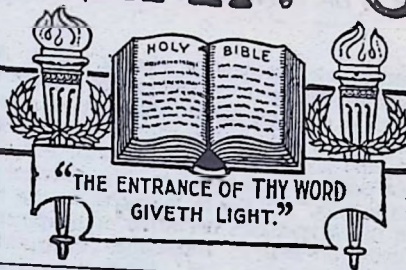


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Repent, for the Atomic Age is at Hand

THE old order has passed. A new era has come. By smashing the atom men have begun to smash civilisation based on the power of steam, petrol and electricity. Unexpectedly, and with fearful consequences, this atomic age plunged itself on to Hiroshima, Japan, on Monday, August 6, 1945. A great seaport of 250,000 people was smashed within a brief span of time by bomb blast and fire. As a direct result of the explosion 60,000 men and women were killed and 100,000 were injured; many were so burned with atomic rays they suffered intense pain. In addition, all their possessions were destroyed. One atomic blast caused, not only the death of thousands, and permanently injured many more, it impoverished a whole city and community.

John Hersey's book, "Hiroshima," published in the Penguin series, is a moving account of appalling human misery. Sorrow was heaped upon sorrow. There must be exceedingly few events in the whole range of history in which so many men and women were made to suffer so cruelly at the hands of their fellow men. What Rome suffered at the hands of the Goths, or what men suffered in Sicily when Athens attacked Syracuse, could not have been worse than the plight of Hiroshima after the atom bomb fell.

Miss Toshiko Sasaki, who was a clerk working in the office of the East Asia Tin Works when the bomb exploded, was rescued from certain death. Her leg was badly broken. For two days she was left unattended because of the inability of doctors to cope with such an extensive disaster. Surrounded by the wounded and the dead, this young woman endured the sight of scenes too fearful for even the wildest imagination to conceive. While she was lying in hospital, late in February, 1946, a Roman Catholic priest was requested to visit her. After the priest spoke of events in general, the young clerk asked bluntly, "If your God is so good and kind, how can he let people suffer like this?" Miss Sasaki made a gesture that took in her shrunken leg, the other patients in her ward, and Hiroshima as a whole. The priest answered her by saying, "My child, man is not now in the condition God intended. He has fallen from grace through sin."

We know what some say. What they say is true. "Are not the Japanese sinners? Did not this disaster come upon them because of their sin?" But can we be self righteous and claim to be free from sin? The rebuke of Jesus comes to us as we think of the atomic bomb and Hiroshima. We recall the incident in the life of Jesus when certain people recounted to Jesus, with vivid detail, how certain Galileans were making sacrifices of animals when Pilate's forces arrived on the scene and slew the worshippers so that the blood of animals and worshippers became mingled. Those who related the story suggested that those Galileans were indeed sinners more deserving of punishment than others. "Do not think," he

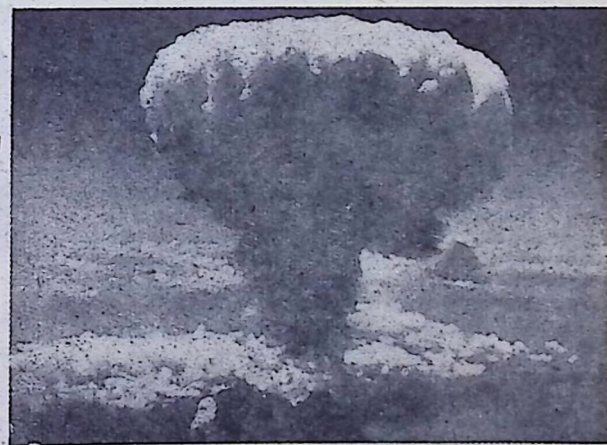
said, "that those Galileans were greater sinners than other Galileans." Because all Galileans were sinners, they were just as likely to suffer disaster unless they repented. Jesus illustrated his point by another incident. He told of the disastrous collapse of the tower of Siloam, in which eighteen people were killed. He again warned his listeners not to think of those eighteen as being worse than the other dwellers of Jerusalem. Because of sin all the people of Jerusalem were in danger unless they repented.

Are we safer than the Japanese? Can we find the protection of righteousness guarding us from a disaster similar to

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that which came upon Hiroshima? Under present conditions and because of the sinfulness of man, Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, Hobart or Perth could be destroyed by an atomic bomb. We are exposed to the dangers of Hiroshima. Unless we repent; unless the civilised nations repent, we shall all perish like the people of Hiroshima.

Never has the world been so open to a major calamity as it now is in this atomic age. Never has the possibility of a world-wide catastrophe been so likely as now. What are people doing about it? They are eating, drinking and making merry. Nero fiddled while Rome burned. We despise him for his callous indifference. But what are we doing to save this age from ruin? Just as Hiroshima perished we may perish, unless we repent.

Every church building ought to be packed with humble worshippers, every home ought to be a centre of righteous living, every individual ought to be a humble and contrite being, seeking by word and deed to save this age from the plight that Hiroshima suffered and to see that atomic power will be used for righteous ends and not as an instrument of lust and power. Let us again heed the words of Jesus, "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."

Heaven is Our Hope

P. R. Thickins, preacher of church at Northam, W.A.,

points to the eternal background of the Christian's life.

"WOULD you like to go to heaven?" a kind old lady once asked a small boy. "Yes . . . came a somewhat dubious reply, "but not yet." "Not yet?" the questioner persisted; "well, *when* would you like to go to heaven?" "Maybe when I'm old," the little chap answered; "I might like it better by then."

Most of us would confess to a certain dislike of the crudely literal interpretations of heaven. We would also admit that in some thought on this subject there is an over-emphasis upon materialistic symbolism. This causes many to turn from the high hope of heaven with a certain disgust, or maybe a conscious confusion about this whole matter. Then, from the unbeliever, heaven comes in for much criticism. The heavenly hope, we are informed by certain psychological writers, is just a form of mental escapism, and a good, workable illustration of the way the mind finds reasons for justifying the avoidance of thinking and mentally struggling with earth's hard realities. Heaven, in simple terms, is just a whole heap of wishful thinking. Some do make a slight concession. "Even if there is a place of reward at the end of this life," they suggest, "our sole concern to-day should be the present world in which we live."

As a counter against such subtle criticism, also as a means of keeping before our minds a healthy, sane picture of the eternal world into which we move when this life ends, it is good to remind ourselves of words like those of our Lord in that memorable chapter in the gospel record by John: "In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you" (John 14: 2). Or, we recall that Paul reminds his Philippian friends that the place of their true citizenship is "in heaven" (Phil. 3: 20). Again, to challenge the Christians of the first century to courageous service and loyal allegiance to Christ, the writer to the Hebrews says: "Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach, for here we have no continuing city, but we seek one to come" (Hebrews 13: 13, 14).

A comprehensive and an unbiased study of the New Testament canon convinces us that a continual looking-forward to the eternal world is not, as some would like to have us believe, a form of unconscious mental trickery, or a way of escaping from the hard, concrete realities of the present age; rather, it is something a Christian is expected to do. It does not mean that we are to leave this world as it is. On the contrary, if you read history, you will find that the Christians who did most for this present world were those who thought most of the next. Think of the apostles themselves, who set on foot the conversion of the Roman Empire; or the great men of the Middle Ages. Likewise, the English evangelicals who saved their country from bloody revolution, and struck a fatal blow at the pernicious, soul-destroying slave trade. All these left their mark on earth precisely because they were wise enough to believe their Master's promise of an eternal home in the heavens (John 14: 2).

It seems that only since Christians have ceased to think of the other world they have become so ineffective in this. To use a rather common colloquialism, we could say that if you "aim" at heaven you get earth "thrown in." But "aim" at earth and you get neither! It may seem a strange rule, but something like it can be seen in other spheres. Health is a great blessing; but the moment you make health your main concern in life, you often

unconsciously become a "crank" and begin imagining all sorts of things are wrong with you. You only get health when you want other things more, such as exercise, fresh air, recreation and good food. Similarly with happiness. From personal experience in "the university of hard knocks," we are led to agree in the main with the Aristotelian definition of happiness as "activity of soul in accordance with virtue," remembering always that virtue for Aristotle consisted in "a state of character built up by doing virtuous deeds." In more simple words, we could say that we do not find happiness when we seek it. We get it, it seems, when we forget it. Both ethical theory and practical experience suggest that happiness is a quality of a certain kind of life. It is a shy flower that grows on the road to somewhere else. So, we only get happiness in this life if we want other things more. And quite possibly



The Ascension of Our Lord.

the great Creator meant one of these "other things" to be the Christian hope of heaven.

