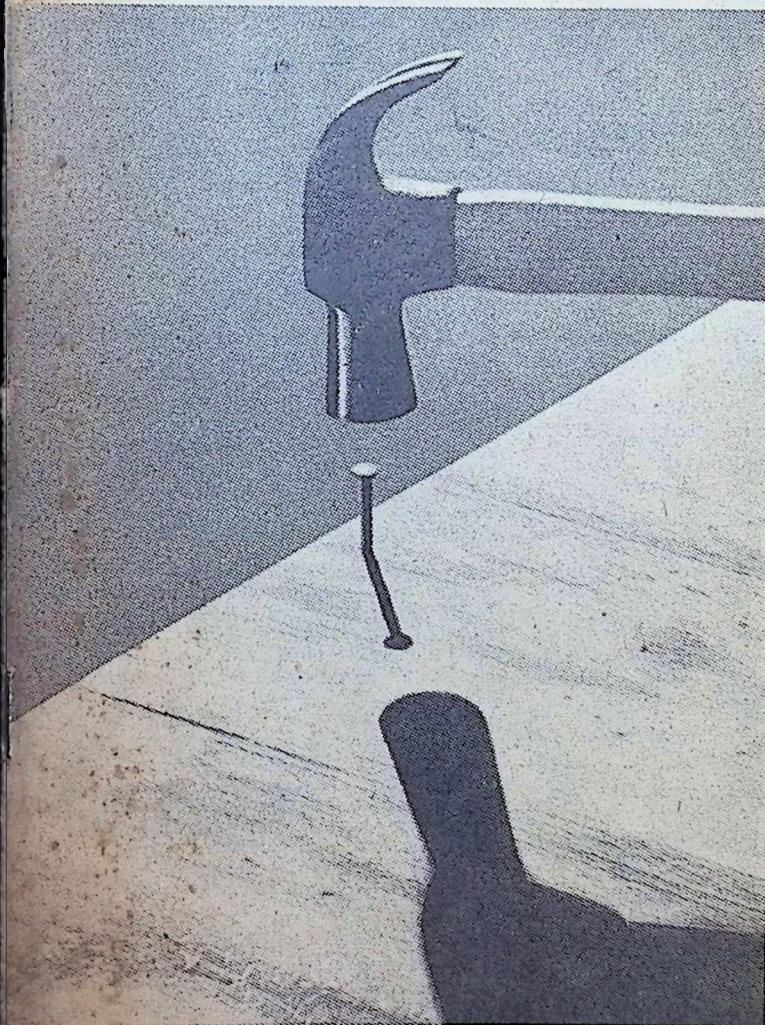


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conflicts which prevail in many
parts of the world to-day, it be-
comes increasingly apparent that
we must vastly extend, make more
genuinely effective and undergird
more substantially the Christian
education of the world's children
and youth."

—World Council of Christian
Education.

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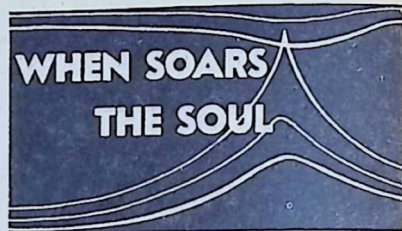
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When soars the soul earth's
clamoring voices cease,
Stilled in the wonder of God's
power and peace.



Take time and trouble to keep yourself spiritually fit. Bodily fitness is a certain value, but spiritual fitness is essential, both for this present life and for the life to come. . . . It is because we realise the paramount importance of the spiritual that we labor and struggle. We place our whole confidence in the living God, the Saviour of all men, and particularly of those who believe in him. Don't let people look down on you because you are young; see that they look up to you because you are an example to them in your speech and behaviour, in your love and faith and sincerity.—I Tim. 4: 8-12 (Phillips).

Keep your youth! Don't let any outward happening spoil that beautiful, divine gift, and don't spoil it for yourselves. . . . Youth is like the alabaster box of spikenard, very precious. Don't hoard it: don't profane it: pour it out at the feet of Christ—who is wherever a wrong is to be righted, or a heavy burden shared, or a dull task accepted, for the sake of love or gratitude. On that path you may make no fortune, but, though you live to ninety, you will keep, with God's help, the spirit and the fragrance of youth—May Kendall.

O Father of "the young Prince of Glory," who, because of him, art the Father of us all, humbly we thank thee for all the gifts of youth—for questing mind and healthy body, and the deepening wonder of thyself. Help us to keep both mind and body pure, and the whole of life responsive to thy Spirit. We thank thee for him whose ideals are set before us, whose salvation is our surety, whose strength is our stay. He it is who deepens both our capacity to enjoy life and to share it. We pray then for our brethren in every land, for all youth struggling towards the light which is in the Lord of us all. AMEN.

I would live ever in the light,
I would work ever for the right,
I would serve thee with all my might,
Therefore to thee I come.

—Marianne Hearn.

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WHICH WAY GOES YOUTH?

WHICH way goes youth? Obviously, youth is going *somewhere*. That is one of the encouraging signs of our times. You don't hear so much to-day of that bored sophistication which masked the puzzled emptiness of so many young people after the first world war, when it was common to feel (as one young man put it) that "life is futile; I am futile." Despite the atomic bomb—or, perhaps, even because of it—that dark doctrine of despair wins few converts to-day.

In its place young people are now ready to demand—and face—

REALITY

Such a demand finds some curious, and at times, revolting expressions. The so-called "realistic" school of modern writing—especially sensational fiction—seems more at home in the sewer than the sanctuary, and leaves little doubt as to which it thinks more real. But responsible writers are facing issues with a greater frankness than was possible a few generations ago, and young people who, either in the armed forces or since the war, have travelled more than any generation has done, are so much the more acutely conscious of global problems.

It is reported that this questing for reality is most marked in University life to-day in various nations. Last year, David Read, chaplain of Edinburgh University, toured our Australian Universities. In his account of this Australian Mission (*British Weekly*, 29/1/53), Mr. Reed says of Australian students: "They are prepared to attend lectures on religious topics outside class hours, and to talk with the utmost freedom—and at length—about Christian beliefs and practices, and all the central problems which a past generation sought to exclude from their academic horizon. One student newspaper appeared recently with a headline: 'Is God Topical?' inspired by a remark of a professor of the old school that there was no current interest in the question, and noting in answer that some five hundred students attended daily for a week in July to listen to lectures on Christianity. . . . This eagerness and down-to-earth questioning spirit was equally evident at Melbourne, Sydney, and Brisbane, and to a different degree at the smaller Universities. Time and again I found that an informal talk—perhaps on some neutral topic—would lead to questions which began at the

secular circumference, and worked right into the religious centre."

David Read's personal findings are significant, because they show that young people, being trained to look for reality, are ready to give Christianity a hearing. And this is true not only of students. Manual laborers, housewives, shop and office workers are equally hungry for reality, and if they fail to find it in the Church, whose fault is it? They need a

FAITH

in which to grapple with reality. It is that towards which all youth's questions probe. It is not enough to reveal reality; that alone could only deepen despair. Is there a way to *redeem* reality, to see it in the light of purpose?

