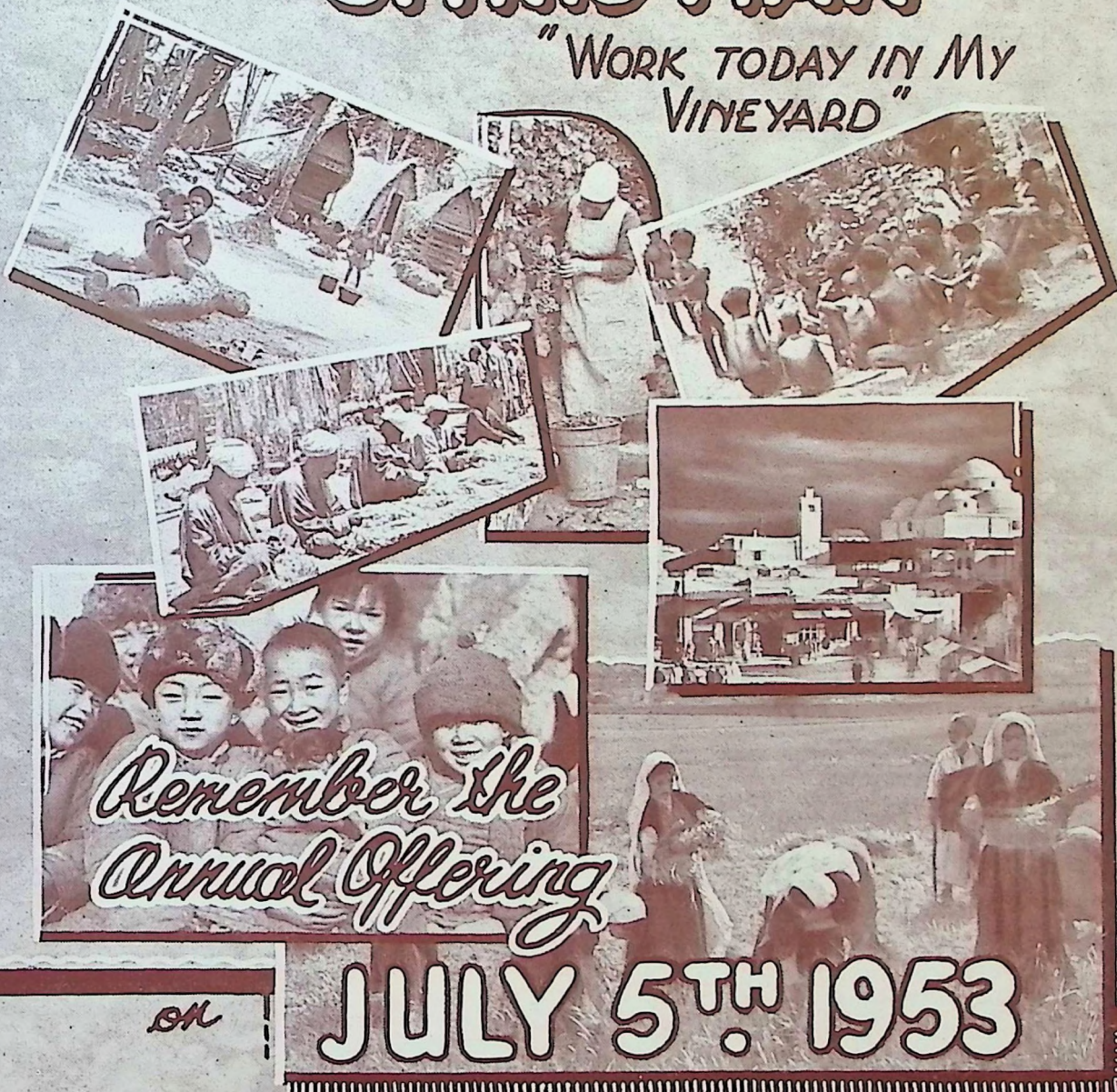


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# WE SHARE *because* WE CARE



Type of girl in Baramati area. Tens of thousands of such children wander India to-day seeking food.

## Food Supply Problem

"No matter how you cut the world's loaf of bread, there is still not enough to go around the table," says the United Nations Reporter. The population is growing by leaps and bounds. More than 68,000 new faces appear at the breakfast table every morning.

In the Far East where half the population of the world lives, seven spoonfuls of food out of every ten contain rice. But the rice production in the Far East is below prewar levels. At the same time the population has increased, so that 11 people take their places at the table to-day where only ten were to be found before the war.

We may well ask—"Will this imbalance tilt the scales toward peace or war?" A major war would bring starvation to millions not at all engaged in the conduct of the war. Any interruption to international trade would likewise cause world-wide disaster. Technical advances in food production as well as international aid to underdeveloped countries are vitally essential in the immediate future. We must share because we care, not only care for the millions who are now undernourished, but also because we care for ourselves, our own welfare and future peace and indeed our very existence.—Robert M. Hopkins, president, Golden Rule Foundation.

June 9, 1953.

## Wake Up or Blow Up!

"There are 1,700,000,000 people in the underprivileged areas of the earth who are ignorant, hungry and sick," he said. "Eight out of ten live on the land but do not earn a living there. Their annual income is between 25 and 80 dollars. Eight out of ten cannot read or write. Two out of three are sick. Most of them are colored. The world revolution roots in the fact that these people know their needs can be met, and they are clamoring for status. The balance of power in the world is with them. Whoever meets their needs wins the future. Given the desire and the methods of Jesus, we can meet their needs. It cannot be done through physical power, but it can be done with love.

"The world is in danger of entering a new dark age, because we first inspired the little peoples of the earth with our American dream, and then selfishly forsook and forgot them. In desperation, therefore, they turn to communism, which offers glittering



Happy girls at meal time Shrigonda Orphan home. This is the only home many of our girls know.

but false promises to meet their needs. We can really meet their needs, provided we have the motive of Jesus. If we help them simply to save our skins, we will lose. We must help them because they are people — the children of God, for whom Christ died.—The Christian-Evangelist.

## FAMINE RELIEF

OVER £2000 SENT INDIA BY  
THE BROTHERHOOD. HAVE  
YOU HAD A SHARE?



Hard work and scant return.—An Indian farmer ploughs the hard soil. During the past 10 years India's population increased 13 per cent.

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# HEIGHTS YET UNREACHED

**E**VEREST is conquered! It was a thrilling moment when the news was flashed through to us early on Coronation Day. It seemed so fitting a last-minute victory, the tribute of man's daring offered, on her day of days, to a gracious Queen. For so long Everest has stood as the symbol of the unattainable. That man should conquer now, after so many defeats, is surely a triumph worthy of pride and honor. But those who at last have stood on "the roof of the world" would be the last to forget those earlier men whose daring failures spurred them on to final triumph. In the truest sense, it is the victory of them all.

There are other heights for which men have striven without the crowds' acclaim—inner victories of the spirit, snatched almost from defeat; daring ventures of those who have taken literally the Nazarene's command, "Go ye into all the world." It is to such men and women that this issue is dedicated. There have been some peak points reached in missionary enterprise, especially during the past two centuries, and there are honored names the Church does well to remember. But without the unsung heroes of the Cross the stories of the great would never have been written. They, too, had their ideals for the Mission Churches, and knew that all their working must strive towards the day when from those Churches themselves there would come leadership and spiritual drive.

So they planned, as our own beloved missionaries now plan — knowing many a defeat and disappointment, but urging forward to that goal, feeling the time fast slipping away. There is very little that is spectacular about their work, or about

such a plan as "Indianisation," of which the Federal F.M. Secretary writes over-page. But the reaching of their goal will mean much more to the world than the conquest of an icy peak. The development of strong indigenous churches is a major duty laid upon Western missions today. The inclusion in this issue of brief messages from some members of the Mission Churches in India and the Islands is a happy pointer to the new day ahead.

World-wide missions are conscious of, and working towards, goals never before attempted with such passion. The Ad Interim Committee of the International Missionary Council said in Geneva in Feb., 1946, "God is calling us . . . to attempt a great new evangelistic advance in his name and power. . . . We pledge ourselves to do all in our power to quicken the mission-consciousness of the churches, and the church-consciousness of missions."



"Not an ounce of grain remains." Think of India's need, and its deeper hunger for the Bread of Life.  
—Block courtesy News and Mail newspapers, S.A.

If our own missions and missionaries are to share in, and achieve, these aims, they will need unprecedented help from the home churches. Read what the mission treasurer in India wrote to the Board, and sense the urgency of these men and women who see so much to be done, in perhaps so little time. We have not failed them with our responses to the recurring famine appeals — and one of the most moving notes in the following pages tells how Island women sent their gifts for hungry India—but the need is bigger, more urgent even than that. We must help them build strong churches, and how much we give and pray in these next few years might well be decisive. Let our giving on July 5 prove that we are with them as they make for the heights.



