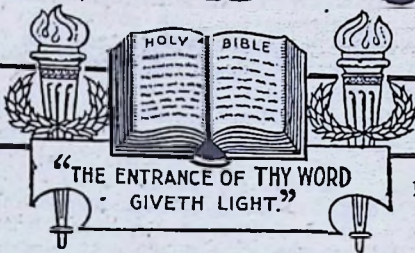


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## LAW AND FAITH

FROM the time man's action revealed to him the difference between good and evil (Genesis 3: 11), there has existed a kind of law that is natural to all human beings. Such a law may be discovered by the reasoning powers of man and by men comparing over long periods their experiences. This is shown in the great plays of Sophocles and Æschylus. Those dramas of Greek life set out the existence of moral law in the affairs of men. Plato also showed in his works that there are rules of life that a natural man must observe if he is to avoid disaster. Paul, in Romans 2, indicated how men, without any revelation from God, may reach an understanding of this natural law concerning human behaviour. Teachers of ethics show that the only satisfactory principle for the life of the natural man is to treat all human beings as equals. None ought to be treated as inferior. All must be given due respect and honor. In view of that principle it is not right to steal or to covet another's possessions, etc. We find in life, then, a law of morals that has a claim upon all men.

From the time of Adam and throughout the days of Noah, Abram, Lot, Isaac and Jacob, there is proof of the recognition of this law of right and wrong, but there was a general failure to observe it.

What was implicit in this moral law of the natural man was made explicit in the written law given to the children of Israel when they were at Mt. Sinai. Those written laws covered the various phases of life. A man's behaviour toward God was set out.

This was elaborated in the details of worship to be observed by the Jewish people (Exodus 6: 40). Then the way a man ought to behave toward another is laid down (Exodus 20: 1-17) and set out in detail (Exodus 21-23). Rules of personal health (Leviticus 11) and of social welfare are given to the people to observe.

Paul made it clear that, despite all these rules and regulations, the people of Israel failed to gain righteousness. Again and again the weakness of the law was revealed in the sins of Israel. What was true of Israel under the elaborate legal code known as The Law, was true also of the Gentile peoples who were living under the law of the natural man; the Gentiles

failed to live according to the principles they knew were right. The Gentiles were sinners in the sight of the natural law within man. The degree of their wickedness is set out with vivid and awful candor in Romans 1: 27-32. They behaved more shamefully than beasts: they were sinners. The final conclusion with regard to the law, in all its forms, is that it has failed to produce perfect men: it introduced, however, the sense of sin. This one thing can be said in the light of the law: none has an excuse. All know of the law in some form, and all have sinned against it. As Paul wrote, "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Those, then, who make the observance of the law a



"Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith."

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# Baptism and Confession

**A. C. Caldicott, of North Auburn, N.S.W., in protesting against the tendency to regard the raising of the hand at confessions, quotes several striking statements supporting the value of the public confession.**

AUGUSTINE relates in his 'Confessions' an account of the conversion of the famous rhetorician Victorinus. This man had for some time studied the scriptures in secret, and used to say privately to the Christian priest, Simplician, whom he knew well, that he was already a Christian. To this Simplician replied: 'I shall not believe it, nor shall I reckon you among Christians, until I see you in the church of Christ.' Victorinus laughed and rejoined: 'So then walls make a Christian.' 'Often,' says Augustine, 'he used to affirm that he was already a Christian. Often Simplician made the same answer. Often his jest about the walls was repeated. He was afraid to offend his friends, who were proud demon-worshippers.' So things went on for a time, but at length 'by reading and reflection he gained strength; he feared to be denied by Christ before the holy angels, if he should fear to confess him before men; he saw that he would be guilty of a great sin if he was ashamed of the ordinances, of the humility of thy word, and not ashamed of the godless worship of those proud demons, whereof he had been a proud worshipper and participant; he was disgusted with vanity, and blushed for the truth; and so, quite suddenly and unexpectedly, he said to Simplician, 'Let us go to church. I want to become a Christian.' Simplician went with him scarce able to contain himself for joy. He received the first instruction, and not long afterwards gave in his name that he might receive the baptism of regeneration, to the great wonder of Rome and the great joy of the church. . . . Finally, when the hour arrived for making the public profession of faith, which at Rome is made from a platform in full sight of the faithful, in a set form of words said by heart, the presbyters would have given Victorinus leave to make his profession in private, but

he deliberately chose to profess his salvation in the sight of the holy congregation. Sudden was the sound of exultation when they saw him; sudden was the hush of attention that they might hear. He repeated the true faith with unfaltering confidence, and all would have clasped him to their hearts."

Another interesting statement by the Lord Bishop of Gloucester, Dr. Edgar C. S. Gibson, who says in his book entitled "The Three Creeds": "It was in baptism that a person was admitted to the church, and thus definitely took a side and declared himself a Christian. On this occasion some public acknowledgment of his acceptance of the Christian faith, however simple, was not only natural but almost a necessity; and there can be no doubt that it was required from the first. An allusion to this has been traced by commentators, such as Bishop Westcott and the present Dean of Westminster, in St. Paul's words in Ephesians, v. 26, 'Christ loved the church, and gave himself up for it, that he might sanctify it, having cleansed it by the washing of water with the word.' In this Bishop Westcott sees a definite reference to the initiatory sacrament of baptism, 'accompanied by a confession of the Christian faith.'"

The Dean of Westminster also writes as follows: "The 'word' that is here spoken of as accompanying 'the washing of water' is plainly some solemn mention of 'the name of the Lord Jesus,' in which they 'were washed' from their former sins. The candidate for baptism confessed faith in the Name: the rite of baptism was administered in the Name. The actual phrase which is here used is vague; literally translated from the Greek it is 'in a word': that is to say, accompanied by a solemn word or formula, which expressed the intention of baptiser and baptised, and thus gave its spiritual meaning to 'the washing of water.' The purpose of Christ was accordingly that he might hallow his Bride by the cleansing waters of a sacrament in which, in response to her confession, his Name was laid upon her."

(Dr. Gibson, in his book, makes it clear that the baptism he refers to is that of immersion. The commentator's references are taken from Westcott—"The Epistle to the Ephesians," p. 84, S. Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians by The Dean of Westminster, p. 125.)

# Law and Faith

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necessary condition to satisfy the requirements desired by God to justify men at impossible terms: terms no human being can satisfy. They will be asking others to do something they are not able to accomplish themselves; they will be trying to put a yoke on men they cannot bear themselves (Acts 15: 10).

## Faith

Abram was justified before God because he believed and had faith in the Promise of God. The prophet Habakkuk pointed to the universal principle that was demonstrated in the particular instance of Abram finding favor before God, because of his faith. The prophet declared, "The just shall live by his faith" (Hab. 2: 4). Paul took up the same theme and referred to Abram and Habakkuk in support of his claim that a man is saved by grace through faith and not of himself. Paul made it clear that salvation is a free gift—an act of grace on the part of God—and man must supply the condition to lay hold of, or appropriate, that blessing made possible by Christ's death. The fundamental condition required is faith in God through Christ Jesus, the Lord.

Faith must not be limited to one phase of its meaning. To have faith one must have knowledge of the acts of the story of Jesus. Faith, then, cometh by hearing (Rom. 10: 17). Faith, however, requires a complete trust in God which is demonstrated in a surrender of life to the Lord. In faith there is, as in the case of Abram, a willingness to follow the leading of God even into new, difficult and strange paths. Paul showed that this faith is declared in the physical act of baptism. In baptism we are buried with Christ, and therefore "we also should walk in newness of life" (Rom. 6: 4). John Wesley wrote: "In baptism we, through faith, are ingrafted into Christ. And we draw new spiritual life from this new root, through his spirit, who fashions us like unto him."

The author of the letter to the Hebrews, in chapter 11, verse 1, said, "Faith is the substance of things hoped for." Recent discoveries among the papyri documents written in the days when the New Testament was being written in the common Greek throw light on the meaning of the original word (hypostasis) translated in the Authorised Version as "substance." The word referred to those "documents bearing on the ownership of a person's property" and "deposited in the archives, and forming the evidence of ownership." The documents are the title deeds that prove ownership of a property. Faith, then, is the title deed that assures us that we own the "things hoped for."

Faith must also produce in a Christian's life heroic exploits, just as it did through those great men of God mentioned in Hebrews 11. It cannot be stressed too much that faith in Christ must affect the whole of life, producing good works. James stressed that aspect of the Christian's life. He said, "Faith without works is dead." Unless faith declares itself in action, it cannot exist. Where there is such a faith, God justifies the sinner and gives him the assurance that he possesses a pardon from sins and the hope of eternal life. Therefore a man is justified, not by works, but by faith.