As Christians we believe there is, but the Church is still failing to convince youth on any large scale that we have a faith which stands the tests of reality. Christian young people themselves have seemed more concerned with their own programme than with making a positive thrust into the life beyond the churches. Not so communist youth, who even invaded the World Conference of Christian Youth at Travancore last December. They issued an Open Letter, which was an all-out offensive for delegates to support the platform of the Asian Peace Conference at Peking. This time Christian youth made an equally vigorous response, stating the essentially Christian viewpoint—and it was good to note that, in contrast to some earlier reluctance to cross swords. But the initiative is all too often with other forces, and the response all too feeble to such a challenge as came to David Read in Perth, where a young Malayán said to him, "I was at your conference last week-end. Why don't you go to the Universities of Asia? They're looking for a faith there."

They are looking for it also *where you and I live*. How strong a faith in Christ have we to share with them, how resolute a facing of life's realities? Our Youth Departments have a concern, which begins with the young people already in our schools and churches, but certainly doesn't end there. The following pages give some idea of what is being done, and of how generous ought to be our giving on May 10 (May 3 in W.A.). But this isn't all the story. They, with us, want to reach out to unchurched youth, and give them faith at its finest, facing all realities—in other words, *give them Christ!*

WHO STEERS THE SHIP?



**The Child Steers His Own Ship: but He Steers by the Stars
We Show Him.**

Youth Departments work the year round to promote the programme of Christian education among boys and girls and young people. A round-up of present departmental activities in all States shows how they are at work to point out the stars.

- Campaigns for scholar enrolment and school efficiency.
- Portable school buildings for new areas.
- Teacher training classes.
- Youth workers' conferences.
- Correspondence schools for isolated children.
- Libraries of books and films.
- Training youth in church work.
- Provision of lesson materials through Federal Board of Christian Education.
- Establishment of camp sites for training in Christian living.
- Camps for juniors and seniors.
- Church and inter-church recreation facilities.

- Happy Hour Missions to children.
- Junior and senior club organisation.
- Christian Endeavor movement.
- District Youth Fellowships.
- Training in worship, Bible study, Christian citizenship.
- Visitation of schools and youth groups.
- Call to Youth week-ends.
- Literature to link school and home.
- Radio Sunday Schools.
- Help for young converts.
- Superintendents' and Secretaries' Guilds.
- Study booklets for youth groups.

***These, and other essential tasks, can only be continued as churches give
liberally in the Annual Offering on May 10.***

The Future Starts Here!

To-morrow's men and women are not yet in their places as homemakers, Christian teachers, doctors, missionaries, preachers, engineers, farmers, businessmen—but they are here now in our homes, churches and Bible schools.

See how many are entering the church!

The total number of additions to churches throughout Australia coming from the Bible School for year 1952 is 1,271.

Nearly 70 per cent. of our church members came by early Christian decision through the Bible school into the Church.

BUT what of those in our schools whom we fail to keep? IF WE COULD ONLY WIN AND KEEP HALF OF THE CHILDREN PASSING THROUGH OUR BIBLE SCHOOLS OUR CHURCHES WOULD BE TWICE AS LARGE!

There are signs that we are more in earnest about our task of Christian education and evangelism.

Much remains to be done to make more "genuinely effective" this major enterprise.

Will you help to build to-morrow on May 10?

Our Lesson Materials

Where do our lesson materials come from?

Every quarter scores of parcels are despatched by the printer to schools all over the Commonwealth and New Zealand. Behind the work of linotypers, compositors, readers, machinists, despatch clerks, lies work of another kind—the writing of lessons, preparation of copy, materials for blockmaking, editing, and so on.

This is the work of the Federal Board of Christian Education. It must provide in a constant stream and with careful labor, all that goes into teachers' guides and scholars' books every quarter—nine sets of separate yet integrated materials.

The Federal Board receives some financial assistance from State youth departments, in annual contributions from their general funds.

Austral Graded Lessons Overseas

New Zealand. Most schools in the Dominion are using Austral lessons, and the Department of Religious Education in New Zealand is urging all schools to use these brotherhood teaching materials.

Great Britain. Our Sunday School and Youth Committee in Birmingham, after studying samples of Austral lessons, arranged with several schools in parts of England to conduct experimental classes over the April-June quarter in Primary and Junior grades. Lesson books for teachers and scholars are now on their way over. The secretary, Miss G. M. Frances, says, "There is nothing here which provides in such excellent fashion for scholar activity."

South Africa. Basil Holt, leader of Disciples of Christ (U.S.A.) work in South Africa requested a sample range of Austral lessons. These are to be examined to find whether they will be suitable for conditions there.

The Church's Responsibility

"Only the Church, the Christian community, can communicate the fulness of the Christian faith. Other agencies may be her allies, they may teach the facts of Christianity, they may teach the ethics and even certain doctrines, but Christian education is not complete until an experience has been communicated, accepted willingly, and has found expression in action. This is the responsibility of the Church. No other organisation can do this. The company of believers, the Body of Christ, the fellowship of the Holy Spirit—this is essential for the Christian education of children."

The Church's Goal

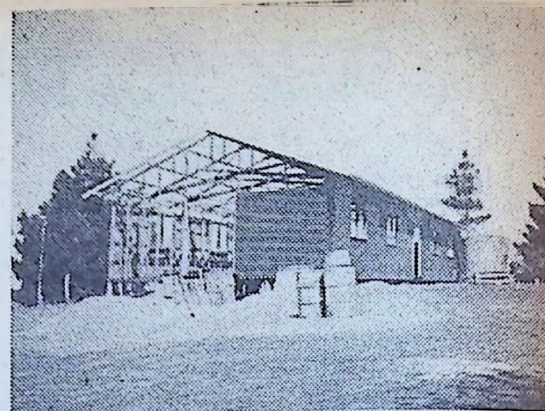
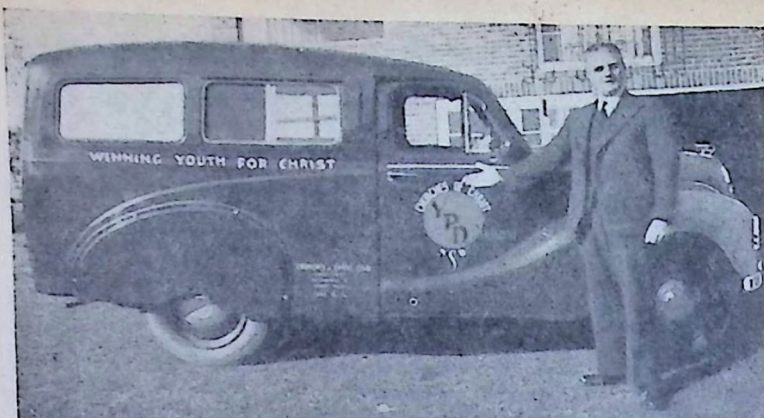
"Our purpose must be at all stages to help boys and girls to become aware of God, the Creator of the world, who loves and cares for all men, to come into relationship with him and to know him, through Christ, as their Father whose Fatherhood is revealed in Jesus, his Son, our Lord and Saviour. This awareness is far more than intellectual affirmation or emotional response, or both. It is the active response of the whole person to the power, love and grace of God. It is essential to emphasise the wholeness of this response in view of the fact that, though our expression or description of the experience may vary from stage to stage, children as well as adults need a Saviour who saves from the evil and sin showing itself in all people. The response finds its outward expression in conduct and service which show that the will has been won to Christ. Within this inclusive purpose it is necessary to introduce children to the Bible, that they may know and love it as the book through which God speaks to them and to all men. It is through the fellowship of other people and in personal contacts with Christ through worship and prayer that children can come to know the power of God's Holy Spirit, enabling them to live the Christian life."

