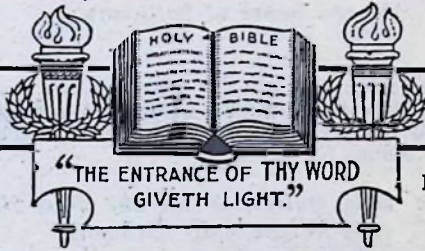


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## How to Gain Freedom

**M**EN are born free. They are able to choose between good and evil ways. While the forces of heredity and environment play their part in decisions, nevertheless men take to themselves, willingly, the guilt and responsibility of their evil deeds. They accept the burden of a troubled conscience because they know they are free and blameworthy. The philosopher and teacher of ethics, Nicolai Hartmann, has declared such a truth. The Bible has always stood for that view.

The man who is completely free is the one who is not only faced with the choice of good and evil, but chooses the good, while being free to do what is evil. We are free and we enjoy freedom when we choose to do what is true and right. With the ability to choose between good and evil comes the obligation to think and to act aright. Freedom and licence are not one and the same as some seem to suggest. Freedom brings order and unity, but licence results in confusion and division.

If we think freely and correctly our minds are united and our thinking is clear and free from confusion. If we speak and express ourselves with perfect freedom we do not contradict ourselves or the truth. We do not become authors of confusion, but creators of unity. If we act with true moral freedom we build a character that is strong and unyielding before the forces of evil.

### THINKING ARIGHT

We may sometimes claim the right to think in any manner that may please ourselves. However, Jesus settled the question when he urged, in the Sermon on the Mount, that evil thoughts must be banished from the mind. We were not made free so as to think evil. No hateful thought, no lustful suggestion, nor any covetous inclination enters a mind completely free. Hate, lust and covetousness are links in a

chain of bondage. Whenever they find an entrance into the mind, they begin to link up into the bonds of an evil imprisonment. Paul urges that the attention of the mind ought to be fixed on "whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report" (Philippians 4: 8). Jesus shows that a spring of evil is to be found in the human heart or mind. "For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries,

fornication, murders, thefts . . . all these evil things come from within, and defile the man" (Mark 7: 20-23). It is of supreme importance that a man give attention to the thoughts of the mind and keep them pure, for as a man "thinketh in his heart, so is he" (Proverbs 23: 7). A mind free from evil makes a man free indeed.

### SPEAKING ARIGHT

There are many who claim the right to speak freely. They desire the privileges of freedom of speech. But have men the right to say what they desire, whether it be true or false? Words can do untold harm. Once a false report is made against a man's character it can spread rapidly, damaging a noble reputation. Has a person the right to speak lightly and foolishly? Ought we make statements that are not based upon the truth, disregarding the laws of correct thinking? There is freedom to speak the truth, but that is different from mere human opinion. Jesus has declared, "Every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned." As Christians we acknowledge the word of God as true. What we say must be in harmony with the facts of (Please turn to page 51)



*JESUS said, "Know the truth, and the truth will make you free." Before Pilate Jesus said, "I came that I should bear witness to the truth; every one that is of the truth heareth my voice."*



# The Holy Spirit

*Hector C. Spratt, of Queensland, gives scriptural evidence concerning the ministry of the Comforter in the heart of believers.*

MANY sincere Christians are perplexed concerning the Holy Spirit and his work to such an extent that they lose their peace of mind even to doubting their salvation. It is necessary to know something of his ministry to the child of God, and here we would seek to deal simply and conclusively though not exhaustively with this matter.

First we would ask, "What is a believer?" It is here we would lay the emphasis. Varied definitions are forthcoming. Someone says, "One who is born again"; another, "One who is saved"; another, "One who has passed from death to life," and all are right. But stay a minute; tell us, why are there so many uncertain believers—for there are such? To use a paradoxical term, "Why are there so many doubting believers?"—for there are, though it sounds impossible. To put it simply, a believer is "one who believes." But how many there are who will not simply believe! We are speaking of believers. Again, in what does a believer believe, to be really a believer? In himself—his opinions, his accomplishments—or (and think this over seriously) his feelings? Is he not really one who believes the word of God, irrespective of man's reason, or argument, or his own feelings, thrills or such like? There are many Christians of waverling faith, uncertain as to their salvation, because they have not certain ecstatic feelings, when God's word teaches that salvation and faith rest upon the finished work of God's Son upon the cross. For "he that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life." If a man have any doubt, having "from the heart" accepted Christ as Saviour, that doubt casts aspersions on the truthfulness of God, and who am I who would make God a liar? Now the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to confirm to the believer the fact that he is saved. The Holy Spirit is the witness, and a witness attests to the truth. So the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to bear witness. Now we will take three verses of scripture to show how the Holy Spirit witnesses.

## *"The Holy Ghost Also is a Witness to Us"*

(Heb. 10: 15)

To see just what this means we need to remember that in this chapter the writer is emphasising the perfection of the offering for sins made by Jesus Christ. Pointing back to the multitudinous and oft-repeated sacrifices under the old Mosaic dispensation, he shows that these could never take away sins. They were only oft-repeated acknowledgment of a debt that could not be paid by man, yet pointing forward to that One who would assume all the indebtedness, pay the debt, and set the bankrupt sinner free of all the encumbrance of debt for sin. And in the fullness of time he did this in "one sacrifice for sins for ever." Having accomplished this he "sat down on the right hand of God." "Wherefore," the writer says, "the Holy Spirit also is a witness to us."

"Not all the blood of beasts  
On Jewish altars slain,  
Could give the guilty conscience peace,  
Or wash away the stain;  
But Christ, the heavenly Lamb,  
Bears all our sins away,  
A sacrifice of nobler name,  
And richer blood than they."

Gone are the sins and their stains, and as the writer again quotes, "Their sins and

their iniquities will I remember no more." The Holy Spirit in the word bears witness to it; it is there to believe, and is not dependent on feelings but on faith.

## *"He that Believeth on the Son Hath the Witness IN Himself"*

(1 John 5: 10)

Of course the crux of the whole matter still remains—do you believe? "He that believeth . . . hath the witness in himself." In verse 9 John says, "If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater," yet many allow the questionings of the human heart, and oft-repeated challenges of perhaps well-meaning friends, to cause them to doubt the greater witness of the pledged word of the mighty God. Every believer has the witness of the Spirit abiding within.

# Social Service Notes and Comments

Will. H. Clay

NOW that the Christmas season is past, the community has settled down to business, and there does not appear to be any change for the better. The good resolutions common to the Christmas occasion and also common to all classes of society do not appear to have materialised. Class hatred is still much in evidence, and the power of force is in the ascendancy. Parliaments are influenced by numbers rather than by justice and right. One prominent ex-Prime Minister has urged his friends to make more noise, and a Premier recently urged those who clamored for more dog-racing and more favorable conditions to organise. Such advice is merely symptomatic of political trends. Beer barons and gamblers are being given every encouragement to organise and make a noise. Discontented workers are being encouraged to strike and paralyse industry. Of their claims we have nothing to say, except that the time has long since passed when the proceeds of man's industry should be more justly distributed. Of their methods, however, justification is claimed, because constitutional government has failed, and no alternative remained. We are forced to the conclusion that concessions, no matter what the question may be, are granted to those who make the most noise, who also mock at proprieties and who defy the law.

## *Gambling*

Betting, whether on racecourses or on the street, is gambling. The raffle for a house, no matter what the object may be, is a gamble. The evil is still an evil though men and women in high places indulge it. The daily press informs us that the bookmakers at the Adelaide races on Saturday, 25/1/47, went on strike. "Although the crowd was only half the usual size totalisator investments on the first race alone amounted to £5569/18/6, easily the best since the resumption of racing in 1943." Unless governments will do something to curb the facilities for gambling, the consequences, both moral and industrially, are too serious to contemplate. A press report from Madras, India, almost contemporaneous with the foregoing, informs us that the government has banned betting both on and off racecourses, because the people were

God's word declares it; and if you doubt this truth, you again accuse God of a lie. Some folk they will try to believe; try to believe whom, God? Would you not rather have his word than a feeling that will fluctuate with a physical condition, or perhaps financial position? Thank God our security is in something better than fluctuating feelings.