# INDIA'S NEW DAY

## Let Us Rejoice!

A. Anderson, Fed. F.M. Secretary.

In answering the Jews who criticised his claims, and lifted up Abraham their father, Jesus said, "Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and when he saw it, he rejoiced." The Jews refused to rejoice because they felt that day had not yet come.

Over seventy years ago, when the pioneers of our missionary movement began to think in terms of overseas missions, they visualised in their planning a day when the work they commenced would have sufficient leaders in these "far-off lands" who would be able to assume full responsibility and carry on the work of the Lord. In prospect "they rejoiced to see MY day"—the day when Christ would be known, and in turn, would be made known by those who had accepted him. We believe that in "Our India" that day has dawned.

Next August in India the annual meetings will be held, and it is anticipated that the work in "Our India" will be Indianised. This means simply that the Indian Conference will have some say in appointing an Executive which will undertake the responsibility for the direction and control of the work. This Executive will be known as the Committee of Management.

This Indianisation will be done in three stages, and at each stage more nominees of the Indian Conference will be appointed to the Committee of Management, and at the end of six years, six out of the seven members of the C.O.M. will be elected by the Indian Conference. At this stage, Indianisation can be regarded as being complete. During this interim period, as Indian brethren and sisters of ability become available, they will as far as possible be given positions of responsibility. Australian missionaries will continue as heretofore, but their work and function will gradually come under the direction of the C.O.M. elected by the Indian Conference.

### SOME IMPORTANT FACTORS.

1. When Indianisation is complete—missionaries from Australia will work in equal partnership with their Indian brethren.

2. Under Indianisation it does not necessarily mean that there will be less Australian missionaries in India—it probably will mean that more high grade Indian workers will be added as time goes on.

3. Under Indianisation — missionaries being members of the Indian Conference would be eligible for election on the Committee of Management.

4. Under Indianisation—the Australian brotherhood cannot expect to be relieved of financial responsibility for India—it is likely our responsibilities will increase. Indian Christians have been encouraged to give, and this policy will be continued. Nevertheless, we must remember that most of our Christians are extremely poor, and in the present famine conditions they merely exist.

5. That even when the voice of the missionary is silent, **THE VOICE OF THE CHURCH CONTINUES.**

**OUR FATHERS REJOICED TO SEE THIS DAY. LET US BE GLAD AND REJOICE IN IT.**

Block courtesy News and Mail Newspapers



A. Anderson.

The Secretary of the F.M. Board will leave for India on July 9 for important conference with missionaries and Indian leaders. He will return about the end of September.

## On Returning to India

Patricia Coventry.

While the mind of the brotherhood will be turning towards Annual Offering day for Overseas Missions in July, the three little girls and I will be in the last stages of our preparations for return to India. As most of you can recall, we arrived in South Australia last November for the purpose of taking Margaret, our five-year-old daughter to an eye specialist, who in due course performed the very necessary operation on both eyes.



A Missionary Group.

Reading from left: Miss Hazel Skuce, Miss F. Cameron (Mary Coventry), Mrs. and Mr. B. V. Coventry, Miss Ruth Roberts and Miss Kath Taylor. Margaret and Judy Coventry front. Margaret is the girlie who needed skilled attention to her eyes. Mrs. Coventry and girls are booked on the same boat as Fed. Secretary, Stratheden, July 9.

We are very thankful for the prayers which have been offered on behalf of Margaret by so many of God's people. Our loving Heavenly Father has graciously heard and answered, and we are able to return to India feeling confident that the child's vital needs have been met, and that she should have normal use of her eyes. Both eyes, which were crossed, have responded successfully to the medical attention received, and the glasses which she was wearing before have been tossed aside.

It was with very mixed feelings that we left the field while Mr. Coventry remained to carry on, but as we prayed day by day for definite guidance for each step of the way and each problem that arose, events shaped in such a way that by the time we left we felt without doubt that this was the Lord's will for us, and we looked to him for strength to carry on. When we left, our future was quite unknown, as we could not estimate what length of time would be required for Margaret's treatment, nor how she would respond, so you can imagine how pleased we are that within a few months we are able to return with confidence. Our hearts are filled with gratitude to God, to those who prayed, and to the one who performed the operation.

We look to the brotherhood for continued support and prayer interest in "Our India," for the need is greater than ever. Urgent is the task. Today's opportunities must not be lost.

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# SCARCITY

F. Cameron, Shrighonda.

Our large family in the Home makes it natural to mention the famine conditions. Some do not call it famine, but "scarcity." Others again say, it would be termed "famine." No doubt it would have been so called years ago,



Miss F. Cameron and Sitabai, Matron of Shrighonda Girls' Home.

but in these days of quick transport, situations are relieved quickly in some places. International sympathy and help have an awakening effect as well. The Press soon exposes neglect on the part of leaders, and the poor are not left to suffer to the same extent. The indifference of Governments and those in authority calls for open criticism through the Party papers, and although this may not arise out of compassion for the weak, but for political reasons, yet it does bring helpful results, and is a warning that the state of the people in some measure does reflect on the party in power. With communism looking on and waiting to exploit the situation, it does keep those responsible alert to the needs of the people.

When times of real famine or hard conditions came in the past, the people accepted suffering as their fate. They learned to do without so many things and to live on so little, and millions still continue to do so, making their patience and resignation amazing and puzzling, in that they continue in a measure of health and retain the desire to live. Their ability to maintain a certain zest in life is also a source of wonder. In fact,

as one studies the conditions in the homeland and the frenzy of so many to find wild amusement to put zest into life, one concludes that these who are searching for their daily food, in their poverty and insecurity for themselves, and for their children, are more under the pitying eye of God than those having more temporal things, yet seeking to spend their spare time with expensive and worldly pleasures. The latter leave little thought to their duties to God and Christ, and so miss this simple contentment that these "uncivilised" ones enjoy in their so different conditions. Satan does not leave them alone, for there are evil ones amongst them who would grasp and steal from those equally poor. Those who would share their small supplies with those who have none are far greater in number.

Recently while our grain was in the village mill room, and Gunpat was absent for a few minutes, an unknown man came in and went to open one of the bags to take grain. A woman there, with her daughter, knowing it was the Home supply, snatched his hand away, and said, "Do you not know that this is for the bread of poor children?" Later she told Sitabai, our matron, of what she had seen. Maybe the man had children at home for whom there was no bread. He was unknown, and we were thankful for the woman's help, as we thank God for his constant help.

## Friendship Centre

Hazel Skuce, Baramati.

The numbers that continue to come into the Centre are increasing, and we now have 840 ladies on the roll.

A few years ago the people of the village wouldn't think of coming into the church for a service, but that has all changed now. Only last night I asked some of the young girls to come to the service which we will be holding on Easter Friday, and without any hesitation they agreed to come. Dr. Reid Graham is to be the guest speaker, and I know that they will hear a heart searching message.

This month I have started a 2nd Degree Good Companions' Club for the Christian young women, and after the hot season I am planning for the girls from the Centre to come and join in with our own Christian girls. This will enable our Christian girls to witness to these village girls, with whom in every day life they have no contact, of the saving and keeping power of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Meena, a girl who is doing her M.A.

in Poona, came home for fifteen days at Christmas time, and we had some very interesting and helpful discussions. Both Meena and her sister, who is doing second year arts, have lost all faith in the Hindu religion,



Brahmin girls who are keenly interested and are regular attenders of the Friendship Centre, Baramati.

and they do not class themselves as Hindus. This has mainly come through the teachings that they have been receiving at the Universities. They are taught that everything in this world is illusion, and that there is no such person as the Creator, and no such thing as truth. They remind me of ships on the ocean without a Captain, not having any port to go to. The night before Meena went back to Poona, she came and spent a couple of hours with me talking about the things of God. The last words she said were: "I do so much want to believe what you do, and to put my faith in Christ." I have given her a New Testament and some Christian books for her to study while she is in Poona. How much these young people need our prayers, especially those of our own Christians who are studying in Colleges and Universities.

*"Work To-day in My Vineyard"*



# LIVING WATER

L. J. Michael,  
Dhond.

My attention was arrested by an Indian girl who was moving away from the patients' tap at the Dhond hospital with a vessel full of water balanced on her head. It was not that there was anything of special note in that, for it is the customary method of carrying water in this country. Women are often to be seen moving along quite briskly with two vessels, one on top of the other, balanced on their heads.

But this lass presented a different picture. She was strolling along in a very leisurely fashion, and would slowly turn her whole body this way or that to take in anything of interest in her environment. Instead of the usual narrow-necked brass vessel, the aluminium "hundi" upon her head was shaped more like a saucepan bereft of its handle, and every few steps she took a considerable

quantity of water splashed onto her body. Her complete lack of concern about this shameless waste resulted in reflection on the question of our absolute dependence upon water.