Have hope. Though clouds environ round.  
And gladness hides her face in scorn.  
Put off the shadow from thy brow;  
No night but hath its morn.

—Schiller.

# Was Christ Crucified on a Friday?

**W. A. Wigney, of Kew, Vic., reports on a debate of an interesting question**

POLYCARP, friend and disciple of John the apostle, visited Rome 154 A.D. to beg and persuade the bishop, Anicetus, to celebrate the anniversary of the death and resurrection of Christ at the same time as all the churches of Asia instructed by John observed it. He failed in his mission (Schaff-Herzog Encyclopedia). For nearly 200 years the churches of Palestine and Asia Minor resisted the Romish practice, protesting that their teaching regarding the day was received directly from John. But the political powers of Rome finally prevailed, and the East yielded to her claim of primacy.

Then Rome turned to the West, where in

Ireland, Wales, and Scotland, a simple apostolic form of Christianity had ante-dated the coming of Augustine and his Romish monks, probably by centuries.

When the Saxon armies conquered the Britons, Rome dictated the terms of peace which included an Act of Uniformity which specially mentioned that the simple British Christians must observe the Romish Holy Days of Good Friday and Easter.

We are too prone these days to meekly follow Rome. Mr. Bingham asserts that the dictum that Jesus Christ died on Good Friday and rose on Easter Sunday is positively of Romish practice. With her usurping claims she set out to inflict on all other churches her new institution of holy days.

As long and wherever the Romish church has since held sway, there this custom has prevailed; and we meekly follow.

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# Training for Service in S.A.

*Our South Australian correspondent, Chas. Schwab, reports on training class, on special commission inquiring into falling church membership, and on proposed rest home.*

THE youth department, under the vigorous guidance of G. R. Stirling, continues the campaign for the training of our young people for school, club, and other phases of Christian service. Central and area groups have enjoyed the comprehensive programmes. The central training class, which was sus-

reason for hastening to inform his listeners that he was not going to preach an expository message. What a pity! If one were asked to state what he considered the outstanding lack in sermons of to-day he would be disposed to say, exposition and teaching. Many of the sermons advertised in the press, if true



King William-st., Adelaide.

pended during the war period, will commence shortly. Young men and women will again be able to receive special instruction in Bible study and platform work.

Our churches should reap much benefit from the assistance being rendered by leaders and lecturers.

## A Special Commission

In response to a request from last conference, the State Executive has appointed a special commission to enquire into the causes of the serious decline in church membership. A comprehensive questionnaire has been sent to preachers and official boards. The commission will carefully analyse the mass of information gathered from the above avenues, and then determine the causes of, and remedies for, the decline in membership which has become very pronounced in recent years.

## Preachers' Disabilities

A sub-committee continues to investigate the possibilities of inaugurating a scheme whereby preachers will have a greater economic security than at present.

During last year the committee did a phenomenal amount of work by meeting official boards, and having a frank discussion relative to preachers' salaries and kindred matters. The results of those investigations indicated that there was general sympathy toward the objective.

Preachers working with churches subsidised by the Home Mission Department are to receive immediate consideration in the light of basic wage increases.

## Expository Preaching

A denominational preacher in a broadcast sermon declares that God knows we have too much exposition and teaching in the Protestant church of to-day. That was his

to captions, suggest a craze for "a popular message" which is generally innocuous because of the scarcity of constructive scriptural content.

# Christian Activities in Queensland

*P. C. D. Alcorn, B.A., discusses questions of church and industry, and of church discipline, and tells of missionary activities.*

## The Church and Industry

JUST when we should be well on the way to recovery from the aftermath of war more strikes are threatened. These strikes are exercising the minds of all thoughtful people who have the welfare of the nation at heart. A leading newspaper has called upon the churches to unite on the basis of ideals common to all churches in order to offer the world a spiritual authority under whose leadership the nations could find both unity and freedom. A leading churchman has suggested a court of working men and employers to help solve industrial problems. Another suggested a court comprising leaders of all denominations to help solve by their united influence our social problems. Other church leaders have given their support to this idea, although some doubt whether the church would have much influence on the disruptive elements in the community.

## Church Discipline

The Anglican church in Brisbane is investigating ways and means of rejuvenating the church and checking the growing indifference of members. One suggestion is that members be disciplined by depriving them of certain church privileges unless they attend communion at least three times a year. Naturally there is a division of opinion among An-

## Drink and Housing

Hot weather, shortage of beer and the greater alcoholic content of wine and spirits were the chief reasons advanced by the police department for more than twice the normal number of arrests for drunkenness in recent days.

Although labor and building materials were difficult to secure, £19,050 was spent on repairs and furnishings for licenced premises in the northern district last year as against £6680 in the previous year.

Against such backgrounds sugar for jam making and homes for the homeless stand out in bold relief.

## Fires

Adelaide has had an unusual experience in the realm of mysterious fires during recent weeks. A ladies' college, a grammar school and three chapels have been ablaze and much damage done to very valuable property.

Strenuous efforts are being made to discover the cause of these serious and regrettable incidents. Church and college authorities have been advised to exercise much care and see that all windows and doors of properties are securely locked when buildings are not being used.

## Christian Rest Home

Many very encouraging contributions have been received by the treasurer of home fund of late. Over £3000 is in hand. The committee of management hopes to increase the amount during this year with the object of making the venture an established fact.

## Chaplaincy Work

The services of H. R. Taylor, as a senior chaplain, have been greatly appreciated by all concerned. He is now attached to a hospital on part-time duty. Sick Service-men find the chaplain a great help. Relatives and friends also receive attentions which earn their gratitude.

glicans on the wisdom of disciplining members, but it is interesting to notice that they are awakening to the need of evangelising the large percentage of those who claim to belong to the "Church of England" but never attend. Leaders of other denominations do not agree with the Anglican proposals to discipline members. One said, "The remedy to church apathy is not a refusal of church privileges, but a more vigorous drive to contact people and bring them into close and regular touch with the church."

## Squatters

Communists have won much support by taking possession of army huts and installing families who for some months and even years have been living in tents, single rooms and cramped quarters over shops. Christians would not defy law and order as communists have done, but many wonder whether those in authority are doing all they can, as quickly as they can, to erect homes for the people. As part of their centenary celebrations the

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# Among Disciples in India

*A. Anderson gives his impressions of the work  
being performed by our American brethren.*

AT the outset let us say that—Mr. Bruce Coventry and I were delighted to see the work of our American brethren—to feel that, in some way, we shared that great work with them, and above all, to feel with them that sense of brotherliness and oneness as we moved amongst them. All were most kind and charming in their hospitality for almost a week we spent amongst them. Nothing was too much trouble for them; homes were opened, and where necessary, transport was readily available. Because of this transport, quite an area of country was seen, though the time was all too short; and at each place we visited, our kindly hosts informed us that there was much more to see, and couldn't we stay longer.

Our first stop was Jubbulpore, where Mr. and Mrs. T. Hill are centrally situated, and have charge of the large secretarial and treasury work of the mission. Associated with them are Mr. and Mrs. Fay Livingood, who are responsible for the evangelistic work and the mission press. (Our stay at Jubbulpore was under the roof of Mr. and Mrs. Hill, who made us extremely welcome.) In this place an experiment has been made to co-operate with other missions in educational work. Thus a theological seminary, a young women's training centre and a high school are run on semi-union lines. Some alterations are necessary to make them more effective, but the venture is an effort on right lines, particularly in the India of to-day.

All these places were visited and facilities offered for inspection. The theological seminary is co-educational, and we were struck with the fine young men and women who were in training—future Christian leaders of the Indian church. Jubbulpore is a very pretty city, as viewed from the hills overlooking it. The city seems to be nestling amongst the trees that surround it, and it is very difficult to see much of the place because of trees. Being in a well-watered place, and seeing this area at the best time of the year, certainly gave one a good impression of both area and people.

Our next call was Bilaspur, which necessitated leaving Jubbulpore mid-afternoon, waiting at a junction a few hours, and an all-night train journey. We were met at Bilaspur by the hospital car, an A model Ford still giving excellent service. In this city the Disciples have their greatest concentration of workers and an excellent piece of co-operative mission work goes on. To write on all that was seen would need many separate articles. In this article a rough outline of the work can be given.

On arrival at 6.30 we were taken to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gambo, who at one time were stationed at Harda, and closely identified with the work of Mary Thompson. Naturally much of our early morning breakfast conversation centred round the missionary work at Harda. Mr. Gambo and Dr. McGavern, of Takhatpur, were away on a holiday shooting trip, so we missed the opportunity of meeting them. Mrs. Gambo very kindly showed us over the Boys' High School, the Girls' High School, and thence to the Jackman Memorial Hospital. In the two former places good work is going on, serving as a feeder for the higher educational institutions. In this regard the Disciples have been better off than some missions, and as a consequence have many well-trained workers, though not as many as they can actually use in their wide field and varied types of work.

