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CHURCH SCHOOL HALL OPENED East Malvern, Vic., Oct. 10 and 11

On Saturday afternoon, Oct. 10, at 2.45 p.m., from the porch of the new hall, the Conference President (Dr. Oldfield) led in a prayer of thanksgiving. R. S. Ryall, chairman of the official board, and leader of voluntary labor put into the project, was given the privilege of "opening" the building. He gave a brief statement of the thirteen years' history of the church, paying special tributes to the late T. Hagger and the Gardiner church for their unceasing labors to find a suitable site, and to see that the young church had a good start. Then, instead of "opening" the doors of the hall himself, Mr. Ryall graciously surrendered this honor to two young children of the Bible school—Carol Anne Strongman and Victor Ryall, who each unlocked one of two front doors. The respective parents of the two children are the sole remaining pioneer members of the church who are still in membership at East Malvern. This action was the subject of much favorable comment.

Inside the hall, H. R. Coventry (minister of the church) took the chair. After the doxology, Principal E. L. Williams led in prayer, and the secretary (R. A. Strongman) intimated a large number of greetings and apologies. The chairman welcomed the following representatives: R. J. Taylor, B.A. (local churches), F. N. Lee (Properties Corporation), K. A. Jones (H.M. Dept.) and Cr. F. A. Broussard

(Mayor and Councillors of Camberwell), all of whom gave much appreciated greetings. David Ryall read a portion of 1 Kings 8, after which, under the leadership of T. W. Smith, all present made a solemn dedication of the building and of themselves to



R. A. Strongman, E. Malvern, Sec.

the service of Christ and his church. The beautiful singing by Mrs. C. G. Taylor of the solo, "How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings," was a most fitting complement to the dedication.

The offering was a most worthy one, members of East Malvern church contributing over £500 (including £200 from the Women's Fellowship) and friends present giving £45. There was also a loan of £100 for 2 years without interest. Since April last, when the new building appeared to be really possible, a special appeal was made to the church, and from then up to the end of September, the members contributed £160, which was in addition to the amount raised on Saturday. Further generous donations were made at later meetings. Gardiner church's special representative was their preacher (F. A. Youens) who brought fraternal greetings and a cheque for £5/5/- from the Gardiner church. R. S. Ryall led in the prayer of dedication. Two appropriate hymns were sung, and Dr. Oldfield delivered a most inspiring and practical address, which thrilled all present with its earnestness. Dr. Oldfield emphasised the clear distinction that should be made between the church (a "spiritual" temple built of "living stones") and the material building in which the church meets and carries out certain of its functions. The church is greatly indebted to Dr. Oldfield for his great message.—T. W. Smith.

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



Ye are a chosen generation, a royal
priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar
people; that ye should shew forth the
praises of him who hath called you
out of darkness into his marvellous
light: which in time past were not a
people, but are now the people of God
which had not obtained mercy, but
now have obtained mercy. Dearly
beloved, I beseech you as strangers
and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly
lusts, which war against the soul;
having your conversation honest
among the Gentiles.—I Pet. 2: 9-12a.

That word conversation, as we all
know, has a different meaning on our
lips from that which it bears in Holy
Scripture. Words are like men, and
have their history, and sometimes the
history leads upward, and sometimes
it moves down to meaner things. Con-
versation on our lips just means talk;
in the Bible it means the life behind
the talk, the general course and tenor
of the life, the way that a man has
of doing things. Then the word honest,
while including honesty, has sugges-
tions that honest does not convey.
It is not the Greek equivalent for
honest; it is the Greek word for
beautiful. And so an old Scottish
saint and scholar, who was always
discovering charming things in Scrip-
ture, used to say that what this text
means is, **Do things bonnily**. That is
to say, it is not enough to do things,
if you are seeking to commend the
Lord. . . . The right things are not
wholly right in his eyes—unless they
are also beautifully done. It is a great
thing to give alms, to take one's cross
up daily, to be a faithful wife or
husband, to help a brother. But
"what do ye more than others?" Well,
there is one thing more that you can
do. For the Lord's sake you can
always do things bonnily. — G. H.
Morrison.

In duties small, be thou our inspira-
tion,
In large affairs endue us with thy
might;
Through faithful service cometh full
salvation,
So may we serve, thy will our chief
delight.

—W. J. Jenkins.

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Are You Ready for Your Wings?

NO FACETIOUS reference to the cartoonist's idea of the after-life is intended by the above title. An air-minded age like ours knows what a young man means when he talks of "getting his wings." It is a thrilling climax to hard training and discipline when he is adjudged fit and able to pilot a plane. The men who raced the jet planes from London to Christchurch were young in years, but old in experience of using their "wings." And the landsman, who cranes his neck at the piercing racket of the jet, has marvelled anew at the courage and skill of man, master of the air.

Long centuries ago the Hebrew poets looked up into quieter skies, and, watching birds on the wing, thought not of man, but of God. They loved to reflect on God's

PROTECTING CARE

When they marked the mighty beat of eagles' wings they remembered the lovely words of the Lord at Sinai, "Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself." (Ex. 19: 4.) In tabernacle and temple they thought of the mercy seat overshadowed by 'cherubims' wings, a constant reminder of the strange tenderness of him of whom they more easily thought as the God of battles. Boaz spoke to the widowed Ruth of Moab concerning the "Lord God of Israel, under whose wings thou art come to trust," a description of rare gentleness and beauty.

The Psalmists loved to sing of what it meant to be "under his wings." "In the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge . . . (and) rejoice. . . I will trust in the covert of thy wings." Nor were these early singers the only men who thought of God's unfailing care when they looked at the birds. Our Lord himself said of the common sparrow, "One of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father." And what can surpass the pathetic tenderness of his own words over Jerusalem, "How often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!"

To-day, under the shadow of man's wings that have so often rained death and destruction from the skies, we do well to share this age-old assurance of a God whose love is intimate and unfailing, whatever man does. Yet it is more even

than that. Because it is divine love, it does not encourage drooping dependence.