Dhond Bible woman presenting the gospel on hospital compound.

Here we are in the midst of a famine. Even the usual meagre rainfall failed, and except for a few farmers blessed with exceptional wells, or supplied by irrigation water, the tillers of the soil failed to gather any crops. It is not until we are deprived of water that we begin to appreciate how indispensable it is.

How intolerable it is to suffer from intense thirst! And in this land of India how many there are who suffer not only physical but, what is incomparably more important, spiritual thirst. Would that more would heed the invitation of him who cried, "If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink." And again, "Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst: but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life."

## Dhorja Activities

Kisan Alhat.

After the regular Sunday morning service at Dhorja we go most Sundays to neighboring villages where we have Christians: Bhangaon, Pargaon, and during the sugar cane season, to the Belvandi sugar factory. This means a cycle ride of from 4 to 20 miles for the return trip. Visits other than on Sundays are also made when possible. There were as many as 30 of our Christians at the sugar factory this year, and most of them managed to attend the services we held there each Sunday. They are now all back in their own villages again, or out on famine relief work somewhere.

There being no medical facilities at Dhorja we have a small supply of medicines for the boys of the Home, but we also have a number of the village people coming for medicines at any time of the day or night. Whenever possible opportunity is taken to preach to the non-Christians of Dhorja, and surrounding villages. At the weekly bazaar at Bhangaon some of the boys accompany us, and we have a short time in which we sing and preach to those who have come to buy and sell.

This last year we have had an average of 30 boys in the Home. Apart from their regular school lessons we give them 30 to 40 minutes' devotional sessions each night, which include singing, scripture reading, short talks and prayer. These sessions together

with their Sunday School and Bible Quiz Sessions have helped these lads to gain considerable Bible knowledge.

Last year we were able to buy grain for the boys at quite a good price, but this year with the famine the price is up 50 per cent., which makes the future anything but easy for providing as we were able to do last year. As in the past God has supplied our needs, so we know that he will again meet the needs this year.



Kisan Alhat and family. Kisan is one of our fine young preachers.

## Food Shipment.

The Stratheden, on July 9, will carry 8 tons of food stuffs for our missionaries and for relief of those in need.

## Our Home Budget

A. Anderson, Fed. F. M. Sec.

Each year the Federal Board make out an estimated budget for the coming year. The financial year begins on July 1, and thus coincides with the Annual Offering each year.

It should be clearly understood that though "Famine Relief" funds have come in freely, these cannot in any way help "General Funds." On the other hand, it is obvious that there are likely to be greater needs in our ordinary work because of famine, which must be met apart from Famine Funds.

Because the Indian work will be "Indianised," it will not mean they will need less funds from Australia.

The estimated budget for all our known general needs amounts to £20,600. This does not include any extras that might arise.

E. W. Heard, treasurer of the Committee of Management in India, commenting on the large budget requirement from India, wrote: "And when you have reviewed all the figures, they will give but little indication that therein lies our barest need to meet this day of opportunity in India, this vital land on the frontiers of Christianity, wherein the measure of the Church's success will cause future generations to bless the name of those who made it possible: the Board and the Australian brotherhood."

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# PRE-EASTER SERVICES

Hariba Waghmodi, Indapur.

After the "Week of Witness" came the Passion Week of our Lord and Saviour. During this week we made a special effort to preach in the "Friendship Centre" every morning. And in this case also we had a marvellous response from our readers. Morning after morning, right through the week they came to the Centre with a fresh interest in their mind to learn more about the Lord Jesus, as he approached the cross for the salvation of mankind. And on the last day, the place was full with students and grown up people to listen to the message of the Lord Jesus on the cross, "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do," and, "It is finished!"

These words of the Lord from the cross were most touching to the crowd. And as the crowd parted we could see on their faces what must have been in their hearts: that man has crucified a deity in the Lord Jesus Christ, that God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself. This thought must have lingered all day in their hearts and minds, for towards the evening some of the same crowd came to the Centre and requested me to tell them more about the Lord crucified. At this request my heart filled with joy, giving thanks to God.

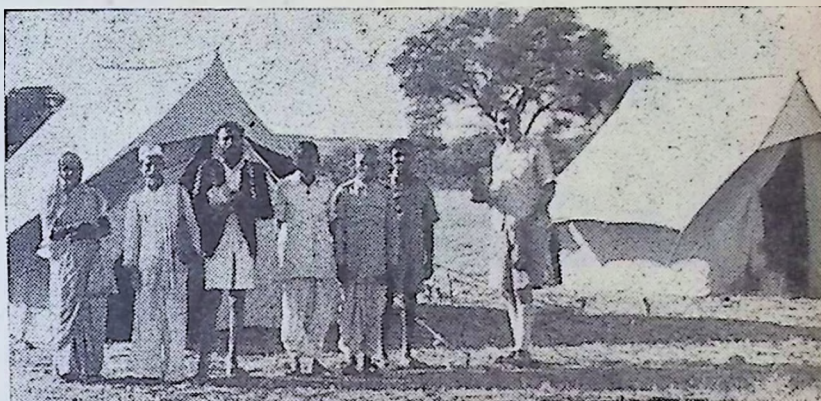
And in a moment a thought flashed

into my mind—that here at last has come the day for which we and many others have been praying and working for many years. And what more! We were most encouraged at the end of the hour's discussion with them. "We would like to come again and learn more about the Bible and its teaching," were their parting words that night. All this has happened in a surprising way. Although we have been working all along towards this end, i.e., to build up a friendly relationship with the people, we did not

expect that there would be such an early response from them.

We cannot help but think that the Spirit of God is active, and it is for us to know the signs of the times even now. We must be all the more active in his work while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work.

The field is ready, the day is far spent and the workers are few! Pray that the Lord may raise many good and faithful workers unto himself.



Evening camp outside a village. Mr. Colin Thomas, Bible woman and preachers.

## Tradition's Power

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Munro, Bhigwan.

While at Vatkluse on the Beemer river camping four weeks ago, we had one of the best opportunities to witness that we have found so far in India.

The village normally has about eight hundred people in it, but due to the famine some six hundred of these have left. It was a good village, because they were relatives of Hariba Waghmodi, they were friendly, they were interested, they wanted to listen. They allowed Billie Jean and the women to enter their homes (we visited every home several times). One Moslem lad said, "I will be the first to become a Christian. They are right." The ex-patil's son (head man) agreed: "They are right, I have broken caste." Why did neither of them act on their new found faith? It was not a case of truth, they had that. It was the tradition of the joint family and the economic blockade. Who would marry the sister of a man who was a Christian? Who would purchase from the store of a man who was a Christian? Hariba

rightly said: "We must not only win the individual but we must win the family." Here in India tradition is greater than truth. But not greater than the truth that pierces like a two-edged sword.

## Water—in a Thirsty Land

Ruth Roberts.

"Oh God, my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land where no water is."—Psalm 63: 1.

Never before have I so realised the miracle of obtaining water in a dry place, as I have since being in India.

When all around is dry and barren—and rocky, one can still find a well from whose depth one can obtain water—life giving water.

It is a provision of God that a man may live and not die.

India is a land of so many rivers, dry most of the year, and yet in the midst of these there are found rivers which run most of the year round. It's not that there is rain to feed them, but they flow from a hidden

spring. If it were not for these hidden springs, the people of India could not carry on. It is a provision of God in this dry land.

Truly, India is a barren and dry land spiritually, as indeed is the whole world. We, as Israel was, are led through the wilderness where there is no water. All around speaks death. Mankind dead—yes dead in trespasses and sins. We go astray as soon as we learn speaking lies.

Is there any hope? As God asked Jeremiah, "Son of Man, can these bones live?" "Oh Lord, thou knowest."

There is hope, but only in the power of God. When God brought Israel out of Egypt by a mighty deliverance, if he had not smitten the rock in the wilderness, they would have died. He opened the rock and the waters gushed—they ran in the dry places like a river.

We, too, need the miracles which God performs. The hope for the dry and thirsty land is Christ. Jesus Christ lived and said, "He that believeth in me, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water."

"And now, Lord, what wait I for? My hope is in thee."—Psalm 39: 7.



## Progress in Many Directions

Ron McLean, Aoba.

Robert Louis Stevenson, at a missionary meeting in Sydney, said: "I suppose I am in the position of many persons. I had conceived a great prejudice against missions in the South



Londua Training School Group.

Mr. Ron McLean with some of the young men in training as pastor-teachers.