The Jackman Memorial Hospital was originally established for women patients only; but because of the demand some emergency buildings have been made available for male patients. The hospital is in charge of Dr. McDougal (lady doctor). This consecrated worker and her sister (also in this mission as evangelistic worker) are the daughters of old mission workers for the Disciples in India. Mrs. McDougal still lives with her daughters in India; the father passed away some years ago. The hospital is a fine place, has had many separate additions, but is hopelessly overcrowded. Instead of 60 patients capacity, it usually accommodates 110 patients or more.



Patient Being Carried to Indian Mission Hospital.

The medical needs of the people are so great that hospital staffs do what they can to meet the need. No doctor has the heart to turn deserving cases away, and yet the best work is impossible under such conditions. Above the hospital are the nurses' quarters. These girls are so crowded that one wonders how they manage. The war has prevented the mission from building adequate accommodation for their nurses and trainees. When this is accomplished, the whole of the top floor can be used as wards and thus make available more beds for the increasing demand. In all hospitals visited, one is impressed with the consecration of Indian doctors and nurses. The future of the Christian medical work in India is safe in such hands.

At this hospital a post-graduate course in the vernacular is open for nurses—the only post-graduate course of this type in India, as all other such courses are carried on in English. A final visit was made to Bilaspur on the Sunday afternoon, when we were privileged to witness the communion service. In all my missionary service I have never witnessed such a large gathering nor such a group of educated and well-dressed Christians. It was

a joy to see and to appreciate the reverence with which the service was conducted. It was stated that more than 350 were gathered—an average Sunday congregation. Instead of the usual sermon, the special choir rendered Christmas singing and music. It was all so Indian and yet so beautifully portrayed. The memory of this service made one feel that some day thousands of such congregations will meet throughout this great land.

From Bilaspur we journeyed to Takhatpur in the hospital car, driven by Mr. White, one of the Takhatpur group, who unexpectedly arrived at Bilaspur. This journey was only one and a half hours' run through very fine country. This place is merely a village area, but is the centre of a very splendid piece of mission work among a group of people known as "sut-nami," which literally means "followers of the true name." These people number about half a million, over a wide area, though other missions are working among parts of these people. Work has been fruitful among them; at times almost whole villages have turned to Christ. The Disciples now have 24 preaching places in this area, and approximately 800 Christians, about 600 of whom have come to Christ during the past five or six years. Dr. Don McGavern and wife, as older missionaries, and Mr. and Mrs. White serving their first term, are extremely happy in their work here, which in the nature of the case is purely rural.

Apart from the preaching work in the villages, a primary (boarding school) is held for the boys from the Christian homes; as only such boys are admitted, it is essentially an important piece of work. A dispensary was commenced, but is now in the process of becoming a hospital. Bricks are being burned on the spot, and walls are in course of erection. A site has been chosen for a doctor's bungalow. In the course of a few months will arise the need of a resident doctor. The hospital arises out of the necessity of giving aid to their own Christians. Usually a mission hospital arises out of a common need; but here the hospital has become a necessity, mainly because of their Christian people and their families.

Mrs. McGavern made a charming hostess; and though we could not stay overnight, the few hours in the McGavern home made one feel that to meet Dr. McGavern would be a delight, for to meet his talented wife made one thank God for those who were willing to leave the comforts of home to serve in humble village work. This is consecration and sacrifice of the highest order. At the McGavern home we were interested to know that dinner was served on the table that was once used by Mary Thompson at Harda.

Mr. and Mrs. White are planning to leave for furlough, full of hope because of the success of the past, and already talking of what they hope to do in this fruitful area on their return.

## LIVE FOR OTHERS

"LIVE for others day by day—  
'Tis the true, the better way;  
'Tis the way the Son of God  
When on earth as Saviour trod.

"Live for others—for that One,  
Who though God's beloved Son,  
Yet for others lived and died,  
And is crowned, the Crucified.

"Live for others—spend, be spent—  
'Tis the life the Master meant,  
Giving with a lavish hand,  
Meeting ever love's demand."



# Memorial to Alan W. Garland

AT Hamilton, Vic., a large congregation attended a memorial service on Sunday, Feb. 9, which was conducted by W. Gale, secretary of the Victorian Home Mission Committee, when a tablet in memory of Alan W. Garland was unveiled. This service also marked the 20th anniversary of the Hamilton church. Mr. Gale stated that the tablet to be unveiled was erected in memory of one who had served the church in Hamilton, and was for a short time at Drumcondra. Mr. Gale said he was present at the farewell of Mr. Garland at Hamilton, and was also present at his welcome at Drumcondra. The members of the Hamilton church desired to commemorate his ministry. To those who knew him, this would be a moment of heart-searching, so that they might live as faithfully as did their late preacher.

A letter from Mrs. Garland to the church was read, in which reference was made to the happy days of enthusiasm when the church was built. Mrs. Garland and Stanley sent greetings to all members.

Mr. Gale said he first met Mr. Garland at a preachers' retreat. Life was a strange adventure, and none could tell what the next chapter held. All faced critical moments and made decisions which had great bearing on life.

The first crisis came to Mr. Garland in his early teens, when he decided to accept Christ. He then heard the call of the ministry, and entered the College of the Bible. He graduated shortly before the period of depression. At that time many churches were unable to keep a preacher. Mr. Garland obtained a business position, but on Sundays preached without charge wherever he was needed.

A further important decision was made, Mr. Gale continued, when the depression lifted. Mr. Garland decided to return to the pulpit, and eventually came to Hamilton, where he and Mrs. Garland and their young family soon won their way into the hearts of the members. The older members would never forget the energy and enthusiasm of both Mr. and Mrs. Garland during the building of the church.

When the war came Mr. Garland was preacher at Drumcondra, and for some time de-

bated his position. Finally he declared he must go. Although offered a chaplaincy, Mr. Garland refused this, saying he wanted to be with the men. He joined the medical corps. He made no money but he was wonderfully rich. He was cultured, with a very deep Christianity, unselfish, simple, humble, yet with high ideals.

A party of prisoners was transferred by the Japanese, but no medical man or chaplain was with the party. The Japanese do not worry about either. At his own request Mr.



The Chapel at Hamilton.

Garland was included with the men, to serve as a medical officer and as a chaplain. This sacrifice meant his death. Alan's last chapter was written.

Our chapters were not yet closed; there were still wrongs to be righted, and the kingdom of God to be extended. Others were taking their share, said Mr. Gale, and the memory of Alan Garland would help us to put first things first.

The tablet, measuring 15 in. x 10 in., was then unveiled. The inscription reads as follows:—

In memory of  
ALAN W. GARLAND,  
Minister of this Church,  
1936-1940.

Died a prisoner of war in Borneo,  
March, 1945.

"Greater love hath no man."

After prayer for blessing for Mrs. Garland and Stanley, the hymn, "O God, our help in ages past," brought a reverent and sincere service to a close.

## Our Young People

### CATERING FOR RURAL YOUTH

THE young men and women in rural areas are worthy of the church's concern. The Victorian Young People's Department has never been contented with its endeavors on behalf of the young people in rural areas, and looks forward to the time when its leaders may be free to give more attention to rural work. The department seeks every occasion to foster and encourage such work, and delights in the activities of the Midlands Youth Fellowship, the recent Murray Valley Camp, and the annual camp at Hall's Gap, sponsored by the Youth Committee of the North-western Conference.

#### Hall's Gap Camp, 1947

Eighty leaders and campers met in camp from Feb. 12 to 19. The rural areas were represented by campers from Ararat, Dunolly, Horsham, Kaniva, Mundalla, Red Hill, Shepparton. There was also a strong delegation from Melbourne. The camp was directed by Mr. W. R. Hibburt and Mrs. H. J. Newell as

hostess. These were supported by Messrs. V. C. Stafford, C. Cole, H. Earle, G. W. Barnett, Mrs. G. W. Barnett and Miss I. V. Gill. Mr. and Mrs. E. Trew again served as cooks. This was the tenth year Mrs. Trew had rendered such service at Hall's Gap.

**Camp Programme.**—Campers were divided into five houses named after the continents. The daily programme commenced at 7.30 a.m. with morning watch out-of-doors. Camp in-spection followed breakfast. An assembly was held at 10 a.m., when V. C. Stafford introduced the day's work. Groups then retired to shady spots about the creek for group discussion. Afternoon hikes were conducted to Mackay's Peak, Boronia Peak, Wonderland. Buses were chartered and a tour made to Wartook Lake, McKenzie Falls, Reed's Lookout and the Balconies. In the evening camp talent was used in enriching programmes.