TRAINING AND DISCIPLINE

are as essential to God's dealings with men as they are in any of man's schools. The Psalmist, in words made familiar by Mendelssohn's music, once sighed, "Oh, that I had wings like a dove! for then would I fly away and be at rest." (Ps. 55: 6.) He had been passing through a bitter experience, and his words immediately before this cry are starkly appropriate to our atom-bomb age: "Fearfulness and trembling are come upon me, and horror hath overwhelmed me." But escapism has never been God's way to meet a desperate situation. He offers men the reality of his guidance and care as the strength for facing life, not evading it.

This is vividly expressed in the following verse from the song of Moses: "As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings: so the Lord alone did lead him." God stirs us out of our "nests;" insists that we try our "wings," is there to catch us when we flutter and fall, but makes us keep on venturing till we find our wings. How much finer than the Psalmist's pining cry for the wings of a dove is Isaiah's strong assurance, "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; *they shall mount up with wings as eagles!*"—or that other daring cry of the poet, "If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me." We must use our wings unafraid; it is the venturing soul to whom God's care is most real.

There are lessons for us modern men in such a race as that from London to Christchurch, as there were for these ancient poets in eagles and sparrows. The planes and the men in them were tested and fit ("let a man examine himself"); they needed the help of ground crews ("none of us liveth to himself") and re-fuelling (a conversion experience is not enough); some needed repairs, but they took to the air again and arrived ("finished the course"). Think on these things, and learn to face life as gallant R.L.S. did, saying on his difficult days, "I must take out my wings!"

PERCY PITTMAN, Parkdale, Vic., gives some vivid examples of . . .

MARTYRDOM OF LIFE

In the early days of Christianity a man named Adrianus, seeing the martyrs suffer so grievously for the cause of Christ, asked "What is that which enables them to bear such sufferings?" Then he was told that "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him." And thus was Adrianus won not only to conversion, but to martyrdom also, for he laid down his life manfully for Christ. And thus may we also be won to the martyrdom of life, if we will think on these things, and so live that we may turn many to righteousness, and shine as the stars for ever and ever. We may glory in tribulations, and by the alchemy of Christ transform the dross of life to purest gold.

At G. T. Walden's church in the West of London, one of the elders took my wife and me to see his wife, who had been bedridden for twenty-five years. She was a great sufferer; and yet so bright and happy that the members of the church used to visit her to be encouraged and helped whenever they were in any trouble. She was enduring the martyrdom of life, probably much worse than being burned at the stake, which would have been over in an hour or two at the most. We talked with her, and came away with the feeling that she had the secret that many would give their all to possess, the secret of a worth-while life hid with Christ in God, more than a conqueror through him who loved her.

Spent for God

The martyrdom of life is a life spent for God. This may be done in various ways. When I was a youth I belonged to the same church as J. B. Rotherham, and often heard him expound the Scriptures in his own fascinating way. I went to his home, and he showed me the 66 manuscript volumes of his Emphasised Bible, one for each book, every word written with his own hand. He gave his entire life to God in this way, and students all over the world benefit by his work to-day. Dr. Campbell Morgan was his intimate friend, and often exchanged views with him, and quoted his Bible in his sermons. He was a most humble-minded man, content to be an ordinary member of a small church of Christ, and to work for a printer during the week to make a living. "Of whom the world was not worthy," might be written over the lives of

such as he. We cannot all spend our lives for God in any conspicuous way, but we may all be about our Father's business all the time if we present ourselves to God, and our members as instruments of righteousness unto him, and our lives though humble may be made sublime by Jesus and his love.

As a young man I was once waiting on the platform of a railway station, and when the train came in a young man jumped out whom I had not met for several years. We had only time to shake hands, because I had to go by that train, but he said one thing to me which I have never forgotten. He said, "The indwelling of the Holy Spirit has made all the difference to me." He seemed to be full of that thought, and he simply had to pass it on to me. It set me thinking about the Holy Spirit as I had never thought before. In those days our people taught us very little about the subject, and I felt grateful to my friend for his word in season. Jesus said, "He (the Holy Spirit) shall be in you," and millions have experienced the mighty change that comes with faith in that simple but amazing fact. We can live the martyrdom of life only through the indwelling Spirit of God, and "if any man hath not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his."

Spent for the Church

The martyrdom of life is a life spent for the church. Not that we can all be preachers, but there is some service we can all render to the church of which we are members, in humble ways perhaps, but as indispensable as the most brilliant. Mrs. Catherine Booth practically began the Salvation Army by taking a handful of tracts and knocking at the doors in the East End of London, at that time a neglected district. She says she went in weakness and in fear and trembling, but she was surprised at the kindly reception she met with, and the readiness of the people to listen to her and confide in her as to their difficulties and troubles. Out of her humble effort grew this great world-wide movement with all its spiritual and social interests.

Visitation evangelism is being stressed to-day, and proving very successful. We may all be in it if we will, as we all have neighbors and friends, and with tact and zeal we may have a share in winning them for Christ. The churches should see that all visitors are supplied with suitable literature to help in this excellent work.

Our friends the Methodists were nicknamed after the Methodici or physicians, mentioned by Celsus, who went about in ancient Rome visiting the sick and the poor. The Wesleys sought to carry the gospel especially to the neglected outsiders of their day. To-day the Methodists number more than eleven million, and they have ten million scholars in their Sunday Schools, while their lay preachers are a mighty host.

Spent for Mankind

The martyrdom of life is a life spent in the service of mankind. We are debtors to all of our fellow-men, for whom Christ died, and we should strive to bring them into the abundant life, the life that begins here and goes on into eternity.

I know a young woman who is devoting herself night and day to her invalid father and mother, who need constant attention. She would normally be out enjoying herself with young people, and having what is called "a good time," but her whole life is given up to her parents in their need. And she does this in such a bright and happy way that her very presence in the sick room is therapeutic. She never complains, but is the life of the home in most depressing circumstances. In that great day her Saviour will say to her "You did it unto me."