Seas, but I had no sooner come there than that prejudice was reduced, then at last annihilated. Those who belittle missions have only one thing to do: to come and see them on the spot. They will see a great deal of good done, they will see a race being forwarded in many different directions, and, I believe, if they be honest persons, they will cease to complain of mission work and its effect."

Sixty years have elapsed since these words were spoken, but the truth that they convey has not lessened. People coming to the South Seas to-day indeed do see a people making progress in many different directions.

Through the medical work in the hospitals and health instruction given in schools, the general health of the people is on the upgrade.

Continuous teaching in the schools means that illiteracy is waning, and new and wonderful opportunities are being opened to the island people. If

it were not for the educational side of mission work, the native could have no ambition except to be a laborer for a planter or trader. Our own mission makes available a course in teacher training for those desiring to become pastor-teachers. At the same time a solid foundation is being laid for those desiring to become native medical practitioners and dentists by attending the Central Medical School in Suva.

There is also spiritual progress that must be noted. The missionary is well aware that there is much to be desired spiritually from the islanders. Nevertheless, preaching the Word of God unceasingly in villages near and far does bring results. The fact that the people of the South Seas live peacefully together is only one of the many evidences of spiritual progress.

The slow but certain progress being made in so many ways should encourage us to do all we can to support the work.

## *Impressions*

Win. Waterman, Aoba.

In entering a new land with a new task to do, there are always some first impressions that remain while others are lost with familiarity.

One of my first impressions was that I was on the Lord's business and a realisation of the tremendous task ahead of me, and of my own weakness for it, and the promises which I grasped, shall remain. "My strength is made perfect in weakness." "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee." These are more real than they have ever been before to me.

I find here a happy laughing people, who although somewhat shy, are always ready to shake hands.

Not many days here and my welcome by the Christian brethren of Aoba. It was a united meeting in the Ndul Ndul church, which was filled to capacity.

When everyone was gathered and waiting, Abel Barney conducted me up the steps and into the church. Everyone stood and sang the first hymn as Abel conducted me still further to a special seat in the front.

It is difficult to describe such a thrilling sensation as our brown-skinned brothers and sisters in the

faith raised their voices and hearts in song of praise.

In responding there was due reference made to my mother, who is well remembered by her school children and many of the women.

It would be difficult indeed to describe the singing. The deep, rumbling rich harmonies of the men stirred the soul. Many brought items of singing, which added to the spirit of the service.

Since then we have had the Easter services, a joy to be experienced rather than described.

"Christ the Lord is risen to-day, Hallelujah!" And with that glad triumphant note we welcomed the dawn of Easter morning, and our hearts thrilled as we surrounded the Table of Love and repeated the above words.

"His hands, and feet, and heart, all three

Were pierced for me on Calvary, And here and now, to him I bring My hands, feet, heart, an offering."



Win Waterman.

Our latest recruit for the work on Aoba. She is a fully qualified nursing sister, but for the present is teaching the primary school. She will also find scope in medical work.

THE LORD OF THE HARVEST CALLS FOR A GENEROUS OFFERING ON SUNDAY, JULY 5.

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# BROTHERHOOD

Though the word "brotherhood" does not belong essentially to Christians, it does, however, under Christianity, take on a fuller and a deeper meaning.

Recently the Indian people were deeply stirred because the Prime Minister, Mr. Nehru, toured through several hundred miles of stricken famine areas. The Times of India reports:—

"Mr. Nehru was visibly moved when he was shown thousands of huts four feet in height, in conical shape, hardly protecting the dwellers from the intense heat. He moved among the peasant women, some of whom were in tears, and assured them of every assistance from the Government to alleviate their suffering. Later, stopping his jeep near a herd of cattle, the Prime Minister saw the emaciated animals. They had neither enough fodder, nor sufficient drinking water."

Hundreds of men and women employed on relief works prostrated themselves before Mr. Nehru and reverently touched his feet. Addressing workers at one place, the Prime Minister said that he fully shared their sufferings and unhappiness. A worker in shreds said, "I am happy and overjoyed that the Prime Minister is sharing our sorrows."

From the New Hebrides, a letter has been received from Mrs. Toka, one

of our Island Christians, expressing the sympathy of the women for our Indian Christians, and asking that we forward a gift on their behalf:

"At our meeting on Wednesday afternoon, Mrs. McLean read to us the Christian news about the famine in India. How the people suffer much because of having no food. We want to give our small help to them. This £17/2/6 is a love giving to the Indian friends. From the Sisters in Christ on Aoba.—Isabel Toka."

And finally, Mrs. Harold Finger, of



Mr. and Mrs. Owen Jones

who are planned to leave in August for Pentecost. They will strengthen the work there and be ready to take hold when Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith return later in the year for furlough.

"why," but are very conscious of the ping story.

"Let me tell you of an interesting incident that happened recently. A letter arrived from America, from a man who served on Santo during the war. He stated that whilst here he received a letter from one of our young men, Solomon, who had signed himself 'Your Brother in Christ.' At the time that had not meant a thing to him, as he was not a Christian, but that phrase stuck in his mind, and since he had been converted, the wonder of that great brotherhood had dawned upon him, and he wrote seeking to acknowledge the tie that now binds him to his Brother Solomon here. He also enclosed some mail vouchers, so that Solomon and others can write to him.

"What a joy the word brotherhood is! There's warmth, security, intimacy, fellowship, companionship—yes, and strength to be found in it. Responsibility too, and to you who belong to our great brotherhood, go forth our sincere thanks and appreciation for practical and spiritual assistance in the task of establishing the church in this place. Many times when the burden is lightened, or strength supplied for the seemingly impossible task, we do not wonder 'why,' but are very conscious of the prayerful support of our brethren at Home."

## Study in Contrasts

John Buli, Pentecost Student.  
Londua Training School.

In the olden days our forefathers did not know the things we know to-day. Their lives were wicked and wild, and they spent much time in fighting with other villages. Men were killed with bows and arrows, or spears and clubs, and then could not save those who were wounded. Everyone must be killed and the dead bodies were just left in cracks in the rocks.

They had axes made from pieces of hard stone tied to a handle with a strong rope. These axes were used in cutting their weapons as well as drums for dancing, and their canoes.

They used to go along in the bush, and cut the timber for their house posts. They lived in grass houses made of cane roofs. As there were no windows the houses were dark inside.

The main food was yams, taro, bananas, manioc, bread-fruit, meat, cabbage, and eel fish. They knew the time for making their gardens,

and when the time of the harvest arrived they would take their big baskets and load them with all kinds of fruit. They would return to the house and hold a great feast, pigs were killed, and people danced for their heathen gods.

When the white man came, we saw two kinds of people. One was the missionary who brought the Christian gospel, following the command of our Master Jesus, in Matthew 28: 19-20. Others who came in those days were traders and recruiters who did much harm to the natives. When the recruiters came to the island they stole many people, and made them slaves for many years before they came back to their land.

Land was sometimes sold for five or ten links of old chain, hoop iron, empty bottles, sticks of tobacco, guns and axes. These were the prices of the land paid to the natives, but the worst of all was the strong drink.

We thank God that the Christian gospel has changed the lives of people in our group during the last hundred years.

The Condominium Government has been in our land for over fifty years, and we are glad it has come. The Government has done a great and good work among the natives of our islands. To-day no native can sell his land unless he asks permission from the court. In this way we are under British and French rule.



Great Pals.

Two Londua school boys with Ian and Graham McLean. Mr. McLean and family will return for furlough later in the year.



# Opening Graves with a Pen

I stared at him, and wondered if he was being silly. He was just an ordinary kind of fellow, and not one I should naturally connect with any hair-raising, blood-curdling adventures, and yet he had just informed me about his opening a tomb. He had disinterred the buried!

... He had sought and found a corpse: he had brought it back into the world. I could only stare at him.

His old eyes twinkled merrily. He was enjoying his joke, as, with renewed emphasis, he repeated his claim. He had just come from the graveyard. When he explained that it was the Bank of Scotland, I really did think his mind was unbalanced! I asked him to explain. His explanation revealed that many people bury their treasure—they might use

some of it—but the residue is buried for ever in the bank—the National Cemetery — and they never see it again.

He continued: "Well, my brother, I have just been down to my grave; I have shifted some of the debris, and looked at my buried friend. My! I'm just beginning to get a kick out of life. You find it hard to understand me, don't you? You want to know how it all came about. I can answer that, too. I was walking through a wood one morning, when everything in nature seemed to be praising God. The lovely trees, so tall and stately; the hills, so silent, yet so eloquent; the birds with their sweet music; everything was just grand. I spoke with the Saviour: 'Lord Jesus, I have so much money in my pocket, and

I have so much in the bank. Would you like some of it? If you want some for any special purpose, Lord, you are very welcome to it.'