**Special Camp Features.**—The chairman of the Young People's Department, Mr. B. F. Huntsman, and the treasurer, Mr. E. A. Lewis, visited the camp. They were accompanied by Mr. Hayden McCallum, churches of Christ delegate to Oslo World Youth Convention. Special delegations came from Kaniva, Horsham and Stawell. Mr. F. Sherriff brought a sham and Stawell. Campers sent repre-

sentative groups to share in the ministries of the churches at Kaniva, Lillimur and Stawell. The communion service was presided over by Mr. Hayden McCallum and addressed by Mr. Geoff. Barnett. An offering of £6/9/- was made to youth work. It is expected that gifts for Oslo Fund will reach £10. Mrs. H. J. Newell (camp hostess) celebrated her silver wedding while in camp. Campers delighted in recognising this event. Recognition was given to Miss I. V. Gill since her camp service was her first official duty as field worker. Many gracious words were spoken to camp director upon his retirement from department work. A Sunday evening service was held on a mountain peak as the sun was setting. An impressive service of dedication was held out-of-doors on the last night of camp.

**Camp Building.**—Structural progress has been made with permanent hall. A building 30 ft. x 20 ft. was purchased and so adjusted with the existing kitchen that when completed will provide a social and dining hall 50 ft. x 20 ft. Mr. D. R. Williams, supported by friends of Kaniva, Horsham and Warracknabeal, is leading this enterprise.—W.R.H.

## A Rare Species

The hymn chosen by F. J. Funston for March is No. 19 and is planned for March 9.

FOLLIOTT SANDFORD PIERPOINT (1835-1917) is worthy of remembrance—the present writer notes this with feeling!—as a very rare species in his occupation-group; he was a teacher with independent means! After his graduation from Cambridge, occasional periods of classical teaching were all that was necessary to supplement his income from the family estates.

At various stages, Pierpoint published collections of poems and contributed to several hymnals. I am able to find only one of his hymns which has ever been widely used. Few hymnals could do without this one, however. Beginning "For the beauty of the earth," it is rightly described as "one of the most delightful hymns of thankfulness in the language." In 1929, when the English "Methodist Times" conducted a census of hymns used in 3000 church services, it was placed second and evidence given of a popularity undiminished by over sixty years of use.

The hymn as originally written comprised 8 verses, 7 of which closed with the refrain: "Christ, our God, to thee we raise this, our sacrifice of praise." These lines have gone through many variations—"Lord of all," "Gracious God" or "Father, unto thee" in the first line and "grateful hymn of praise" in the second. Our book omits one verse still in common use: "For the joy of ear and eye."

Without examining the original, its classification as a communion hymn must seem inapt. But the final lines were:

"For thyself, with hearts aglow,  
Jesu, Victim undefiled,  
Offer we, at thine own shrine,  
Thyself, sweet Sacrament Divine."

These, the only lines conferring on it the status of a communion hymn, are the very ones which, for Protestant hymnals, demand both abridgment and reclassification. It appears in our book to-day under the heading "God the Father—Creation, Praise, Providence"; another includes it under the title "The glory of God—Adoration and worship"; yet another, keeping the original "Christ our God, to thee we raise," rightly places it under "The Lord Jesus Christ—his glory and praise."



# Here and There

W. C. Brooker, preacher of the church at Queenstown, S.A., expects to enter hospital for operation on March 10. The long ministry of our brother is much appreciated by many throughout Australia. We wish for him a speedy recovery to good health.

The work of the Victorian Church Extension Committee dates back to 1910. A very large percentage of existing church buildings were arranged for by the committee. A big programme of building lies ahead. Sites must be secured in new and promising districts. Money must be found for new churches and manses. Members are asked to give liberally for this work on March 16.

Breaking of bread and worship services at Port Noarlunga, S.A., are held at 11 a.m. each Lord's Day. Mr. Len Fisher presided on Jan. 19 and 26 and Mr. Stow gave addresses on Feb. 9 and 16. This help of visiting members is appreciated. Meetings are held at residence of Mr. W. E. Grosvenor, and have been continued regularly for past six years. A cordial welcome is given to all and help from visiting brethren is gladly accepted.

Britain's intention of withdrawing from India by June, 1948, is a challenge to Indian leaders to set their house in order and to be ready to lead unitedly the millions of peoples anxious to enjoy the freedom promised the nations in the Atlantic Charter. We trust that under the new government all sections of the Indian community will be treated justly and the 60 millions of out-castes will not suffer from any oppressive measures. Pandit Nehru, Indian premier of interim government, gives an assuring word when he said, "India looks forward to close and friendly relations with the British."

The business session of the 3rd Annual Conference of Richmond-Collingwood District, Vic., was held on Feb. 15, in the Burnley chapel; 40 were in attendance. Officers elected are:—President, J. E. Searle; vice-president, F. Barnett; secretary, W. L. Blackburn; treasurer, R. Winston. 64 enjoyed fellowship tea. Evening service opened with song service led by H. Graham. T. G. Westwood led service. Incoming officers were introduced. Musical items were rendered by Miss E. Chipperfield and F. Barnett. Challenging address was given by Thomas Hagger. 90 attended this devotional service. This conference was a great success.

At Doncaster, Vic., on evening of Feb. 19 Dr. Michael gave illustrated talk on work performed by our missionaries in India. The audience appreciated very much the information given by one with years of personal experience. Mr. Geyer, of Gardiner, favored with a solo. Young people met on evening of Feb. 23 at chapel to have tea together. Harvest thanksgiving services were held on Feb. 23. There was a good display of fruit, groceries, etc., on platform. Mr. Banks spoke. Offering for church building fund amounted to £87. Evening service was well attended. Mr. Banks spoke. Choir rendered an anthem and quartette party an item.

At Rockhampton, Qld., a young girl confessed Christ on Jan. 19 and was baptised on 26th. Mr. and Mrs. McIlhagger concluded their ministry on that date. At close of evening service opportunity was taken to say farewell, and presentations were made. G. T. Millar, of Mackay church, commences his ministry on April 6. In meantime local brethren are maintaining all services. Attendances continue to be good and encouraging. Bible school resumed on Feb. 2, and has had good attendances with new scholars and teachers. Young people's auxiliaries are a bright feature. At annual meeting on Feb. 12 all reports showed signs of progress during 1946. Deacons elected were N. Watson (secretary), T. Jones (treasurer), H. Watson, S. Dobbs,

A. Johnson, J. Steele, J. H. Cooper, G. Nelson, After 18 years of faithful service, J. Treseder, on account of ill health, has had to relinquish his office of deacon and treasurer. Church is planning for a mission in August with B. W. Manning, of Fullarton church, S.A., as missionary.

The 41st year of the College of the Bible opened on Feb. 5 with an informal session at the college. Public inaugural session was held in Lygon-st. chapel on Monday, Feb. 17, Dr. W. A. Kemp, Chairman of the Board, presiding. Dr. G. J. Morgans, of West Melbourne Baptist church, stirred the congregation with an address. During evening Mrs. C. G. Taylor and A. J. MacKenzie helped with solos. B. J. Combridge led in prayer, and Dr. L. J. Michael read the scripture lesson. In his report E. L. Williams, principal, stated that 50 students are enrolled at Glen Iris this year, every State in the Commonwealth and also New Zealand and India being represented. Scholarships for the year, based on the work of 1946, were awarded as follows:—F. G. Dunn Memorial, Mrs. R. W. Saunders, B.A., dux of the college; M. S. Noble Memorial, Mr. D. A. V. Thomas; L. C. McCallum Memorial, Mr. H. F. Gross; College Women's Association Prize, Miss M. E. McDonald; Old Boys' Scholarship, Mr. E. W. Heard; F. M. Ludbrook Memorial (for Foreign Mission students), Mr. R. S. A. McLean; Miss E. F. Winter Memorial (for lady students), Miss J. G. Waterman; W. Grindrod Memorial, Mr. E. J. Sewell; Austin Essay Competition Prizes: First, Mrs. R. W. Saunders, B.A.; Equal Second, Messrs. S. F. Davey and K. W. Barton. Scholarships tenable at Australian Universities, for former students, under the Settlement Trust of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Rofe, of Sydney, were allotted to Messrs. C. B. Cartmel, R. W. Graham, L. G. Johnson, F. T. Morgan, S. Neighbour, K. J. Patterson, B.Com., D. H. Pike, E. W. Roffey, G. A. Whiting and C. H. J. Wright. Prior to the public session the members of Lygon-st. church entertained the college, board, faculty and students at a welcome tea, as has been their custom each year.