Filthy lucre may be purified of its filthiness by the Spirit of Christ if we devote it to the service of others. I made the acquaintance some time ago of a young man who was supporting a dozen orphans in a foreign land. He was just a mechanic on the basic wage, but at that time orphans cost less than they do to-day. He lived very simply, denied himself luxuries and pleasures, and gave all he could save to this good work. He used to receive letters from those boys and girls, and as they grew up he followed their careers in school, and afterwards as they went out into the world. A great joy came into his life as he denied himself on their behalf out of love to Christ.

In the East to-day there are millions who are always hungry. They used to say to us, "Fill our bellies, and we will be able to listen to you." They tied their clothing tightly round their stomachs, and drank a lot of water, and so just managed to exist. Communism comes along with its godless schemes and promises, and the

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The Challenge of Contrasts

The teaching of Jesus, and especially his parabolic teaching, turned often upon a sharp contrast between two kinds of person or two kinds of conduct. It was as though he were saying with Hamlet, "Look here, upon this picture, and on this," and asking either implicitly or explicitly for a decision from his hearers. Which would they themselves choose to admire or to follow?

Contrasted with Jesus

Sometimes the contrasts are centred in Jesus himself. He is the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for the sheep, contrasted with the hireling who flees and has no care for the sheep when the wolf comes; he is the Shepherd who knows his sheep, contrasted with the stranger whom they will not follow (Jn. 10: 1-18). He is the "living" Water, fresh and freely flowing, contrasted with the "static" water of the well at Sychar; Water which quenches thirst for ever, as distinct from water after which men thirst again (Jn. 4: 10-13). He is the Bread of life after which men never feel hunger, the true Bread from Heaven compared with the manna of the wilderness (Jn. 6: 30-35). He is the Beloved Son contrasted with the servants whom the Vineyard Owner sent to claim his dues from the husbandmen (Mk. 12: 1-12; Mt. 21: 33-46; Lk. 20: 9-19). He is the Master and Lord (Jn. 13: 13) yet he abases himself to humble service (Jn. 13: 14) and becomes a servant (Mk. 10: 45; Lk. 22: 27).

Contrasted Men

The great majority of the contrasts, however, are those which concern different kinds of men. The five wise and the five foolish bridesmaids, the faithful servants and the unfaithful servant, the "sheep" and the "goats," are all contrasted in three successive

parables in Mt. 25. The two kinds of neighbor (on the one hand, the priest and the Levite, on the other hand the Samaritan) and the two kinds of brother (the prodigal and the elder son) form the contrasts of the two best known of the parables in Luke (10: 25-37 and 15: 11-32). There are two kinds of worshipper contrasted—the Pharisee and the tax-collector (Lk. 18: 9-14); two kinds of sons, the one who said "I go" and went not, the other who said "I go not" yet went to work in the father's vineyard (Mt. 21: 28-32); two kinds of forgiven debtors, the one who was forgiven much and loved much, and the other who was forgiven little and loved little (Lk. 7: 41-43). There is the sharp contrast between the rich man "clothed in purple and fine linen, faring sumptuously every day" and the beggar laid at his gate full of sores and longing for the scraps which fell from the rich man's table (Lk. 16: 19-31).

Contrasts in Pictures

So far, all the contrasts we have looked at have concerned persons. But there are also some contrasts which have to do with the animal kingdom, for example, the sheep that wandered away and the ninety-nine which remained together as a flock (Lk. 15: 3-7; cf. Mt. 18: 12-14). And there are also some important contrasts which are concerned with inanimate objects. Three such contrasts are gathered together in Mt. 7. They are: the two gates—the wide gate opening upon the broad way to destruction, and the narrow gate opening upon the strait way leading to life (7: 13-14); the two trees—the good tree which produces good fruit and the corrupt tree which produces rotten fruit (7: 16-20) and the two houses—one founded upon a rock, and the other built upon sand (7: 24-27).

The skill of the teaching lies in its pictorial concreteness. Jesus built up striking pictures which carve themselves vividly upon our minds. He sets before us what God is like, and how different his standards from those which his human children live by. He sets before us himself in his ministering care for us and his relationship with God his Father and he offers us the Bread and the Water of life. And when he speaks about men, he does not talk in abstract terms about qualities of heart and

mind, and advise men to cultivate them. Instead he shows those qualities in action and challenges us to give our judgment. Through these pictures of men and of things, he puts searching questions to us.

Searching Questions

He asks about our actions. Am I quick to use my talents, like the faithful servants, or am I slothful and indolent like the unfaithful one? Am I willing to forgive, as the king was, or am I resolute in my enmity and callously unrelenting like the unforgiving servant? Am I prepared and watchful like the five wise bridesmaids, or unprepared and careless like the other five? Am I self-satisfied and censorious in my approach to God in prayer like the Pharisee, or am I penitently aware of my own sinfulness and need like the tax-collector? Do I continually find opportunities to serve my fellow-men like the "sheep," or do I neglect and miss them like the "goats"?

But actions and activities depend upon decisions and so in these contrasts he asks us about our decisions. Do I choose the safety of the flock, cared for by the Shepherd, or do I prefer to wander away? Do I take the narrow gate to the strait way, or the wide gate to the broad way? For upon my choice depends my ultimate destination—eternal life or destruction. Do I choose the "static" or the "living" Water, the perishing or the imperishable Bread? In a word, do I decide for Christ or for another? For God or for Mammon?

And since decisions depend upon foundations, he asks about our foundations and our roots. The corrupt tree cannot produce good fruit, the house built on sand cannot withstand the downpour, the tempest, and the floods. To hear his words and to do them is to build on a foundation which holds the house of our living firm against every catastrophe. To "make the tree good" is to ensure that the fruits are inevitably good also, and by our fruits we are known and tested (Mt. 7: 20).

Throughout the whole Bible runs the challenge inexorably set before men to choose (cf. Deut. 30: 19; Josh. 24: 15; I Kings 18: 21; Mt. 6: 24; II Cor. 6: 14-7: 1; Rev. 18: 4, etc.). And it is nowhere heard with more force than in the contrasting pictures which Jesus sets before us.

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East falls an easy prey. Only a united Church can deal with this awful problem. We pray "thy will be done on earth." Is it the Will of God that half the world should be well-fed and the other half living in a perpetual state of starvation? Would not Jesus say to us to-day as he said to his disciples in Galilee, "Give ye them to eat?"