But because of common misconceptions and strange interpretation many do not really "want" heaven at all. We are often worried by those facetious people who try to make the hope of heaven ridiculous by saying they don't want to spend eternity "playing harps," "wearing wings," or "walking the streets of gold." The best answer to such people is that if they cannot understand books written for grown-ups, they should not talk about them. Scriptural imagery (harps, crowns, gold, etc.) is, of course, a sincere, symbolical attempt to express the inexpressible. Musical instruments are mentioned because for many people music is the thing known in this present life which most strongly suggests ecstasy and infinity. Crowns are referred to for the express purpose of instructing believers that those who are united with God in eternity share his splendor and joy. The timelessness of heaven is alluded to whenever gold is mentioned (gold does not rust) also, the preciousness and glory of God's dwelling-place.

Concerning the hope of heaven, it is possible for the Christian to reason thus: "Creatures are not born with desires unless satisfaction for those desires exists." For example, a baby feels hunger; well there is such a thing as food. A duckling wants to swim; well, there is

such a thing as water. Men and women feel the desire for companionship; well, there is such a thing as social fellowship. Now, I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can really satisfy; the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world. If none of my earthly pleasures or pursuits satisfies it, that does not prove the universe a fraud. In all probability, earthly things were never really meant to satisfy it, but only to arouse it, and by their failure suggest the real thing.

If these things are so, we need to keep reminding ourselves that this world is not everything. Certainly while we are here we have a great work to do, but always we should recall that "here we have no continuing city."

News of The British Churches

AT least two churches began the year 1947 by paying off the last instalment of the building debt—Sparkhill, Birmingham, and Burnage, Manchester. At the latter church, A. Coles, the church treasurer, publicly burned the promissory notes. Both churches are now planning forward movements.

Mr. Nelson Barr, who hails from Wigan, has completed a ministry of four and a half years at St. Clair-st., Kirkcaldy, and has begun a new ministry at Melbourne-rd., Leicester. He is succeeded at Kirkcaldy by Mr. W. P. Probert.

Among the honors announced at the beginning of the year are two members of our British churches. Mr. H. Soar, formerly of Riddings, Derbyshire, and latterly a preacher well known in the churches from Nottinghamshire to Middlesbrough; and Miss Dorothy Melville, a member of the church at Belfast.

Overdale College is full to capacity for the Spring term. Besides students from the home churches, there are in residence men and women from U.S.A., Norway, Nigeria and Ceylon. J. W. Fiscus, of Oregon, U.S.A., is preaching regularly at Moseley-rd., Birmingham.

Further movements of missionaries: Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Christie have arrived on furlough from India. Miss Esther Halliday is leaving to resume her work in Siam.

Preliminary arrangements are being made for those who are proposing to attend the World Convention at Buffalo, N.Y. Principal W. Robinson and James Gray, M.A., are both expecting to spend some time in U.S.A. during the Summer.

The fuel crisis in Great Britain is making it necessary for many churches to hold services in smaller halls instead of in the main premises. One repercussion is the suspension for a few weeks of certain periodicals, including church newspapers. The "Christian Advocate" falls under the ban.—G. J. Hammond.

FOOD FOR BRITAIN AND EUROPE

THE Council of Churches (Victoria) has received information concerning the desperate plight of the peoples of Britain and Europe caused through lack of food.

Millions of them are always hungry, while many more millions are starving, despite what already has been done.

My council, therefore, confidently appeals to all Christian people to make regular gifts to these appeals.

Gifts of food for Britain may be sent to the Lord Mayor, and those for Europe to the office, 20 Russell-st., Melbourne.—G. Courtenay Thomas, secretary.

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Production Problems in India

A. Anderson, in the second article on his visit to American Disciple mission stations, presents interesting details of Indian customs.

MR. WHITE aided us on our way from Takhatpur to Mungeli. He regretted the fact that we could not stay a day or so visiting among their numerous villages, but during all our drives he regaled us with interesting facts about their work. Our journey to Mungeli (30 miles) took place at night, as it had taken till nearly 9 o'clock to see what we wished at Takhatpur. It was well after 10 p.m. when we arrived at the Hall's bungalow. Mr. and Mrs. Hall, with Mr. and Mrs. Hermann Reynolds, had spent some time in Australia on their journey from America to India, and have many kind things to say about our brethren in Sydney, Melbourne and Perth. Unfortunately they missed the other capital cities.

At Mungeli we were early astir on the Sunday, for we wished to see all we could of the work, as well as visit Fosterpur, and yet be back at Bilaspur for late afternoon service. Thus we had to keep well to programme to fit it all in. Seven o'clock breakfast was eaten in the single ladies' bungalow; here live Miss Harper, Miss Fleming and Miss Brown, all full of vim to talk over their work and show us around. The time factor prevented us from seeing much, but we looked over the girls' boarding school, and saw their splendid Sunday schools at work, and thence had to take the road to Fosterpur (39 miles) to be in time for morning service.

Mr. Sam Masih is in full charge of this newer and promising station. Up to date, the Disciples mission has three missionary associates who, because of their educational qualification, their ability and their spiritual force, have been raised to the rating of missionary status. This means they have charge of a piece of work the same as a missionary, and are taken in the full councils of the mission and are responsible to the mission, the same as missionaries from the home lands.

The task of building up the work at Fosterpur was that of M. J. Shah, once of Harda and an associate of Mary Thompson. This Indian evangelist was once supported by the Australian brotherhood. Thus we find, years afterwards, fruit appearing in unexpected places. Fosterpur is likely to become a very important centre and a cause for much harvesting, both spiritually and materially. Mr. Sam Masih, the one now in charge, was a teacher first of all in Jubbulpore. Step by step he took higher education, and has been twice to England and once to America. It is anticipated he will travel to America and Canada for the next World Conference of Churches of Christ, for he is one of the vice-presidents of conference. Sam Masih is big in every way, and is highly regarded in Christian circles throughout India. Though in charge of the mission work at Fosterpur, he also finds time to direct the work of a large farming project, in all 220 acres—180 acres for cropping, the balance for pasture. His object is to set an example to farmers and show how productive land can become. At first he purchased animal manure from surrounding farmers; but when the farmers saw how productive the mission farm lands became, they used the manure themselves on the land. Cow manure in India is used mainly for two purposes, either to make a mixture to spread on their floors and lower part of their mud walls, or to make dry cakes for burning. Either is a successful

use in its way, but the lands are starving for manures. Not being able to secure sufficient natural manures, Sam Masih turned to artificial manures. Now the farmers, seeing their value, are also clamoring for artificial manures. Sam Masih is a practical Christian who believes not only in making men good, but also in making good farmers better farmers. In his passion for making land productive and beneficial to India's real need, land must produce food. Thus all available land is utilised. Even the lands near the mission house produce vegetables and fruits. When I suggested a picture of himself and wife with flowers as a background, he smilingly said, "This land must produce food, so we have no flowers." He has experimented in several kinds of grain, and even the Government sends orders for seeds, and the neighboring farmers also purchase good types of seed. This year, in addition to ordinary grains, the value of his rice crop will not be less than 4000 rupees (£400 Australian).

We attended the morning service and Sunday school, and enjoyed the fellowship and gave greetings to the church on behalf of the Australian brotherhood. It was unfortunate that we were not able to spend several days; we were assured that, if it were possible, we would be welcome. Thus we took leave of one of India's foremost Christians—university graduate (B.D.) and other educational honors, nevertheless one with the people in urging them to live as Christ would have them live, and yet teaching them how to make a living. His method is a practical education, but has the advantage of making the people lean on themselves, and not on the mission.

We returned speedily to Mungeli, where we were due to have dinner with Dr. Sukhandan and family. This is another of the men who have missionary status, and well worthy is this man of the responsibility placed in him. At the present time, he has charge of the well established mission hospital. Their fame is known for miles around, and eye operations alone are estimated at about 3000 per year. It was a pleasure to be shown around this large hospital and hear this enthusiastic doctor speak of the work that is being done. Mrs. Sukmandan is a charming hostess, well educated and capable, and takes her place too as a member of the mission. Dr. Sukhandan was sent to America during the war for a year's post-graduate work; but owing to shipping difficulties, he remained two years. This was a distinct gain both to himself and the mission.