Reg. Enniss writes: "It is not a habit of mine to rush into print, but as Australian Vice-President of the World Convention and Chairman of the World Convention Arrangements Committee I feel impelled to do so. I am concerned to have Australia adequately represented at the Third World Convention to be held at Buffalo August 3 to 8 next. Our Australian brotherhood is an integral part of the World Convention, and I trust we wish so to continue. It is an affiliation costing us nothing, yet yielding rich dividends. A recent mail brought a draft of the World Convention programme, in which most generous room is made for Australian speakers. Considering our very small numbers compared with the vast American membership, it is a most gracious gesture which provides Australian men with major places on almost every session of convention. What is to be Australia's response to these fine gestures? Are we to be represented by a mere handful? Must we write and decline most or all of our places on the programme? When Jesse Bader proposes, as he means to do, that the next World Convention be held in Melbourne, is there to be a quite unimpressive company from Australia to commend the proposal to the convention? These are the questions which lead me to appeal for a real manifestation of interest on our part. I earnestly appeal to all who can strain a point to go. Go if you can for your own benefit, for the good name of our Australian brotherhood; for the inspiration you can bring to others. Some, unable themselves to go, are giving to enable some young preacher to go to represent us and to keep Australia in its present privileged place as a favored member of the World Convention."

## NORTH SUBURBAN CONFERENCE

NORTHCOTE chapel was comfortably filled for quarterly meeting of North Suburban Conference (Melbourne), on Feb. 20. J. Turner, presiding, called on Mr. Vautier, new student preacher at Brunswick, to lead in prayer. The new Reservoir preacher, R. E. Burns, read scripture portion. District conference choir brought two anthems and F. Lang, jun., of Preston, was soloist. All 12 churches responded to roll-call. Speaker was H. M. Arrowsmith, minister of Church of England, Toorak. He presented a vivid and accurate description of the "spirit of the age," reminding us that the general community is quite unconcerned about moral and spiritual issues. A very low morality—a sub normal standard—has come to be accepted as the normal standard for society in general. The church must not measure itself down to the "spirit of the age," nor contentedly accept the "spirit of the age" as our excuse for small accomplishment. We must resist. In this resistance we are not alone, for with us is the Holy Spirit of the ages. W. Atkin and A. Withers expressed the gathering's appreciation to the speaker.—A. R. Lloyd.

## "YOUTH TO YOUTH" CRUSADE

AS a spiritual preparation of the church at Thornbury, Vic., for year's activities following holiday period, a "Youth to Youth Crusade" was carried on from Feb. 2 until Feb. 16. The church was fortunate in securing as leaders in the crusade Harold Long and Nicholas Gavros, students of the college. Under their capable and consecrated leadership, a splendid work was carried through, reflecting much credit on the college as well as on the students. Overcoming initial differences, these young men built up interest and attendances, so that by the second week numbers were doubled. Delegations came from sister churches. The last service was a grand climax to the crusade, when with a large audience, and with splendid spirit prevailing, the final appeal was made, resulting in 14 decisions. A special feature of the crusade was the "Happy Hour" period held each afternoon after State school. With aid of banjo, Nicholas Gavros led the children in bright singing, and with Harold Long interested and instructed these girls and boys with a well varied programme. On two evenings children of "Happy Hour" attended and sang choruses. These leaders proved themselves to be an ideal team for this kind of work. They are both good song-leaders and soloists. They are also very capable proclaimers of the message. Despite the fact that they had to carry on college studies while engaged in this effort, they entered into their work with zeal and intense concentration. During the two weeks' crusade 16 made decision, in the number being many for reconsecration. The church as a result has received a great spiritual stimulus; and all who attended the meetings are thankful to God for the coming of these messengers in the special crusade. At close of evening service on Feb. 16, thanks of church were conveyed to the missionaries by D. D. Stewart and Dr. E. R. Killmer, and a suitable presentation was made to each of them.—D. D. Stewart.

## ADDRESSES

A. E. Hurren (preacher Footscray church, Vic.)—56 Raleigh-st., Footscray, W.11. Phone, MW 1746.

A. R. Pigdon (preacher Drumcondra church, Vic.)—5 Coronation-st., Geelong.

## COMING EVENT.

MARCH 7.—Women's Conference Executive Council will meet in Swanston-st. lecture hall, at 2 p.m. Leader of devotions, Mrs. Wigney. Speaker, Dr. Treneman, director of Council for Christian Education in Schools.



# News of the Churches

## Tasmania

West Hobart.—Services on Feb. 9 and 16 were very well attended, Mr. Burtt being speaker at all services. His addresses are much appreciated. On Feb. 12, Y.P.S.C.E. was commenced, and interest is high. Young People's Club is well attended on Friday nights. Aborigines mission offering to date is £2/3/-. Mrs. N. H. Cooper has been granted transfer to Malvern-Caulfield, Vic.

Devonport.—On Feb. 2 R. Pitt, sen., gave morning address. Church had fellowship with Mrs. Richardson, isolated member from Beulah, and with Mr. and Mrs. Merrick Byard and family, an isolated family. F. T. Burtt gave gospel address at night. On Feb. 9 F. T. Burtt spoke morning and evening. On Feb. 15 Bible school held an enjoyable picnic at Bluff beach; 60 scholars and parents in attendance. Rod Pitt gave helpful morning address on Feb. 16, and at night H. Byard was preacher.

## Queensland

Roma.—Attendances at all meetings are good, with improvement at gospel service. Mr. Parker's addresses are forceful. A service of meditation and study at manse each Sunday afternoon is proving helpful. On evening of Feb. 16, Mr. Parker preached convincingly and Les Ross was soloist. Endeavorers held quarterly social on evening of Feb. 7, with a good number present. Members regret continued illness of Albert Waldron, who has been an inmate of local hospital for some weeks. Miss Arnold has been indisposed for several weeks. Bible school is in friendly competition with Boondall school with a "quiz" session each Sunday.

Bundaberg.—On Feb. 13 church annual business meeting took place. W. DeOberitz was chairman. S. Jorgensen and W. DeOberitz were elected elders; V. Cedergreen, J. Wissman, G. Krieger, W. Proudly and W. Pohle deacons. New secretary is W. Pohle. W. DeOberitz was re-elected treasurer. V. Dalvinger presented preacher's report. W. Proudly was re-elected Bible school superintendent. Secretary of Women's Guild (Mrs. T. Pohle) gave an excellent report. New kindergarten superintendent is Sister L. Bust. Sister B. Nielsen was re-elected church organist. Representatives to B. & F. Bible Society are V. Dalvinger and G. Krieger. There were reports from auxiliaries, and much business was attended to.

East Ipswich.—Bible school and young people's society have resumed after holiday recess. On return from holidays Mr. Burgin addressed services on Jan. 19. At worship service there was a record attendance, including visitors, and a record offering of over £14. Messrs. Reeve, Barrett, Fergusson, of Brisbane, Ludgater and Hack conducted services in preacher's absence. Church welcomed Mr. and Mrs. E. Boettcher, who have come to reside at East Ipswich for a time. Ladies' Guild welcomed Mrs. Boettcher and Mrs. Fowdry, recently married, at afternoon tea at their respective homes. Church welcomes back Stan Waldron after serious illness and operation. A big loss to church is transfer to Bundaberg of Jack McCormick, who was very active in Bible school as assistant superintendent, and in church work as presiding brother and speaker. Church also regrets to lose on three months' transfer Noel Newmann, also an active member of school and church. Offering for aborigines work exceeded £10.

## Western Australia

South Perth.—On Feb. 18 an enthusiastic meeting of members met at home of B. Wesley for monthly meeting, which is held to find ways and means of commencing Lord's Day services in district. Great hope is held that these will commence shortly.

Inglewood.—Members and friends had a delightful river trip arranged by Ladies' Guild. After serving church well for over six years, Mr. Sherman desires to terminate his ministry in three months' time. At gospel service of Feb. 9, he gave an interesting address on Peter and Jesus, illustrated by projector and slides. Good addresses have been given by Messrs. McRoberts and Hilford.

Perth.—Aborigines Mission offering reached £40/1/6. Dorcas Society had an enjoyable outing at Mosman's Bay. Mrs. Bruce was welcomed home after absence in Eastern States. On morning of Feb. 16, visitors included Mrs. Brownbill, M.L.A. (Geelong, Vic). A talk by J. K. Robinson was instructive. Night service was broadcast. Mrs. Campbell rendered a solo. Mr. Robinson preached.