## *"The Spirit Itself Beareth Witness WITH Our Spirits that We are the Children of God"*

(Romans 8: 16)

We have seen that the Spirit dwells in, and it is because of that we have the witness with. Into our hearts, as children of God by faith, has come "the Spirit of adoption whereby we cry, Abba Father." There is that response due to the new relationship of being "heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ." Gone the sense of estrangement; gone the sense of fear. The call of his Spirit finds ready response as faith, taking God at his word, knows that, by receiving his Son, we have the right to being sons of God. Because I believe God's word, I know, and the Spirit's witness within enables me to rejoice in the fact that God is my Father and I am his child.

spending far more than they could afford on the practice.

## *Drink*

On February 15 N.S.W. voters will go to the poll to determine whether 8 o'clock closing of hotels will stand. Brewers and publicans, supported by many politicians, are asking them to extend the hours to 10 o'clock or, if this is not possible, to 9 o'clock. While Victoria has withdrawn the right from the people to vote on the question of licences, because of inconvenience and expense, but perhaps, more truly, because of liquor pressure, N.S.W. is willing to spend a huge sum to gratify its friends, the liquor party. As a sample of the kind of propaganda this body-and-soul destroying business is putting over, it is known that a film was taken in a suburban hotel bar at 11 a.m., when free beer was turned on, to depict a 6 o'clock rush to get a drink. The "wets" profess to be very disturbed because leisurely drinking is impossible, and this film is being shown to prove it. The issue of this poll is most serious. Defeat may well mean national disaster. We are convinced that only a militant church can save the situation.

## *Our Aborigines*

Much has lately been published in the daily press with regard to these unfortunate and often exploited people which has caused a stir in many circles. The matter is so involved we have hesitated to make any public statement. There are definitely three distinct classes of aborigines, the nomads, those loving on stations, both government and private, and those who are living and working side by side with the whites. Each of these classes must be given consideration which will best meet their needs. It would seem that the government is determined, in spite of protests, to experiment with rocket tests which threaten the very existence of

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# In Mary Thompson's Footsteps

A. Anderson

AS I alighted at Harda my mind was full of conflicting emotions. One is either so used to seeing shoes removed or removing one's own, that amid these conflicting emotions one seemed to hear a voice, "Remove the shoes from off thy feet, for the ground on which thou walkest is holy ground."

In the early eighties, our American pioneers commenced work at this place. Among that group was G. L. Wharton, a household name to earlier generations of Australian disciples.

Mary Thompson heard the call to India in 1891, and she served at Harda till her return to Australia, 1934—forty-three years' service. She died at Melbourne in 1936. Till about 1929 Miss Thompson was associated with the American missionaries, some of



Miss Mary Thompson.

whom we met on the Disciples' field, and most of whom regretted that they had to withdraw from an area as promising as any in their areas. Drastic economic cuts had to be made during the depression and Harda, though the oldest field, was furthest away from the centre, and was consequently sacrificed.

After the Americans withdrew our Australian missionary carried on until infirmities of the flesh caused her withdrawal. To Miss Thompson at the time her withdrawal was merely a furlough, for though over seventy years of age, it was her firm intention to return. The Almighty Father willed it otherwise.

In the prime of its power, a large work was carried on by the American mission and necessitated four missionary bungalows. Hospital work, dispensary work, primary schools and a large high school were among the many departments of work. Other large cities we passed through were once worked as outposts from this area.

## The Bungalow

To-day, the visible results that remain of the Harda mission are the Mary Thompson bungalow, and the chapel and the small work of the pastor Zilbert Kellar, who cares for the five Christian families who remain—a total of about twenty people. It is gratifying to know, however, that spiritual results cannot be assessed in this way. M. J. Shah, one of the early preachers of Harda, was later transferred to Fosterpur, and here he built up a splendid work. Some of this man's family are also in other areas, and active in Christian work. Our American friends also told us of numerous cases where men and women, now in high positions and giving a

splendid Christian witness, were one-time members of the Christian community here. One such man we met at the Harda station, who told us proudly he had a good job at the railway, but he added simply, "I owe my position and what I am to the Christian high school at Harda." So the seed was sown, and the roots, if not at Harda itself, are in many other places in India.

On a hot afternoon we were met by Zilbert Kellar, the old evangelist and co-worker of Miss Thompson. We were taken to his home—actually the co-workers' quarters of the old bungalow where Miss Thompson once lived. It is of peculiar interest to note that of the four bungalows once belonging to the mission, three have been sold. The other, the one occupied by Miss Thompson during her mission service, was not sold because it stands on land that was leased for ninety-nine years. The owner of the land would like to call the deal off, thereby gaining the property for a very nominal figure. Up to the present the mission has retained its hold. Mr. Kellar's wife was the faithful Bible-woman—the companion of Miss Thompson's many journeys. This good couple still live on mission property and have a quarterly allowance from the mission.

We looked into Miss Thompson's old bungalow, now occupied by an Anglo-Indian. One tried to imagine Miss Thompson at home, planning and praying for the work so near to her heart. The old Indian couple loved to talk of Mary, and it seemed to comfort and cheer them greatly for us to say that the presence of Miss Thompson was still with them, to encourage and help them onward.

We looked over the old high school, now run by the Harda Municipality. Mr. Deshpande, the principal, was a teacher in the old days of the mission. He apologised for the condition of the school. Much repair work is needed, though it is apparent that good work is still being done.

The foundation stone still records the fact that it was the Christian mission high school and built in 1921. Since the Americans withdrew in 1929, it was only run as a mission school for about eight years. The building is an imposing brick place—plenty of room and space, and cost, so we were informed, 45,000 rupees (£4500)—quite a price when things were not so costly.

## The Chapel

From there we went to the centre of the town. It is quite a city, but wholly unoccupied as a missionary force. The next place of interest was the church, an interesting place, but not nearly so imposing as some of the Disciples' buildings in other places, notably Bilaspur and Jubbulpore. The foundation records that the chapel was built in 1892, and our Australian records show that donations were given at the time to help in the erection of this church and the primary school buildings standing not far away. Inside a memorial tablet reads: "In memory of G. L. Wharton, pioneer missionary of Christian mission, and organiser of the work in Harda." In a small cupboard in the chapel we found two hymnbooks, one Hindi and one Sankey, in which were inscribed the name of Mary Thompson in her own handwriting.

After our survey, we returned to the pastor's home, and ate a meal prepared by his wife, then we said our final farewell. These good people were genuinely pleased to see us, and asked us to convey to the members of the Thompson family their best salaams. Thoughtfully we wended our way to the station. We

had seen something that had long been in our hearts to see; and yet there was a feeling that had the Christian church at home stood more loyally to its responsibilities, the American brethren would not have had to close a promising work because times were bad.

Maybe some day missionaries will again come to Harda and follow in the footsteps of great workers like G. L. Wharton and Mary Thompson; and when that time comes may they feel the holy influences of the consecrated workers of the past.

## Gaining Freedom

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divine revelation. Our aim ought to be to express what God has already said and revealed in the life and teaching of Jesus. We are free, not to say just what we like, but what God likes. We enjoy freedom of speech when we speak freely the truth, particularly that truth God has spoken to us through his Son. We must be able to say, "Thus saith the Lord," when we claim the rights urged in the "freedom of speech" principle. "I came that I should bear witness to the truth," said Jesus, "every one that is of the truth heareth my voice." The tragedy of the present day is that people want to say what they like; such they consider to be the principle of the freedom of speech. They refuse to find out what the Lord would have them say. They neglect the word of the Lord and will not listen to their God.

What we have said with regard to speech applies with equal, if not greater, force to written statements. Some persons claim the right to be free to write just what they desire, not taking into account whether their words are in harmony with the truths of divine revelation or not. Many false statements can come into the hands of young converts, inexperienced Sunday school teachers and young people, and can do much harm. We have known some persons who have spoken and written rashly in the enthusiasm of youth, not weighing their opinions with the truth set out in scripture, who have, in their old age, seen the sin of their folly and repented of their rashness. But alas! they have not been able to repair the damage which their former words caused. May we strive, therefore, to speak and to write in harmony with divine truth as found in the Bible, so that many may be helped and none hurt by our words!

## ACTING ARIGHT

There is no need for us to stress that a Christian has been born free in Christ to live and to act aright. We are aware that our freedom in action must not cause trouble or damage to another citizen. We are free to do what is right. Sometimes we may err in not acting. If a person is in danger or in need, and we refuse to help, we are failing to use our freedom. It is evident that if our mind or heart is right and centred on what is good and true, then we shall reveal in our actions the purity and righteousness of our thoughts. Where a man acts freely, doing what is right, he presents a consistent set of deeds before men. This comes to be known and to be recognised. We then speak of such a person as possessing a good character. Jesus urged his followers to live in such a manner when he said, "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

In our thinking, speaking and acting may we therefore show the freedom we enjoy in Christ Jesus. Let us not confuse freedom with licence, but make full use of our opportunities to act in harmony with truth and righteousness.