On the way from Mungeli to Fosterpur, we passed great flocks of monkeys. They were hanging from trees, scampering across the roads and robbing the neighboring fields. One of the most sacred gods worshipped is Hanuman—a monkey god. Hanuman is reported to have been the biggest monkey that ever lived, and been the longest tall. He is reported to have wound his tail around the peak of a mountain and deposited it somewhere in the Himalaya Mountains, thus bringing the valuable herbs that grow in these Northern mountains. His greatest feat was in association with the god Ram. The wife of Ram was carried away by Ravana (a demon god having ten mouths) to Ceylon. Hanuman with the aid of his monkeys is alleged to have built a stone causeway between the mainland and Ceylon and thus effected a rescue.

Thus monkeys throughout India are sacred animals. They can roam at will and rob at their own pleasure. One of our American



Indian Cattle.

missionaries a year or so ago shot one or two of the most mischievous kind; but as the tale was handed on, the two developed into scores, and then the cry went up, "The foreigners are destroying our gods." A public indignation meeting was held, and things looked unpleasant for the missionary. A friend of the missionary was present at the indignation meeting, and sent word to the missionary advising him to come to the meeting and make an explanation. The missionary appeared, and after some heated argument it was accepted that only two monkeys had been shot, and the incident closed, but not without the demand that they be left alone in the future. The incident had a sequel. The man that had the most to say at the indignation meeting met the missionary and recalled the stir of a few years previously. He then said, "We would like you to come out and destroy some of the monkeys." When asked for an explanation the man replied, "Gandhi says that monkeys should be destroyed as they take too much away from the country." So India is gradually facing the time when superstition will not be allowed to stand in the way of progress. It would take some time to get rid of the swarms of monkeys that we saw here and at other places.

Peacocks are also regarded as sacred, and are revered because the peacock goddess is regarded as the goddess of students, embodying the virtues of knowledge and learning. Large numbers of these birds are to be found in the hills, but woe betide the one who dares steal an egg, let alone destroy one of the birds. Such birds would make a large contribution to India's food supply. In the Shrigonda area, a man was detected killing a peacock, and was taken into the village, tied up for hours and heavily fined.

These old customs will die hard. Perhaps one of the last to go will be the uneconomic use of the cow. Thousands of cattle roam India, living on the country and thieving in the markets. As sacred animals they cannot be touched. In fact, it is an offence to keep them from stealing your goods. If these animals were turned into productive channels it would go a long way towards an adequate meat supply for India, and also supply milk for millions of babies. Meanwhile, the Government are providing imported tinned milk for the less fortunate areas, free of cost to nursing mothers and children, and to the sick and the aged. In recent months this must have cost tens of thousands of rupees, yet the problem could be solved within very few years from their own resources.

THE SACRED BULL

Two Brahmin priests sent off a sacred bull to the temple at Poona. A telegram to consignees was necessary, and the Brahmins were perplexed about correct wording of the telegram, fearful of offending Nandi's dignity. They could not wire, "Cow despatched." They decided on the word god, and the following message was sent: "God despatched by mixed train. Take delivery sharp. Bellowing loudly."—W. in "Christian Patriot."

Here and There

E. C. Hinrichsen concluded his short ministry with church at Enmore, N.S.W., on Feb. 23. Meetings that day were largest for many years. Four decided for Christ.

Dr. Turner has resigned as president of the South Australian Conference. It is his intention to take a special medical course in Sydney. W. A. Russell, vice-president, will act as president.

Mr. H. R. Coventry, Dr. and Mrs. G. H. Oldfield and family, returning from India on furlough, are due at Fremantle, W.A., on March 7, by the "Chyebassa," and at Melbourne about March 16.

Owing to pressure on space several items of news have been held over until next week. Reporters are asked to note that, owing to holiday on March 10, we shall be going to press with next issue on March 7.

The policy of the Victorian Church Extension Committee (The Properties Corporation) is to provide money for buildings at very low interest rates, even lower if possible than the present rate of two and one-half per cent. This policy can continue only if substantial offerings come from the churches on March 16.

At conclusion of seven happy and successful years as preacher of church at Subiaco, W.A., R. Raymond has resigned. Our brother expects to conclude his ministry with local church at end of May. Because of his able leadership the Western brethren will be glad to learn that Mr. Raymond intends to remain and to serve the church within the State.

J. Wiltshire has been appointed organising secretary of the Hyman Appleman Campaign. Mr. Wiltshire's resignation as preacher of church at Parkdale, Vic., will take effect on April 30. Dr. Appleman is expected to commence his campaign at Melbourne on March 1, 1948. Meetings will be held throughout Commonwealth for a period of at least six months.

The first annual meeting of the Collingwood-Richmond-Burnley (Vic.) Youth Fellowship was held at Collingwood on Feb. 15. A fine meeting was enjoyed. Officers elected are:—President, L. Blackburn; vice-presidents, W. Fairfull, Miss J. Rusden; secretary, Miss M. Wilsen; treasurer, Miss D. Stear; press reporter, Miss N. Wilkinson; pianiste, Miss J. Rusden.

Church at Sunshine, Vic., has invited N. Gavros to be preacher. During last few months Roy Sheehan has led with earnestness and sincerity. All have appreciated his helpful addresses. Attendances have shown some improvement at all services. On evening of March 2, friends from Gardenvale church assisted with solo and duet. Midweek meetings recommence on Thursday evenings. Roy Cordy has returned from hospital looking well again.

Preparations at Cheltenham, Vic., are in hand for a week of witness to be held March 25 to 29 inclusive, in a public hall, Methodist, Presbyterian, Anglican churches and church of Christ are combining. Weekly prayer meetings are held, and leading speakers from Melbourne have been engaged. On Feb. 23, 80 young people joined in a united rally at Methodist church. At tea R. P. Morris spoke on aspects of his trip abroad. Six Bible school scholars have been added to church during conference year.

Meetings at Ormond, Vic., for past month were well attended, especially morning services, at a number of which communicants reached record total. Meetings of auxiliaries have attracted good numbers, particularly Bible school and young people's clubs. A girls' club has been formed under leadership of Sister L. Costello, from Bambra-rd. church, girls showing enthusiasm. Mr. Martin continues his good work with Explorers, and is also taking active part in the movement as a whole. Mr. and Mrs. Bradley and Mr. and Mrs. Austin have

suffered bereavement, and sympathy of church is with them. Special meetings are planned for March. Mr. Hargreaves, who has been meeting with church for some time, addressed church helpfully on March 2.

On Feb. 23 Mr. Nicholson, of Victorian Local Option Alliance, was speaker in morning at West Preston, Vic. A. B. Withers preached at night. On Feb. 23 and March 2, Bible school anniversary services were held. The following addressed gatherings: John Turner, Mr. Bethune, Mr. Miles, A. B. Withers. Chapel was crowded at all services and singing of children under guidance of F. V. Brown was greatly appreciated. At worship service congratulations were paid to Mr. Bean on attaining his 80th birthday.

Mr. Hargreaves has been invited by church at South Yarra, Vic., to minister for twelve months from middle of March. Feb. 23 was home-coming day. J. Searle, formerly of South Yarra, was speaker in morning and Mrs. Gove was soloist. In afternoon Mr. Waghmode spoke and Mr. Strender and Miss Gray helped with solos. Ladies provided meals. At night, building was packed to hear Dr. Hinrichsen, and Mrs. Taylor was soloist. E. Eaton led in prayer. All taking part morning and evening were members at some time. Mrs. Roffey entertained Women's Guild at her home on Feb. 25.

At Hartwell, Vic., C. J. Robinson was organiser of successful campaign of Camberwell united churches against Sunday sport in recent municipal referendum. Sunday school picnic was held at Mordialloc on Feb. 15, with over 200 in attendance. Cricket club has entered finals of district cricket association, heading premiership list. C. J. Robinson has been re-elected president of tennis club and R. Watt secretary. Choir has recommenced under leadership of L. Piper, and is rendering valuable assistance at evening service. Visiting speakers in recent weeks have been Miss L. Foreman, returned missionary, on Feb. 16, and H. A. Horsfall, of Ashburton Baptist, on Feb. 23.

Melbourne Eastern Suburban Churches of Christ Youth Fellowship commenced its year's activities on Feb. 15, at Surrey Hills. Over 150 young people were well catered for in a 2½ hours' programme, with elocutionary items by Miss J. McKinnon, a duet by J. Cuthbert and D. Warmbrunn. This enjoyable evening was concluded with supper. In answer to an invitation from Nar Nar Goon young people, 30 members of fellowship conducted an evening to stimulate efforts to form a fellowship in district. Highlights of evening were a solo from Miss Nola Morrison, of Hartwell, a duet by Miss E. Adam and Mr. K. Smith, of Balwyn, and a challenging address by Mr. Robinson, of Hartwell. After greetings had been exchanged, the local band entertained with supper.

MISSION AT PARKDALE, VIC.