—(From Commission reports of the Toronto 1950 Conference of the World Council of Christian Education.)



"It is not adequate to think of Christian education as the means by which we hope to help children to become Christians at some future time. We hope and pray that they will grow 'into a full-grown man unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ,' and 'grow up in all things into him which is the head, even Christ,' but we must also seek to enable the children at each stage of growth to know and enjoy the life which comes from Christ in so far as they are able to grasp and experience it. By life, friendship, fellowship, worship as well as by direct teaching, the church must encircle the child with her own experience of Christ, through which the child himself can come into contact with Christ, and 'enjoy' him in terms and experiences of the child's own life."

Annual Youth Offering — SUNDAY, MAY 10



R. Greenhalgh, N.S.W. director, and the Department gospel van.

Kitchen and dining hall in course of erection on recently acquired camp site at Longwood, S.A.

THEY GO CAMPING

Present day camps conducted by our youth departments, are Christian communities in which leaders and young people join in a continuous fellowship of study, worship, work and play aimed at strengthening Christian purposes, deepening understandings, and developing personal resources for leadership.

Camp sites and camps are established and conducted largely by money received through special gifts, voluntary labor and camp fees.

We have permanent camp sites at Caloundra Bay (Q.), Lake Illawarra (N.S.W.), Monbulk and Hall's Gap (V.), Longwood (S.A.), and Waterman's Bay (W.A.).

They are in constant use during school vacations, long week-ends and other occasions. Throughout the Commonwealth, department camps alone catered in 1952 for 1,032 juniors and 1,203 seniors. Many more camps were held by churches or groups of churches.

Each year, thousands of children and young people share character-making experiences in camp life.

Arranging for and conducting camps is a colossal job, exacting on time, energy and personnel, but the gains are tremendous.

You can help forward this aspect of Christian education by giving through the annual youth offering on May 10.



Camp group at Waterman's Bay, W.A.

"A Splendid Life and Magnificent Example"

This was the fitting summary of our Prime Minister in a tribute to Queen Mary. Her passing produced in us all a sense of personal loss, proving more powerfully even than we had perceived, what a particular and pivotal place she held in our nation's life, and how precious she was to all our hearts. In honoring her and her memory, we honor some of the finest qualities in life.

Queen Mary is a shining example of the service of

Those who Stand in the Second Place

She was not a Queen in her own right, but became Queen as Consort to her husband, King George V. In her was conspicuous what is not always truly appreciated, how one person can stand in a position of less honour, and contentedly contribute to the greatness and usefulness of another, who holds the foremost place. Blessed be all who render such selfless service, from a Queen to the humblest helpmate! Alistair MacLean entitles one of his lovely studies, "Mr. Everyman and his Wife may Wear a Crown." One would comment on that "Especially his wife, and even Everyman himself, if his life is lit with the unconscious splendor of unselfishness."

Queen Mary is an example of Magnificent Motherhood

"She who her lovely offspring eyes,
With tender hopes and fears,
Oh, bless her with a mother's joys,
But spare a mother's tears."

So sang Robert Burns; it is a natural wish; but experience proves that true motherhood is impossible without the tears. Queen Mary had her share of them. There was the abdication of her eldest son, and whatever we may have felt about that event, we could not forget the mother who was feeling it most deeply of all. There was the tragic death of her youngest son, in an air accident. There was the slow sapping of the strength of her second son, under the heavy burdens of kingship. Yet through it all, the lamp of mother-love burned bravely in the highest home of the nation.

In paying tribute to Queen Mary we are

Giving Honour to Age

In a rushing world, which tends to neglect age and regard it as merely pitiful, it will do us good to gaze admiringly at a

figure who typifies the gracious thing that age may be.

There was an old lady, her hair was white; her cheeks, though pink, were covered with a network of deep criss-crossed lines. The little girl who had come to see her pondered all this, and then asked gravely, "Are you an old lady?" "No, honey!" Her eyes, bright with an unconquerable spirit, held a twinkle. "Not exactly, but I must say, I've been young for a mighty long time."

As one thinks of old people, like Queen Mary, Faber's words come to mind, "The interior beauty of a soul, through habitual kindness of thought, is greater than words can tell. To such a one, life is a perpetual bright evening, with all things calm, fragrant, and restful. The dust of life is laid, and its fever cool. All sounds are softer, as is the way of evening, and all sights are fairer, and the golden light makes our enjoyment of earth a preparation for heaven."

Another reason why it is good for us to think of Queen Mary is that she was an

Embodiment of Dignity

A brash and blatant age may well stand in awe before that aspect of her character. The only thought which many give to dignity is to regard it as something to be rudely asserted or touchily "stood upon."

However, real dignity, like that of the Queen, is quiet, serene, and rising naturally from deep springs within the soul. Its root meaning is "worth," and it comes from a high conviction of the worth of life. Mr. Gladstone used to advise: "Be inspired with the belief that life is a great and noble calling, not a mean and grovelling thing that we are to shuffle through as we can, but a lofty and elevated destiny." Queen Mary was of the same belief, and what a noble dignity it produced in her!

Queen Mary was a great exponent of citizenship at its best. Her citizenship was constant and most conscientious. She was utterly devoted to the common good. The innumerable details of her untiring service to every good cause were but the expression of her essential spirit. And in all this there

was none of the self-consciousness of one who sets an example, but the unregarding devotion of a dedicated person. Always her demand was, not from others, but from herself on behalf of others.

In a noble tribute to the influence of the Royal Family in recent decades, Mr. Winston Churchill said that he "hoped" Queen Mary had realised what a part she had played in this. The word was significant. It is doubtful whether the Queen, in her disinterested devotion, would give much thought to the example she was setting or the influence she was having.

It is good that we should face afresh the challenge of this to ourselves as citizens. As a great Christian leader once exclaimed, "I have never felt that I was dishonoring my religion by making it the central force of my life as a citizen."

The crowning lesson of Queen Mary's life, the secret of her every other characteristic, was her

Faith in God

She once declared, in a message to the women of Britain soon after the First World War, "Remember that life is made up of loyalty—loyalty to your friends, loyalty to things beautiful and good, loyalty to the country in which you live, loyalty to your King, and, above all, for this holds all other loyalties together—loyalty to God."

The Queen was a fount of faith within the Royal Household. Many instances have been related of her deeply sincere faith, and of the witness she loved to bear to it. The deepest thing of all about Queen Mary's life is the way it said, "Thou art my King, O God." "Nothing can satisfy me but Thee," prayed Christina, Queen of Sweden. "Thou hast made me so great that if Thou gavest me the empire of the whole world, it would not satisfy me. . . . I pray Thee for Thyself, by Thyself."

The world to-day needs such women and men, who believe utterly in God, and are utterly loyal to Him.