# Here and There

We are glad H. G. Payne, of Queensland, returned home from hospital on Jan. 28, and is now convalescing after successful treatment.

Mrs. G. Waterman, now an inmate of the Convalescent Hospital, Caulfield, Vic., is making an excellent recovery after recent operation.

Dr. and Mrs. G. H. Oldfield and family, of Dhond Hospital, coming home on furlough, expect to leave Bombay, India, by s.s. "Chyebassa" on Feb. 10.

Dr. L. J. Michael, missionary, on furlough from India, arrived in Melbourne on Friday, Jan. 31. He will engage in post-graduate hospital work for three months.

A. Cleland, a past president of the Victorian conference of churches of Christ, is in hospital, having had an eye operation. We trust he will enjoy a speedy and complete recovery.

Mr. McKell, Premier of New South Wales, has been appointed the new Governor-General of Australia. There has been much discussion about the selection of an active politician to this high position. Now that Mr. McKell has been selected, many throughout the Commonwealth will look to him for the lead that has been associated with such an important position and wish for him success.

Men of Victorian churches are giving constant proof of willingness to serve the Lord with gladness, with their strength, motor cars, and by making holidays working days. Sixteen men left Melbourne at 12.30 a.m. Foundation Day for Cressy, and at dawn commenced wrecking of a building 37 ft. x 20 ft. At 4 p.m. it was on transport truck for erection at camp site in Gramplains to serve youth work in rural areas. B. F. Huntsman, B. J. Kemp and L. Bangsund transported the party in their cars; W. A. Fordham and Mr. Armstrong initiated building operations.

A very promising commencement was made at Parkdale, Vic., with the Macnaughtan-Saunders tent mission on Sunday, Jan. 19. Throughout following week attendance and interest were encouragingly on the increase. There have been seven confessions, and on Lord's day morning, Jan. 26, six brethren and sisters who were immersed on Friday evening were welcomed to fellowship. The faithful, uncompromising and searching addresses of Mr. Macnaughtan are making a wide appeal, and the church is confident of a very helpful mission. The Happy Hour sessions for the children, conducted by Mr. Saunders, are received with popular favor. Mr. Saunders addressed the church on Jan. 26.

After a long illness, Edward H. Price, an honored member of church at Ballarat, Victoria, died on Jan. 29. From early youth our brother was a faithful servant of the Lord. Although he was associated with one of the leading businesses in the city of Ballarat, he found time to serve with the church and witness for Christ. He was a member of the church for over fifty years, a church officer for forty years, and a Bible school teacher for thirty years. In addition he spent much time advancing charitable work in the city. He was closely associated with the Red Cross Society, and at time of his death was president. To Mrs. Price and family, and to other relatives, we offer sincere Christian sympathy.

One of the most popular gatherings of the year was held in the church of Christ, Canley Vale, on Dec. 31, 1946. Friends from far and near gathered together to honor Mr. and Mrs. J. Clydesdale, who were celebrating their Diamond Wedding. On arriving at the chapel Mrs. Clydesdale was presented with a lovely basket of flowers, and then, to the strains of the Wedding March, the happy couple took their places at the table. The esteem in which our brother and sister are held was

amply displayed afterwards in the many happy speeches which followed, and a gift of a wallet of notes was presented from the church and visiting friends. A large number of telegrams were received from all parts of Australia. Musical items, interspersed with happy fellowship, filled the remainder of the evening. Mr. and Mrs. Clydesdale have given a lifetime of service to the churches in Victoria and New South Wales, and the prayer in every heart was that God's richest blessing would be with them in the evening of their life together.

A very successful Daily Vacation Bible School has concluded at Georgetown, N.S.W. During the first week an average of 51 primaries met from 9.30 to noon, theme being "Creation." Kindergarten superintendent was in charge with a staff of eleven helpers. Stories were told, texts illustrated on flannelgraph, Bible lesson given, and then various forms of handwork and expression work were done. On last day, in afternoon, an exhibition was held at which 24 mothers were present, who were enthusiastic in their appreciation. During second week, ages 10 to 16 were catered for. Their theme was "Friendship With Jesus," all Bible lessons dealing with friends of the Master.

## Missionary Farewell

AN enthusiastic audience filled Gardiner chapel, Vic., at 8 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 21, to farewell Daryl Cartmel, missionary-elect for India. C. Young, of Mont Albert, led in prayer. The chairman, R. L. Williams, chairman of the Overseas Committee, welcomed representatives of the churches. Greetings were read from the Federal F.M. Board, the Women's Missionary auxiliaries and interested friends. Mr. Williams said it was fitting that Mr. Cartmel should be farewelled at his home church; it was indeed a great day for Gardiner, for it was linked to two mission fields by Mrs. Waterman, of Aoba, and now to India by Mr. Cartmel.

The Victorian brotherhood was represented by B. J. Combridge, conference president, who referred to the growth of our missionary activities since the sending of Miss M. Thompson to India 56 years ago. The churches welcomed a new worker and wished him a long and successful career.

Mrs. W. Nankivell, president of Women's Conference, was pleased to speak on behalf of the women, and assured Mr. Cartmel of their prayers and practical support, and in their name wished him God's blessing.

Overseas Committee was ably represented by its youngest member, C. H. J. Wright. He said the going of a missionary overseas was the obeying of a call for adventure in the spiritual realm. The committee wished our brother every success in his efforts to help fashion a new India, and in his studies for a University degree.

The presence of Miss L. Foreman, of the Indian staff, added interest to the meeting. She assured Mr. Cartmel of a hearty welcome by the missionaries. Difficult days were ahead for him, especially in language studies, but by God's help he would succeed.

Dr. W. A. Kemp, chairman of College of the Bible Board, expressed delight that another graduate of the Federal college had volunteered and was accepted for overseas service. The college stands for the education of youth for service at home and abroad. May God's blessing rest upon this young man as he enters his life's work overseas.

History was made when our Indian churches were represented by H. Waghmode, B.A., who also spoke on behalf of the college students.

He said the meeting had special significance for him, because it was farewelling a young man to labor in his country. Mr. Cartmel was obeying God's call, and was prepared to identify himself with the Indian people. Mr. Waghmode said farewell on behalf of the student body, but welcome on behalf of the Indian churches. In Indian fashion he embraced Mr. Cartmel, saying, "I welcome you."

Gardiner church was represented by A. Fisher, who, in feeling terms, spoke of the love of all sections of the church for Daryl, and the church's pride in having another member serving overseas. As a token of love and esteem he presented Mr. Cartmel with a substantial cheque from the church and auxiliaries, and wished him success in his career.

In a breezy speech, Evan Brough voiced the affection of the many youth organisations.

Mr. Cartmel created a fine impression by his response in which he thanked everybody for their good wishes, words of encouragement and assurance of prayers. "This meeting is a landmark in my life," he said, and prayed he would always be worthy of confidence.

Musical items were provided by Mr. Corlett, soloist, and R. Geyer's quartette party, assisted by Miss Sheahan, organist.

An inspiring meeting was closed by a dedicatory prayer offered by C. G. Taylor, of Lygon-st. Supper was provided by the Gardiner sisters.

Mr. Cartmel sailed for India by s.s. "Mulhera" on Monday, January 27.

## Northern Victorian District

THE churches of Christ central northern district conference was held on Australia Day at Bendigo. There were large attendances throughout the day, delegates being present from Bendigo, Boort, Castlemaine, Echuca, Harcourt, Kyneton, Pyramid Hill and Rochester. Midlands Christian Youth Fellowship, holding quarterly rally at Bendigo, joined in with general conference at morning and evening sessions. The president of conference was G. H. Goudie, of Kyneton, the acting secretary being J. O. Methven, of Castlemaine. Following officers were elected for ensuing year: President, G. Mathieson; secretary, G. Goudie (Kyneton); treasurer, E. H. Duus (Bendigo).

Reports of women's work were read by superintendents, and future activities discussed. Speaker for the occasion was Mrs. W. F. Nankivell, president of Victorian Women's Conference.

At the inspirational meeting at night, musical items were rendered by Maryborough girls' choir and P. Whitmore, of Kyneton. Mrs. Nankivell addressed the gathering, giving an earnest message on the subject of "Foundation Building," applying it particularly to the problems and outlook of the young people of to-day.

A comprehensive vote of thanks was moved by Lionel Dudley, of Echuca.