Study Committee

"Churches of Christ meeting in the Fourth World Convention in Melbourne, Australia, August 5 to 10, 1952, resolve as follows:—4. Study Committee. That because of the constant need to study the great doctrines of the Christian faith and their related subjects, we recommend that a Study Committee of ten be appointed by the Executive Committee of the World Convention to consider such doctrines and themes as—the Church, the Lord's Supper, Baptism, Christian Unity, the Ministry, etc. And that this Study Committee be asked to seek ways and means of best serving our own brotherhood and its witness in the Ecumenical Movement."

In the Christian-Evangelist of 8/10/52 there was an article by Ronald E. Osborn on the Lund Faith and Order Conference held about the same time as the World Convention. In it he said that the men who had represented the Disciples of Christ at Lund had been constituted a Faith and Order Committee of the long-established Association for the Promotion of Christian Unity (Disciples of Christ). Dr. Osborn had been appointed Secretary.

Reckoning that it would take time to set up a World Study Committee I wrote to Dr. Osborn and our own Federal Committee for the Promotion of Christian Union suggesting that, to expedite matters, the Disciples' Faith and Order Commission might become the basis of the World Study Committee.

A few weeks ago I received a very gracious reply from Ronald Osborn, who is the Professor of Church History at Butler University, Indianapolis. He enclosed a 22-page document entitled *A Response to Lund*. The Response was drafted by the Faith and Order Committee (Perry Gresham, Stephen England, Winfred Garrison, Ray Lindley, Howard Short, Ronald Osborn) after revision in the light of comments by members of the Executive Committee of the Association for the Promotion of Christian Unity, and by the deans of the seminaries affiliated with the Board of Higher Education of Disciples of Christ. It is about as authoritative as any document can be that is issued by a free people such as the Disciples of Christ.

In his letter to me Dr. Osborn said, "The Response to Lund will appear in a forthcoming issue of the *Shane Quarterly* (published by Butler Univer-

sity), along with the address on Lund which I delivered at the International Convention in Portland. We are hoping to continue some Faith and Order discussion in the *Shane*. . . . If you or your colleagues should care to submit for the Australian brethren a comment on our Response or an article on a particular problem, I should be most happy to bring it before the editorial committee for their consideration. Until some more adequate journal is available, we are willing for the *Shane* to carry the burden of ecumenical discussion for



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

SIGNS OF A HARVEST.

Even before the famine began we had some people at Bhoze village asking if we would baptise them. Some of these had to be taught, but some had to go away to find work during the months of greatest hardship through the famine period. Last week there were eight or ten people still in the village who wanted to be baptised. On Friday, Mr. Dongre and I went out on our cycles to try to contact these folk, and to make a definite date for a baptismal service. We found only three of the men concerned, and unfortunately, the man most interested had gone to Poona.

However, his wife was ready, and we determined to baptise anyone who was prepared to take the step at that time, and have another service later when the others came.

THE ENEMY AT WORK.

Although Mr. Dongre stayed with the people on Friday and Saturday night to help encourage them and to teach them, old Satan was also in evidence, and did his work so thoroughly through a young man who had claimed to be our friend, that all the men were persuaded against being baptised. We hope that the lies this young man has told in order to frus-

trate our efforts, will only bring Satan a temporary victory, and that later, these men who before showed such eagerness to come, will take their stand for Christ also.

the Disciples. You have doubtless also seen the stimulating articles which appeared in *The Word*, which is published at Phillips University.

" . . . A means should be provided to enable our people to do some constructive thinking about the witness we have to bear in the ecumenical movement.

"I earnestly hope that some of the Australian brethren will be present at Evanston. When we had our confessional meetings at Lund, the group of Disciples was made up entirely of Americans, except for Basil Holt (S. Africa). We need to take counsel together. I presume that the best way to do this will be through publications and correspondence."

Contributed by R. W. Graham for the Federal Committee for the Promotion of Christian Union.

trate our efforts, will only bring Satan a temporary victory, and that later, these men who before showed such eagerness to come, will take their stand for Christ also.

OUR FIRST BAPTISMS THIS TERM.

It was necessary to go two miles to find a water-hole deep enough to baptise, but four very determined women gladly made confession of their faith in Christ before those who gathered. It gave us great joy to baptise our Indian sisters in the name of Christ, and to welcome them later into the fellowship of the little gathering of believers.

VICTORY IN TWO HOMES. WOMEN TAKE THE LEAD.

The coming of two of these women marks a good advance in our work, as we have now broken into the other two main families of the group here. That is the families of the two brothers of Shankerao, our faithful Christian brother, who, with his wife, is the main stay here. One woman was the wife of one brother, and mother of a large family. She had hoped that her daughter and her husband, as well as her son and his wife, would all come with her, but her daughter's husband refused to allow her, and her son was persuaded by this young man who worked against us, to give up the idea.

It happened that the young man working against us is son of Shan-

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kerao's other brother. His married sister had come home with her Christian husband for a short visit to her mother. It seems as though the Lord had everything well planned, for, when the sister heard that there was to be a baptismal service, she said, "This is the opportunity I have been seeking to do what the Lord wants me to do and stand by my husband." So the sister of the trouble maker came, in spite of the fact that her mother and father and brother also were against her.

THE THIN EDGE OF THE WEDGE.

It seems as though the Lord has enabled us to get a footing now in both these homes, and we pray that when the other folk return from the famine work, there will be many more who will desire to own Christ and give another reaping in time of famine.

THE LORD ADDED—THE LORD BE PRAISED.

That Sunday we had sixteen people breaking bread around the Lord's table and feeling a great joy in their hearts. What a joy there must be in heaven over souls saved for eternity. Let us praise the Lord and take courage as we go forward with expectancy.—Colin G. V. Thomas.

MORE BAPTISMS.

Since the above article was written, we have now received this word from Bruce Coventry:—

"Since you left the field we have had twenty-one baptisms in this area. Mr. Thomas has had nine out at Bhose, there were two here from the Mahar wada, and we had ten at Dhorja last Saturday. These ten were all Pargaon people. I understand from Kisan that there is anything upwards of twenty more to be baptised from Pargaon in the not too distant future."