"And my brother, it was at that moment I discovered the location of the National Cemetery! Many of God's servants are hindered through lack of financial support, whilst fortunes lie buried. Missionary enterprise is seriously curtailed because Christians sing, 'Take my silver and my gold,' and do not mean what they sing. Do you wonder why I opened my grave? Are you surprised that I dug up my golden corpse? I asked the Lord what I had to do, and he told me, and, brother, I'm really living now."

—(From the book *We Saw It Happen*, by Ivor Powell.

## Unloading Under Difficulties

J. Smith, Pentecost.

As we do not have a regular steamer calling here now; we have given instruction for anyone seeing a ship about, to come and tell us immediately, as we may then be able to contact it and so get mail out to Australia. A few nights ago, we were waiting for the news to come on the radio at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. Australian time), when Simon suddenly appeared at the door and said in a very excited voice, "Mr. Smith, steamer he come." It seemed fantastic that a steamer should call on us, especially at that hour; but a glance over the front verandah into the darkness, showed the port and starboard lights of a ship heading into our beach, so I called the other boys and we hurried down to our boat passage. By this time, the ship had anchored, so we realised that it must have considerable cargo for us. Fortunately, there were three men from Ranwash staying in the hospital with their children, so I sent for them, while another boy was "boo-booing" vigorously for more assistance. Joel and his son heard the "boo-boo" and they came down to help. Even so, we were still very short-handed, so I called out the house-girls to the rescue.

The night was very dark, no moon or stars, and there was quite a large sea breaking on the beach. After some delay, two boats put off loaded with



Mrs. Jack Smith and party of village women, Pentecost.

our cargo, so we all went into the water to unload, for the boats could not get in too close owing to the swell. The girls were holding hurricane lights so we could see to work; at one stage I saw Lily disappear under a wave; however she appeared safely on the other side of it; fortunately, she was not holding a light at the time.

After all the cargo was ashore, we found four of the cases were too heavy to be carried up the hill to the house, and as rain was threatening, we opened these cases by the light of hurricane lamps, and carried the contents up the hill in bags.

These goods had quite an eventful trip before they reached us, coming from Sydney on the Malaita, then transhipped at Santo and landed at Ndul Ndul, then picked up again by the same ship, and brought over here. This was extremely fortunate, for, as yet (16/2/53) a launch has not been able to go to Aoba, owing to the sea being so rough.

## "Not in Vain"

Jeremiah Buli, Londua Training School.

In the olden times the people in our own island did not live good. They were always fighters, fighting each other, but they did not fight as the white people do to-day, nation against nation.

They fought only in our own island of Aoba. They fought from one village to another village. Many people were killed by the bows and arrows.

When the gospel first came to our own island, people thought it would soon finish. They said that it would not be preached in every village. They did not understand the words of Jesus when he said that "the scriptures cannot be broken."

When the heathen people heard the drum being beaten by the teacher or a missionary for the church service, the people mocked them, and said that they were beating the drum to call their pigs to feed them with coconuts or taros.

To-day I am very glad to go to school to learn more about Jesus. When I hear the bell ring, I know that the teacher is ringing the bell for the service.

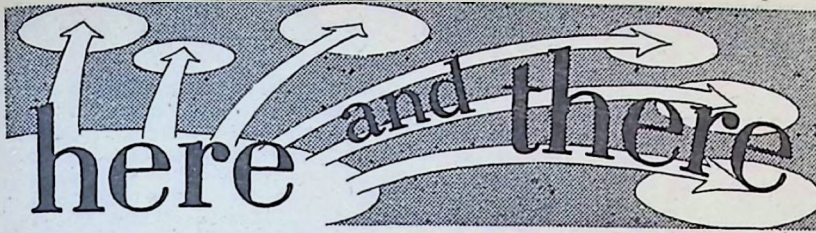
## Make a Worthy Offering

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Copy for this special issue was supplied by the Federal F.M. Secretary, A. Anderson. Pressure on space has forced us to hold over some Victorian church news until next issue.

Members of the Forestville church, S.A., have been rejoicing with Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Killmier in their diamond wedding, which they honored with a presentation after morning service on May 31. Forty relatives of the Killmier family were present, including the sons and daughters, some of whom had come interstate for the occasion. We join in the good wishes expressed to this honored couple. The church held a Coronation service at night on the 31st. Mrs. Russell has been elected president, and Mrs. Davis secretary of the Dorcas Society.

Churches report increased attendances on May 31 as members and friends gathered to pray for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The strong devotion with which she undertakes her high task merits the warm loyalty and continuing prayers of us all.

L. G. Burgin, preacher at Georgetown, N.S.W., broadcasts for the district churches every Thursday morning at 9.15 in the session, "Beams of Light from the Book of Life," over station 2HR. Georgetown church held successful thirteenth anniversary services on May 16 and 17. The Ladies' Guild provided tea for 110, and the chapel was crowded for the Temple Day service. S. Laney (Burwood) was the speaker, W. Cooper (Lane Cove) soloist, and Brenda Pollitt (Belrose) lightning sketch artist. J. Adamson led a male voice party, and a girls' choir was trained by Sister H. Street. Representatives were present from all district churches.

On May 3, at Naracoorte, S.A., G. R. Stirling gave helpful message. About 30 adults and 20 children journeyed in afternoon to Tarpeena for opening of new building. After brief service outside, Mr. Duthie, who has carried on B.S. work in that area for about 5 years, unlocked door. Building was packed for dedicatory service, conducted by F. G. Banks. W. V. McKenzie offered dedicatory prayer and sermon was given by G. R. Stirling. Many who had travelled from

Naracoorte and Mt. Gambler stayed for tea and evening service. Happy Hour sessions conducted Mon. to Thurs. were very successful. Attendances increased from 50 on first day to 60 on last. Special mission services conducted Mon. to Fri. evenings by E. Holland were well attended, supported by members from Naracoorte and Mt. Gambler, some travelling up to 400 miles during the eight days. May 10, Mothers' Day, was red-letter day for Naracoorte church. E. Holland was speaker. Attendance of 50 scholars at Tarpeena B.S. was pleasing. This was followed by Mothers' Day service, when right hand of fellowship was extended to twelve members. There were several apologies, and it is expected that about 20 members will attend church services regularly. The establishment of a New Testament church in district has brought joy to members. Mrs. Burford (Naracoorte) played for all meetings. Mr. and Mrs. Duthie gave hospitality to visiting speakers. Miss Hamlyn and Miss Jeffries (Nangwarry) and Mrs. Douglas Fimmell (Mt. Gambler) gave messages in song. Mr. Banks is continuing Happy Hour sessions each Wednesday after school; on May 13 there were 60, including some adults, present. Sympathy goes out to husband and sons, David and Robyn, in passing of Mrs. Gericks.

There were 16 more decisions at the Hinrichsen-Philp mission at Belmont, Vic., on May 31, bringing the total to 62.

A Social Service rally for the St. George district, N.S.W., was held at Rockdale chapel on May 21, with G. J. Andrews, Conf. Pres., presiding. Churches at Beverly Hills, Bexley North, Caringbah, Hurstville, Penshurst, Rockdale and Tempe were represented. Messrs. Baker (prayer convener), Reed, W. C. Roffey, A. Norling (public questions convener) and R. W. Saunders shared in the meeting, with Mrs. D. Dickson (soloist) and Mrs. Lowther (recitalist), who introduced an appeal for the Aged Folks' Homes, followed by a request for a Women's Auxillary. The committee chairman, L. C. Yelds, spoke on various practical ministries, showing how families, after receiving help, had linked up with churches.

Liquor problems were discussed, and a film, *The Right Side*, depicted the gambling evil.

Following on instruction given by T. T. Robinson (Cowandilla) on May 23, members of the Glenelg, S.A. church, conducted a week's campaign of visitation evangelism under the leadership of the minister, W. B. Burn. A number renewed fellowship at the morning service on the 31st, and five made the good confession at a decision service in the evening, when 160 were present. About 30 members took part in the visitation of almost 100 homes, and almost without exception, were well received in each home. It has been a time of rich blessing, and a great inspiration to all, and has put the church in great heart for the Mission led by M. D. Williams (Long Plains), which commenced on June 7.

Members of our Melbourne churches are warned that a woman has been canvassing houses soliciting donations for churches of Christ missions. We advise that the various departments of our brotherhood do not authorise persons to collect on their behalf.

The church at Kalgoorlie, W.A., recently followed up visitation evangelism and distribution of folders, with a week's meetings led by G. Smith, preacher at Inglewood. Three decisions and two reconsecrations fittingly marked this church anniversary planning, in which young people and the large choir took leading parts. Members of other churches joined the Men's Brotherhood in tea and discussion of the Mission to the Nation challenge. A car has been provided for the work of the preacher, H. E. Greenwood.