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# News of the Churches

## Tasmania

Devonport.—Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Grainger terminated ministry with church on Dec. 29 to take up work at Williamstown, Vic. During January F. B. Burt's services were appreciated. He gave helpful addresses on Jan. 5 and 11. On Jan. 19, F. T. Burt gave the addresses; Mrs. Webb sang a solo at night. Church had fellowship with Mr. and Mrs. Tudor, of Mitcham, Vic., and other visitors. On Jan. 26 F. B. Burt gave a helpful morning address. F. T. Burt gave the gospel address, and Mrs. F. B. Burt sang a solo.

## Queensland

Brisbane (Ann-st.).—Services during Christmas were well maintained. Mr. Roberts was speaker on Jan. 5 in morning. Seven young people attended camp at Pinalba. Men's Fellowship commenced on Jan. 15. Mr. Hunting has been at boys' camp at Caloundra. Mrs. Cromwell attended service on Jan. 11 after many months' absence.

Mt. Walker.—Annual prize-giving and Christmas tree were successful. The pageant, "Glad Tidings," was presented effectively. A social tea meeting preceded unloading of Christmas tree. C. E. Hinrichsen (Canley Vale, N.S.W.) addressed church on Jan. 5; Mrs. J. Smith (Ann-st.) sang a solo. Miss G. Hinrichsen (Canley Vale) sang a solo on Jan. 19. A large delegation of members attended picnic on Boxing Day and New Year's Day at Marburg and Rosevale respectively. On Jan. 19 E. C. Hinrichsen addressed a combined meeting in Rosewood, 80 per cent. of members attending. Sister A. Kruger is home after some time in hospital.

## Western Australia

Perth.—On morning of Jan. 19 visitors included C. L. Johnson (Unley, S.A.). R. Raymond gave a stirring talk. Night service was broadcast. Miss E. Griffiths rendered a solo. I. W. Nixon was preacher, in absence of J. K. Robinson on holiday.

Inglewood.—There were good attendances on Jan. 5. While many have been absent on holidays, fellowship has been enjoyed with visiting past members. Among them were Mr. and Mrs. T. Marsden, Mr. Marsden giving two morning addresses. Mr. and Mrs. Gale are residing in district again and having fellowship with church. Mrs. Burford, from S.A., had fellowship for several weeks.

Kalgoorlie.—Bright services were arranged for Christmas on Dec. 22, broadcast service lasting 45 minutes. Church members assisted children's choir. Roy Beard gave address on morning of Dec. 29, and owing to absence of Mr. Fitch, Fred Stephenson conducted gospel service. Mr. Fitch returned from young people's camp, where he served as chaplain, and on Jan. 5 gave a camp review. Visitors have been welcomed. Don Tonkin plans to leave early in February to take up studies at Woolwich Bible College, N.S.W. On Feb. 19 church bade farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Parks, who have transferred to Harvey. Mr. and Mrs. Turner were received into fellowship in morning.

## South Australia

Prospect.—R. Vincent, returned from vacation, led church on Jan. 12. Fellowship was enjoyed with visitors throughout day. Auxiliaries have recommenced after vacation.

Flinders Park.—On Jan. 8, Ernie Richardson and Peter Shire were baptised. Junior C.E. held an enjoyable break-up picnic and social on Jan. 11. They resumed on Feb. 2. Sympathy of church is extended to Mr. Smith, sen., who met with an accident and broke a bone in his leg. Ernie Richardson was received into fellowship on Jan. 12, following his baptism. Ken. Dixon, on leave from Glen Iris, addressed church on morning of Jan. 19. Miss Margaret Challenger is ill in Royal Adelaide Hospital.

Kilburn.—On Jan. 26, at 10 a.m. Bible school, 30 attended, including one new scholar. Another has been added to cradle roll. 11 a.m. service was addressed by C. Schwab, 20 adults and 10 children being present. At 7 p.m., in Prospect chapel, Mr. Edwards, who confessed Christ on Jan. 19, was immersed. Church and school place on record appreciation of consistent organising assistance of B. L. S. Mann and family. H.M. Committee's offer to subsidise appointment of Mr. Collins as preacher for twelve months, commencing Feb. 2, was gratefully accepted by church at special meeting held Jan. 26.

Port Pirie.—Attendances were rather small through schools vacation, many parents going on holidays with children. Mr. and Mrs. K. W. Barton have arrived, and services were conducted by Mr. Barton on Jan. 19. All auxiliaries have been in recess until February. Repairs to manse have commenced, and as funds come to hand it is anticipated that much more will be done. All church property is in need of repairs. H. Hunter and Shirley Galliford were married in chapel on Jan. 18, K. Barton officiating. Church has enjoyed fellowship again with Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hunter as well as other visitors.

Croydon.—Meetings have been well maintained in interest and attendance. A farewell social was tendered Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Banks on evening of Jan. 10. They were recipients of useful gifts from church and auxiliaries. Mr. Banks delivered farewell addresses on Jan. 12. Attendances were: morning 114, evening 165. On Jan. 19, D. J. Lawrie exhorted and Ira Durdin preached at gospel service. On Jan. 26, H. K. Brand exhorted and A. E. Brown preached at night. Several visitors were at morning service, including Mr. Cole, Fremantle, W.A. Church has been looking forward with pleasure to ministry of W. L. Bartlett which was to commence on Feb. 2.

Cottonville.—Services on Jan. 19 were conducted by S. R. Beck and R. Allison. Mr. Brooke returned from holidays and preached at both services on 26th. Mrs. Brooke and family are staying on at Wallaroo for several weeks. Miss Dorothy Cornelius has attended meetings since her transfer from Port Pirie to Adelaide High School. M. W. Aird has recovered sufficiently to attend an occasional morning service. He was warmly welcomed back on Jan. 26. Leon Coventry has broken an arm. Mr. and Mrs. Murray Drayton and family are staying with Mrs. L. Coventry on holiday from Owen. Mr. and Mrs. Rob Manning have moved to their new house in Oaklands district; the church is sorry to lose their services.

Mile End.—Attendances were well maintained over holiday period, Mr. Webb giving excellent addresses. Church has welcomed a number of interstate visitors, including Mr. and Mrs. L. Seath, of Hartwell, and Misses Payne and Potts, of Moreland, Vic. A faithful member, Mrs. Eldridge, is sick in hospital. On Jan. 22 three of the young men (N. Gavros, M. Gregory and M. Keatch), who will be studying at Glen Iris this year, were farewelled at a service conducted by S.A. College Committee. On Jan. 26 Mr. Gavros gave an excellent ad-

dress in morning and Messrs. Gregory and Keatch spoke at gospel service. Mr. Keatch, who enters college for first time, was presented with a copy of God's word. M. Lewis and N. Gavros were soloists.

Strathalbyn.—Half-yearly business meeting was held on Jan. 21. Good reports from all auxiliaries were received. Good Companions, Explorer Club and J.C.E. have resumed meetings after brief recess. A choir has been formed under baton of Mrs. S. Bartlett. First item was given during evening service on Jan. 26, when W. Bartlett was speaker. Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett and family were among the many visitors with whom church enjoyed fellowship during holidays. Mr. Stow continues his good work. Attendances at morning services are good. Evening services are improving.

Glenelg.—Ross Welsh, who is serving with R.A.A.F., has been posted to Japan. Mr. and Mrs. Rex Kenyon have left to reside in Sydney. Fellowship meetings have been resumed with keen interest and good attendances. Men's Fellowship of southern districts had January meeting at Glenelg, when between 40 and 50 men heard an interesting talk by Commissioner Johns on "The Police Force—Its Aims in Society." On Jan. 27 a picnic was enjoyed by Sunday school teachers at Camden recreation ground. Boys' Club spent the holiday week-end camping at Victor Harbour.

Maylands.—Sunday services are getting back to normal after holiday period. Church has had fellowship with many visitors during past month. K. A. Jones has been speaker at all services. One young lady made her decision on Jan. 26. Thora Bennett has left to take up studies at College of Bible, Glen Iris. Congratulations of church are extended to Jim Luff, one of the church boys, for his excellent examination results in Woolwich College, N.S.W. Choir and tennis club members journeyed to National Park on Jan. 27 and had a happy picnic. Boys' club has started work for year under leadership of Bill Heath; attendance and interest at opening meetings auger well for year.