A MOST encouraging tent mission led by K. A. Macnaughtan and W. W. Saunders came to a close on Tuesday evening, Feb. 25. For more than five weeks the large tent stood in full view of road and rail traffic as it poured to and from the city. This in itself was a witness to the aggressive evangelism of the church. But night by night in song and address the gospel was presented in great power. It has never been our privilege before to listen to a series of messages so complete, so thoroughly studied and so earnestly delivered as that which Mr. Macnaughtan brought to this district.

It is impossible to tabulate the full result. The church members have been made to feel how real eternal issues are, how faithful is the word of God, how essential is the gospel to a lost world, and how ready God is to forgive. Their hearts have been greatly warmed. The

children, too, have been led to enjoy the sweet influences of the name of Jesus by the attractive "Happy Hours" conducted by the song leader, Mr. Saunders.

In all twenty-seven people came forward at the invitation. Fourteen of these had never been to our church meetings. More than twenty are of mature years. Eighteen have already been immersed, five others are to be immersed almost immediately, and two others will receive a little further instruction; two came to renew their covenant. The total offering given in thanksgiving amounted to more than £160. If it is of any help to the churches for the brethren here to commend to them the excellent, untiring ministry of these good servants of God, we gladly commend them.—J.W.

C.E. Movement

R. Greenhalgh, Youth Director of New South Wales, reports on new efforts being made to make societies effective and practical.

CHRISTIAN Endeavor movement in Western Australia is in midst of a very vigorous campaign. This will be a "Campaign of Instruction" covering the months of February to April. The State and district unions and all officers and superintendents of departments will endeavor, during this period, to stress the need for a complete knowledge of Christian Endeavor and for every society to operate in accordance with the "Platform of Principles." We feel such a campaign would be timely in every State.

Try This for Your Meeting

One C.E. society has a question time. Each week a question on the foundation of C.E. or how it works, is set by the superintendent. The juniors have to find the answer during the week and tell the superintendent next Sunday. This will help juniors in their question box preparation for this year.

C.E. Leadership Correspondence Course

The N.S.W. Youth Department has inaugurated a C.E. Leadership Correspondence Course to commence on March 23. This should be good news to all Endeavor leaders who want their leadership to be more effective. The national handbook will be used as a study book and this will help to prepare Endeavorers for the C.E. efficiency examination. The cost of the course is 6/9, which includes the handbook, and particulars will be found in the advertising columns of next issue of this paper, or Endeavorers may apply direct to Mr. Greenhalgh, 69 Campbell-st., Surry Hills, N.S.W.

Is This All We do?

In searching for news for this column, and by news we mean something done by a society that is worthy of especial mention, we almost had to admit that all most societies did was to hold meetings. Is this so?

Endeavor societies, to be successful, must be vigorous and plan big. What about making BIG plans for this year and letting us know what they are and how they work out. Others want to be inspired by your example. Don't let the Endeavor movement fall into the habit of just holding meetings.

The National Convention

We are glad to note that three of our brethren are on the National Convention Committee. They are: B. W. Manning, D. K. Beiler, S. E. Riches.

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News of the Churches

Tasmania

Mole Creek.—Mr. Edmunds, of Invermay, conducted services at Caveside and Mole Creek. Mr. Gibson gave use of his car for visit.

Western Australia

Fremantle.—Mr. and Mrs. Herb. Cole, John Sagers, Mrs. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Verco, Alan Verco and Thelma have all returned from extended visits to Eastern States. Mrs. Carey (formerly Beryl Cooper) with baby Maureen, N.S.W., is visiting her parents in Fremantle. Mr. and Mrs. P. Saunders have left for a holiday "over East." Living link effort in support of Miss Kath Taylor (aim £100) stands at £103. Soon after his return from an extended visit to S.A., during which many contacts were made with life-long friends and relations, Harold Verco developed serious illness, necessitating removal to Fremantle Hospital on Feb. 17. Some ten days later he passed to his eternal reward. This bereavement has called forth much sympathy towards sorrowing relatives. Mr. Verco was laid to rest in Fremantle Cemetery on Feb. 28, by James Gordon, assisted by R. Raymond.

Perth.—At 57th annual business meeting of church, J. J. Collingwood, secretary, reported there are 180 resident and 40 non-resident members. There had been nine additions by faith and baptism and five by transfer. J. K. Robinson, preacher, had devoted much time to many aspects of Lake-st. work. Continued support of his valued ministry was pledged by church. Bible school had 18 teachers and 100 scholars. During year seven scholars had been added to church by faith and baptism. A new youth society—the Young People's Fellowship—was formed last March. A worship session is part of each week's programme. The fellowship had made toys for aborigine mission at Carnarvon and given £1 to new building fund for brotherhood centre. For Junior Girls' Club—a trained instructress, Miss Mary Ryan, was secured through National Fitness Council. Young Women's Fellowship and Junior Boys' Club had also played a worthy part in youth activities. The "Bulletin" had continued its helpful ministry. Dorcas Society gave substantial donations to various funds. Parcels of clothing were sent to Woolooloo, Carnarvon and Norseman missions, besides garments for women's auxiliary and foreign mission stalls. A. B. Povey, church treasurer, showed an improvement in financial position of £15/15/2; offerings for home and overseas missions were £44/1/3 and £86/14/7 respectively. At close of meeting supper was served. On morning of Feb. 23, G. A. Whiting (Wembley) gave a helpful talk. At night Mr. Robinson preached.

South Australia

Kilburn.—On Feb. 23, 86 were present at Sunday school. This represents highest attendance so far. 26 members were present at breaking of bread. Mr. Collins gave an excellent address.

Brooklyn Park.—Work is in good heart, with all auxiliaries in full swing. Gospel services have been brightened by fellowship in song before and at conclusion of meetings, and by attractive arranging by the preacher, D. C. Ritchie. A preparation class has been started, in which several of the young people are receiving helpful instruction. A Young Workers' League has been formed, and pleasing results have been obtained. Church cricket team has had a successful season, and reached

finals. Members are sorry to hear of illness of Miss Ella Muir, Girls' Club superintendent.

Fullarton.—On Feb. 23, in absence of B. W. Manning at Strathalbyn for anniversary services and Southern Conference, Mr. Peters, Methodist local preacher, gave fine address at morning service. In evening the visit of Mr. and Mrs. Metcalf, from China (C.I.M.), was enjoyed. Four of the young people of church were dressed in costumes of tribes people of Western China. Mr. Metcalf gave a short talk on China, followed by gospel message.

Glenelg.—Church half-yearly business meeting was held on Feb. 12. Reports were received verbally from secretary, treasurer and preacher, whilst reports from auxiliaries were printed and distributed at meeting. A welcome was extended to F. Collins, who is assisting this year with a part-time ministry. Several resolutions were passed, one decision being that unleavened bread be used at communion services. Harvest thanksgiving services were held last month. At evening service special music was rendered by an augmented choir. During Mr. Pike's absence on vacation, assistance of Dr. Trevor Turner and F. Collins for Sunday services has been appreciated.

Semaphore.—Services have been well attended since coming of Mr. Matthews, and his addresses have been helpful. Tennis club picnic was held enjoyably at Kingston Park, Marino, on Jan. 27. On Feb. 2 Mr. Cain, formerly Methodist minister at Whyalla, was baptised. He has made application to enter churches of Christ ministry. Men's Fellowship welcomed S. Matthews to meeting on Feb. 10. A happy social time was spent. Bible school has decided to hold monthly classes for preparation and instruction. Elaine Lamont is still very sick. Mrs. P. Brooker is making good progress after recent operation, and Mrs. Cornwall is improving. Solos have been rendered by Misses R. Garth and D. Matthews at gospel services.

Port Pirie.—Attendances have been much more encouraging since schools' vacation ended and all members have returned. K. W. Barton and wife have settled in, and all services have been taken by Mr. Barton. All auxiliaries of church have re-commenced after holidays. Attendances at Bible school are getting back to normal, and scholars are endeavoring to bring others each Sunday. Mr. Barton has taken over duties of superintendent of Bible school from A. Hunter. Young People's Club has resumed after holidays. First meeting for 1947 was held in manse days. Eunice Tucker and Valda McNicol on Feb. 22. Eunice Tucker of junior and intermediate societies, which have been grouped together. Annual meeting of Y.P. Society was held on Feb. 18, and various offices and committees were filled. Tennis club for young people has commenced again on courts at Risdon Park. Repairs to manse have been commenced, and tenders have been called for painting of chapel. As funds become available much work on church property will be undertaken.

