 9.30, Lygon-st., Conference continued. Our work at home and abroad. Open Forum.

2, Lygon-st., Challenging addresses followed by discussion.

7.30, Lygon-st., Overseas Demonstration.

Sunday, April 6, 2.45, Independent Church, Collins-st., Conference Sermon.

Monday, April 7, All-day Picnic at Wattle Park.

7.30, Lygon-st., Christian Endeavor Demonstration.

Tuesday, April 8, 10 a.m., College Old Boys' Club, Motor Trip, Warburton. Tea, Lygon-st., 5.30.

7.45, Lygon-st., Social Service Demonstration.

Wednesday, April 9, 7.45, Nicholas Hall, Youth Demonstration.

Thursday, April 10, 7.45, Nicholas Hall, Youth Demonstration. (Repeat programme.)

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—F. N. Lee, Secretary.



## Victorian News — Continued

**Bet Bet.**—K. Clinton commenced with church on Feb. 9. Sunday school combined with Dunolly S.S. held annual picnic on Labor Day, an enjoyable afternoon being spent. On March 10, annual business meeting was held, when all officers were re-elected.

**Ascot Vale.**—On March 16, harvest festival was held. Chapel was suitably decorated, and many valuable gifts were donated. Mr. Burt was speaker at both services, and his addresses were appreciated. Church has been saddened by passing of Miss M. McCallum on March 16, and extends sympathy to the bereaved.

**Kyneton.**—A baptised believer was received into membership on Feb. 16. There was a large attendance at Bible school picnic at Woodend on March 8. Three auxiliaries have resumed meetings after holidays. Visit and address of W. Gale were enjoyed on March 16. Recently solos were appreciated from Mrs. Goldsworthy, of Kaniva.

**Shepparton.**—On March 5 Hazel Perkins was married to Albert Stone; D. H. Butler officiated. On March 16, harvest thanksgiving services were held. D. H. Butler spoke at both services. The gifts were sold by auction on 17th, and proceeds will be donated to church building fund. Visitors on 16th included Mr. and Mrs. John Rigg and family, from Wagga, N.S.W.

**Newmarket.**—On Feb. 22, North-western District Youth Fellowship held a musical night in chapel, a happy time being spent. On Feb. 23, church anniversary was held. Mr. Rasmussen was speaker in morning and Mr. Kingston at gospel service. On March 2, Mr. Kingston spoke at both services. A church parade was held by cricket club at gospel service. Sympathy of church is extended to W. Jelliffe and relatives in loss of his mother.

**Stawell.**—Work progresses slowly. Members rejoice in recent decisions for Christ. On March 9 a married woman stepped forward, Mr. McLean preaching. His assistance in the work is greatly appreciated. On March 16 Mr. Mudford conducted services. Attendances were encouraging. At close of gospel service a young man from young people's club made the good confession, and the married woman who had previously confessed Christ was baptised.

**St. Kilda.**—Mr. and Mrs. Hunt have returned from annual holiday, and are in great heart for work being planned. During Mr. Hunt's absence, Mr. Buckingham (C.F.A.) conducted services morning and evening of Feb. 9. New members for C.F.A. resulted from his visit. A. M. Norton, morning, and A. L. Finger, evening, were speakers on Feb. 16. On morning of March 9, Mr. Hunt based his address on work of Properties Corporation.

**Camberwell.**—Girls' gymnasium has commenced under leadership of Miss R. Short and Mrs. S. Chipperfield. At meeting of men's society on March 18, A. J. Wignell, of Burwood Boys' Home, spoke on "The Under-privileged

Boy." Women's Mission Band visited home of Mrs. Stone at Frankston on March 19. On March 7, boys and girls of primary department had an afternoon tea table conference on what made Zacchæus grow up a dishonest man.

**Preston.**—There was one confession at close of gospel service on March 2, a lad from Bible school. Bible school anniversary services were held on March 9 and 16, speakers being A. R. Lloyd (Coburg), C. Page, and B. J. Combridge. Scholars rendered special pieces under baton of S. W. Gray, assisted by an orchestra. Bible school picnic was held enjoyably at Eltham on Labor Day. F. Chatley has retired as superintendent, Colin Johnson being elected to fill vacancy. John Pinches has been elected secretary.

**Footscray.**—On March 5, young ladies' guild members were entertained by a lady demonstrator from Paton and Baldwins knitting mills. On March 10, Sunday school picnic to Bacchus Marsh proved a very enjoyable day. Arthur Hedley, member of church cricket team, won championship trophy of district church cricket association. On March 16 church welcomed as visitors from Grote-st., Adelaide, S.A., Mr. and Mrs. Delaine, Miss Cant, Miss West, Miss Murdock. Mrs. Delaine sang a solo at evening service. Other visitors were also welcomed.

**Brighton.**—Over 100 attended an illustrated lecture given by R. P. Morris. The colored pictures were taken by him on his recent tour abroad. Recently church has had fellowship with the preacher's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Lowe, of Wellington, N.Z. A successful Bible school teachers' refresher course was conducted recently. Speakers were Mrs. T. Haines, of Surrey Hills, and Mr. Lowe. "B" cricket team reached finals of Sandringham-Brighton District. Church congratulates Maurice Balson on gaining a free place at Melbourne University.