Subscribers to The Australian Christian are notified that accounts covering period from January to December, 1953, have been issued, and are now due for payment.

This year's Peter Ainslie Memorial Lecture on Christian Unity was given at the University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa, on June 5 by Dr. A. M. Meiring, of the Dutch Reformed Church. He presented his Church's view on unity. The lectureship was founded at Rhodes University by the Disciples of Christ.

W. Davis after 9 years' service as property supervisor of the Victorian Y.P. camp site, has relinquished his position to reside at Chelsea, Vic. The Victorian Y.P. Dept. is indebted to him for much of the initial work on grounds and buildings. The Dept. is now arranging to replace Mr. Davis, and an advertisement in this issue advises those interested to confer with L. A. Trezise, Victorian Youth Director.





# INTERSTATE CHURCH NEWS

## Discipleship

Beverley Stokes, Monkland, Qld.  
Anne McLellan, Gympie, Qld.  
Maxwell Sheriff, Brooklyn Park, S.A.  
Joy and Carol Claydon, Thornbury, Vic.  
Roma Looney, Claire Smith, Valerie Cordwell, Wiley Park, N.S.W.  
Beverley Jones, Glenelg, S.A.  
Rex Chillingworth, Melva Hams, Hindmarsh, S.A.  
Ron Porter, Norman Pattison, Hamilton, Vic.  
Mrs. Drury, Ann-st., Brisbane, Qld.

## Membership

Mr. and Mrs. E. Long, Joan Long and Howard Long, from Balaklava, S.A., to Long Plains, S.A.  
Mr. and Mrs. Surtees (senr.), Wiley Park, N.S.W.  
J. W. B. Robinson, from North Perth, W.A., to Rockdale, N.S.W.  
Mrs. S. Bishop, from Blackwood, S.A., to Glenelg, S.A.  
Mr. and Mrs. Pearce, from Victor Harbour, S.A., to Hindmarsh, S.A.  
Len Wallace, from Northcote, Vic., to East Preston, Vic.  
Lloyd Weisman, from Northcote, Vic., to Essendon, Vic.  
Mrs. Bruce Evans, from Wonthaggi Baptist, Vic., to Dandenong, Vic.  
R. Moore, from Surrey Hills, Vic., to Ringwood, Vic.

## Fallen Asleep

Mrs. Seaby, Albion, Qld.  
Mrs. Hartley Gericke, Naracoorte, S.A.  
Mrs. White, Northcote, Vic.  
Mrs. L. Arthur, East Kew, Vic.  
Mrs. Nankivell, Dandenong, Vic.  
Mrs. L. Arthur, East Kew, Vic.

## Queensland

West Moreton (W. R. Jarmyn).—Youth work is being organised. Lo-wood-Marburg C.Y.F. began on May 22, with 25 present. Other groups meet at Rosewood, Mt. Walker, and Rosevale, making a total of 60 young people. Combined youth tea was held in Rosewood on 24th, with youth tak-

ing entire service, and 140 present. F. N. Winter represented Y.P.D. Rosewood B.S. invited parents to see their work on May 24, parents' day. Mrs. L. Domrow is sick. Mrs. Lobegieger (Rosevale) and A. Augusten (Marburg) are in Ipswich Hospital. Mr. Adermann is recovering from sickness near Cairns. Mr. Jarmyn represented circuit at the Congregational church anniversary on May 23. Mr. and Mrs. F. Hinrichsen (Rosevale) celebrated silver wedding on May 22 with a dinner in Ipswich.

Gympie-Monkland (R. T. Roberts).—At gospel service at Crescent-rd. on May 17 Monkland Y.P. dramatised **The Great Commission Accepted**. Junior C.E. Choir also took part. Married woman made decision. May 24 was Family Day, when V. T. Fittell related history of Gympie church at the Family Tea meeting. After song service, representatives of families took part in gospel meeting, which included a baptismal service.

Albion (C. H. J. Wright).—The Faith We Need was theme of special series of meetings conducted by C. G. Taylor (Brighton, Vic.), during his recent visit to Albion. This brief mission was well attended, and messages were greatly appreciated by those present. Attendance for April: 110 breaking bread, 85 gospel service. Youth month commenced with young men conducting service on May 3. 38 from Albion combined with Ann-st. in junior youth camp during school holidays. Camp leaders were C. H. J. Wright and R. W. Graham. 170 attended evening service on May 9, when young people presented **The Open Door**. Church & B.S. picnic was held at Ferny Grove on May 16. Church extends deepest sympathy to Mr. Seaby in the death of his wife. Recent visitors have included Mr. and Mrs. W. Small and daughter of N.S.W.

Ann-st., Brisbane (R. W. Graham, B.A.).—There was record attendance at annual B.S. picnic at Musgrave Park. On May 17 elderly sister was immersed. Y.P., led by W. Howard, conducted evening service May 24 as part of youth month activity. Short addresses were given by Dulcie Wiley, Kelth Hack, and minister. Men's Fellowship has resumed activities, with fortnightly cottage prayer meetings and monthly fellowship tea, addressed by guest speakers. Women's Fellowship at an **Antique Luncheon**, held at home of Mrs. J. Smith, raised £9 for building fund. Over four years Fellowship has contributed £375 to this fund. "Shut-In" Sunday was observed May 31, when Y.P. visited

hospitals, distributing gifts. Women's Fellowship visited Aged Christians' Home, and after service, addressed by R. W. Graham, entertained guests at afternoon tea. Private homes of shut-in members were also visited. Mrs. E. W. Potter has been appointed pres. of Women's Inter-Church Council. Recent visitors included J. A. Chandler (Blackburn), Miss H. Gilmour (Parkdale), A. Winter (Woole-rina), G. A. Crouch, Mrs. J. Neill (Sydney), J. V. Ellerby (Hornsby), Mr. and Mrs. F. Humphries (Mata-ura, N.Z.), Mr. and Mrs. R. Lawson (Dareton, N.S.W.), Mr. and Mrs. W. and Miss Small (Burwood), Mrs. E. Ivory (Footscray), and Miss N. Gracie (Northcote).

## New South Wales

Taree (K. W. Barton, L.Th.).—Appreciated visit was paid by Mr. and Mrs. E. Roffey (Lane Cove, Sydney) on May 17. Mr. Roffey spoke at evening service. Ladies' Aid held special meeting following afternoon to meet Mrs. Roffey as pres. of N.S.W. Sisters' Conference. Mrs. Roffey brought greetings of Sisters' Conference, and gave message.

Hornsby (K. R. Fennell).—Sun., May 31, was the occasion of 43rd anniversary of the church. It proved a day of great blessing. Attendances were excellent. Mr. Fennell was speaker at morning service. A new innovation to anniversary was that of a P.S.A. It was threefold in nature. (1), It was a musical afternoon, and the artists were enjoyed by all. (2), It was the dedication of the new memorial baptistry by Mr. Childs (former preacher of the church) to the memory of the late H. E. Tewksbury. It was presented to church by his brother, P. W. Tewksbury, of Melbourne. (3), The afternoon concluded with a short pre-coronation service. A happy time was spent at 5.15 p.m. in fellowship around the tea table. The guest speaker at anniversary gospel service was G. J. Andrews, Conf. Pres. A wonderful spirit prevailed. Asquith joined us in this service, and Mr. Andrews gave an excellent message.

Rockdale (G. J. Andrews).—On morning of Mothers' Day, May 10, J.C.E. held a special meeting, to which mothers were invited. The evening meeting commenced with a short film. Mr. Andrews' address on Mother was appreciated. The Y.P. and C.E. mothers were entertained on evening of May 12, and gift presented to each mother. Supper was served. The District C.F.A. meeting was held at Rockdale on May 21. Mr.



Andrews was in the chair. Mr. Roffey (snr.) and Yelds gave short reports on work. Meeting concluded with a film. The Women's Fellowship was in charge of a cake stall at Pendle Hill Boys' Home fete and realised £19.

Mosman (G. E. Burns). — Prayer meeting theme has been on *Know Your Bible*. Preacher has also been helping North Sydney church on Thursday evenings while Mr. Pater-noster is in hospital. A combined north side Y.P. fellowship tea on May 24, heard C. De Evelynes (C.R.M.F.). On May 27 Mr. Burns visited Geelong to assist E. C. Hin-richsen in prayer over a very ill man there. On Sun., May 31, Cor-onation Sunday, Mr. Murray addressed morning meeting, and Mr. Terry (Woolwich) gave gospel address.

## South Australia

Brooklyn Park (A. E. Brown).—Meetings have been well attended since last report. There was a record school of 148 recently. Senior and junior basketball teams have been formed for season. Junior girls' club has enrolment of 40, and junior boys' club of 20. C.Y.F. conducted successful camp at Longwood, under leadership of preacher. Church suffered loss in "home call" of Charles Lewis, a foundation member. Sympathy was expressed to family and to Mrs. A. E. Brown, who has also suffered be-reavement in the passing of her father.