Wembley Park.—The church is making good progress under leadership of the preacher, Geoff. Whiting. There have been seven confessions—one adult lady, two boys and four girls. Averages for January for breaking of bread and gospel service were 38. Visitors have included A. H. Simpson, from Canberra, Mr. and Mrs. Stabe, from Rockhampton, Qld. Mr. Stabe addressed church. Bible school is preparing for anniversary under conductorship of Mr. Allen Payne, superintendent.

Subiaco.—Church meetings for February have been well attended and successful. Two men have made the good confession. Pre-gospel meeting, prayer and open-air meetings continue to flourish, though absence of George Smith is noticeable (now at Glen Iris college). All auxiliaries have held inaugural meetings for 1947. Bible school teachers enjoyed having tea with senior scholars on Feb. 9, when staff matters and annual picnic were discussed. The picnic, which was most successful, was held at Mosmans on Feb. 15. Miss E. Pallot having resigned from superintendency of primary department (due to her approaching marriage), Miss J. Simmons was appointed to that office. On Feb. 16 about 50 junior and intermediate Endeavorers met for annual graduation ceremony.

## South Australia

Kilburn.—On Feb. 16, 69 scholars were present, the highest yet. There were two new scholars, and five added to cradle roll. 25 scholars, and approximately 10 children were adults and approximately 10 children were present at breaking of bread. F. R. Collins is doing the pastoral work, and his addresses are appreciated.

Flinders Park.—On Feb. 9 Mrs. Challenger was received into membership, being transferred from Glenelg. Margaret Challenger is home from Royal Adelaide Hospital. Her brother, Don Challenger, is an inmate in same hospital. An Intermediate C.E. Society has been formed under leadership of W. Walladge and Phyllis Parker. Attendances have shown marked improvement. Visitors have been welcomed.

Prospect.—At service on morning of Feb. 9, C. P. Hughes, S.A. Alliance representative, gave an enjoyable address. There was a good attendance. R. Vincent preached at night. Ladies' Guild held an enjoyable picnic at the Gorge on Feb. 12. Sympathy is felt for Mrs. Cousins in the loss of her mother. Services on Feb. 16 were well attended. R. Vincent's addresses were helpful. Youth groups held a tea, and were addressed by R. Vincent. Good fellowship is enjoyed in all auxiliaries.

Gawler.—Mr. Bartlett preached his farewell sermon to church on Jan. 12. Other speakers for month were Messrs. Kranz, Lee, Dunkerton and Edmunds. A farewell social was tendered Mr. Bartlett on Jan. 24. Friends of various religious bodies were present, and the ministers joined to wish him well in his work at Croydon. All gave evidence of his friendly and co-operative service. A gift of notes was handed Mr. Bartlett from church, and a pottery vase to Mrs. Bartlett from the ladies.

Whyalla.—On Jan. 14 a social was held to say farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Matthews and family, who were leaving for Semaphore. During evening representatives of church, church auxiliaries and outside bodies spoke of the excellent work done by Mr. Matthews and the love and esteem in which the whole family was held. Presentations were made to all members of the family, who suitably responded. Mr. Banks commenced his ministry on Feb. 2. On Jan. 30 a welcome was held to Mr. and Mrs. Banks so that opportunity could be taken for all members to meet them. Miss June Doyle confessed Christ at gospel service on Feb. 9, and was baptised following Sunday evening.

Unley.—Half-yearly business meeting was held on Jan. 29. Preachers' report contained several suggestions for future service, of which holding of a quarterly church night, and forming of a prayer circle, were adopted. H. R. Taylor and Dr. D. Kidd have been evening speakers whilst Mr. and Mrs. Norris enjoy a well-earned holiday at Encounter Bay. Subject of D. H. Pike's address at February meeting of Southern District Men's Fellowship was "Targets for Social Reform." On Feb. 8, in chapel, Mr. Norris officiated at wedding of Margaret Messent and Allan Jessup. With end of school holidays, church attendances have improved, and auxiliaries have recommenced. Endeavorers are pleased to have G. Young back as superintendent of intermediates.

Queenstown.—While Mr. Brooker is on sick leave, church has appreciated the willingness to assist, and the addresses of a number of visiting brethren and also of some local members. Mr. Schwab, Ross Graham, J. T. Train and G. Wilson have visited during past month. One young man made his confession on Jan. 26. Mr. Brooker, feeling stronger in health, presided on Feb. 16, and gave an address at gospel service, chapel being nearly full. Three were baptised, and during invitation hymn a well respected business manager made his confession. Mr. Brooker will be entering hospital on March 10 for surgical treatment. Ladies' Guild has recommenced activities following holiday season. Bible school is practising for anniversary. J.C.E. held a combined meeting with Methodist and Baptist societies on Feb. 2, 70 being present. Mr. Goldney, Methodist preacher, gave an address.

## New South Wales

Marrickville.—Inaugural meeting of newly-formed Boys' Brigade, under leadership of W. Hill, took place on Feb. 10. Bible school promotion day on Feb. 9 was attended by church officers, and R. H. Maxwell gave a greeting on their behalf. Cradle roll superintendent, Mrs. Stephenson, reports 11 new names on roll. Marrickville-Bankstown District C.E. Convention was held in chapel, speaker at evening service being Mr. Gordon Smea, late of Children's Court.

North Sydney.—Meetings have been keeping up to usual standard, and various departments are working well. Bible school picnic held at Balmoral on Feb. 15 was a great success. At first meeting of Dorcas this year, Mrs. Paternoster was re-elected president, Mrs. Rushby secretary, and Mrs. Hill treasurer. C.E. observed anniversary of World Christian Endeavor by assisting in evening meeting on Feb. 9. At Men's Fellowship held on same



date, C. P. Hughes, secretary Australian Inland Mission, gave a very interesting talk on work of mission nurses.

**Taree.**—On Feb. 16 A. B. Clark conducted both services, and visited Wingham church. At morning service at Taree, opportunity was taken to acknowledge the good work accomplished by A. B. Clark as secretary of Manning River district committee in their well organised campaign to combat any extension in trading hours of hotels in N.S.W. At Taree a three to one majority voted in favor of 6 o'clock closing. Services and interest in local church are maintained, with a step in progress in Bible school activities.

**Chatswood.**—All departments of church are working actively after Christmas holidays. Harold Hayward (grandson of first Chatswood preacher) was baptised on Jan. 26, and received into fellowship on Feb. 2. Peter Triglone was baptised on Feb. 2, and received into fellowship on Feb. 9, when Dr. C. A. Verco was speaker. C.Y.F. had a splendid attendance on Feb. 16, when David Verco led a session entitled "Music by the Masters." Both services for day were excellently attended, and visitors included Dr. and Mrs. Messent and family, from Adelaide; Mr. and Mrs. McClean and Mr. and Mrs. N. Haddow (Lygon-st.), Miss G. Hare (Balwyn), and Mr. Davies (Pahran), all from Victoria. R. V. Amos spoke at all meetings, and at close of gospel message Betty Glass confessed Christ.

**Wagga.**—Mr. and Mrs. Thomson have returned from holidays. During their absence in Melbourne, the following speakers gave helpful addresses: Mr. Colquhoun (Presbyterian church), V. C. Stafford (Cheltenham, Vic.), W. Casperson and S. Dow. Many members have been away on holidays during past six weeks; nevertheless attendances have been good, as church has had fellowship with a number of visitors. Sunday school has reopened after summer vacation. School recently purchased a lantern projector for use in illustrating lessons. Choir has recommenced practice under guidance of Mr. Morrison. Col. Willis has accepted position as superintendent of J.C.E. Offering for aborigines' work amounted to £20/17/3. Considerable financial help was given by church to defray expenses of advertising and broadcasting over local station in recent 6 o'clock closing of hotels campaign.

**Canley Vale.**—The year commenced with engagement of R. W. Saunders as preacher. A welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Saunders was held on Feb. 1, when good wishes were expressed by representatives of Fairfield and Carramar churches and F.M. committee as well as Canley Vale church. A fine spirit is felt in the services, which are increasing in numbers, over 40 being present on morning of Feb. 16. On Feb. 15, annual business meeting of church took place. Reports presented by auxiliaries showed them to be in good working order. Financial statement showed £463/13/8 collected for all purposes during year. Many donations were given to brotherhood enterprises, including nearly £20 for overseas missions. There was an average of 37 communicants per Sunday for year. Following officers were elected:—Secretary, E. Christopherson; treasurer, Mrs. Burling; deacons, M. Carre, F. W. Stimpson, F. F. Stimpson, K. Kemple, A. V. Stimpson, M. Dalziel. M. Dalziel was appointed a doorman in place of F. Stimpson, who has done very fine service for many years.