How appropriate it is that Queen Mary's passing should have been so close to the Easter season. It reminds us again that the Cross is the one place of comfort; the empty tomb the one place of immortal hope. With a faith and a life like hers, we can face death, and whatever is beyond it, unafraid.



Information appearing in this issue concerning youth work was supplied by Mr. V. C. Stafford.

Sunraysia District, Vic., enjoyed a visit from the Victorian-Tasmanian President, W. W. Saunders, recently. His engagements included a youth tea and combined meeting at Mildura on Sat. night, March 21, and three services on the Sunday, at Mildura, Merbein (combined with Daretton), and Red Cliffs.

Amount for Indian Famine Appeal is now over £550. Many poor have already been helped, but need is still desperate.

Cyclone damage to mission buildings in Carnarvon, W.A., is being repaired by several members of the building drive who returned after the cyclone. Wall frames of the new dormitory have been re-erected, and work led by missionaries is proceeding splendidly. Maston Bell reports that building drive proved to be a worthwhile effort.

The annual youth offering will be received on Sunday, May 10, in all States except W.A., where the date is May 3.

A letter from Allan Bell, who is now ministering at Bulawayo, advises that Kevin Ladbrook is seriously ill in hospital in that city. Kevin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ladbrook, now serving at Dadaya, the New Zealand Foreign Mission station in Southern Rhodesia.

Pentecost missionary offering has now reached £341, and the Aoba-Maewo offering has been taken, amounting to £1,316. Out of this amount £50 is for the College of the Bible, Glen Iris. Abel Barney was responsible for the splendid result of the Aoba-Maewo group. The latter offering has already been received, and has helped to ease the present economic tension. The loyalty and spiritual development of our Island brethren has been a marked feature in recent years.

The recent annual meeting of North Sydney church revealed that over £1,650 had been raised during the year, and of this amount nearly £700 went for other than local expenses. Regret was expressed that the church secretary for the past 35 years, Fred. Horsey, hav-

ing taken over a business in the country, would be leaving shortly. A farewell social was tendered him on March 18, when a suitably inscribed Bible was presented to him, together with a roll of notes. Mrs. Paternoster, who has been ill for some weeks, is recovering slowly. Mrs. Reed and Mrs. Rushby are also ill. Ira Paternoster hopes to visit the New Hebrides in May, the church having granted him three months' leave. Gene Paternoster, after holidaying in England, plans to meet her brother in New York on June 19, and attend the International Convention at Portland, Oregon, later in the year. She is due back in Sydney towards the end of the year.

The 1953 Conference of the Victorian Local Option Alliance will be held in the Independent Church, Collins-st., Melbourne, on April 28, at 10.30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Prominent speakers will deal with the various phases of the liquor question, and discussion will follow. Luncheon for delegates is at 12.45. The coming of the Olympic Games to Melbourne will greatly endanger 6 o'clock closing and other beneficial laws. Churches, temperance organisations and friends are urged to support the Conference.

"Our India" urgently requires tents for camping in the Shrigonda area. Some of the older tents are worn out, and with more activity going on in the evangelisation of the villages the Field asked the F.M. Board to regard this matter as urgent. At the last meeting of the Board this request was granted. Though famine funds will not be used for this equipment, it is likely the tents will be used to camp out among displaced village Christians, who have left in search of work and food. This additional equipment will cost upwards of £40.

Strategic Scripture production and distribution is being steadily maintained in Hong Kong, despite the Far East background of refugee camps, language problems and political tensions. Since the work began there, "from the end of 1949 until August, 1952, there have been published 28 editions of the Bible, 12 editions of the New Testament, and 9 editions of portions, mostly the four Gospels and Acts: a total of 2,485,975 books."

The British National Institute for the Blind is preparing for the B. and F. Bible Society the plates needed for the production in Braille of John's Gospel in the Burmese language. This is part of world-wide activities to produce Braille Scriptures for the blind.



College of the Bible Notes

There was a large gathering of friends at the garden party on Saturday, March 28. Unfortunately, rain compelled us to hold most of the programme indoors. Following words of welcome by the chairman of the Board, Dr. W. A. Kemp and Principal E. L. Williams, a most delightful hour of music was provided by Miss Frances Cowper and her associates.

On behalf of the Board of Management, Mr. Reg. Enniss launched a brotherhood appeal for the renovation and refurbishing of the students' dormitories. The provision for the students has never, at any time in the history of the College, been a credit to the brotherhood. We have always felt dissatisfied about it, but the Board has been unable to make major improvements out of general funds, for they have been barely sufficient—often insufficient—to meet ordinary running costs. However, the matter cannot be delayed further. Some of the furniture has been in use for over forty years—and all of it for at least twenty-five years. It is in very poor condition, and must be replaced. Floor coverings, too, are all beyond the serviceable stage. The plan is to refurbish completely the 15 rooms occupied by the men students, with, as far as possible, built-in furniture. This will prove the most durable and economical in the long run. The cost of a room for two students will be approximately £125, so almost £2,000 will be needed.

We have every confidence that the brethren throughout the Commonwealth will come to the aid of the College, so that our young men, offering for Christian service, will have in College the ordinary provisions of the average church home. The standard has never been that. Perhaps a family or a church would like to provide for one room, or one of the articles suggested below. Young people's organisations, men's societies, women's groups, or district conferences could perhaps band together to give substantial assistance.

Cost for one room to provide refurbishing, £125; linoleum, £25; renovating, £15; wardrobe, £25; bookshelves, £10; 1 bed, £8; chest of drawers, £15; 1 mattress, £10; 1 bed cover, £3.

Your help is needed in any way you can give it.—K.J.

MINISTER'S MUSINGS

SUNDAY.—I felt almost too weary to face my people this morning—until we began to worship together, and the strength came. Other men, I discover, have the same experience. One of our morning presidents said to me the other Sunday after the service in which he had been the leader: "Before we started I felt ready to hand over the job to anyone else who would take it. But I feel altogether different now. I wouldn't have missed the privilege for anything." I often think of the words of the Psalmist: "As for me, my feet were almost gone; my steps had well nigh slipped . . . until I went into the sanctuary of God." (Ps. 73: 2, 17). How richly worthwhile it all is, if somehow, even through some word of ours, stumbling feet find security and blurred vision true perspective. If that happens for us—and it does, through those strange unworded sermons a loyal congregation preaches to its minister—we may dare to hope it happens sometimes to others.