Enfield Heights (D. K. Stewart).—Several visitors attended during month. Thanks is due to Prospect and Kilburn churches for supplying president once a month, and also to League of 500 for generous building offering. Ladies' Guild has commenced meetings for year in Institute building, working hard to raise funds for furnishings for new chapel. Mothers' Day service was held, Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. White read lessons, and Mrs. Taverner and Mr. Mauger sang a duet. Preacher gave appropriate address. Mrs. Brake is in hospital, and Mrs. Henderson on sick list.

Kilburn (H. G. Norris).—Mrs. Parr and her two children, Ellen and Barry, also Shirley Norris were received into fellowship on May 31. Each received a New Testament to mark the occasion. Church extends sympathy to Mrs. L. Milne and her father Mr. Nicholson on the passing of her mother to higher service. The Bible School has broken yet another attendance record, the figure reaching 218 on May 31. Twenty young people enjoyed an evening on May 29 at the Christian Youth Fellowship evening.

Moonta-Wallaroo (B. W. Manning).—Preacher gave the Coronation address in the Wallaroo Town Hall on Coronation Sunday. Recently at Moonta husband and wife confessed faith in Christ. Visitors have been very welcome during the school holidays, as many locals have been absent through sickness.

Glenelg (W. B. Burn).—Attendances for May have averaged: a.m., 100; p.m., 83; communicants, 92. One girl made the good confession on May 3. We were sorry to lose services of capable treasurer, R. Bradley, his wife and family, who have transferred their domicile to Victoria. A farewell gathering for these good folk was held on May 6, when presentations in appreciation of their services were made. Mrs. C. S. Dicker has taken over position of Cradle Roll Supt. vacated by Mrs. Bradley, and E. C. Mauger is new treasurer. C.Y.F. was commenced after church on Sunday evening, May 9, with 20 present. Meetings are held in members' homes, and attendances have been maintained. Y.W.F. held picture evening on May 12, proceeds amounting to £10/10/-. This is to be shared between G.L.B. and Life Boys. C. P. Hughes, of Temperance Alliance spoke at evening service on May 17, and £8/10/- was raised for Alliance funds.

Hindmarsh (J. E. Shipway).—Mothers' Day evening service was taken by Young Ladies' Fellowship, Mrs. E. Frost giving message. Coronation services were well attended. Tea and special service for young people at 5 p.m. on the Sunday well received. Ladies and visitors held annual Dorcas meeting on May 27. Report revealed a good year of work. Good address was given by Mrs. C. P. Hughes, pres. of Women's Conference, on women's work through the churches. Two young people have made decision for Christ the last two Sundays. Sympathy is expressed to Mrs. Helgeson in home call of her father.

Croydon (W. N. Bartlett).—Coronation Sunday was marked by very good attendances at both morning and evening services. The number taking communion being 159 in morning, and in evening 207 people were present. The church was most suitably decorated by members of flower committee, assisted by others, the central flood-lit feature being a replica of Crown of St. Edward's adorned with jewels. Red and white paper roses were used in their thousand for decorations, also a placard bearing the words, *God Save the Queen*. The members of the Endeavor Society and young folk of church took part as president, reader and in explanation of symbols. Our pastor spoke on the

Coronation, and its spiritual meaning. His address was much appreciated, and at conclusion one young lad made his confession. A collection in aid of Indian Relief amounted to £30. The service will live long in memory of those who attended for its deep spiritual character.

Fullarton (A. H. Lennox, interim).—On Sat. evening, May 30, a Bible School rally was held. This is a monthly feature. Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Rosewarne had the responsibility of programme for evening. Games, competitions and items by scholars made a happy time of fellowship, which concluded with a basket supper. On Sun., May 31, theme of the day was *Dedication*, and special reference was made to Coronation, and prayers were offered on behalf of Queen. Elder W. V. Wright gave the hand of fellowship to Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Lennox. Later Mr. Lennox gave a splendid address from the lesson. Bible School had an open school, and Mr. Lennox spoke to school at a Coronation Service. The school had a fellowship tea at 5 p.m. as a Coronation gesture. The gospel meeting was another special Coronation service. Ten young people took part. Mr. Lennox introduced points from the Coronation service, and each of the young people read an extract amplifying such features as the oil, orb and sceptre, followed by suitable Scripture passages. The National Anthem was sung, also the Queen's favorite hymn. Mr. Lennox then gave the gospel message on the lines of *Dedication*.

Goolwa (W. H. Greenwood).—On May 31, E. P. C. Hollard completed fortnight's mission. At close of service a mother and adult son and another lad confessed Christ, making a total of seven decisions for mission. The missionary and preacher, W. H. Greenwood, have been active in visitation in town and district, and considerable interest has been aroused. Church appreciates loyal support given by sister churches. Chapel was crowded on most nights.

Prospect (K. J. Patterson, B.A., B.Com.).—May has been recognised as youth and family month, with appropriate messages. Kilburn combined with church for evening service on May 24, when baptismal service was held. Mr. Norris immersed candidates (four from Kilburn and two from Prospect). Youth work is healthy. Ladies' Guild is active in efforts to raise £100 this year. Sponsored by Guild, Electricity Trust gave concert in chapel on May 26. Enjoyable afternoon was also spent at home of Mrs. A. N. Bright. Men of church are endeavoring to complete new hall by August.



## Victoria

**Maidstone** (E. H. Randall).—Under very unpleasant conditions manse was officially opened on May 23. Owing to rain much of ceremony had to take place in church. A. E. Hurren offered prayer of dedication, and Dr. G. H. Oldfield declared manse open. Speeches were made by A. B. Withers, H. Easton and F. N. Lee representing the H.M. Dept. and Properties Corp. Manse is valuable addition to property owned by C. of C., and is credit to H. Easton and workers who have labored voluntarily for about 20 months. On May 24 fourth church anniversary was held. M. Wakefield and family, now of Sunshine, renewed fellowship with church. 64 were present for morning service when speaker was B. J. Combridge. In afternoon Lloyd Jones spoke to full church. In evening Jean Milne (Bambra-rd.) rendered two items, and E. H. Randall spoke. Thanks is tendered to ladies for supplying afternoon tea on Saturday, and decoration of church on Sunday. 62 broke bread for day.

**Black Rock** (A. Avery). — Church was saddened by deaths in a road accident of Malcolm and Helen Doyle on May 18. C.E. was recently visited by Sandringham Baptist C.E., who conducted meeting. Recently formed Social Fellowship began its programme with successful film night, followed by games' night. Meetings are to be held on 2nd and 4th Saturdays in each month. Y.W.F. attendance figures remain high. Work has started in preparation for annual fete. It is hoped that last year's total of £85 will be exceeded. Following a recent Sunday evening film service, two Y.P. people made decision. Attendance at Good Companions' club averages over 30.

**Bentleigh** (J. Wiltshire).—One of older scholars was recently added by faith and obedience, one other by restoration and two from sister churches. A missionary week concluded on May 17. During the week representatives from five different mission societies, including our own overseas committee, addressed well attended meetings. A thank-offering of £85 was received to be divided among societies represented. Helpful message was given to the church on May 24 by Ernest Lloyd, representing London Society for the Evangelisation of Jews. Two of younger members are regularly assisting East Bentleigh B.S. conducted in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Lewis.

**Drumcondra** (R. Wilson). — I. Goudie is back from C.M.F. camp, R. Gates transferred to Skipton. Mrs. E. Mountjoy is home from Hamilton. Miss C. Hughes celebrated her com-

ing of age. Mrs. Cole and Mrs. Gillett are back after a long absence. E. C. Hinrichsen has been guest speaker a number of times. Members have attended mission at Belmont. Y.W. League has commenced again in charge of Mrs. Ross. Mr. and Mrs. Mountjoy, sen., leave for an extended holiday in W.A.

## OBITUARY

**James Barr.**

Returning to Adelaide from the Northern Conference on March 10, James Barr, whilst making his way to the tram, collapsed and passed to be with his Lord at the age of 77 years. Influenced by E. J. Finlayson over 50 years ago he was baptised in the Dalkey chapel, and became a foundation member of the church at Long Plains. Over the years he served faithfully as a deacon, and his simple faith, devotion and generosity made him a brother beloved in the Lord. Coming to Mile End twelve months ago, he and his gracious wife soon made their presence felt by their quiet unassuming personality and witness. He never missed the Lord's Day services, or the working bees conducted by the church. He loved the Lord, the church, and the brotherhood. Services in the chapel and at the graveside were conducted by the writer, and the large attendances were indicative of his work. He is survived by his wife, whom we commend to the Father of all comfort, in glorious hope.—R. Will Marshall.