Cottonville.—Attendances at all services have been encouraging. Mid-week prayer meetings for 1947 were commenced on Feb. 25, when 15 members were present. Harvest thanksgiving services were held on Feb. 16. The splendid display of produce, etc., was later sent to Mr. Morialta Protestant Children's Home. Mr. Brooke was speaker at both services. Mr. Nicholls was speaker on morning of Feb. 23, with Mr. Brooke at Forestville church. Average weekly offering for February was £11/2/1. 110 scholars were at Sunday school on Feb. 23. Practice is well under way for 51st anniversary. Colin Roberts has returned from Darwin, where he was working in post office for over twelve months. Rex Gloyne has gone to Darwin to work with Commonwealth Housing Trust. Mrs. H. Mortimer is in Adelaide Hospital preparing to undergo an operation. Mrs. Syd Berry,

who is still in hospital, is improving. Mrs. Bradshaw has been ill again. Myra Jackson has recovered sufficiently to attend Sunday morning service. A happy time was spent by Junior Endeavorers at their social on March 1.

Croydon.—Excellent interest and attendances at all services have marked opening ministry of W. N. Bartlett. Morning meetings average attendance for February was 137; evening, 107. Half-yearly church business meeting on Feb. 12 was well attended. W. H. Parker relinquished office of church secretary to Harold Holden, who prior to joining R.A.A.F. held that position. Encouraging reports were given by church treasurer and all auxiliaries. Margaret Isaacs and Bob Pearce were married at Grote-st. chapel on Feb. 8. Ivy Opie and Murray Poulson were united in marriage on Feb. 15. Bible school picnic (first for many years) was held enjoyably at Belair on Feb. 15, a special train carrying a full load from Croydon. Week-night prayer and Bible study service resumed on Feb. 20. At harvest thanksgiving services on Feb. 23, display of gifts was exceptionally beautiful. At close of night service all gifts and cash were forwarded to Colebrook Home. Church has enjoyed fellowship of many visitors during month. Preaching and visitation of W. N. Bartlett are all that could be desired. Presence of young people at gospel services is encouraging. Choir renders valuable service. K.S.P. and P.B.P. clubs have resumed for another year of activity. Bible school and all auxiliaries are in splendid condition. The preacher, his wife and family, have endeared themselves to all the people, and church is greatly encouraged.

Queensland

Bundaberg.—Services for week ending Feb. 22 were very well attended. 80 gathered for worship on 16th. Soloist in evening was Sister S. Haaman. On 21st, women's world day of prayer was conducted in chapel. Presiding sister was Mrs. V. Dallinger, and gathering numbered 70. Women's Guild has commenced again after being in recess for two months. Boys' Club held a basket picnic at Bargara on Feb. 22, many parents and members being present to make the day a happy one. V. Dallinger and J. McCormack were organisers.

New South Wales

Rockdale.—Meetings continue to be fairly well attended. A number of members are sick, and several are unable to meet owing to advancing years. Visitors have been present. On Feb. 16 a special gospel meeting was taken by Endeavor Societies, and a young man confessed Christ.

North Auburn.—On Feb. 22, S.S. picnic was held enjoyably at East Hills. Scholars and adults present numbered 150. Services on Feb. 23 were inspiring. Mrs. Gardiner was welcomed into fellowship by Mr. Caldicott. In evening a married man confessed Christ. His wife reconsecrated herself. Visiting speakers have been helpful. Mr. Schofield is slowly recovering from illness.

Earlwood.—A. Hinrichsen has returned from holidays. Attendance at all meetings is good. A lad from Bible school was immersed on Feb. 15. Robert Cliner, one of the teachers and leader in Y.P.S.C.E., has entered Woolwich Bible College. Women's Fellowship resumed with Mrs. W. Thomson president. J.C.E., under leadership of Miss Tumulty, held anniversary on Feb. 15. E. W. Taylor, of the college, delighted with his illustrated address. Church has commenced a campaign of definite prayer for a tent mission.

Burwood.—Ethel Littlejohn was baptised on Feb. 23. Twenty-five boys from Boys' Home attended service that evening. On Feb. 22 Ella Cox was married to John Thompson in presence of a large congregation of friends and well-wishers. The funeral of Miss Marshman, a past-president of Women's Conference, took

place on Feb. 8. Glenda Atkinson and Alma Booth are very ill in hospital; Keith and Ron. Wakeley are making steady improvement after operations. All rejoice that Mr. Ellis is able to attend services again. Special revival services are being held for deepening of spiritual life. Sunday services are well attended.

Kingsford.—In absence of Mr. Read on holidays, pulpit for month has been filled by visiting speakers or church members. On Jan. 26, Mr. Rogers, church elder, gave an inspiring address in morning, and Mr. Surtees, of Chatswood, preached at night. On Feb. 2 P. Sephton gave an excellent address in morning. Mr. Rogers again spoke in evening, and his son, David, presided. A song service, led by David Rogers, preceded gospel service. On Feb. 9 Mr. Amos, of Chatswood, and Mr. Sephton were speakers. On Feb. 16 Mr. Roger gave the address in morning; Mr. Blackburn, superintendent of boys' home, presented an excellent sermon at night.

Victoria

Chelsea.—Mr. Williams has recovered from illness and has recommenced preaching. On Feb. 9, F. Langford spoke at both services. A tennis team has been organised and much enthusiasm and interest are shown. D. Griffiths has been elected president.

Prahran.—Services for past few weeks have been conducted by R. T. Roberts, of college. Both services were well attended on March 2, when F. E. Buckingham and R. T. Roberts began a dual ministry with church. Miss Grace Griggs was soloist in evening.

Collingwood.—On March 2 visitors included Mr. and Mrs. Black, foundation members of church. Attendance at Sunday school is returning to normal after vacation. Church congratulates Tom Collins, a Sunday school scholar, on his success in being chosen for film work.

Croydon.—Mr. and Mrs. Ryles were welcomed to Croydon-Ringwood circuit at a social on Feb. 15. An Intermediate C.E. Society has been formed. J. F. Baker is training Bible school for anniversary. Women's Mission Band and Auxiliary are meeting again after holiday recess. Church regrets loss of Mr. and Mrs. Ashley, who have moved to Wattle Park.

Boronia.—F. Manning addressed church on his work in Belgian Congo, and Lloyd Read, a former student preacher, presided on Feb. 16. Youth service in special series of evening services was preceded by a tea. An enjoyable picnic was held at Seaford. Manse fences were erected by a working bee. Mr. Burleigh, professor of Baptist College, addressed combined churches evening service on Feb. 23.

Coburg.—On Feb. 9 Jeff Hurren and John Connor, from Bible school, and Miss McGee, confessed Christ. On Feb. 16, C.E. took part in evening service. H. Barnden gave experiences in C.E. work, and Les Armstrong led in prayer. A. R. Lloyd preached, and at close those who had confessed Christ were baptised. On Feb. 23 there were good meetings. Two young men and a young lady received the right hand of fellowship. 102 communed for day.

Shepparton.—Speaker at both services on Feb. 16 was D. H. Butler. At evening service Miss V. Irwin was received into fellowship of church, having been baptised previous week. Mrs. A. Ross is still a patient in Mooropna Hospital. Annual business meeting of C.E. was held on Feb. 4 and Bible school business meeting on 18th. D. H. Butler was elected president of C.E. and also superintendent of Bible school. New teachers elected to Bible school include Mrs. Butler and W. McGill.

Box Hill.—Annual business meeting, Feb. 26, was largest for some years. Election of officers: Deacons, R. E. Ward, W. Reed, G. Gray, E. H. Hammond, F. Eggington; secretary, R. E. Ward; treasurer, J. Scott; Sunday school superintendent, G. Gray; deaconesses, Mesdames Peters,

Hammond, Gray, Sandells; organist, Mrs. Ward; assistant organist, Miss Loris Hall; choirmaster, W. Waters. A campaign for increased effectiveness in church life has been begun. As a part of this, a prayer meeting to support the work of gospel service is to be held at 6.40 every Sunday evening.

Carlton (Lygon-st.).—Youth Fellowship and first monthly tea on Feb. 23, and planned a bright programme for year. There was 100% attendance at Girls' Club on Feb. 24. From Christian Endeavorers' harvest thanksgiving on Feb. 26 a nice assortment of groceries and vegetables was sent to Christian Guest Home. In absence of C. G. Taylor as speaker at week's mission at Essendon, A. B. McDiarmid, L. C. Crisp and W. T. Atkin were speakers on March 2.