Semaphore.—During past three months F. Collins has rendered faithful service to church in preaching. Dr. Messent, of Unley, gave an interesting address at Men's Fellowship in December. Representatives of all Port Line churches were present. Christmas tree for kindergarten and cradle roll departments was held on Dec. 21, when Father Christmas (N. Bray) presented each child with a gift. Afternoon tea was served to parents and children. Special singing was rendered by choir at both services on Dec. 22, and special addresses were given by F. Collins. Fellowship of many visitors has been enjoyed, including Mr. and Mrs. Cole, of Fremantle, W.A. Mr. Cole delivered morning address on Dec. 15. Miss Elaine Lamont is laid aside with sickness; Miss Grace Taylor has been discharged from hospital. A welcome social was held on Jan. 21 to Mr. and Mrs. Matthews and family. A. Samuels presided over a large gathering. Several speakers, including F. Collins, spoke words of welcome and Mr. Matthews suitably responded. Supper brought an enjoyable evening to a close. Mr. Matthews commenced his ministry on Jan. 26. He and Mrs. Matthews and family were received into fellowship. Attendances were good both morning and evening.

## New South Wales

Cessnock.—During past year extensive improvements have been made to church property. An attractive fence was erected on church frontage. Interior of building has been lined throughout. Vestry was completed also, and renovated. On occasions large congregations of local residents have attended. Six of the young people confessed Christ. Others have been restored to fellowship. The preacher,



P. J. Pond, who has been sick for some weeks, is now recuperating in Sydney.

**Seven Hills.**—At a public meeting on Jan. 18, M. K. Rapkins and his wife were welcomed on their entering full-time ministry with church. This is the first occasion since its inception that the church here has had services of a full-time preacher. The meeting, a representative one, was well attended, and greetings were brought from Mr. Burns, of H.M. Committee, and representatives of other churches in district. Thanks are extended to several visiting brethren who rendered musical items.

**Kingsford.**—A well-attended Christmas Day service was held at 9 a.m. Lord's Supper was spread. On Jan. 5 members welcomed home Pat Sephton, returned after completing studies at M.B.I. On night of Jan. 6 Mr. Butler, late member of Marrickville church, passed away. Church expresses sympathy with relatives. On Jan. 8 an evening was held in honor of approaching marriage of Miss J. Watkins. Mr. Read spoke at morning service on Jan. 19, and Mr. Morton, of Boys' Home, gave an address at night.

**Georgetown.**—The preacher has been holidaying at Bethshan-Holiness Mission at Wyee for two weeks. In his absence church was indebted to J. Elliott, J. Moran, J. Farrant and Harold Long for inspiring addresses. Several visitors, including Miss Joan Waterman, from Victoria, have enjoyed fellowship during past few weeks. Four young people (two young men and two girls), three of them the first-fruits of new work at East Lambton, were received into fellowship recently. On evening of Jan. 26, two young ladies accepted Christ. The church, while tendering sympathy to Mrs. Bates and family in recent loss of her mother, congratulate Bill Turnell and Joyce Roffey, who were married on Jan. 11. Christmas camp was enjoyed by a good gathering of northern youth under camp leadership of Jim. Henderson. Women's Guild entertained old folk at Western Suburbs Hospital with a Christmas cheer tea immediately before going into recess. Their activities were to commence this year with a combined meeting of all local guilds on Feb. 5 with Mrs. Hayman, of China Inland Mission, as speaker.

**Wollongong.**—Meetings over holidays were well attended, with many visitors. Bible school made it possible to bring 14 children from far west to seaside for school holidays. The children were accommodated in homes of church members. All auxiliaries have commenced year with enthusiasm. Mission work is to emphasise this year particularly aborigines' fields in W.A. A working bee has been held on church grounds; Mr. Witherwick takes great interest in lawns and garden. After some time of waiting, Mr. and Mrs. Candy and family will go into church's manse in a few days. A beautiful camp site has been obtained for young people's Easter camp in mountains. Plans are well under way, and about 25 young people will benefit. Work at Port Kembla-Warrawong is promising. More children are coming to every meeting. Plans for new hall have been accepted, and permission to build will be obtained shortly. This hall will enable a larger work to be done in neighborhood. Commission homes are springing up all around church block. Another new work is contemplated in Keiraville district. Mr. Candy has been elected secretary of district council of churches.

## Victoria

**Brighton.**—Mr. and Mrs. Lowe and family are on holidays at Lorne. On Jan. 26, fifty young people from Monbulk Y.P. Christmas camp were entertained at a tea given by Brighton Y.P. W. R. Hibburt was present, and conducted a youth church service at 7 p.m. R. P. Morris, who has been away for nine months on a business trip to U.S.A., England and the Continent, was welcomed back at morning service on Feb. 2.

**Emerald.**—On Jan. 26 a happy time of fellowship was enjoyed with a number of visitors. F. Sheldon, of Essendon, presided. F. Warr gave the address, and told a special story to children.

**Fairfield.**—Meetings are back to normal after holidays. Mr. Fitzgerald spoke morning and evening on Jan. 26. Money is in hand to pay for electric heater for baptistery, and fund is to be continued for purchasing a piano for church.

**Chelsea.**—Because of illness of M. Williams, Mr. Grainger spoke on Jan. 26 in morning and Mr. McDowell was evening speaker. Good attendances continue in week-night meetings. A good time was enjoyed by all at Bible school picnic held at Dromana on Jan. 27.

**Burnley.**—Meetings for January were below average in attendance. Visiting speakers have been W. McDowell, K. Nancarrow, S. Rose. Happy fellowship was enjoyed with all. Bible school had picnic at Greensborough on Jan. 18, a delightful day being spent. H. Long is away on vacation.

**Preston.**—A visit from Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Fisher and Colin was enjoyed on Dec. 29. Mr. Fisher, who had a successful ministry at Preston of over seven years, gave morning address. Mrs. Fisher was formerly kindergarten superintendent for many years. All other services have been addressed by Mr. Cambridge.

**Oakleigh.**—A series of illustrated gospel addresses concluded on Feb. 2. S. Neighbour addressed worship meetings also on Jan. 26 and Feb. 2. Mrs. Waller and Ron Tynon were baptised, and with L. Tynon, from Williamstown, welcomed into fellowship on morning of Feb. 2. Bible school scholars, parents and teachers enjoyed annual picnic at Edithvale on Jan. 25.

**Hamilton.**—During absence of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis on leave, J. H. Treloar, of Baptist church, preached at both services on one Sunday and Mr. Davey, of Portland, second Sunday. Ready co-operation and fine addresses of these were appreciated. Bible school picnic was held on Jan. 27 in Botanic Gardens. Church auxiliaries have resumed meetings after Christmas vacation.

**Middle Park.**—Meetings are improving after holidays. Mr. Randall and Mr. Manallack continue to give acceptable addresses. On Jan. 27 Bible school joined with South Melbourne school and held an enjoyable picnic at Montrose. Mrs. Wells was welcomed back after several weeks in hospital. Church has enjoyed fellowship with Mrs. Gamble, of W.A., and Mr. Payne, of Queensland.

**South Yarra.**—On Jan. 26 E. Roffey spoke morning and evening, receiving into membership Mr. and Mrs. Elliott from St. Kilda, and in evening baptising Margaret McLean. On a recent Saturday, cricket club sponsored a social in honor of Jack Pitts and Gwenda Blake, soon to be married. Presentations were made from church and club. Sunday school picnic was held on Australia Day.

**Warragul.**—On Dec. 18 W. Waters, Townsville, Qld., addressed church. Mr. Waters with his wife has been staying with his brother, E. J. Waters. Other visitors have also been welcomed. Sunday school has resumed after recess. Church is pleased to have Mr. and Mrs. Murmane and family, of Sale, come to reside in town. On Dec. 18 Mr. Byard again conducted half-hour broadcast service.

**Brunswick.**—On Jan. 13 a welcome social was tendered to Mr. and Mrs. Vautier, who have commenced a ministry with church. Mr. Lloyd, from Coburg, and Mr. Miles, from Moreland, were among those who extended welcome. On Jan. 27 Bible school picnic was held at Blackburn. Mrs. Harris is in hospital for operation. Mention was made at morning service on Feb. 2 of passing of Miss Elsie Wittcomb after long illness.

**South Richmond.**—Over past month gospel meetings improved a little in attendance. On Jan. 19 Mr. Smith was received by transfer from Fairfield. F. Langford completed a faithful and helpful ministry on Jan. 26, and church deeply regrets his departure. Bible school and church held a successful picnic at Seaford on Jan. 27.

**Hampton.**—T. R. Morris was speaker on morning of Jan. 26. Aborigines Mission offering was taken, and now totals £13/3/6. S.S. picnic was held successfully on Jan. 27. Men's Society congratulated Mr. Glendinning on reaching his 92nd birthday, and presented him with a reading lamp. Church sympathises with Mrs. Aylward in the death of her infant daughter.