The annual report presented in July recorded fifty-seven baptisms for the year—Dhorja 12, Dhond 20, Bhigvan 11, Baramati 11, Indapur 3. The present group of baptisms and the promise of more in the near future presents a picture of encouragement and hope.



I remember a missionary leader saying to me when I came to India that the greatest sacrifice I was making was that of my medical opportunities. As I look back on the variety of surgery I have had the opportunity of doing, the fascination of tropical medicine with its exact diagnosis and appropriate treatment, of the opportunity to see healthier village people and of the privilege of helping to build a great medical college—one can only say what wonderful opportunities and what little sacrifice.—Dr. E. Gault.

October 20, 1953.

THE MINISTRIES OF OUR

WOMEN

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

Programme for November

Theme: "Sing to the Lord"

CALL TO WORSHIP.

"Create in me a new heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me."

HYMN.

No. 362. "In Christ there is no East or West" (first two verses).

PRAYER.

"We commend to thee, Almighty God, the whole Christian Church in the world. Bless all in every place who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. May the grace and power of the Holy Spirit fill every member, so that the whole company of thy faithful people may bear witness for thee on earth. Look in mercy on the errors and confusions of our time, and be pleased amidst them to speak thine own peace, and to draw the hearts of Christians everywhere nearer to the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen."

BIBLE READING.

Acts 3: 1-21.

MEDITATION—"Join Hands."

In these days when some aspects of national and international life show suspicions and hatreds, it is comforting to turn to such truths as are expressed in the hymn of John Oxenham, "In Christ there is no East or West."

Where the Fatherhood of God and the Lordship of Christ are recognised, it matters not whether a person has a black, white or yellow skin, or any of the in-between shades, whether he be rich or poor or to what nation he belongs, there is a golden cord of fellowship encircling all. We do not always realise the amplitude of this cord when misunderstandings arise, yet to-day, in spite of tensions and threats to peace, there is a greater desire than ever in East, West, South and North to join hands within this fellowship to build a better world. Let us remember in prayer all those who are striving towards this goal:

Silent prayer after each petition:
"For all who are working for purer and juster laws:
For all who are working for peace between nations:
For all who are engaged in healing disease:
For all who are engaged in the relief of poverty:
For all who are engaged in the rescue of the fallen:
For all who are working towards the restoration of the broken unity of the Church:
For all who preach the gospel:
For all who bear witness to Christ in foreign lands."

Cast down, O Lord, all the forces of cruelty and wrong. Defeat all selfish and worldly-minded schemes, and prosper all that is done in the spirit of Christ. We ask this in his name. Amen.

(Adapted from J. Baillie.)

HYMN.

No. 362. "In Christ there is no East or West" (last two verses).

BUSINESS.

HOME AND OVERSEAS LETTERS.

SOLO.

ADDRESS.

The Status of Women in the Church in Asia.

HYMN.

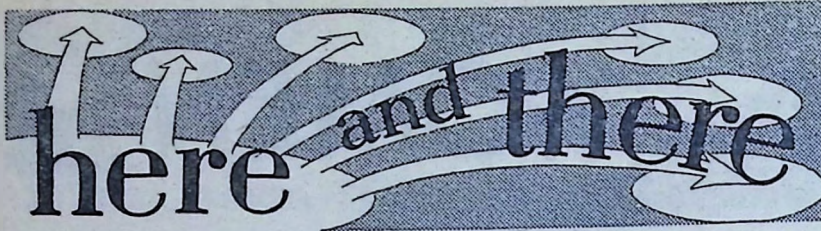
No. 195. "City of God, how broad and far."

PRAYER.

"We beseech thee, O Lord, make thy servants always to join together in seeking thee with their whole heart, to serve thee with submissive mind, humbly to implore thy mercy, and perpetually to rejoice in thy blessings; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

BENEDICTION.

And now may the blessing of the Lord rest and remain upon all his people in every land of every tongue. The Lord meet in mercy all that seek him. The Lord comfort all that suffer and mourn. The Lord hasten his coming, and now give us and all his people peace. Amen.



In response to an urgent appeal made by Chaplain-General Allen Brooke, the Carnegie church graciously released its minister to serve as a Chaplain with the Australian Regular Army. Chaplain L. G. Crisp, who has had long service as a R.A.A.F. padre during the war and since, will take over his new appointment with a National Service Training Battalion in the Brisbane area early in the New Year.

The Victorian Committee of our Aborigines Mission work is very grateful for the wonderful response of the Vic. ladies in again sponsoring a clothing appeal for Norseman and Carnarvon. A magnificent supply of new clothing, and some used clothing, was sent in eleven chaff bags to help clothe the boys and girls of our Mission stations. Appreciation is also expressed for monies sent to buy household linen; and to the ladies who worked so well under Mrs. McGregor's fine leadership.

At a special business meeting of the Burwood church, N.S.W., on Sept. 9, the officers were instructed to issue an invitation to J. Henderson to succeed Ethelbert Davis in the ministry of the church. Mr. Henderson has since accepted the invitation, and expects to commence his work at Burwood early in 1954. Mr. Davis is progressing well after his illness, and is again able to attend some meetings.

Four Russian Baptists from the Soviet Union and five representatives of British and American Friends have been staying in Sweden for ten days as guests of Swedish Quakers. "In company with six Swedish Friends," writes *The Friend* (Aug. 14, 1953), "they have visited schools, farms, co-operatives, industrial plants, and other places of interest in Sweden. The meetings have been private and informal, and their purpose has been to seek, under the guidance of God, and in a spirit of Christian fellowship, for greater mutual understanding. There have been frank and friendly discussions about the tension between East and West, and consideration has been given to certain practical tasks by which Christians in Russia and the West can co-operate together in the cause of true peace for mankind. The

participants agreed to report in their own countries on the cordial sense of purpose and concern which characterised the conversations, and to discuss further the measures needed to achieve the common aim of lasting peace in the world."