MONDAY.—As I expected, *Never Dies the Dream* proved a novel well worth reading. Margaret Landon gives some fine character studies, but none better than that of her central character, India Severn. This middle-aged American missionary, whose love for people leads her to deeds frowned upon by some of her allegedly more practical associates, is a winsome personality. We see her from 5.15 a.m. to 6 a.m. reading and praying, a habit rarely mentioned by her, although, says the novelist, "it was the core of her life;" caring for a girl, desperately ill in mind and body; talking to the girl when convalescent about the naturalness of prayer as "an obbligo to thought;" facing recurring crises with the Siamese girls in her school. We share with her the tragedy of being forced to give up her life-work in the school, when depression years bring a cut in Mission funds. Some of her fellow-missionaries think it need not have happened, had not those in authority been opposed to her idealism. But she refuses to be embittered by that dark Easter. In the stillness of her garden, on Easter Sunday morning, she thinks of death and resurrection. "All she had hoped, all she had worked for, all she had planned was done, was dead. Eleven years of life. Her corn of wheat. . . . Yet defeat was often the seed of victory, waving its flag in the sprouting of the corn. There would be days—who knew?—perhaps months of discouragement. One could not inter eleven years of oneself and everything one had hoped,

without grief. . . . Yet she felt again the reach, and height, and depth of the grace of God, which is eternally new each time it is experienced by groping human beings. . . . She knew that she was not past caring, but she also knew with completeness that what she had been able to do could never be taken from her, and what had been taken from her was not to be." So, "never dies the dream," whatever happens to the dreamer. Yes, it was a good story to read at Easter-time.

TUESDAY.—Right from the beginning of the day I have been so busy with so many things that I found myself falling asleep when I thought of prayer to-night. There is no mistaking the danger signs; I've become too busy. Reading a selection from the forthright Epistle of James, I remembered that it was said of him that he prayed so continuously that his knees became as hard as a camel's. Stephen Neill tells in his book, *On the Ministry*, of a friend of his, a bishop, who had to undergo treatment in a Turkish bath. The attendant said to him once, "Excuse me, sir, but I think you are a clergyman." "Why?" asked the bishop. "It is always the knees, sir, that give you away." A much better token, than title, collar, gown, or "preacher's voice"—but how many of us really have such an identification mark?

WEDNESDAY.—"I'd like you to have a talk with him about it." When a father says that to me about his son, I like to find out first how much real fellowship there is between the father and son. I have keen sympathy—and it isn't all for the boy—when a lad bursts out to his preacher, "I just couldn't talk about this to dad. He wouldn't understand." Sometimes I suspect it is true enough; other times I know just how much the father longs for the confidences he doesn't get. I remember a girl who wanted to make a decision for Christ, but couldn't, because she had once wronged her father, and was afraid to confess it to him, because of his fiery temper. At last she saw that it was something we couldn't do for her; she must do it herself. I shall never forget the Sunday she said to me, "It's all right! Dad knows!";

and she came down the aisle to make her decision, her face glowing with inner victory. There are some things no preacher can do for another—and it's sometimes merely a pious hope when a parent, who has made no real attempt to understand his child, calls the minister in as a last resort. I like the attitude of Henry Drummond, who, when once asked by a father to see his boy, started the interview with the lad by saying, "I suppose you know this is a put-up job?" It's not surprising that he won that boy.

THURSDAY.—Catherine returned this afternoon, happy as usual after her weekly visit of a few hours to Mrs. James. Allison told me to-night of Mrs. James' great amusement over something that happened when she and Catherine went for a walk. She met a friend of hers, named Mr. Joseph, and as soon as Catherine heard that name she became especially interested. With somewhat dimmed memories of her Christmas lessons she looked up eagerly at the startled man, and said, "Oh—are you Jesus' mummy?"

FRIDAY.—We talk so much on Good Friday, it was good to be quiet a while at the beginning of the day, and let the message of Easter claim me anew. I recalled a phrase in Dorothy Sayers' *The Man Born To Be King*, and took the book down from the shelves and turned the pages, looking for the words. I found them in the second play of her series, in which Jesus is baptised by John, and afterwards says to him: "When you baptised me with the water of repentance, I felt the shoulder of God stoop under the weight of man's sin, and I knew what it meant to be the Son of Man." Then I turned over to the brutal, graphic play on the cross itself, to the words in the mouth of Mary: "From the beginning of time until now, this is the only thing that has ever really happened"; to the cry of the Magdalene: "He is going out into the night and has taken the sunlight with him." The moving insight of the lines held me as I meditated.

SATURDAY.—To-morrow is Easter day. With that glad message, who wouldn't be a preacher?



INTERSTATE CHURCH NEWS

Discipleship

Shirley Peters, Warragul, Vic.
Kevin King, Wilma Harwood, Barbara Mutimer, Brenda Mutimer, Graeme Dyer, Brunswick, Vic.
Kevin Gossip, John Harrison, North Essendon, Vic.
Valma Durrant, Fullarton, S.A.
Pamela Walker, Lynette Ghys, Yvonne Forrest and Kevin Taylor, Mosman, N.S.W.

Membership

Mr. and Mrs. Peters and Brenda Peters, from Dandenong, Vic., to Warragul, Vic.
Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Hanna, from Parkdale, Vic., to Fairfield, Vic.
Sis. Button, from Marrickville, N.S.W., to Carnegie, Vic.
Mr. and Mrs. Walker, from Reservoir, Vic., to Carnegie, Vic.
Mrs. Coles, from Prahran, Vic., to Carnegie, Vic.
Mrs. J. Nayman, from Lake-st., Perth, W.A., to Carnegie, Vic.

Marriage

Winifred Siebert to Alfred Manet, Peel-st., Ballarat, Vic.
Marjorie Elliot to Alan Waters, East Kew, Vic.
Miss M. Collings to R. Martin, Northcote, Vic.
Joan Little to Clive Ward, Carnegie, Vic.
Shirley Jubb to Rex McKay, Newmarket, Vic.
Miss B. Arnott to B. Arnott, Northcote, Vic.

Fallen Asleep

Mrs. Feuhmester, Peel-st., Ballarat, Vic.
W. H. Berridge, Kalgoorlie, Vic.

Western Australia

Kalgoorlie (H. E. Greenwood). — Special gospel meetings have been featured. Excellent congregations saw film *Beyond Our Own*, and expressed appreciation of "singspiration" meeting, in which special singing by choir and

soloists was given. C.E. meetings show keenness. L. Harris has been morning speaker. Mayor has addressed Men's Brotherhood. Preacher is on vacation.

New South Wales

Broken Hill (J. McCormick). — Appreciative audiences have heard addresses by D. Hammer during mission. On Mar. 29 a thank offering was received. Church has been strengthened by this mission, and is grateful to Mr. Hammer and Balaklava (S.A.) for releasing him for mission. After church supper was held to express thanks to Mr. Hammer. Mrs. McCormick is holidaying in Qld. after birth of daughter.

Rockdale (G. J. Andrews). — Anniversary services on Mar. 15 and 17 were well attended. Theme *Keep Our Light Burning* was effectively displayed. Illustrated addresses by P. E. Thomas (Marrickville) and G. J. Andrews were appreciated. At youth demonstration three B.S. scholars received special prize for selling largest number of buttons for kinder extension fund.

Mosman (G. E. Burns). — On Mar. 8 Messrs. C. De Evalens and Herring (Christian Radio Missionary Fellowship) were visitors at morning service. P. Retchford, N.S.W. itinerant evangelist, spoke at both meetings on 15th. D. Wakeley (Enmore) spoke on 22nd. On 29th C. De Evalens (C.R.M.F.) spoke at Y.P.F. tea and gospel service. Work on Seaforth building is progressing well, and B.S. will commence shortly.