### ADDRESSES

J. E. Allan (preacher, Blackburn church, and secretary Victorian F.M. Committee).—12 Queen-st., Kew, E4. 'Phone, Haw. 300.

J. Dickason (secretary Surrey Hills church, Vic.).—Shamrock-st., Surrey Hills.

J. B. Grant (preacher Mackay church, Qld.).—C/o Post Office, Mackay.

R. McLeod (secretary Peel-st., Ballarat, church, Vic.).—419 Ascot-st. South, Ballarat.

G. T. Miller (preacher Rockhampton church, Qld.).—The Manse, Bellevue-ter., The Range, Rockhampton.

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## Northern District Conference South Australia

ANNUAL District Conference was held for a first time at Owen on March 11 and 12. Sisters' Conference was conducted by Mrs. Rootes, of Kadina, about 55 ladies attending.

Men's meeting was held at same time. A devotional session was conducted by K. Barton, of Pirie. E. Long, of Balaklava, presided over discussion period. Mr. Rootes, of Kadina, spoke of "The Scriptural Duties of Church Officers." A long and helpful discussion followed.

Youth rally filled local institute. Youth groups brought musical items. L. Marshman conducted song service. C. L. Johnston, chairman State Youth Department, conducted the meeting, and G. Stirling, youth director, gave a challenging address.

General Conference session commenced on Wednesday morning with devotional conducted by Mr. Russack, of Kadina. J. Gibson, of Balaklava, president, guided conference through a long business list. Executive, church and Scholarship Fund reports were discussed, special interest being centred in needs of Moonta.

State departments were represented during afternoon by Mr. Russell (State Executive), as acting president of conference; Home Mission Department, C. Schwab; foreign missions, A. Ingham; Youth Department, G. Stirling; Aborigine State Committee, A. Hutson; College of the Bible and Social Service Department, J. E. Webb.

The N.D.C. executive elected was: President, J. Gibson; vice-president, K. Barton; treasurer, E. Long; secretary, A. Hutson. Scholarship fund committee was re-appointed, D. Daniel, A. Hutson, W. Marshman, N. Noble.

The rally in evening filled the institute. Balaklava choir and other musical items from other churches were enjoyed. Mr. Gibson was introduced as incoming president, Mrs. Rootes as new sisters' president. J. E. Webb spoke on "The Plan for Unity." Meals were excellently catered for by sisters of Owen-Long Plains circuit, under leadership of Misses Marshman and Harkness.

Mr. Hutson moved a comprehensive vote of thanks to all who helped in any way to make the conference such an inspirational period of fellowship and spiritual uplift.—A.H.

## Obituary

H. Mansell

THE passing of our beloved Harold Mansell was a great shock to the church at Prospect, S.A. He had been in ill-health for a few weeks, but was able to attend church on Lord's day, March 2. He took suddenly ill on Monday, and passed away on Tuesday, March 4. Mr. Mansell was transferred from Grote-st. church in 1919. In his young days he was a local preacher in the country. He was much loved by all members of the church, and served the church as treasurer and deacon. His presiding at the Lord's table was always one of deep reverence. His theme hymn, 501, "Purer in heart, O God," always conveyed his message. A coincidence was that the hymn was sung the last service was that the hymn was sung the last service he greatly missed by all at the church. He lived an outright life for Christ, and leaves a wonderful example behind. He has now gone to receive his reward from the Master he served so faithfully. Our late brother was laid to rest at Dudley Park cemetery.

R. Vincent conducted the service, and a large gathering paid their last respects to one of God's faithful servants. He served in World War I., and members of his unit attended the burial. Our deepest sympathy goes to his dear wife at this time.—H. Cliff Meadows.

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PERHAPS it might help to clarify the issue  
involved in the statements by Messrs.  
S. R. Beck, W. A. Kemp and Polliott T. Morgan  
under the heading, "College and Doctrine," if  
readers will ask themselves whether they  
plead for the restoration of the New Testa-  
ment church or the restoration of New Testa-  
ment Christianity, for these have come to  
mean two very different things. If they be-  
lieve in the restoration of the New Testament  
church, with its doctrines and practices as  
the absolute standard under which true unity  
can be obtained, as the writer does, they will  
realise that the New Testament church did  
not work under the theological college system  
and had no such colleges, and therefore they  
will not support them. If, on the other hand,  
they believe that Christian unity can be  
achieved by the restoration of New Testament  
Christianity, they will consider their object  
will be achieved by observing such doctrines  
and practices of the New Testament church  
as they deem relevant and use other doctrines  
and practices as they deem expedient. Under  
this second method it may be deemed expedient  
to establish theological colleges and other  
practices, and if this is done, surely those  
who so believe cannot logically withhold their  
support. Nor can they complain if it is  
true, as Mr. Beck says many feel, "that the  
present faculty are departing from many of  
the doctrinal beliefs which have for so long  
been accepted as the basis of the New Testa-  
ment church."—Hugh Nichols, Brisbane.

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