The Swan Hill-Woorinen-Ultime churches, Vic., advise that their much appreciated minister, R. A. Banks, has accepted a further engagement of twelve months as from Jan., 1954. His keen interest among the young people is a highlight of his ministry.

For the guidance of our good friends, the church reporters, we note that our "Discipleship" column lists the names of new disciples, those recently welcomed into the church by faith and baptism. The "Membership" column is designed to cover those welcomed by letter of transfer or restoration.

Christian Endeavorers had the opportunity of welcoming Dr. and Mrs. E. R. Bryan to Melbourne, Oct. 14 and 15, Dr. Bryan being President of International Society C.E., and minister of Disciples of Christ, Washington, D.C., U.S.A. He is principal speaker at the National C.E. Convention now being held at Launceston, Tas. Dr. G. H. Oldfield, on behalf of churches of Christ, arranged a luncheon party, and the Victorian Women's Conference executive entertained Mrs. Bryan at afternoon tea. A basket tea was held at Wesley hall, when a large assembly heard Dr. and Mrs. Bryan respond to greetings brought by representatives of State C.E. Union, Methodist, Baptist and churches of Christ. An audience of 800 in Wesley church participated in an inspirational rally, at which Dr. Bryan in his address presented a "Formula for Living," urging people not to stop at the "first mile," but press on to the "second."

D. Ashlin, Tas., writes: "The coming of Mr. and Mrs. K. Webb and daughter Margaret, from Wentworth has given fresh impetus to the work at Bethany Boys' Hostel, Dover, Tas., has given fresh impetus to the work among the boys, and new heart to the committee. Mr. and Mrs. Webb are demonstrating their suitability for this work, and already a marked improvement is noticed in the boys and the

home. 'Bethany' is a very old building, and in a few years must be replaced by a new home. We have been encouraged in this hope by a generous bequest of almost £1000 from a Christian person unknown to us. Another bequest of £100, also from a person unknown to us, is to come shortly. All such gifts go to the fund for the new 'Bethany.' A lady at Dover recently organised a fair, which realised £60. An appeal for jam brought 351 jars. The annual offering was good—gifts of food, clothing and local assistance are appreciated. The committee would appreciate the support of the whole brotherhood in this work. Brethren, pray for Mr. and Mrs. Webb and the boys."

Peter Retchford, former N.S.W. evangelist, has arrived at Phillips University, Enid, Oklahoma, U.S.A., after almost two months' travelling, via England. Mr. Retchford writes: "Dr. Ray Snodgrass met me at Enid Railroad Station on the afternoon of Sept. 14. My eyes fairly opened wide when we came into the University grounds. It has to be seen to be believed. The atmosphere, teaching qualifications of the lecturers, spirit and tone of the whole of the University are very impressive. A warm friendliness exists between student and lecturer, and no student from overseas could possibly feel he was a "foreigner"—a term which is used quite a good deal over here. The purpose of the journey is to study American methods of church government, and eventually help the Australian brotherhood in the future. Much has been learned in the short space of time that I have been here. I am really amazed at the spirit of friendship and Christian brotherliness that exists here."

The College of the Bible, Kentucky, U.S.A., has dedicated the McCarty Radio Studio in which programmes are recorded for broadcasting from radio stations. Homiletics students write, act in, and direct a dozen different types of suitable religious programmes.

Church anniversary services at Inverell, N.S.W., on Sept. 27, and tea meeting on 25th were very successful, special speaker being the Conference President, G. J. Andrews. A special offering taken towards the new church hall realised £217 in cash and promises. Regular monthly services have been commenced at Gilgai and Bundarra, and the date set for the commencement of the Tamworth work is Nov. 22. A Bible school has been commenced in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Stone, Bundarra-rd. Recent visitors included L. Crockford and Margaret Pierce (Warrnambool), Mrs. Coventry and Muriel (Melbourne), and Rita Young (Chatswood).

THE AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN



MINISTER'S MUSINGS

SUNDAY.—Alison is not one of those wives who indulge in sermon "post-mortems"—unless I'm rash enough to ask her. On the same principle that "once is enough" I rarely discuss a sermon with her before it is preached, but I know that some of my fellow-preachers have different ideas. Possibly, if more of us did talk them over with our wives beforehand some sermons would never be preached—which might be a good thing for the congregation, but too bad for the poor preacher! John Wesley read his to a domestic servant. ("What's the difference?" asks Alison, looking over my shoulder.) Wesley's idea was to test out how much of his nicely phrased sermon would be intelligible to the uneducated masses who hung on his words at his great outdoor meetings. Dr. W. E. Sangster tells in his booklet on *Doctrinal Preaching* (to be published shortly) how the former Oxford don urged the servant to stop him at every word she did not understand. Erasures and alterations soon marred the precision of his manuscript, and literary flourishes had to go, but the result was that the people understood him—and listened. We are not preaching to illiterates these days (or are we?—so far as general knowledge of the Bible is concerned, there seems an appalling illiteracy, even among churchgoers), but it is as important as ever that we should be readily understood. A look at some of Wesley's sermon-titles shows that "being understood" need not mean any sacrifice of real "depth" in preaching.

MONDAY.—After yesterday's reflections on clear speech, I found in to-day's paper some choice examples of bombastic jargon—uttered by politicians, not preachers. I think the story Dr. Sangster tells in the closing portion of his booklet should be required reading in every government department, as well as theological colleges. A certain American plumber, says Sangster, "had written to a Washington department reporting that

he had found hydrochloric acid good for cleaning out clogged drains, and he received this in reply: 'The efficacy of hydrochloric acid is indisputable, but the corrosive residue is incompatible with metallic permanence.' So the plumber sent a post-card saying, 'Glad you agree with me.' Another letter came: 'We cannot assume responsibility for the production of toxic and noxious residue with the use of hydrochloric acid.' The plumber wrote again, expressing his delight at having been of use. Then he got this letter: 'Don't use hydrochloric acid. It eats hell out of the pipes.'"

TUESDAY.—Delayed reaction from Sunday has made me more than usually sympathetic to the words of F. W. Robertson, famous preacher of Brighton, Eng., 100 years ago: "Sunday night, Monday, and all Tuesday, are days of wretched exhaustion, not despondency, but actual nervous pain." How much does the average man in the pew know of what preaching sometimes costs?