South Australia

Williamstown (L. G. Armstrong). — Harvest thanksgiving services were well attended on Mar. 8. G. Lee and L. G. Armstrong were speakers. Tinned goods and packets are to be sent to India. Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher, who are leaving district, were farewelled at after church fellowship on 15th. D. Tullock spoke at Y.P.F. tea. Good Companions has resumed activities. Valuable assistance has been rendered during Mar. by local and visiting brethren.

Henley Beach (N. S. Moore, B.A.). — Church parade of newly married group was held on Mar. 22, when ladies' choir gave choral singing. Conference President spoke on 29th. As Youth Director he called on Y.P. to conduct service. K. Middleton led while others read. Youth choir sang well to large congregation.

Kilburn (H. G. Norris). — Seventh anniversary of church was celebrated on Mar. 29, when preacher spoke at both services, and Mrs. Kelly was soloist.

At 3 p.m. G. Mathieson (Conference Vice-pres.) officially opened new building in presence of large gathering. A. E. Brown and F. Collins, former preachers, assisted in ceremony, and E. Holland, H.M. organiser, gave splendid message. Mrs. P. T. J. Roberts unveiled plaque in memory of her late husband, former secretary and pioneer of church. New building is to be known as P. T. J. Roberts Memorial Hall. Offering for building fund amounted to nearly £100.

Fullarton (A. Lennox-interim). — First B.S. rally for year was held on Mar. 28. Musical and elocutionary items were given by scholars. Supper concluded a happy evening. At harvest festival on 29th, 101 broke bread in morning. Produce was distributed between Christian Rest Home, Morialta Children's Home, and Home for Incurables. Most tinned foods were forwarded to India. In evening choir of 30 voices under W. Craddock rendered two anthems. Offerings were £28, and further 39 attended communion after gospel service.

Forestville (W. A. Russell). — Attendances at all services are encouraging. New scholars have been added to B.S. Dorcas soc. had first meeting for year on Mar. 25, with a visit from H.M. committee. Mrs. W. Green spoke. Mr. Redford and Mrs. F. Samels are improving in health. Sacred cantata was presented on Mar. 29 under baton of K. Stevens. All depts. are working well. Mr. Patterson (W.A.) and Mrs. Miles (Vic.) have been among recent visitors.

Victoria

Brunswick (C. Watson). — Y.W.F. held birthday night recently, with Mrs. Taylor as soloist, and Miss J. Drinkmilk elocutionist. Evening was most enjoyable, with attendance of 94. Y.P. dramatised play *The Stained Glass Window*, on Mar. 8, after which invitation was given, and one man made his decision. On 15th one B.S. scholar was baptised. First week of B.S. anniversary was 22nd, when Mr. McLellan spoke in afternoon, and R. Clark, in evening. Four B.S. scholars made decision. Y.P. sponsored "back to childhood" night. Further five B.S. scholars made decision on 29th, bringing total of nine during anniversary.

Geelong (T. A. Fergusson). — B.S. anniversary continued Mar. 22, when preacher spoke at all services. After kinder items in afternoon, Mrs. Carr presented prizes to kinders and cradle roll children. Mr. Fergusson presented prizes to senior school. A large legacy has been received by church from estate of our late sister, Miss E. Latham.

Church continues in preparation and prayer for forthcoming Belmont mission.

Portland.—Meetings continue to be well attended, and have included a number of visitors. W. W. Saunders, Conference Pres., spoke at thanksgiving service. Offering amounted to over £100. K. Jones and three college students took meeting on Mar. 15. Several members went to Western District Conference at Warrnambool. Mr. Wilkie (Ballarat) addressed morning and special evening service on Mar. 22. Help of visiting brethren has been appreciated. On Mar. 7 B.S. picnic was held on Dutton Beach.

Warracknabeal (W. Wakefield).—Annual meeting was held, when officers elected were Messrs. Earl (sec.), Crocker (treas.), Joyce Rogers, Cunningham, Sheriff and Harmer. L. Rogers, Mesdames McQueen and Buckingham and D. Joyce were appointed organists. Harvest thanksgiving services were held, and gifts taken to hospital.

Camberwell.—Since church has been without minister, Mr. Abercrombie has taken morning services. Visiting speakers at evening services have included P. Foster and Miss E. Vawser. Mr. Foster was speaker at harvest thanksgiving, when boys from Burwood Boys' Home were present. Boys had been guests of parents of B.S. scholars. T. Clemments has been ill.

Bentleigh (J. Wiltshire).—Successful series of anniversary gatherings commenced with kinders on Mar. 1, and concluded Mar. 22. Speakers were Messrs. McCoyne (School for Linguistics), J. E. Brooke, W. Pike, K. Jones and A. Haskell. Singing was led by C. Gadge and orchestra. Annual meeting was held on Mar. 25. There have been 27 additions by faith and obedience, and 17 added by statement and transfer. Reports were encouraging, especially that of the B.S. and Y.P. work. Ladies' M.B. has made a valuable contribution to work. Classes were held to help Y.P. who made decision. Small B.S. had been commenced by Mrs. Lewis in her home at East Bentleigh, with present enrolment of 30. Gloria Hardy won Victoria junior amateur swimming competition. Cricket team won premiership in their grade.

Middle Park (J. Plummer).—Mr. Plummer's addresses and visitation are appreciated. Successful youth tea was held on Mar. 22 prior to gospel service. Sis. Francis, A. Roberts and J. Cocks (Parkdale) rendered musical items. Fellowship with Mrs. Shipway (S.A.) has been enjoyed.

Preston (J. E. Searle).—Church had splendid meetings on Mar. 1, with film service in evening. Miss E. Vawser was speaker in morning of Mar. 8. B.S.

picnic was held on Mar. 9 at Wattle Park. Anniversary services on 15th and 22nd were successful, with singing of scholars under leadership of D. MacDonald. C.E. entertained Thornbury on 16th. S. Gray is now out of hospital.

Dandenong (A. R. Pigdon).—On Mar. 14 B.S. held picnic at Mornington. On 18th Christian Women's Fellowship held an inaugural business meeting to discuss unifying women's work of church. Y.P.F. held meeting at home of Mrs. Zeuschner on 21st, with H. J. Patterson as speaker, and Jean Falloon soloist. Church members have been challenged to read Bible through in year. Mesdames Warmbrunn, Hales, snr., and Roland, and Kevin Cron have been ill.

Balwyn (J. E. Brooke).—On Mar. 22 speaker at morning service was Mr. Funston (Local Option Alliance). L. Warmbrunn, S. Hogan and preacher were appointed delegates to Conference. Mid-week fellowship meeting is maintaining keen interest—over 30 attending regularly.

Wangaratta (R. J. Anderson).—Harvest thanksgiving was held on Mar. 1. Proceeds were sent to Oakleigh Guest Home. B.S. held picnic at Tarrowingee bridge. Ladies' Guild and M.B. annual meeting was held recently. Mrs. Anderson was re-elected president, sec. is Mrs. Ivan Jackel, M.B. supt., Mrs. Lloyd Jackel, hospital convener and pianist, Mrs. Scott-Brown, vice-pres. Mesdames Scott-Brown and A. Moore, and social convener, Mrs. Ray Patrick. Annual meeting and election of officers of church was held on Mar. 20: elder, Kevin Jackel; deacons, H. Scott-Brown, Ivan Jackel, Athol Jackel, Ray Patrick, E. Kershaw; deaconesses, Mrs. A. Franks, Marj. Dinning, J.C.E. supt., Cath Ashmead; organists, Mrs. Scott-Brown, Misses M. Campbell, G. Campbell, Betty Anderson; B.S. supt., R. J. Anderson; "A.C." agent, F. S. Green, H.M. offering has amounted to £40. Eight have re-dedicated their lives during past two Sundays. On 22nd visitor who had previously made her confession in Wangaratta was baptised.