**Belmore.**—Meetings have been well attended, and work continues to prosper under the very earnest leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Corlett. Evening service on Feb. 9 was conducted by members of Endeavor Society, and at conclusion of an inspiring service a young lady rededicated herself to the Master. Splendid talks were given by Mr. Jack Truscott and Miss Rae Edmunds. At sisters' meeting on Feb. 18, Mrs. Blackburn, matron of "Dunmore House," was speaker. On Feb. 11, K.S.P. and P.B.P. held a swimming night; and on 17th, K.S.P. members

inspected Crown Crystal glass works. Cricket team is leading in competition, and football club is preparing for season, when it is hoped to field three teams. Mrs. Jack has resigned as kindergarten superintendent after many years' service, and the work is being carried on by Miss Clarice Cremin.

## Victoria

**Hampton.**—On Feb. 22, Christian Men's Society had an enjoyable visit from South Yarra men, when a sports evening was conducted.

**Emerald.**—In spite of inclement weather and failure of electric light due to storm, a bright and helpful Christian Endeavor and prayer meeting was held on Feb. 12, C.E. being led by Graeme Legge.

**Dandenong.**—Entertainment of outstanding merit, produced and directed by Miss Dorrie Nankivell, has augmented building fund to extent of £16. Meetings past two weeks had good attendances. Re-organised choir, with Frank Hodges conductor, made first appearance Feb. 16.

**Rochester.**—At annual business meeting, held recently, officers were all re-elected for ensuing year. Financial position, though not as good as last year, is sound. Appreciation was expressed in a practical way to Miss Main for her services as organist, also to secretary, Mr. Hamilton, who has held the office for ten years. Mr. Payne's services as preacher are greatly appreciated.

**Middle Park.**—There has been increased attendance at all services, and much interest is shown at midweek meeting, when Mr. Randall's addresses are interesting and helpful. Mr. Manallack has taken charge of young people's club. Tennis club has been re-organised by Mr. Whittaker. Mr. Cripps has donated a literature rack, and Miss Wiseman has supplied interesting literature.

**Melbourne (Swanston-st.).**—Mr. Nance-Kivell is on holiday. Dr. Michael and F. Saunders were speakers on Feb. 23. Women's Mission Band had a good meeting on Feb. 18, Misses Lawson and Hedley giving appreciated talks. Choir has resumed, and had a revival of Alexander's Hymns on Feb. 16. There is considerable sickness among members. Mrs. Lyall and S. Wilson are now out of hospital.

**Stawell.**—Attendances at services are well maintained. A number of new scholars have recently been added to Bible school. On Feb. 16 a party from young people's camp at Hall's Gap conducted evening service. Three brief addresses were given, and a duet was rendered by two young ladies. A period of fellowship was enjoyed at supper at close of service. On Monday evening a number of young people and friends from church visited camp and spent a happy time.

**Preston.**—On Feb. 9 Mr. and Mrs. C. Page were welcomed into fellowship by transfer. Mr. Page delivered a helpful exhortation at same service. Election of officers took place at annual meeting of choir, and a detailed plan of activity for year decided upon. On Feb. 10, Men's Society met, and after transaction of business an enjoyable time was spent in games. Members of K.S.P. Club took part in morning service on Feb. 23. B. J. Combridge was speaker at both morning and evening services on same date.

**Carlton (Lygon-st.).**—Church cricket team was too good for married men of church at an enjoyable match on Feb. 15. Good services were held on Feb. 16, 134 breaking bread. £8/10/- was given to Food for Britain appeal. At church's college inaugural tea on Feb. 17, the fine catering by ladies was warmly appreciated. C. G. Taylor welcomed students, faculty and visitors. Bible school staff and preacher were again guests of superintendent, F. Prittie. After 22 years' faithful service he has resigned, and R. Stephenson has been elected superintendent and Miss Haines assistant. Open-air services commenced at chapel steps on Feb. 23, at 6 p.m.

**Footscray.**—On Feb. 9, a young man confessed Christ and was baptised following Sunday. On Feb. 18 P.B.P. held shower tea for Miss M. Shaw and Mr. A. Hounsell, to be married on March 1. On Feb. 13, 21 ladies visited works of Peters ice cream factory, which proved very interesting, and on 19th Ladies' Aid held annual picnic at Black Rock, when a happy time was spent at beach and at home of one of the members, Mrs. Blanchard. K.S.P. held interesting trip over railways control room on Feb. 21.

**Mitcham.**—Sunday school picnic was held at Seaford on Jan. 27, a happy time being spent with parents and scholars. On Feb. 12, church held annual business meeting and election of officers. All departments are functioning well. Women's Guild reported having raised over £50, and had sent three parcels of food to England, a parcel of clothing for international relief, a large parcel of soap for Britain, two parcels to social service, and five rugs to India during past year. Church has welcomed visitors from sister churches lately. During March church is having "go-to-church" campaign. There is an increase in attendance at morning services, and mid-week prayer meetings are well attended. Church and kindergarten buildings are both being painted, and an electric bath heater is being installed for baptistery.

**Drumcondra.**—Attendances have been very good since end of holiday period. Addresses by A. R. Pigdon are appreciated. Fellowship has been enjoyed with several visitors. Mrs. Meirs, Mrs. Holden and M. Hore have been unable to attend meetings through ill health. Sunday school teachers held annual business meeting on Feb. 11, and annual business meeting of church was held on Feb. 13, when following were elected:—Elder, A. McKay; deacons, M. Hore, G. Hore, G. Batty, H. Douglas, D. Douglas, R. Tattersall, D. McClure, L. H. Mountjoy; deaconesses, Sisters Meirs, Haines, Russell and Hore. Reports showed work to be in good heart. A creche is being conducted during morning service by ladies of church. A tennis club has been hired for use by young people connected with church. S.S. picnic was held at Queen's Park on Feb. 23. K. Adair was baptised on evening of Feb. 16.

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## DEATH

JULLIANNE BHAGAT.—In loving memory of dear little Jullie, who passed away suddenly at Shrigonda, India, on Feb. 9. One of Jesus' little lambs safe in his arms.  
—Inserted by L. M. Foreman.

## IN MEMORIAM

BURDEU.—In loving memory of our dear mother and wife, who passed from this life, March 3, 1946, at Moreland, Vic.

"What happy hours we once enjoyed—  
How sweet their memory still!  
But they have left an aching void  
The world can never fill."

—Inserted by son Ray, daughter Beryl (Mrs. Wiltshire), and husband.

CLIPSTONE.—A tribute to the memory of Mr. H. M. Clipstone, called to higher service, March 3, 1946.

Until we meet again before his throne,  
Clothed in the spotless robe he gives his own,  
Until we know even as we are known—  
Good-night!

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MARGARET COSH.—In memory of my dear wife and mother, who was called home, Feb. 28, 1945. Not forgotten for the long, happy years together.

—Inserted by husband and family.

WARDEN.—In loving remembrance of my dear husband Dave, and loving father of Jean, Alf, and Sis., who was called away so suddenly on Feb. 26, 1946.

What tho' in lonely grief I sigh

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C. B. Nance-Kivell.

Tues., 11th, 7.45, "Dying for Our Sins."  
E. L. Williams.

Wed., 12th, 7.45, "Rising for Our Justification."  
D. D. Stewart.

Thurs., 13th, 7.45, "Received up into Glory."  
W. F. Nankivell.

Fri., 14th, 7.45, "Coming Again." J. Wiltshire.

Sun., 16th, 11 a.m., "He is Lord of all."  
L. G. Crisp.

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## COLLEGE AND DOCTRINE

IT cannot be denied that there are those members who will not, under any pretext, support the College of the Bible at Glen Iris, Victoria. These members are almost without exception very devout, God-fearing Christians, who 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 Testament church. This group of dissatisfied members is steadily growing, and it would appear, with every justification.

The list of successful students for the third term 1946, published in the "Christian," dated January 22, 1947, certainly seems to endorse this opinion. Ten students passed in Apologetics, 10 in Ethics, 9 in Comparative Religion and 20 in Religious Education. As against this we read—"Christian Doctrine—one passed."

Questions are being asked as to the cause of the spiritual and numerical decline in our membership. In an endeavor to find an answer it would not seem unreasonable to suggest that a commission be appointed to enquire into the curriculum (especially doctrinal teaching) which is being taught at the college. Can it be that men with letters after their names are sought for lecturers, just because of it, without any other qualifications?

Maybe there is a simple explanation. If so, perhaps such explanation will be forthcoming.  
—S. R. Beck, Cottonville, S.A.

THAT the Editor of the "A.C." has granted me a perusal of the above letter and the privilege of replying to it is much appreciated.

1. It is much to be regretted that "There are those members" of the church, "devout, God-fearing Christians," who are not supporting the Federal college, because of their apparent misconception of the faculty. May I suggest, however, that we know of a number of devout, God-fearing Christians who are faithful in their support of the College of the Bible at Glen Iris.