**Ormond.**—All auxiliaries have commenced after holidays, and members have returned from vacations. Mrs. Nugent has been received into membership from Essendon. Bible school has been saddened by death of a junior Bible class girl, Marij. Cousins, who has been with school since kindergarten days. Visitors to services lately include Mrs. Burlett, from S.A., and Mrs. Sharp, from W.A. Nineteen new members have been added to C.F.A. roll since Mr. Buckingham addressed church on morning of Jan. 26. Meetings are improving after Christmas break.

**Frankston.**—At church annual business meeting all departments reported progress. Church is free of debt on chapel. A school hall is now the objective, and about £50 is in hall fund. Bible school picnic was held enjoyably at Berwick on Jan. 27. Ladies of church provided all meals for 100 scholars and helpers. On Jan. 26 E. Eaton, of W.A., was speaker in morning. In evening a men's service was held, when several men sang and assisted; T. Hagger preached. Two were recently received by transfer. Meetings have been held at Moorooduc and Mornington. Attendance of many visitors has been appreciated.

**Ivanhoe.**—During absence of K. J. Patterson on holidays in Sydney, following gave helpful addresses: A. G. Thurgood, J. Holloway, Mr. Barnden (Coburg), W. T. Atkin, A. J. Fisher and J. Northeast (Fairfield). K. J. Patterson returned to take services on Jan. 19. A cricket service was held on evening of Jan. 26, when preacher gave an appropriate address. Church congratulates K. J. Patterson on successful completion of commerce course and in securing his Bachelor of Commerce Degree at Melbourne University. An enjoyable day was spent at Rickett's Point by Bible school teachers, scholars and parents for annual picnic.

**Bentleigh.**—R. J. Anderson and family have returned from holidays. Mr. Anderson began his new term as first full-time preacher on Feb. 2. Morning meeting was well attended. Pleasant Sunday afternoon service was held at 3 p.m., men from C.M.S. taking part. Biblical film entitled "The First Easter" was shown. Sunday school under baton of C. Gadge is preparing for anniversary. Mrs. Parnell is home again after being in hospital, making good progress. Sunday school picnic at Eltham was great success. C. Dahl, secretary, who received a badly sprained ankle, is now able to get about with aid of walking stick.

**Bendigo.**—During absence of Mr. Mathieson on annual holidays, Messrs. Hargreaves, Duus and Streader addressed meetings on Jan. 5 and 12. Many visitors were welcomed. All auxiliaries were in recess during Christmas vacation. Church regrets removal of Mr. and Mrs. Hargreaves and Miss McPherson from Bendigo, but welcomes Mr. and Mrs. Woolian and family from Springvale, Mr. and Mrs. Bullen and family from Shepparton, and Mr.



and Mrs. Dyer and family of Boort, who have all moved into Bendigo recently. Many elderly members have been unwell. Church broadcast on Jan. 19 brought letters of appreciation from many listeners.

**St. Arnaud.**—On Jan. 18 Lorna Grigg and Allan Bagot were married, Mr. Pratt officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Bagot will reside at Albert Park until their home is built at Reservoir. Mr. Pratt conducted service on Jan. 19. Murray Cave, of Dulwich (Adelaide), presided at organ on Feb. 2.

**Sunshine.**—R. Sheehan continues with earnest addresses to church. A happy evening was held on Jan. 31 in honor of silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Horwood. Church regrets illness of R. Cordy in Prince Henry Hospital. Ten of the young people will attend camp at Hall's Gap.

**Drumcondra.**—On Jan. 19 Mr. and Mrs. Pigdon and daughter, from Pt. Pirie, S.A., were welcomed. Induction service was conducted by W. Gale. On Jan. 26, Bible school was represented at 3GL radio Sunday school. Church members journeyed to Ballarat on Foundation Day for South-western District Conference, at which Mr. Pigdon was speaker. Many visitors were welcomed over holidays.

**Shepparton.**—D. H. Butler addressed morning meeting on Jan. 26, which was observed as "Aboriginal Sunday." Evening speaker was E. Atkinson, of aboriginal church, Mooroonpa. Aboriginal choir rendered several items. On Jan. 27 C.E. enjoyed rally at Kyabram, where speaker at evening service was D. H. Butler. Members who are sick include Mrs. Ross, of Mooroonpa. Miss Betty Clydesdale has returned to Melbourne after a few months at Shepparton.

**Prahran.**—Services over past few weeks have been conducted by Messrs. Eaton, Trevor Robertson, Harry Lang and James Holloway, all addresses being appreciated. Members tender sympathy to relatives of aged Mrs. Salter, who was called home recently. Mrs. Lock, evening organist, has returned from holiday in W.A. Many members have been away on holiday, but fellowship with a number of visitors has been enjoyed. L. Woff, church treasurer, has been ill; all wish him a speedy recovery.

**Kaniva.**—Attendances have been good over holiday period. E. L. Williams' help during college vacation has been greatly appreciated. Ministers' fraternal conducted a united service of witness in Shire Hall on Christmas Sunday. Special services were held on Christmas Day and New Year's Eve. Young people held a social evening prior to watchnight service. R. L. Williams addressed church on Jan. 12. A party has received hut for erection at Hall's Gap, and done some other preparation for camp. Aboriginal Mission offering is £80.

**Gardenvale.**—Services are well maintained after holidays. During absence of Mr. Anderson and Mr. Shaw on holidays, speakers have been Mr. Keneley and Mr. Skilicorn. Mr. Anderson closed his ministry with church at Gardenvale on Jan. 26, having accepted full-time ministry with Bentleigh church, and church now looks forward to a happy and fruitful ministry with Mr. Shaw, who for past twelve months with Mr. Anderson has carried on work at Bentleigh and Gardenvale. Auxiliaries have resumed after Christmas recess.

**Stawell.**—On Jan. 5 Mr. Jackson spoke in morning and Mr. Mudford in evening, when David O'Neil was baptised. Mr. Holt, from Congregational church, spoke on evening of Jan. 12. Mr. Mudford's brother gave the address on morning of Jan. 19 and Mr. Mudford spoke in evening when Beth O'Neil was baptised. Mr. Clynton was speaker on Jan. 26.

Annual business meeting was held on Jan. 20. All officers were re-elected, and meeting was successful. Five scholars of kindergarten and Bible school have been in hospital during past month.

**Essendon.**—Norman Drew and Grace Lamont were married at chapel by Mr. Crisp on Dec. 21. Owing to Mr. Crisp and family being on holidays, services were conducted by Mr. Atkin (Social Service) on Jan. 5. On morning of Jan. 12, W. McDowell was speaker, and in evening, Alex Wilson. Both services were conducted by Wyn. Hart on Jan. 26. Enjoyable outings were held at Hampton Beach on New Year's Day, Boxing Day and Foundation Day.

**West Preston.**—All auxiliaries of church are again in full swing after recess. On Jan. 21 a social evening was tendered Jean Wood and Edward Fisher, Gladys Beech and Bruce Graham, by members of church, in view of approaching marriage. Presentations were made on behalf of church members, and by various auxiliaries with which the young ladies were affiliated. Jean Wood and Edward Fisher were married at chapel on Jan. 25. In ideal weather and perfect surroundings, Bible school held annual picnic at Heidelberg on Jan. 27.

**Dandenong.**—Present church building provides few amenities for material comfort in summer months, hence incentive to complete details for erection of new edifice. Numerous visitors have been welcomed in recent weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Youens and family have returned from holiday much benefited in health. Speakers have been Messrs. Funston, Stocks, Buckingham and J. E. Allan. School resumed with moderate attendance. After brief illness the death has occurred of little Darren Warmbrunn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clive Warmbrunn. Sympathy is extended to bereaved parents. Messrs. Stocks (elder) and Rooks (deacon) fill vacancies on office board, no election being necessary.

**Carlton (Lygon-st.).**—Mr. Sewell, of Black Rock, addressed church on morning of Jan. 17 and Mr. Stephenson spoke at night. Congregations are returning to normal now holidays are over. C. G. Taylor is back from vacation and preached at all services on Jan. 25 and Feb. 2. S. G. Taylor, of Claremont church, W.A., and Mrs. Taylor have enjoyed fellowship with church and Mr. Taylor presided in morning and spoke to Bible class on Feb. 2. A. Haskell was soloist. Mrs. C. G. Taylor was soloist at night. Twenty men of church held a tea, followed by a discussion on aims of Christian Men's Society. Sympathy is extended to Miss Salter and H. Hopkins in passing of loved ones.