Oakleigh.—Visiting speakers on Feb. 23 were W. T. Atkin, who outlined work of Social Service Department, and Mr. Robinson. S. Neighbour, returned from holiday, gave searching addresses on March 2 in preparation for future special evangelism in district. On Feb. 22, young people entertained South-Eastern District Youth Fellowship members at social evening. Deacons are conducting Lord's day evening services at Christian Guest Home during March.

Colac.—During January addresses were delivered by Mr. Oakley, M. Selwood and L. Selwood. An address was sent by A. Graham, of Ballarat. On Feb. 16 a visit from J. Wilkie and party, from Dawson-st., Ballarat, was enjoyed. Mr. Wilkie's address was helpful. A presentation was made to Mr. and Mrs. O. Parr on their departure for Warracknabeal. These members will be greatly missed. M. Gregory conducted services on Feb. 23, when cordial welcome was extended to him on behalf of the members by L. Selwood.

Burnley.—While H. Long was taking part in special mission at Thornbury, fellowship was enjoyed with visiting speakers from that church—Dr. Kilmier, Messrs. Stewart, Hince, Mitchell and D. D. Stewart, whose addresses were appreciated. H. Long has re-commenced his ministry with church, and good services are enjoyed. One decision was made at gospel service on Feb. 23, a Sunday school scholar, Pat Barnett. Harvest festival day was held successfully on March 2. Gifts will be forwarded to "Food for Britain" appeal. At night, two young people were baptised, one a young man who came forward at Thornbury mission. Bible school has good meetings, and all auxiliaries are progressing well. A tennis club has been formed for winter season.

Dunolly.—A. J. MacKenzie carried on work over college vacation and also assisted at Bet Bet. A gift evening was held in honor of Norma Treble, whose marriage to J. Hindman was celebrated on Jan. 25. B. Alcorn, of Maryborough, officiated; J. MacKenzie assisted. Ladies' Guild ably conducted breakfast arrangements. On Jan. 26 J. MacKenzie concluded his ministry with church, and on Feb. 20 R. Hillier, of the college, commenced. Sunday school and Junior Endeavor recommenced on Feb. 2 after holidays, and show an interest which is heartening. J. Hindman preached on Feb. 16 prior to his departure for Tasmania. He was a former preacher at Dunolly. Feb. 22 was occasion of annual church business meeting. Reports from all auxiliaries showed work in good heart. Ladies' Guild was exceptionally active this year, having raised among other things £27/10/- toward furnishing of room in nurses' quarters being constructed at Dunolly Hospital. Officers elected were: R. Scott, secretary; M. Beasy, treasurer; D. Beasy, Sisters Flett, Treble and Birkett.

Essendon.—Mr. Crisp was speaker at all services on Feb. 3 and 10. Mr. Perry (Northcote) presided in morning on Feb. 3, Mr. Funston (Nth. Essendon) presided on Feb. 10. Mrs. Sambell and Mr. Tullo were soloists at evening meetings. A collection for "Food for Britain" appeal was taken on evening of Feb. 10. On

Feb. 16 Mr. Fordham (Moreland) presided in morning; Mr. Crisp was speaker. G. Brown (Latter Days Campaign) was speaker in evening. S. R. Baker (B. and F. Bible Society) spoke to a well attended meeting on morning of Feb. 23. Evening service was conducted by Mr. Crisp; Mrs. Buttress was soloist. All auxiliaries are again functioning after holiday period. School hall was packed to capacity on Feb. 24, when a surprise evening was held in honor of Mr. and Mrs. S. Hainsworth (Snr), who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Remarks on their behalf were spoken by representatives of Ascot Vale, Newmarket and Nth. Essendon churches, where the much loved couple had attended. Mr. Crisp made some beautiful remarks, then presented the couple with an electric clock, a gift from church members. A beautiful decorated cake made by Mrs. M. McNicol, was cut during supper time. Bouquets were presented from various auxiliaries of church. Items were given by C. Ferguson (chairman); Mrs. Coe, recitation; Mrs. Marr, Mrs. McNicol, soloists.

Open Forum

FOR "CHRISTIAN" READERS

(Correspondents are reminded that letters should not be more than 300 words in length, that names and not pseudonyms should be used, and that once a writer has had his say on a particular topic he should leave the way open for somebody else. We do not desire unsatisfactory crossfiring. The insertion of a letter does not imply editorial approval of its contents.—Ed.).

COLLEGE AND DOCTRINE

TN reply to Mr. S. R. Beck (26/2/47) I submit the following facts for the help of the commission when appointed. I have no opinion to express, but record what I know from experience.

1. During four years spent at Glen Iris my understanding of the doctrinal beliefs that lie at the heart of the New Testament church was immeasurably enlarged by what I learned in the study of Apologetics, Comparative Religion, Religious Education, New Testament, Hermeneutics and Exegesis, and other subjects not specifically called Christian Doctrine.

2. The men who taught me were A. R. Main, M.A., T. H. Scambler, B.A., Dip.Ed., R. T. Pittman, B.A., Dip.Ed., and J. S. Taylor, B.A., all devout, God-fearing Christians than whom we have known none more faithful to New Testament truth.

3. The faculty of to-day consists with one exception, of men who learned at the feet of these stalwarts. From personal knowledge of all of them I wish to testify that they are carrying on the same noble tradition of loyalty to Christ and his truth. They still teach substantially the same curriculum.

4. Personal experience in three States has shown me the ugly fact that some very devout, God-fearing Christians, lacking in any knowledge of the real facts, have had their minds poisoned against the College of the Bible by base insinuations which bear a strong likeness to Mr. Beck's suggestions. He is to be commended for bringing this matter to the light with a request for information so that the truth can free the minds of good people from baseless fears about the college.

If Mr. Beck will pursue the question of the church's decline, well and good, but I do think he should have more than one fact, and that one immediately proven irrelevant, when he goes into print to say that distrust of the college has "every justification."—Folliott T. Morgan, Box Hill, Vic.

BIRTH

SKERMAN (nee Saunders).—At Hopetoun Private Hospital, Elsternwick, to Doris and Colin, a daughter, Glencie Faye.

DEATHS

LYALL.—On March 1, Helen Lyall, of 212 The Avenue, Royal Park; beloved wife of the late Alexander Rea Lyall; loving mother of Sidney and Clifford (deceased).

LYALL.—Passed peacefully away on March 1, Helen, loving mother of Sidney and Hilda, and devoted grandmother of Margery, Kenneth and Ian.

SMITH.—On Feb. 13, at 182 Juliette-st., Brisbane, Elizabeth Ann, dearly loved wife of the late William, loving mother of Edward, Lavinia (Mrs. Burgess), Emily, Daisy (Mrs. Scoullar), Lucy (Mrs. Evans), Florence (Mrs. Staker), Grace (dec.) and Albert; in her 99th year. At home with Jesus.

IN MEMORIAM

CLIPSTONE.—Cherished memories of Herbert, fond nephew of Lily, and dear cousin of Fred, Mary, Norman and Ken.

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

CLIPSTONE.—In loving remembrance of our dear brother, Herbert Mitchell, loving uncle of Lyle, Thelma, May, and Graham, who was called home on March 3, 1946. Always a beautiful memory.

—Inserted by his loving brother Oliver, sister-in-law Eva, and family.

FLOOD.—In loving memory of my dear wife, and our loved mother, who passed away on March 11, 1939.

A little token true and tender
Just to show we still remember.
—Inserted by husband and daughters.

JONES (nee Humphreys).—In loving memory of my dear daughter Edna Muriel, who entered into rest after much suffering on March 5, 1946.

"There is no death; thank God for that;
They're safe within his care,
And with this thought to comfort us,
We can all sorrows bear;
Remembering they are ever near,
And we shall join them there,
In life—not death."

—Inserted by E. Humphreys, Mundalla.

JONES (nee Humphreys).—In loving memory of our dear sister and mammy of darling Ruth, who was called home on March 5, 1946.

"Without farewell you fell asleep,
Leaving sweet memories for us to keep."
—Inserted by her brother and sister-in-law, John and Marjorie, and daughter Ruth.

PEDERSEN.—In loving memory of our dear little Bruce, who passed away to be with the Lord on Feb. 24, 1939. "Safe in the arms of Jesus."

—Inserted by mother, father, brothers and sister.

BAMBRA ROAD, CAULFIELD SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.

Kindergarten, MARCH 9, at 3 p.m.

Speaker, Miss J. Tafts.

MARCH 16—3 p.m., Mr. C. L. Lang; 7 p.m., Mr. Graham.

MARCH 23—3 p.m., Mr. Youens; 7 p.m., Mr. R. L. Williams.

MARCH 16, 23 and 25.

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A hearty invitation extended to all past members and friends to join in these inspiring celebrations.