East Preston (F. Langford).—While preacher was on holidays, Messrs. Fisher, K. Jones, F. Lee and E. L. Williams spoke. B.S. held picnic on Labor Day. Senior, intermediate and junior boys' clubs and 1st and 2nd degree Good Companions are held. Y.W.L. has good attendance. Miss E. Vawser and Dr. Troup have been speakers at Y.W.F. B.S. has had record attendance of 189. Average attendances for Feb. were 62 a.m., 58 p.m., breaking bread, 72.

Black Rock (A. Avery).—At evening service on Mar. 15 Mr. Mills (Dandenong) spoke, and Mr. and Mrs. Wolf, jnr., rendered two duets. Several visitors from Dandenong were present. Good Companions still maintain high attend-

ances. C.E. meets on Monday night. Harvest thanksgiving service was held on Mar. 22, when Mr. T. Combridge was speaker. Visitors have included Mr. White (Cheltenham). B.S. had first practice for anniversary under leadership of Claude Gadge. Reg. Brown and Mrs. Brown are still in hospital. Junior girls' class visited Zoo on 21st. Explorers meet under leadership of Ron Cameron and Ivan Blythe.

Maidstone (E. H. Randall).—Picture night with N. Livett (Footscray) was appreciated and raised £7 towards new crockery. Mrs. Pfeifer supplied pasties for sale at conclusion of show. Church extension offering amounted to £6. C. J. Mackenzie took evening service on Mar. 22, exchanging with E. Randall, who spoke at Williamstown harvest festival. On 27th Crazy Hat and Tie Night was conducted by B.S. to assist funds. Bob Sellors is ill in St. Vincent's Hospital. Miss O. Trezise has resumed B.S. teaching after accident.

Berwick (D. Smith).—Farewell social was tendered to Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Stewart on Mar. 18 on termination of circuit. Presentations were made from church and Ladies' Guild. B.S. picnic was held at Seaford. Competition between boys and girls in B.S. has begun. Good Companions are maintaining keen interest. Fellowship held meeting at home of Mr. and Mrs. Hunter, when Doug. Beasey spoke to good attendance. Y.P. who attended Frankston camp gave echoes of experiences at evening service on Mar. 15. Mrs. J. Talent entertained ladies of Guild at her home at Parkdale on 26th. Gift stall netted 30/-. D. Smith's ministry is appreciated.

North Essendon (A. E. White, B.A.).—Excellent attendances marked harvest festival on Mar. 29. Two young men were immersed, and communicants for day totalled 120. Goods were distributed between Children's Home, Royal Park, and Indian famine area. Two choirs, junior and youth, represented church at competitions conducted by Y.P. dept. on 30th.

Moreland (J. Turner, B.A.).—On Mar. 15 there were five decisions. This was family service, and importance of united family worship was stressed. On 21st and 22nd youth camp was held at Mt. Evelyn.

Hampton (Stanton H. Wilson).—Harvest Thanksgiving service held on March 15. Gifts were distributed between College of Bible, United Nations appeal, and Crippled Children's Hospital. C.M.S. held birthday night, and opportunity was taken to express appreciation of work of Mr. and Mrs. A. Brown, and Mr. and Mrs. R. Lang, who have moved from district. Church, C.M.S., and Bible School made presentations. Boys' Explorer Club held street stall

for Indian famine relief, and raised £18/4/-. Bible School donated £3/5/-. and church offering amounted to £34/12/1. In absence of preacher, who was guest speaker at N.S.W. Conference, V. L. Gole and G. S. Kruse preached on March 29.

Bayswater (B. H. Crowden).—Church and B.S. picnic was held at Mordialloc on Feb. 21. C.E. members visited "Herald" offices, and had interesting evening. Plans are in progress for visitation campaign in May. C grade tennis team has reached finals. Meetings are well maintained, and Mr. Crowden's addresses are much appreciated.

Peel-st., Ballarat.—On Mar. 6 concert was held in aid of B.S., and £43 raised. B.S. picnic was held at Geelong on 9th. T. Coad conducted morning service on 22nd. In evening four members gave five minutes talks. On Mar. 29 R. Feary conducted morning service, and in evening A. Graham led family service, in which number took part.

Red Hill (N. Gilmore).—On Mar. 29 Mr. Byatt (C.I.R.C.A.) was speaker. Mr. and Mrs. Bell. (Gardiner) and Mrs. N. Kingston (N.S.W.) were visitors. At gospel service Mrs. N. Kingston rendered solo. J. Kirby led song service. After service Mr. Byatt gave short address and showed film *The Road We Walk*. Offering was taken to assist C.I.R.C.A. Visiting scholars from other churches have attended B.S.

East Kew.—On Mar. 21 P.B.P. gave kitchen tea to Marjorie Elliot and A. Waters prior to marriage. At annual B.S. meeting F. H. Elliot was re-elected supt. for 27th year. R. Prince is sec., and E. Buchanan treas. On 26th A. Snibson showed travel films to Y.W.F. Explorers gained record place in swimming sports. Speakers on Mar. 29 were K. Jones and F. Combridge.

Warragul (V. Quayle).—Church annual meeting was held on Mar. 17, with heartening reports from all auxiliaries and treas. Emphasis at present is on building project for hall behind existing chapel. Harvest festival was held early in month, produce being given to West Gippsland Hospital. Board and nursing staff were represented at evening service. Preacher and group of Y.P. joined in camp with suburban groups at Frankston on Labor day weekend.

Emerald-Avonsleigh (D. D. Stewart).—While preacher was on vacation W. Boys, H. L. Sercombe and J. Strange took services. W.M.B. held successful birthday on Mar. 11, when Mrs. H. A. G. Clark was speaker. Mrs. A. M. Legge, ordered rest, has gone to Wollongong, N.S.W., for three months. D. Nelson is new B.S. supt., and P. Legge sec.

Since discontinuance, after one year, of Berwick - Emerald - Avonsleigh circuit, preacher is now serving last two churches. Avonsleigh harvest festival was held on Mar. 22, when gifts were sent to Will H. Clay Nursing Home.

Warnambool (H. M. Long).—Guest speaker on Mar. 15 was K. Jones, accompanied by three C.O.B. students, who assisted in service. Western District C. of C. held annual conference on 21st. Harvest festival was on 29th, when goods were given to Alvaston Private Hospital and Oakleigh Guest Home. Mr. and Mrs. Collet have been recent visitors. On morning of 21st Mr. Collet spoke.

Northcote (W. G. Graham).—Miss E. Vawser was speaker at senior M.B. on afternoon of Mar. 17, and junior M.B. in evening. Food for India offering was almost £32, and church extension £35. Mrs. White is inmate of Will H. Clay Rest Home. Church sympathises with W. T. Atkin in home call of father.