**Red Hill.**—Sunday school scholars and parents held picnic at Shoreham on Jan. 15. Wal Torney conducted morning service and Ron Holmes evening service on Jan. 20. S.C.E. held good meeting on Jan. 25, Mr. Packett, of Dromana Methodist Church, giving an address, and Sister P. Daff, of Cheltenham, an item in song. On Jan. 26 church held 36th anniversary in present building, with large attendance. Several visiting brethren were present. S. R. Baker gave forceful addresses morning and evening. Luncheon and tea were provided by ladies of church. Sister P. Daff sang a solo at gospel meeting. Sisters O. Holmes and A. Greaves are improving in health. E. Holmes was at services after illness.

**Mildura.**—S.S. children had a happy time on Dec. 21, when they were entertained by teachers at a Christmas treat. Christmas services were well attended, evening service being told in song, which included duets, solos, hymns and carols. Congratulations are extended to preacher, L. Snow, who has received Diploma of Education at Melbourne University. Murray Valley youth camp, held in this district, during Christmas week, was enjoyed by over 60 young folk. On Dec. 29 evening service was conducted by young folk

from camp. Members are glad to welcome the preacher and family back after a fortnight's holiday, also Mrs. J. Leng after stay in hospital for several weeks. Many visitors have been present during last few weeks.

**Blackburn.**—A Christmas carol service was enjoyed, and on Christmas Sunday the four Protestant churches held a combined open air Christmas service. On Christmas morning a combined communion service was held with Mr. Wright presiding and Mr. Ugaldi (Methodist) assisting. The address was given by Mr. Strickland (Presbyterian). A successful Christmas tree was arranged for scholars of S.S. and cradle roll members. Annual S.S. picnic was held at Edithvale, three Ventura buses transporting children and friends. Church enjoyed fellowship with Mr. and Mrs. A. Wright (Bowral, N.S.W.) and Mrs. Warden, sen. Church appreciated assistance given by Messrs. Rankin and Hodgins during Mr. Wright's absence. S.S. teachers arranged kitchen tea in honor of Lorna Adams and Max Chandler, and Mr. Wright presented cheque on behalf of school. Mrs. Gill, sen., who has not been well, is missed at meetings.

**Ballarat (Dawson-st.).**—Attendances have been below normal during past few weeks, many members being away on holidays. All auxiliaries have been in recess. J. Smith was welcomed by church after long absence through illness. Max Peacock has received his discharge from Army. He was last of Service personnel to be discharged. Church rejoices that all members have now returned safely. Lindsay Smith has been transferred to Dandenong. Mrs. Smith will be missed from kindergarten, having held the position as leader. Marjorie Mead and Gordon Holloway were married on Jan. 18, G. J. Andrews officiating. All services have been taken by G. J. Andrews, with exception of evening meeting on Jan. 26, Will Marshall being visiting speaker. District conference was held on Jan. 27, visitors coming from Geelong and Colac. Highlight of conference was the challenging address by A. R. Pigdon, of Drumcondra, on revival. Church has been saddened by home-call of E. H. Price after an illness extending over twelve months. Mr. Price was a member for over fifty years, a church officer for forty years, and spent thirty years as a teacher in school. Apart from his church associations, he was actively connected with many public activities, and his aim was always to keep everything on a high standard. He was an active worker in Red Cross during the 1914-18 war, and at time of his death was president of Red Cross. Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Price, daughters, Mrs. Coltman and Mrs. Small, and sons Keith, Jack and Morrie.

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## BIRTHS

ILIFF (nec Alderson).—At Sunshine Community Hospital, on Tuesday, Jan. 28, to Glenice and Ron—a daughter (Judith Irene). Both well.  
LEE (Robb).—On Jan. 26, at Queen Victoria Hospital, to Betty and Rod—a son (Kenneth James).  
McCANN.—On Jan. 31, at Ouyen District Hospital, to Olive and Mac—a son (John McCallum Jun.).

## DEATHS

EMMETT.—On Jan. 23, at 15 Tanner-grove, Northcote, Mary Jane, dearly loved wife of the late Edward, loving mother of William, Jack (dec.), Frank (dec.), Ethel (Mrs. Tyson), Charles and Thomas.  
"He giveth his beloved sleep."

PRICE.—On Jan. 29, at his residence, 1423 Sturt-st., Ballarat, Edward H. Price, dearly loved husband of Elvina, and devoted father of Elvie (Mrs. J. S. Colman), Keith, Eleanor (Mrs. R. J. Smail), Jack and Morrie; in his 69th year. Called to higher service.

## IN MEMORIAM

LEE.—In loving memory of our dearly loved son, Kenneth (A.I.F.), died of wounds N.G., Jan. 30, 1943; loved brother of Aub (dec.), Merv. (dec.), Ray and Rod.

We never knew the pain you bore,  
We never saw you die;  
We only knew you passed away,  
And never said good-bye.

—Inserted by his loving mother and father, and Ray and Rod.

LEE (on active service).—In loving memory of our dear nephew Kenneth, VX50234 (ret. M.E.), 2/6 Batt., died of wounds N.G. Jan. 30, 1943, aged 23 years.

Dearer to us than words can tell  
Was the nephew we lost and loved so well;  
We miss you, Ken, we always will,  
In our hearts you are with us still.

—Inserted by auntie Beck, Sylvie, uncle Tom and Eli.

LEE (on active service).—Treasured memories of our dear nephew Ken, VX50234, 2/6th A.I.F., died of wounds Jan. 30, 1943.

Years may come, years may pass,  
But our memories of Ken will never fade.

—Inserted by Auntie Millie, Uncle Will, Nellie, Robert, Jean and Alf Hulme.

STALEY.—In loving memory of Dad, Edwin, who was called home on Feb. 4, 1943.

Time goes on, but memories stay;  
As near and dear as yesterday.

—Inserted by his loving wife and family.

TAYLOR, VX116883.—In fond memory of our dear pal Syd., accidentally killed Feb. 11, 1945.

Resting where no shadows fall,  
In perfect peace he awaits us all.

—Inserted by his loving wife Edna; darling daddy of Keith and Nancy.

## THANKS

Mr. and Mrs. Clydesdale desire to thank all friends for telegrams and letters received, conveying loving congratulations for our Diamond Wedding, and trust they will accept this note of thanks as an expression of our love.  
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those aborigines whose claims to Central Australia as their native home has not been disputed. Again, the defence of our country is urged as justification.

## Mental Institutions

The conditions under which those mentally afflicted have been compelled to exist are reported to be most deplorable. Letters to the press both for and against are not sufficiently convincing. This committee is taking steps with social committees of other churches to arrange for some investigation to be made. If possible, representatives of these committees will visit the mental institutions.

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A MEETING was held on Tuesday, Jan. 21, of the committee set up to plan memorials to the three former principals of the College of the Bible, H. G. Harward, A. R. Main and T. H. Scambler. This committee has been formed following action taken at Adelaide following the Federal Conference, and comprises representatives of the A. R. Main Memorial Committee and of the College Board of Management. At the meeting in Adelaide it was agreed to plan for a new building at the college at Glen Iris in which features would be included to honor the memory of the brethren named, and to provide more dormitory accommodation, for which there is increasing need. Already some £220 has been received by the college board from a limited private appeal to provide a memorial lounge in memory of T. H. Scambler. It is felt that the long association of A. R. Main with the college should be remembered by a memorial feature; and this applies also to the pioneer work of H. G. Harward. No formal plans have yet been made, and until further decisions are made, F. T. Saunders is acting as secretary of the committee, and contributions may be sent to him. The proposal of the college board to erect a centenary building is being combined with the memorials proposal. In that connection the board had proposed to raise £2500 before making any definite move to build. To accomplish the full purpose of the centenary (memorials) building probably £5000 will be needed. Such a sum is well within the capacity of the brotherhood which has received so many tangible benefits from the labors of these good brethren.—F.T.S.

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# A BEAUTIFUL FACE

How the Great Physician makes the ugly beautiful is told by Reginald Morrish.

THE little girl of my story—which is a true one—was about eight years of age when something happened which changed the course of her life. She was not quite an ordinary girl, for, although one side of her face was beautiful, the other side was marred. She had borne her affliction from birth, and it was due to circumstances beyond the control of anyone concerned. She seemed scarcely conscious of her disfigurement until one day she said sadly to her mother, "The people I meet look at me twice, and then look away as if they are either horrified or sorry for me." Her mother spoke to her with kindness and sympathy, concluding, "You know, dear, most people have their troubles. Your trouble is on the surface, and can be seen by everyone; but the troubles of many are deep down within them, and you cannot see them."