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March 16.—Subject, "Suffering Servant—Jeremiah."

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7 p.m., "Doing Good." W. H. Holloway.

Mon., 10th, 7.45, "Teaching with Authority."

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.

7 p.m., "The Gospel of His Grace."

W. T. Atkin.

Plan to hear these messages. Come and witness with us.

We ask all surrounding churches to help us in our witness during this week. Bright singing. Soloists.

Song-leader, Harold Long.

BENTLEIGH BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY SERVICES.

March 9—3 p.m., Kinder Demonstration.

March 16—11 a.m., Teacher Consecration Service.

Speaker, Mr. J. B. White.

3 p.m., Anniversary Service. Children singing. To be Broadcast over Station 3AK. Speaker, Mr. J. Wiltshire.

7 p.m., Anniversary Service. Children singing. Speaker, Mr. R. Muller.

March 23—11 a.m., Worship Service.

3 p.m., Anniversary Continued. Speaker,

Mr. F. Manning.

7 p.m., Anniversary Continued. Speaker,

Mr. R. J. Anderson.

Singing under leadership of Mr. C. Gadge.

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MARCH 16.—Bentleigh, Vic., Bible school anniversary service, 3-4 p.m., 3AK. Speaker, J. Wiltshire.

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Calling craftsmen of the churches to complete buildings at Monbulk Camp Site. Dates of working bees:—

SATURDAY, MARCH 8.

MONDAY, MARCH 10 (Labor Day).

SATURDAY, MARCH 15.

SATURDAY, MARCH 22.

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Child Delinquency in Victoria

W. T. Atkin refers, in *Social Service Notes*, to the Australian divorce rate, the N.S.W. Boys' Home, temperance activities, and to world food shortage.

Child Delinquency

THE report on Victorian Children's Courts for the year 1945, the latest to hand, reveals that according to the returns by Clerks of the Courts to the Crown Law Offices there were 4562 cases dealt with during the year. The magistrate in his report stated: "Recent research shows, and my own experience proves, that the great majority of cases result from social factors such as the home, bad company, and community conditions (bad housing and lack of recreational facilities) rather than from physical and mental defects in the individual." Statistics prove clearly that the greatest amount of delinquency takes place during leisure hours. While splendid service is being rendered by clubs with supervised recreation and youth centres, the church which is the best character-building agency should be alive to the challenge in planning for the future.

Broken Homes

The divorce rate in Australia, resulting in broken homes, is alarming, and these broken homes in turn are a big contributory factor in child delinquency. Unless there is a greater respect for the sanctity of marriage, the divorce court will lead to the demoralisation and disintegration of our social life. An interesting experiment is taking place in N.S.W. by the Dean of St. Andrews, to mend marriages. He plans to set up a matrimonial conciliation clinic at the cathedral. This will provide for an advisory panel of doctors, psychiatrists, and a lawyer. A clinic for the children of unhappy marriages already exists at the cathedral and has achieved notable success. The work of these clinics should be watched with interest and where possible emulated.

Boys' Home, N.S.W.

Our churches in N.S.W. conduct a boys' home known as Dunmore House Pendle Hills Churches of Christ Co-operative Society. Improvements there during the past year have made it possible for a maximum of 35 boys to be in residence. An average of 25 boys has been maintained throughout the year in good health and happiness by the superintendent and matron, Mr. and Mrs. Blackburn, and staff. H. J. Patterson, principal of Bible College, commending the annual offering writes, "The boy is father to the man. Some boys will grow into undesirable men because they are neglected. We may help to save some for God and the nation. Our boys' home is a truly Christian enterprise. He who needs such a home to-day is someone's boy. Suppose he were yours!"

A People's Victory

The electors in N.S.W. voted overwhelmingly on Feb. 15 for the continuance of the present

6 o'clock closing hour for hotels, against proposals that the hours be extended to 9 o'clock or 10 o'clock. We think the result of the poll might well be called "a people's victory," for many sections of the community combined to rebuff the Government and to curb the liquor traffic. This victory will have its repercussions throughout Australia in encouraging the temperance workers and curbing the liquor interests.

Soggy with Alcoholism

Mr. Edmunds, M.L.A., referring to the recent disclosure of black-marketing in the liquor traffic, is reported in the Melbourne "Herald" to have said: "No law would clean up sly-grogging without strong public support. Only the Christian churches could supply the moral dynamic needed to break the growing drug addiction in Australia, and the churches themselves were 'soggy with alcoholism.'" Dr. C. Irving Benson, commenting on this statement of Mr. Edmunds, while refusing to use his phrase said, "The cocktail habit and the sherry party had invaded the homes of people of all churches more than at any time during his lifetime." Is this true of any of our church homes? Personally I do not think so. I would rather say members of our churches are teetotalers and solidly behind the temperance movement.

Immigration

The British and Commonwealth Governments have agreed to two schemes of migration, which will come into operation on a mutually agreed date. (1) The first is for the granting of free passages from the British Isles to British ex-Service personnel and their wives and children who wish to come to Australia, and are accepted as suitable for settlement in this country. (2) The second is for the granting of assisted passages from Britain to British civilians who wish to settle in Australia and who are not eligible under the free passage scheme. Persons already established in Australia may nominate friends or relatives resident in the United Kingdom who are eligible under the schemes. There are certain conditions which must be met before the nominations become effective. For those interested, further information may be obtained from any State Immigration Office, or from the Social Service Department.

World Food Shortage

It is evident from reports that the world will not have enough food for this year. While many nations are suffering food shortages, Australia is still a land of plenty. We could wish our Federal Government would take the initiative in sharing our plenty with others even if it meant a reduction in our rations. However, seeing the Government is unwilling to do this, we heartily commend every voluntary agency at work to alleviate distress. We hope the "Food for India" appeal which is before the public will receive a ready response from our churches. We hope also the Lord

Mayor will re-open the "Food for Britain" fund. In relation to this we keenly regret the action of the British Ministry of Food in withdrawing a concession by which we sent bulk parcels freight free. Now individual parcels must be sent, and postage paid on each. We wonder why this is so in view of the acute food shortage in Britain.

Personal

At the time of going to print W. H. Clay, who usually writes these notes and comments, is on annual leave at Lakes Entrance, where it is hoped he is enjoying a well-earned rest. The Social Service Department, at the request of the church at Prahran, has agreed to F. E. Buckingham taking an oversight of the work there. This part-time ministry will not affect Mr. Buckingham's work with the department. He will continue to represent C.F.A. C. Young, who has conducted a full-time ministry for the past three months at Mont Albert and will continue part-time there, will commence his ministry as hospital chaplain with the Social Service Department on March 10. He is willing and anxious to help where hospital visitation is needed.

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Obituary

Mrs. R. Dunn

IN the passing of Mrs. R. Dunn the church at Balaklava, S.A., has lost a faithful worker of many years standing. In recent years she had been having indifferent health, which restricted her efforts considerably. For many years she was the caretaker of the chapel, and made that duty a real service to the church and the Lord. However, the end came very suddenly, and she passed peacefully away to be with Christ on the evening of Jan. 25, and was laid to rest in the Balaklava Cemetery on the following day. A service of remembrance was also held in the chapel at the regular gospel meeting. Her husband predeceased her many years, and an only son is left to mourn the passing of a very sincere Christian mother. At the evening service on Feb. 16 special mention was made by the writer and Miss Mary Smith sang, "No burdens yonder."—A.H.

Mrs. W. Olsen

MRS. W. OLSEN died suddenly after an operation in Hamilton Russell Hospital, on Saturday, Feb. 15. Our sister, who had the distinction of being a foundation member of the churches at Maylands, S.A., and Oakleigh, Victoria, was before her marriage Miss Rita Holden. She was married at Oakleigh by W. H. Clay. She served as a Sunday school teacher at Oakleigh and Carnegie. Of recent years our sister had been in membership at Gardiner, and for some years has been in fellowship with the church at East Malvern. After a brief service conducted by the writer in the home, the mortal remains of our sister were laid to rest in the presence of relatives and friends at the Brighton Cemetery. Beautiful floral tributes testified to the high esteem in which our sister was held. To the sorrowing husband, Mr. W. Olsen, two sons, Frank and Fred, and mother, Mrs. Gracie, friends, and brethren and sisters in Christ extend sincerest sympathy.—S. Neighbour.