Carnegie (L. G. Crisp, L.Th.).—Annual church meeting was held Mar. 11. Encouraging reports were received. 22 were added during year by faith and baptism. Officers elected were sec., A. Galletly; treas., C. L. Ward; deacons, S. Jenner, K. Little, E. Eaton, S. Wilkerson, R. Hindman and L. Enticnap. Flower show on 14th realised £26 to date for temple day appeal. G. Rose was speaker at youth service on Mar. 22 when two boys made decision. G. Grainger (Springvale) spoke Mar. 29. In evening a lady was baptised. Men's soc. election resulted in pres., S. Jenner; sec., J. B. Ferguson; treas., G. Warmbrunn. Prayer meeting members attended mission at Prahran on 25th.

Balwyn (J. E. Brooke).—Mar. 29 services were well attended. In evening items were rendered by junior choir, under leadership of Miss Dorothy Malting. Y.P. cleaned chapel and held special working bee on 28th. Ray Patterson will lead newly formed I.C.E. Soc., commencing shortly. Goods collected at Harvest Thanksgiving service on Mar. 22 were conveyed by Mr. and Mrs. Don Russell to Emmaus Rest Home, where they were greatly appreciated.



The British Churches' Committee on Gambling has released careful estimates showing that during 1952 £575,000,000 changed hands in various forms of gambling in Great Britain. This figure is twenty-five million pounds less than in 1951, but while there has been a decrease in betting on horse and dog racing, there was an increase of nearly £9,000,000 on football pools. More positive teaching on the issues involved in gambling should be part of the churches' answer to the gambling menace, in Australia as well as Britain.

DANDENONG CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The women of Dandenong church, Vic., feel they are taking a forward step in forming a Christian Women's Fellowship. It has long been felt that there is a need to co-ordinate the work of the women of the church. It was not until after the visit of Mrs. Snodgrass and Mrs. Pollock to Dandenong that a meeting was called to discuss the idea of forming this fellowship, using the American Constitution as a guide. At this meeting it was decided to try out the idea for a year, starting in 1953. Using the Executive of the existing Mission Band and Young Women's Fellowship as a nominating committee, the first general meeting was called for March 18. Mrs. Pigdon outlined what was meant by the name. "Christian Women's Fellowship." The emphasis is not the raising of money, but to have all members of the church in active fellowship. Every member automatically becomes a member of the C.W.F. So that all may be catered for, the C.W.F. is divided into several groups, worship, M.B., Y.W.F., Business Women's Fellowship, Catering, Busy Bee, Musical and Visitation. Other groups will be formed as the need arises. Each group has a convener, and as many members as it desires, with its own office-bearers where necessary. Everyone is invited to the monthly meeting of the C.W.F., which commences with lunch, and can belong to as many groups as desired. These groups will meet at least once a month. While the Dandenong C.W.F. is only an experiment, it is felt that much can be accomplished in extending the spiritual life of the women of the church.

IN MEMORIAM.

BALLOCH.—Treasured memories of my dear husband and loving father. Alexander, passed away April 9, 1952.

—Inserted by his loving wife, family, and grandchildren.

BALLOCH, Alexander. — Cherished memories of our loved one, who fell asleep at Glen Iris, April 9, 1952.

—Inserted by his loving wife and family.

PAGE.—In loving memory of our darling daughter, Verosa, who died on Apl. 4, 1941, also our dear son, Ray, late A.I.F., who died on Oct. 15, 1942, dearly loved son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Page, Preston, loved brother and sister of Charles.

OLDFIELD.—In ever loving and happy memory of our dear mother, Jessie Oldfield, who passed from us April 10, 1951.

—St. Clair and Bill.

MISSIONARY NEWS

(Notes supplied by A. Anderson,
Sec. F.M. Board.)

FAMINE APPEAL PROGRESS

Funds received by the Board for this appeal now amount to over five hundred and fifty pounds, any balance of which will have been forwarded to India by the end of March. If sufficient funds come in quickly, they will be sent immediately, without waiting for the usual monthly remittances.

A family whom we know well, and whose gift of £10 would mean real sacrifice wrote: "We feel very concerned with the plight of the Christians in India during this famine, and feel that all possible help should be sent to them. We recognise that as Mr. Waghmodi has said, our gifts will be but as a drop in the bucket, but that does not permit us to withhold the drops. Certainly the Lord can use them in a very wonderful way, and perhaps at a very critical time. We have read of many occasions of help being forthcoming just when the position has been most desperate for some of his praying ones, and so we are sending our small contribution to give what aid is possible to our brethren and sisters in India."

The latest official word from "Our India" reports: "Conditions are still bad, extreme in some places. We have been able to make satisfactory arrangements with regard to work for some of our people, but the Pargaon people are having a desperate time. Money would help us to meet both immediate needs of these poor people, and also plan works that would have a recurring value, deepening wells, and maybe other types of work. We have six of our Dhorja men working here at Shrigonda at present, deepening the well for the present, and later they will be working on building embankments around the field. We have had a very definite result from their well work. Our water supply has increased many times. We now water in a day what we were watering in about a week before. It means that even if the two other wells give out, this new one will probably stand up to things fine. The little children from the Girls' Home are already bathing there, and all the compound people drawing from there because the other wells are not up to meeting their needs."

NEW WELL, BARAMATI.

The need for an additional well at Baramati was stressed by John Bairagi during his visit to Australia. Suitable land for vegetable and fruit growing at Baramati has not been brought into full bearing because of the lack of water. The request for a new well is an endeavor to supply that lack. The vegetables and fruit would be an acquisition to the Boys' Home, and give additional water in times like the present.

Mr. Bairagi has been authorised to

proceed forthwith on this project, and funds for any additional labor will be supplied from Famine Appeal funds. The Government of India has stressed that wherever possible work should be given to help needy people—not "hand-outs." Thus a dual purpose will be served by using relief funds. Some donors who have given donations for the well project are in agreement that this money be thus used. The work must be undertaken before the usual rains break, thus gifts for Famine Relief must be in hand soon. Here is a practical way of supporting needy Christians.

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"Where d'you think I first realised the world didn't just consist of me and my family? Sunday school.

"Where d'you think I got the big thrill of my young life? The Sunday school soiree, where I was on the programme for the first time.

"And where d'you think I got my first experience of the greatest book ever written?"

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Obituary

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 saddened by the passing to the higher
 life of Eunice Alberta Chislett, who
 was born at Mildura on July 4, 1917.
 She was the elder daughter of Mr. and
 Mrs. A. J. Brown, of "Pine Lodge,"
 Carwarp. She confessed her faith in
 Christ at Camberwell, and was bap-
 tised by R. L. Williams in 1936, while
 staying with relatives in Melbourne.
 Later she trained as a nurse in Mildura
 Base Hospital, and for a time served
 as a sister in a Melbourne hospital. In
 1941 she married Robert Lindsay Chis-
 lett, of Merbein, who was then serving
 in R.A.A.F. After the war she settled
 with her husband on a fruit block at
 Red Cliffs. She was a devoted wife
 and mother of three young daughters,
 Faye, Roberta and Jennifer. After
 periods of indifferent health she passed
 away at her home on March 7. After
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