2. My brother, yours is a mistaken hypothesis! As the class in "Christian Doctrine" occurs in the curriculum only every second year, and 1946 was not that year, a special examination was given to one student who needed that subject to complete his diploma. Result, 100 per cent of the entrants passed!

3. In regard to this paragraph—please read the splendid editorial of the "Australian Christian," Feb. 19, 1947—right down to date!

You see, this question is a much wider one than you apparently suppose. And, who would form this special commission of enquiry? I am sure there would be no objection by the board or faculty to a qualified Simeon, Stephen, Cornelius group with a Paul as chairman of this commission.

Now and also, I consider it a most unkind insinuation to suggest that the only qualifications of a member of the faculty should be one of educational standing. It is so easy for those who have never had the privilege of university experience, and the attainment of degrees, to depreciate others who have.

And what about the board of management and its selection? Please do be courteous enough to give them at least some credit for discretion and knowledge of the spiritual qualifications requisite for such a faculty.

Through the years I have been led to believe, by my association with them, that my brethren on the board are devout, God-fearing Christians.—W. A. Kemp, J.P., S.M., Chairman College Board.



## WOMEN'S PAGE

### DEVOTIONAL PROGRAMME FOR APRIL

**HYMN.**—Churches of Christ Hymnal No. 590,  
II "The Son of God goes forth to war."

**Prayer.**—We thank thee, our Father, for the gift of thy Son Jesus our Saviour, for his life, his example and teachings. Cleanse our hearts from sin and fill us with thy Spirit. Keep our hearts from thinking evil and our lips from speaking guile, that we may witness for thee and lead others to accept thee as their God. Through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

## The Salt of the Earth

Bible reading.—Matt. 5: 10-13; Col. 4: 1-6.

Meditation.—"The Salt of the Earth."

Not a phase of life was missed by our Saviour as he talked to his disciples on the mountain top, and as he spoke he taught, leaving with them lessons never to be forgotten.

He was ever the friend of the lowly and humble, but was equally at ease with the affluent and rich. His gracious presence made itself felt wherever he went, raising or leveling the status of those around him, so that all could feel the blessed influence of his personality. In him was all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

To-day's reading contains further beatitudes—the kingdom of heaven, the inheritance of those who suffer persecution for his sake, and who withstand the tongue of slander and false speaking; his commendation, "Rejoice and be exceeding glad"; then the proclamation, "Ye are the salt of the earth." "The salt." We all know its properties as a seasoner; how it makes food, which without it would be tasteless, pleasant to the palate. Salt is a preservative. Something in it, when applied in correct proportion, keeps and preserves food. Salt is a cleanser and healer, its usefulness as an antiseptic when allied with hot water having a universal reputation. Salt again is a producer of thirst.

If, then, it is of such value in the everyday things of life, how much should we, the disciples of Christ, exert an influence on those around us! Our lives should be such as to cause others to thirst after righteousness. Our influence in any company should be as a savor, and so sweet and pure that it would dispel that which is impure from the conversation of those about us.

"Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer any man." If we do not live up to our commendation great is our condemnation. "If the salt has lost its savor, it is good for nothing."

**Prayer.**—Grant, O Lord, to those who serve thee, grace, that their lives may be a sweet

influence, at home, abroad, and in whatever sphere they serve. Amen.

**Hymn.**—Churches of Christ Hymnal No. 549.  
"How firm a foundation."

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Correspondence.

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Overseas Letter.

Article.—"Indian Women's Movement."

Solo.

Address.—"Our Contribution to China."

Prayer Session.

**Benediction.**—"Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory

with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen."

### EXECUTIVE NOTES

#### Victoria

**THE** opening meeting for 1947 was held on Feb. 7, Mrs. Nicholson leading devotions and secretary of Baptist Women's Union, Mrs. F. J. Pell, being speaker. Reports from several committees recorded work accomplished during December and January. Members of Isolated Sisters' Committee had written 154 letters and received 44 replies. Boxes of clothing and toys prepared by General Dorcas Committee were distributed to hospitals and needy folk. Seven families were assisted with parcels from Social Service Department. All who had contributed goods and toys for distribution to hospitals through Hospital Visitation Committee were thanked by superintendent. An urgent appeal was also made for women to join committee to assist in this work. Many more are needed to join those who already carry on the work of bringing hope and cheer to the sick.

#### Tasmania

At meeting on Feb. 5, Mrs. Madel-Cole led devotional session, and gave an interesting address on impressions of Federal Conference. Vice-president Mrs. Boxhall occupied chair, and welcomed Mrs. Burt, wife of new preacher at West Hobart church. Reports were received from superintendents of isolated sisters, Prayer Meeting Committee and mission bands. In December gifts were distributed to each patient at sanatorium. A meeting was also held, when Mr. Ted Heard was speaker.

#### Western Australia

This year will be a memorable one for auxiliary and committee members, as in addition to usual work there must be considerable planning for holding Women's Federal Conference in Perth in 1948. Mrs. G. Elliot has been co-opted as a member on Federal Executive.

#### South Australia

After holiday recess, monthly meeting of auxiliary was held at Grote-st. on Feb. 8, when Miss Grant led devotional session. Mrs. McQueen presided over business session, and welcomed Mrs. C. Hughes. It was reported that some church societies are making clothes for children at Carnarvon mission; that £10/10/- has been collected since Dec. 6 for home missions, and £5/16/- for overseas missions. It was decided to hold a day of conference soon to discuss home and overseas missions, rest home and missionary education. Miss Manning (Forestville) and Miss Jane Nicholson (Dulwich) have received the home-call. Prayer was offered for bereaved.

#### Queensland

The president, Mrs. Lade, presided over February meeting of Women's Auxiliary held in Ann-st. chapel. There were 25 sisters present, 9 churches being represented. At conclusion of devotional session, Mr. J. B. Grant gave a helpful, thought-provoking address on "Work of Women in the New Testament Church." The phases which he stressed were participation in prayer, life of the church, ministry of visitation, social service work, and evangelism. Words of welcome were extended by president to Mrs. A. Norling, wife of preacher of Hawthorne-Sunnbank churches, and to Miss A. Kennedy, of Melbourne. Several sisters were welcomed back after illness. Financial statement showed credit balance of £20/8/7 after all monies were paid at end of financial year.

#### New South Wales

First meeting of year was held on Feb. 7, when Mrs. J. J. Bowie, B.A., gave the address and told of the work she is doing among girls who come before the court. It made all present feel the need of a hostel where such girls could be helped to a better way of life. Women's Conference is to be held on March 25, and secretaries of societies are asked to send in names of delegates to Mrs. Knight as soon as possible. Recent all-day conference of presidents, secretaries and treasurers of societies with Conference Executive and superintendents proved stimulating, and there was much helpful discussion about phases of State work.

### MISSIONARY EDUCATION

**DEVOTIONAL** meditation and programme for April have been prepared by Mrs. E. Lade, president Queensland Women's Conference. The article on "Indian Women's Movement" was sent from Shrigonda, India, by Miss Florence Cameron, to be used in March programme, when we consider the topic paper on "Our India." It is suggested, too, that as we are thinking so much about our pioneers in this year's programme, we could with profit use the article by Mr. A. Anderson on Mary Thompson, published in "The Australian Christian," Feb. 5, 1947.

### INDIAN MISSIONARIES

**RECENT** visitors to Sydney have been Mr. R. and Mrs. Satya Josephs, first missionaries to be appointed from United Church of South India. They are on their way to Papua to a L.M.S. station, but are being wholly supported by South Indian United Church. Mrs. Josephs, in her lovely saris, is a gracious woman, and is called upon to suffer the same heartache as many missionaries have done who have gone to her land. She will have to be separated from her family, leaving her only child, a boy of 13, to be educated in Sydney, while she goes with her husband to take the gospel to a people of another race, and to be an ambassador of goodwill from the people of India.



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# Queensland Newsletter

(Continued from page 87)

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## Missionary Activities

Mr. J. Robert Story, general secretary of the Unevangelised Fields Mission, has been in Queensland to supervise the completion and equipment of the boat "Maino II," which will carry missionaries to remote tribes of the upper Fly River where missions have never penetrated.

Mr. J. S. Robinson has resigned his charge of a Brisbane suburban church to take up missionary work at Nauru. He will be the first Protestant missionary to undertake the mission since the Japanese invasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Gray recently passed through Brisbane on their way to Groote Eylandt, where Mr. Gray has established a training settlement for 145 aborigines. The settlement is run on a community basis, and the aborigines have been trained to be farmers and pearlers, and to do fine handiwork.

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