Mrs. Rachel Watts

WITH the passing of Mrs. Rachel Watts, at age of 85½ years, the church at Balaklava, S.A., has lost a member who was linked with the pioneer days of our movement in S.A. Born at Strathalbyn, in 1862, and baptised at Alma church of Christ in 1877 by W. Judd, she has been a member of the church for nearly 70 years. After her marriage to the late W. Watts, a few years later she moved to Balaklava, and consequently was associated with the Balaklava work practically since its inception. Her husband predeceased her by 30 years. During recent years Mrs. Watts has been unable to attend the church services, but maintained her faith steadfast to the end. She was taken to rest in the Balaklava Cemetery on Monday afternoon, Feb. 3, a large company of day relatives and friends being present. We commend her dear ones to the comfort of the great provision of God in Christ.—A.H.

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BEAUTIFUL AUSTRALIA

"Be of good cheer"—Acts 23: 11.

MOST of you have heard of the B.B.C.

But have you heard of the B.C.C.? I imagine it's not so likely. Nevertheless, these letters stand for an important body, namely, the British Color Council. Its aim is to encourage employers in that country to make their works brighter and more attractive by carrying out different schemes of decoration. I read recently of one modern factory where interesting alterations were made. Instead of the machinery remaining as

I still remember something I saw in the Rhineland, at the city of Coblenz through which the River Rhine flows. Standing on one bank I saw on the far side, shining in the setting sun, terraces of villas of various colors, one pink, another cream, another white, another purple, another rust, and so on; and it was simply beautiful, almost like a lovely rainbow. And in our own land more such things as red roofs, white walls, colorful doors and windows, and so on would do a good deal to cheer us up. And, come to think of it, the Creator



formerly, a dull metal color, it was changed to a shade of fawn, the moving parts given a coat of pleasing green, while any specially dangerous ones were repainted red. One outcome was fewer accidents. Another, it was easier on the eyes of the workers. And, finally, the walls were painted pleasing colors too, which made the workers themselves cheerier.

I am sure most of us will agree we need more color in various ways. In clothes, for instance. In a newspaper the other day it said that in the Strand one woman in three was wearing a colored plastic raincoat or cape, which the writer remarked, struck a cheery note on a very drab day. And, that men shouldn't be outdone, a wireless speaker the other night said that the latest fashion for men, just announced, was to be a jacket of one shade, trousers of another, and a patterned waistcoat, perhaps with brass buttons! "In fact, back to grandfather!" was how he put it. And possibly there was something to be said for grandfather's idea.

splashed the world all over with wonderful colors. He might have made it all black or all brown. Instead of which the world is a gorgeous pageant—blue sky, green fields, golden grain, purple moors, and a myriad beautiful shades of flowers. No wonder God said it was "very good."

Now mightn't we apply that to people also? After all we should bring brightness to others, carrying, as it were, some lovely color into their lives. Once when two men were standing for mayor, the one who wasn't chosen criticised the other, asking what he had done to deserve it.

"Oh," said somebody, "he has been associated with the great cause of cheering us all up."

So was Christ our Saviour. Because he so often had a happy word for others, saying, "Be of good cheer." In that way too, then, mightn't you yourselves make a happier atmosphere in your home, and cheerier one in your city or town, and altogether a "Brighter Australia."—*Selected and Adapted.*

The Football Match of Time

YOU will not, perhaps, have thought of a football match as a symbol of time. As you have searched your Bibles, you will have found other words to describe time, or life: an arrow, a race, a vapor, a wreath of smoke, but not a football match. I want you to note how similar they are.

First, there is time at the start. How interesting it is to watch the beginning of the match; to see the players take their places—the goal-keeper, backs and half-backs, forwards, all tense and ready to start. Then, to hear the whistle blow, and the great game begins.

Your lives, young people, are at the start. You are taking your places, as it were, in the great game called life, and you are ready to enter the fray. Get a good start by beginning life with Jesus. With him at your side you have the very best life can give, and you can step on to the field with every courage and confidence.

But listen! There goes the whistle. What does it mean? It is half-time. All at once, the players scatter from the field. Where? Into the pavilion. Why? That they may rest and refresh themselves, and presently go on playing the game with fresh zest. There are temptations that belong to half-time. Players can get tired of the game, and be tempted to give up; or they can grow weary in the game, and think of surrender. Half-time can be a perilous time, and, for that reason, it is a time to be watched, and used to the best advantage.

It can be so in the half-way period of the Christian life. We can start off with great zeal, only to get very tired of it when we reach half-time; or we may have had a hard game in the first half, being tripped up by temptation; or the excitement of the beginning may have worn off. Half-time can be a critical time, but also an opportunity for refreshment.

Here goes the whistle once again. What is it—a foul or a goal? No, it means time's up! The game is finished. The players walk back into the pavilion. The crowd goes home. What kind of a game has it been? Was it a great game or a poor one? A success or a failure? Was it played fairly, or was it marred by dis-

grace? Was it a glorious finish or a fiasco?

So, some day, like the football match, our life shall end. *How* shall it end? Will it have been a glorious game, or will it have been spoiled by disgrace and shame?



Let it be your aim to play well, to redeem the time. You began well. Beware of half-time temptation. Finish the course; and when time shall end for you, enter into the joy of your victorious Lord.—A. R. Tomlin.

ONWARD AND SUNWARD

OTHERS shall sing the song.
Others shall right the wrong.
Finish what I begin,
And all I fall of win.

What matter I or they,
Mine or another's day,
So the right word is said,
And life the sweeter made?

Hail, to the coming singers!
Hail, to the brave light-bringers!
Forward I reach, and share
All that they sing and dare.

I feel the earth move sunward,
I join the great march onward,
And take by faith, while living,
My freehold of thanksgiving.

—Whittier.

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

DOROTHEA LYNDIE DIX is not to be confused, though she often is, with the lovelorn columnist whose name is similar. This frail, shy spinster who was born in Hampden, Maine, U.S.A., in 1802, did more to reform the treatment of the insane than any other person in U.S. history. 1841, when Miss Dix began her one-woman exposé, the insane were herded into jails and almshouses and treated like dangerous beasts. Shocked when she found four crazy people locked in one small, reeking cell at the East Cambridge, Mass., House of Correction, where she taught Sunday school, Miss Dix set out on a countrywide investigation. She exposed the lack of sanitation and the needless manhandling of the mentally ill which existed everywhere. In her wake half a dozen American states set up proper asylums staffed by doctors instead of by ignorant jail guards.

AFTER MANY DAYS

MANY years ago, I was present at some special services, and I was invited to tea by one of the deacons of the church. I remember so well the happy time I spent there. It was a lovely Christian home, and the little girl there, who was the youngest daughter of the family, told me that for a special treat she was going to stay up late and come to the evening service. She was very bright and interested in the things that were happening around her.

One day, thirty years later, I was preaching in the same district, and went to tea with a Sunday school superintendent and his wife. We talked about boys and girls, and what joy there was when they gave themselves to the Lord Jesus while they were still young. Just as I was going, my hostess spoke to me. "You don't remember me, do you?" she said. "Thirty years ago you came to my parents' home. I was the little girl who was allowed to stay up late to come to church that evening. That night, although I was small, I gave my heart to Jesus. Now, with my husband, I am trying in our Sunday school to lead other boys and girls to him. So, you see, I know he can save the young, for he saved me to serve him."—"Uncle Tom."

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A BIBLE QUIZ

See how many questions you can answer, and then turn to the solutions which are given below, but upside down so that you cannot see the answers until you have tried to find them for yourself.

1. What people were plagued by lions?
2. What prophet induced a woman to borrow?
3. What relation was Ruth to David?
4. What was the occupation of Amos before he undertook the prophetic office?
5. "Let us also go, that we may die with him," who used these words?
6. Who said to Mary, "Blessed art thou among women"?
7. Who returned to their own country by a different route?
8. Who decreed that "all the world should be taxed"?



1. Caesar Augustus. Luke 2: 1.
2. The Wise Men. Matt. 2: 12.
3. Elsiebeth. Luke 1: 42.
4. Thomas. John 11: 16.
5. A herdman of Tekoa. Amos 7: 1.
6. Great-grandmother. Matt. 4: 3.
7. Elsha. 2 Kings 4: 3.
8. Samaria. In parable of the fig tree. Luke 13: 7.

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

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Serving the Sick

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE made nursing an honored profession. Since her day young women have volunteered to sacrifice in the service of humanity and do all in their power to nurse the sick back to health. The touch of romance always linked with nursing does not seem to make the appeal it once did. This material age has encouraged people to seek money rather than give service. The changed outlook has made it difficult for hospitals to gain enough nurses for the great demands put upon them by so many sick people seeking help. Christian girls have always been foremost in their readiness to serve as nurses. The spirit of Jesus has inspired them. Florence Nightingale has been their heroine. Christ has been their example.