WEDNESDAY.—We spent some time to-night finalising preparations for the first phase of our Planned Programme drive, aiming eventually at 25 per cent. increase in the church's potential. Some of our plans involve the use of sound projector and tape recorder—two machines which at present we must either hire or borrow, though I'm hoping the day will soon come when many of our churches will regard both as standard equipment for Christian education. The quality of religious films has improved so much in recent years that no progressive church can overlook their possibilities, even if some enthusiasts have rather too easily hailed them as a "cure-all." In that connection I was glad to notice some words spoken the other week at a British conference on Audio-Visual Aids in Christian Education and Evangelism by the organising secretary, E. G. Youdell: "We are in danger of allowing ourselves to become the servants of 'visual aids,' especially of film and film-strip. Many people seem to have 'projectionitis.' But we must remain in complete mastery. The accent is always on 'aids' and we must never forget that we ourselves are the most potent 'visual aids' for the Christian faith." The World Council of Christian Education is about to publish a report by Mr. Youdell, made after three years' research on the use of films in Bible School work. It will be interesting to read his conclusions, especially in the light of the 13 Bible teaching films on *The Living Bible* which the Austr-

lian Religious Film Society is now recommending for such work. It's good to note that one of the most ardent experimenters in the field is the British film magnate, J. Arthur Rank, who makes no secret of his record of more than 45 years as a Bible School teacher (a superintendent for over 20 of those years).

THURSDAY.—When I called in at the Austral this morning I found the manager (a keen C.E. man) full of the visit of International C.E. President, Dr. Bryan, and the large churches of Christ representation at his meeting last night. C.E. at its best is worth getting enthusiastic about. From its inception it has insisted on committing young people to something—to a pledge about which the founder's wife, Mrs. Clark, said, "You'll never get them to promise that"—and then made the promise herself! C.E. has sometimes been misinterpreted, by its friends as well as others, but many of us owe an unpayable debt to its training. I must confess to a certain thrill the other Sunday when Laurel came home and proudly announced for the first time, "I took the Bible reading at Endeavor this morning."

FRIDAY.—In his *A Year of Space*, Eric Linklater makes a comment on missionaries in New Guinea: "From men who were not themselves overtly religious I was a little surprised to hear such high opinions, so widely prevalent, of the missionaries. Their courage was universally acknowledged. They lived far afield, in the wildest parts of the country. I heard—and the assertion was not contradicted—"We couldn't do without them'." A little surprised, Mr. Linklater? How much of the real world did you see in your travels?

SATURDAY.—Having a family is a great asset to a preacher—sometimes. Last Monday I started telling the girls a serial story at the end of the evening meal, and each night since the young tyrants have kept me up to the mark, feverishly thinking up the next episode in between mouthfuls. Somewhat to my surprise, the discriminating Laurel applauds it as a good story, but she immediately pricked me any balloon of conceit by asking me where I read it. "I'm making it up," I protested indignantly. "Oh, no you're not," she retorted confidently. "What makes you so sure?" I asked. "It's too good for that," was her devastating reply. Oh, yes, a family can give a preacher such confidence—sometimes.



INTERSTATE CHURCH NEWS

Discipleship

Lois Leslie, Lake-st., Perth, W.A.
Valarie Lakin, Neville Doyle, Shepparton, Vic.
Joan Morton, Hornsby, N.S.W.
Kevin Wormald, Mr. Penbeavow, Mr. Evans, Kilburn, S.A.
Joan Roediger, Unley, S.A.
Henry Chandler, Boronia, Vic.

Membership

H. A. Leslie, M.P., and Mrs. Leslie, Lake-st., Perth, W.A.
Mr. and Mrs. Male, from Frankston, Vic., and Coburg, Vic., to Berwick, Vic.
Mr. Burt, from Unley, S.A., to Kilburn, S.A.
Mrs. Burt, from Cowandilla, S.A., to Kilburn, S.A.
Mrs. McLean, from Cottonville, S.A., to Kilburn, S.A.
Mr. and Mrs. Wells, Inverell, N.S.W.
Mr. and Mrs. Reg. Enniss, from Lygon-st., Carlton, Vic., to Brighton, Vic.
R. Wilson, from Camberwell, Vic., to Carnegie, Vic.

Fallen Asleep

Mr. Andrewartha, Moonta, S.A.
Mrs. Annie McKinnon, North Williamstown, Vic.

Tasmania

Collins-st., Hobart (H. W. Street).—Mr. Edwards (B. & F.B.S.) spoke on morning of Sept. 13. Men's Fellowship recently enjoyed lecture, illustrated by films and equipment from P.M.G. by M. Davis and N. Clifford. Members of Friendly Societies were present on evening of Sept. 20. Kinder and primary children held spring service, and took part in church service. Their gifts of flowers were made into posies and distributed to sick, Misses Varley and Dale (S.U.M.) gave inspiring messages. 55 attended Sept. meeting of M.B. Miss Dale (S.U.M.) was speaker. Representatives from other Hobart churches attended. £10 was sent to Christmas Cheer, and £7/13/- for Refurnishing Fund of C.O.B. Dorcas ladies have been mending for Bethany

Boys' Home, and are working for annual fair in Nov. Mrs. A. E. Heard has been sick, but is improving.

Queensland

Roma (H. E. Paddick).—Church services have been well attended during winter months, with average of 30 communicants at morning service and 22 at night. Among youth activities are plans of C.E. to provide New Testaments for use of patients in district hospital, commencement of fortnightly training for service course of study with young members of church, equipping them for leadership, and Saturday evening Fellowship meeting fortnightly in manse. Ladies' Guild has been working hard under leadership of Mrs. Paddick. In six months £75 has been raised towards additions to manse and keen spirit of fellowship created.

West Moreton circuit (W. R. Jar-myn).—Churches have been delighted to have former minister, now State President, Mr. Vanham, visiting in official capacity. On Oct. 1 Ipswich Y.P. with minister, Mr. Hilford, visited Lowood-Marburg C.Y.F. in evening of fellowship and devotion. House social at home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Boettcher, Marburg, raised £9. A. Schultz has generously offered to pay cost of painting interior of Marburg chapel. Minister conducted afternoon service at Rosewood Congregational Church anniversary. Many members have been ill.