One evening shortly after this, the girl's parents, by no means well-to-do, were visited by a wealthy gentleman, who was invited to stay to supper. The little girl had been sent to bed before his arrival, but during the evening, to the surprise of all, she appeared in her nightdress. Approaching the stranger she said, as though by way of introducing herself, "You can see my trouble, but I can't see yours. Will you please tell me about it?" The heart of the guest was deeply moved. He spoke kindly to her and they soon became friends.

## Practical Sympathy

This friendship between a man of position and wealth, and a poor afflicted girl, was destined to last for many years. Practical sympathy and interest resulted in much blessing and happiness. Soon the little girl was invited to the home of her newly-found friend. Her stay proved a very long one. A surgeon was consulted, and it was later decided to send the girl to America for a series of operations to remove her facial disfigurement by skin grafting. The cost was very heavy, but it was borne by willing sacrifice. Nothing was too difficult or costly if only the girl's affliction could be remedied. The operations were successful, but on her return from America, in order that the scars should not be apparent, the patient was sent to the South of France,



where her cheeks were tanned equally by the sun. Her appearance then surpassed all expectations. She was beautiful, and without a trace of disfigurement. It was a triumph of the surgeon and of the sun.

How horrified and sorry are the self-respecting masses of people to-day who behold the disfigurement of sin in a "recognised" delinquent! While they observe the crimes of others because they are on the surface, they forget that their own sin is deep down within them, and it may be that God alone sees it. They themselves are scarcely conscious of it, or they are indifferent to it.

The little girl whose disfigurement was healed has now grown into womanhood. In describing her experiences she told of the pain and discomfort of the healing process after the skin-grafting operations. This suffering she willingly endured because of the joy that those who saw her would no longer be horrified. The word of God, which is always confirmed in the experience of Christians, including that of the early disciples, makes it clear that there is much remoulding to be accomplished after our conversion. By God's grace we are born again a new creation on repentance for sin, but let us not forget the healing process, or expect to grow to full stature without affliction.

# How the Monkey Was Caught

G. G. Barnes, B.A., tells, in "The Expository Times," how "those who are eager to get rich get . . . trapped" (1 Titus 6: 9).



HAVE you ever been to the Zoo? If so, I know you went to see the monkey house. There are the great big chimpanzees which sit and blink lazily at you, as though they could tell you such a lot, if they cared. And there are the scampering, long-tailed Rhesus monkeys who never get tired of chasing each others' tails.

When you stand and watch these little fellows do you ever wonder how they allowed men to catch them?

If you had seen those monkeys in their wild homes in the tree tops in Africa or India, you might well wonder how they were ever so silly as to be catchable at all. Yet it is quite simple to catch a monkey if you know how.

Here is the way my father used to catch them in his South African home when he was a boy. You first go into the garden and cut a large pumpkin, something like a melon. Next you take a knife and cut a small hole in one side of the pumpkin. You must make the hole large enough for a monkey to push his hand through, but no larger than that.

Then you put the pumpkin on the garden path that evening and go to bed. The monkey does the rest!

When all is quiet and people have gone to bed down comes the monkey—hop, skip and jump—from the big trees nearby. He loves pumpkin seeds, and your pumpkins are ripe for him! His sharp black eyes flash round to see if you are hiding behind the bushes. Then he comes across your pumpkin lying on the path. "What!" he thinks. "Why what luck! Here is a pumpkin with a hole in its skin. No need for me to bite and tear at the hard rind to reach the seeds." Master Monkey gives another quick glance round, then pushes his hand into the hole, feels the ripe bunches of seeds inside, clutches a handful and pulls his clenched fist out of the hole. . . . "Hello! The hand won't come out! Something has stuck."

So the monkey tugs and tugs and tugs. But he cannot get his hand out while it holds the seeds.

He tugs and tugs, every minute growing more tired and more frightened. "Foolish monkey," you say. "Let go your booty, open your hand. You cannot get free if you keep your seeds. You cannot eat your seeds till you can pull your fist out, but you cannot pull your fist out till you open your hand and lose the seeds! Poor monkey!"

And so the monkey won't let go, and next morning you find him still there with his hand inside the pumpkin. Now he is in the cage behind the bars just because he hadn't the sense to let go and keep his freedom.

The monkey sits on his tail and blinks his eyes at you. I sometimes think he is saying to me as I watch him. "Poor human, with your crinkled furrows on your forehead. You, too, are trapped because you are greedy. You are always trying to grab and get things for yourself and frightened you are going to lose your possessions, and someone else will get them. Poor, tired, frowning human, you are trapped too—like me."

That is what Paul meant when he said: "They that are eager to get rich get trapped." "Tell them," he says to his young secretary Timothy, "tell them to be open-handed, generous, amassing right good treasure . . . in order to secure the life which is life indeed."

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Y O U T H S ' M A G A Z I N E



"THE idea of a trip to the moon, an irresistible combination of high adventure and escape from this imperfect planet, has always fascinated the people of the earth. Daniel Defoe wanted to make the journey 'on the backs of two vast bodies with extended wings.' Jules Verne dispatched his travellers in a shell fired out of a colossal cannon. In this century more practical men have seriously thought of getting to the moon by rocket.

"Although radar signals have been sent to the moon, rockets are not likely to get there for some time. Present rocket motors develop only about a sixth of the velocity—seven miles per second—necessary to get out of the earth's gravitational field. But there is a strong chance atomic energy will provide power for trips to the moon—and beyond."

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canons of St. Bernard, 14 brothers and novices, 8 servants, 2 Swiss customs officers, 2 pigs, 7 cows and 14 of the famous St. Bernard dogs. The monks still lead the same rigorous life as their 11th Century confreres. But there are some changes brought about by modernity.

"The monks are now warned by telephone when travellers leave either end

of the pass. Few people now come through the pass. During the war some were refugees and German and Italian deserters. Normally, most are smugglers to whom the monks give help and hospitality without asking any questions. Goal of most of the monks is to go to the St. Bernard Hospice set up in 1933 in Tibet where civilization is more remote and the work more dangerous."

## THE GOOD SHEPHERD

WHEN I was in Palestine a few years ago I saw for myself many of the things I had learned in the Sunday school. I knew, for example, since I was a lad, that in the East the shepherd always went before his sheep, and they followed him. But in the Holy Land I saw this with my own eyes and was struck by the sight. I learned, too, in the Sunday school that in the East the relation between the shepherd and his sheep was much more intimate than was the case in the West. But I never fully realised it until I saw a flock of sheep being scattered by one of our motor cars outside Jerusalem and then noticed one of them appealing to the shepherd for protection and literally pawing him in its panic fear, as if to say, "Don't you see the danger we are in? What are you going to do about it?" How dependent the sheep are upon the shepherd!

The true shepherd comes to know and love each one of his sheep. Many of them have pet names. Jesus was only saying what everyone knew to be true, when he said, "He (the shepherd) leadeth them out and calleth his own sheep by name." He is always with his sheep both in fair weather and in foul, and at sunset he brings them into the fold, where they are counted. But the surprising thing is this—that when they are brought together, the absence of any one is immediately felt. An Eastern shepherd was once asked how he knew if one of his very large flock had gone astray. Would he have to count them all and then discover his loss? "Oh, no," he said, "It would be just a face that I would miss." To the stranger who looked upon them, they were but a herd of sheep who could be scarcely distinguished the one from the other. But the shepherd knew them each one. He could say, "I know my sheep."—Selected.

Y O U T H S ' M A C A Z I N E

## Youths' Magazine



## Training for Discipleship

Do you dream or think what you would like to be when you grow older? Young ladies may want to be missionaries, serving in some distant land, but find it impossible to undertake that work. Some young men might like to serve as a doctor, working as Dr. Grenfell has done among the people of Labrador, but lacking the means to continue his studies for the medical profession. There is no need to be discouraged. If you learn to love Jesus and take the opportunity to study his ways of life in your Bible school class, you will discover a field of service opening up even in your own town or district. You can serve Jesus by visiting the sick, or by helping in the Sunday school, or by performing your duties in the Endeavor society or in the club. Christian disciples are needed in the homeland just as they are wanted for lands beyond the sea. While you have opportunity give attention to the leader of your study group and make yourself a worthy disciple so that you may serve at home or abroad.