## BIRTHS.

**MORFFEY** (Hall).—To Gwen and Ray, at "Mosgiel," Surrey Hills, Vic., on May 27—a son, Douglas Ronald. A brother for Geoffrey.

**CONNING** (Gordon).—On May 31, to Marjorie and Graham—a daughter. Margaret Jean. A sister for Peter.

## DEATHS.

**CROSS** (nee Raisbeck).—On May 26, at Yallourn hospital, Violet May, loved wife of Tom and loved mother of Pam and Barry. At rest.

**CROSS**, Violet May.—On May '26, at Yallourn hospital, dearly loved sister of Ruth, and sister-in-law of Robin, aunty of Joyce, Barbara and Russell. Rest after much suffering.

**BLACK**, Boswell Carnegie.—On May 13, suddenly, at Adelaide, dearly loved husband of Daisy, father of Dorothy (Mrs. Powell) and Jack, brother of George, Louie (Mrs. Brown), May (Mrs. Gillespie) and Will. "Severed only till he come."

—Inserted by G. T. Black, Melbourne.

## IN MEMORIAM.

**BARNDEN**.—In ever loving memory of my dear husband and our loving father, Fredrick William, who was called home on June 10, 1952.

—Inserted by his loving wife and family.

**SCOPIE**.—In loving memory of our dear mother and beloved nana, who was called home on June 4, 1952.

—Inserted by Elma, Geoff, Olive and Elwyn Dowling.

**LACY**.—Treasured memories of my dear brother, Sam, who passed to higher service June 11, 1952.

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## I've Been Thinking

There has been ample time to do so the past fortnight, for I am in hospital, and here one has more time to look up and in. I have been thinking just why that visit to the New Hebrides has been interfered with when I did want so very much to go. I have wondered if there was perhaps too much of the personal interest in going and not enough for the sake of the Kingdom of God. I have thought again of the goodness of God in holding me back for one week longer. What a trouble it would have been had I been on the plane or even been in the Islands. How wonderful to feel we are in the line of his leading. I have again been reminded of the great unity there is between those who love the Lord Jesus Christ. Letters, cards, phone calls, visits from Christian friends, including brother preachers—all these have spoken to me again and again of the real oneness there is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Not least of these ties has been those of a young Malayan doctor, now in his fifth year who comes regularly to my bed, reminding me again that God is no respecter of persons. Then a bright young Presbyterian nurse in her first year—a sweet lass full of grace, yet so like those of us who have always had to face the question, "But why all this suffering?"

Over against this I have had to face again the ingratitude of some natures. Nothing pleases and every wish must be immediately gratified or else —! No consideration for other patients, and certainly no thought for the tired nurses who do the most unpleasant duties with grace and dignity.

Then, too, there is the male nurse—a qualified doctor with years of experience in Europe, who so graciously and tenderly ministers to our needs. One cannot help feeling a pang of regret for him. He does love his profession, and could minister in such a larger field but for regulations some of us cannot help but feel are un-Christian.

What a fresh glimpse I have made into my own soul! Thankful for opportunities of service and deeply regretful for the many mistakes made, yet looking forward with confidence to the God of all comfort, we commit to him whatever days may remain.

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### TENT MISSIONS ADVOCATED.

One must stress to-day the dire need for more spirit-filled men to stem the tide of apathy and indifference there is to the preaching of the gospel. The one way, I believe, to stir up real interest in the gospel is by tent missions. A positive example is E. C. Hinrichsen's 5 weeks' tent mission at Invermay, a suburb of Launceston, with over 80 decisions and £1000 freewill offering. It is also proved by the wonderful success of Paul and Barnabas preaching from city to city, establishing churches; then later going back to consolidate them (no wonder there was much joy in those cities). But where are the strong spirit-filled men to-day who will take up that challenge? What we need is another restoration movement (back to the old paths), but never an affiliation with the sects of all shades of beliefs, and unbeliefs, which must lead to apostasy. God to-day is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgment seat, and it is not the time to say there is nothing I can do while the souls of men are perishing and the Master calls for you. I trust the challenge will be taken up by our young men of faith and courage for more tent mission work that perishing souls may be saved, for whom Christ died.—  
F. J. Daniel (Launceston, Tas.).

### DECLARATION AND ADDRESS.

As requested by the author of an article in the A.C. of May 5, I have been "taking another look at the Declaration and Address in to-day's language." "Pompous" seems hardly the word to use for the elegant, dignified, clear and concise verblage of the D. and A. A translation may sometimes demand a free rather than a literal rendering, e.g., an Adelaide Classical Professor rendered the well-known Latin phrase to denote an industrious housewife, "Mansit domi, lanam fecit"—"she stayed at home, she darned the sox"—quite legitimate in view of the customs of then and now. The author of the above article, however, has to my mind failed in accuracy of translation, e.g., proposition (1) That the Church of Christ . . . consisting of all those in every place who confess their faith in Christ and obedience to him in all things according to the Scriptures, and that manifest the same by their tempers and conduct and of none else, etc. is rendered. . . . "It is made up of people everywhere who have faith in Christ, and are trying in fact as well as in theory to follow his will," etc.—as in two very different propositions. No doubt "a very wide circle outside the

Restoration Movement" could "accept" the latter proposition, but none inside should, and if "some persons and churches within have in practice abandoned it," they have surely placed themselves outside, and are not "Campbell's spiritual children."—  
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"God can do much more with small amounts that have that quality, than with all the gifts that come from

superfluity. The gift that is not easy, that comes out of blood, out of penury, is current in the spiritual realm, and God can do infinitely more with it than with the gifts that come out of superfluity.

"The last thing concerns the vindication of our Lord. Was he right? Business men will forgive me if I am commercial here. Those two mites, given in that way, so that he was able to commend the giving, have produced more for the Kingdom of God in two millenniums, than all the other gifts that day. Oh! the inspiration of this story! How it has helped lonely, poor, and sorrowing hearts to give. Running on, and running ever, these two mites are rolling up their dividends, and their results are great and mighty, inspired by what that lonely woman did. May God help us to give to him in the light of this story; and may he grant that the glory of it, and the beauty of it may be a transfiguring power upon our giving. I do not think a collection is ever taken but that somewhere he finds a copper coin, and kisses it into gold. Of course this is two-edged. He still writes across many a gift, superfluity!"

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With our substance we will honor  
Our Redeemer and our Lord;  
Were ten thousand worlds our  
manor,  
All were nothing to his word.  
Hallelujah!  
Now we offer to the Lord.

While the heralds of salvation  
His abounding grace proclaim,  
Let his saints of every station  
Gladly join to spread his fame.  
Hallelujah!  
Gifts we offer to his name.

"The entire creation sighs and  
throbs with pain."—Rom. 8: 22  
(Moffatt).



May his kingdom be promoted.  
May the world the Saviour know;  
Be to him these gifts devoted,  
For to him our all we owe:  
Hallelujah!  
Run, ye heralds, to and fro.

Praise the Saviour, all ye nations,  
Praise him, all ye hosts above;  
Shout with joyful acclamations  
His divine, victorious love;  
Hallelujah!  
By this gift our love we prove.

"The lines have fallen unto me  
in pleasant places; yea, I have a  
goodly heritage."—Psalms 16: 6.

## EATING OUR MORSEL ALONE

(Job 31: 17.)

"If I have eaten my morsel alone!"  
The patriarch spoke in scorn;  
What would he think of the Church, were  
he shown  
Heathendom, huge, forlorn,  
Godless, Christless, with soul unfed,  
While the Church's ailment is fullness of  
Eating her morsel alone? bread,  
"I am debtor alike to the Jew and the  
The mighty apostle cried; Greek,"  
Traversing continents, souls to seek,  
for the love of the crucified.  
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Millions are famishing; we have bread  
But we eat our morsel alone.

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"Ever of them who have largest dower  
Shall heaven require the more."  
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And East and West in our ears have said:  
"Give us, give us your living bread."  
Yet we eat our morsel alone.

"Freely ye have received, freely give."  
He bade, who hath given us all.  
How shall the soul in us longer live,  
Deaf to their starving call.  
For whom the blood of the Lord was shed.  
And his body broken to give them bread,  
If we eat our morsel alone?

—By the Bishop of Derby and Raphoe.

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Teachers who opened up the work on Mavea at Abraham's village.

New church built Abraham's village. Abraham is a chief. His wife Sarah.

Child of Christian parents, Pentecost.



Students at Londua Training School. Leaders in the making.



A group of Christians, Wijumwell Pentecost.



Mrs. J. Smith, Pentecost.

Group of interested Aobans listening to the gospel message.



Miss A. F. Kennedy and Hospital helpers, Aoba.