New South Wales

Wagga (A. W. Morris).—Conference Pres., G. J. Andrews, and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Roffey visited on Aug. 30, when Lake Albert-rd. B.S. was opened by G. J. Andrews, assisted by Mrs. Roffey. Temple day offering was £176. Meetings are increasing in numbers. Lola Thomson (Vic.) has been recent visitor. On Sept. 11 three chefs gave Y.W. club cooking demonstration.

Beverly Hills (N. Reese).—On Sept. 17 C.E. held film night, which included A Question of Values. J. Hunt explained features of each film. At half yearly business meeting of church on Sept. 21 Mr. Brogdon was chairman. Reports showed satisfactory work. Minister attends classes at Beverly Hills, Penshurst State schools and Sunshine Club (Peakhurst). Application is to be made for phone to residence of sec. Financial position is well maintained, but sickness and cold weather are affecting attendances. Some members are visiting mission at Carringbah. P.B.P. is holding meetings in homes of church members.

Darcton (M. D. Keatch).—25th church anniversary was celebrated on Sept. 5 and 6 when I. J. Chivell was speaker. New B.S. hall was opened on 5th, after which God of Creation was screened. All Sunday services, including P.S.A., were well attended. Another film was screened after evening service. On 27th B.S. anniversary services were held, when D. Thomas and Mr. Gronow (Methodist) spoke. Singing of over 80 children was led by H. Jemmeson. Sunraysia District W.M.B. rally was held in chapel on 24th, when ladies from Berri were present. Local ladies catered for 70 at lunch. Plans and timber are on hand for erection of second hall for primary and kinders. Peter Waters is at present on military service.

Hornsby (K. R. Fennell).—Gospel meeting on Oct. 11 was well attended. There was one baptism. Messages in song by Mr. and Mrs. M. Gray (Burwood) were appreciated by all. G. Glazier was soloist on 4th, and B. Roberts speaker. Two new teachers have joined B.S. staff.

South Australia

Fullarton (A. H. Lennox).—Tennis team is playing in C. of C. Association for first season. B team won first match, and C had equal sets, but lost on games. On Oct. 11 B.S. commenced at 9.40 a.m. for first time in experiment of six months. Attendance was only 10 less, and several of these could be accounted for. Several children remained for morning service. Mr. Wright presided, and in place of pre-communion hymn Miss J. Outlaw sang "The Broken Heart." In evening N. Young conducted service and minister spoke. Among sick are R. J. Cooper and H. D. Smith (newly elected treas.). Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Moule whose mother passed away.

Kilburn (H. G. Norris).—J. Webb spoke at both services on Oct. 11, which concluded a successful mission of two weeks with four decisions and three by transfer. Church was inspired by enquiries from local people. B.S. picnic was held on 12th with splendid attendance.

Moonta-Wallaroo (B. W. Manning).—R. Pascoe is still in hospital, and Mrs. Prosser is back from Adelaide hospital. Other Wallaroo members are sick. Anonymous person has had big double front and side doors of Moonta chapel painted. This has been encouragement in special month of prayer. Many visiting members were present on Oct. 11. Mrs. Green was given farewell and birthday afternoon

before going into Rest Home. Cecil Raymond (organist) was also given holiday and birthday gift.

Prospect (K. J. Patterson, B.A., B.Com.).—B.S. anniversary services on Sept. 27 and Oct. 4 had as speakers R. Greenhalgh (N.S.W. Youth Director), L. A. Trezise (Vic. Youth Director), T. Robinson, A. R. Jones and minister. B.S. picnic was held at Morialta Reserve on Labor Day. On morning of Oct. 11 John Hughes (Baptist Youth Director, S.A.) was speaker. Illness has depleted recent attendances. Sec. M. Crosby has been elected Vice-President of S.A. Conference.

Unley (I. J. Chivell). — Visiting speakers have been J. Manallack (Berri) and C. F. Adermann on Conference Sunday, Keith Jones at family night, and L. A. Trezise for youth service. Oct. is being observed as Church Month, starting with tea for all men who help in morning service, with discussion following. Visitation to aged and shut-in members was much appreciated. First Sunday was observed as Thanksgiving Day, followed on second Sunday with 71st anniversary with J. E. Shipway and minister as speakers. B.S. and church combined for picnic on holiday. School reached new peak in attendance for several years and received honors certificate in efficiency competition. John Lawton tied for second place in Bible quiz on youth night of Conference. Cradle Roll service at kinder attracted good number of parents. After 11 years as leader of J.C.E., Miss A. Rosser has resigned, having done splendid work. In Sept. 32 young people enjoyed week-end of study and fellowship at Longwood camp site. Church officers and wives were guests of C.Y.F. at evening.

Victoria

Red Hill (N. Gilmore).—On Oct. 10 Y.P. gave concert in hall. On 11th every member present Sunday was held with minister speaking. Mrs. B. Prosser sang. Many visitors enjoyed fellowship, and Mrs. E. White was welcomed after long illness.

Ararat (R. J. Duckett).—Four more decisions followed decision on anniversary day, and gave Ararat best month for many years. Everything in church is running happily and energetically. New B.S. hall continues to progress. Brick walls have been completed, and gangs of volunteers are now ready to start on floor and roof. Church members continue to work hard in Talent Scheme to finance new hall. It is hoped to have it opened free of debt before Christmas.

Shepparton (T. V. Weir).—On Sept. 30 76 ladies enjoyed Guild birthday.

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Boys' club progresses under leadership of G. Bamford. B.S. exhibition and elsteddfof was successful. R. Bolduan (Cheltenham) was speaker at anniversary services on Oct. 11. H. Sedgman and D. Holloway (C.O.B.) were among visitors. Mooropna joined in gospel meeting. Kinder supt., Mrs. E. Clarke, and B.S. assistant supt., G. Bamford, have been ill. G. Harris is able to attend services after severe illness.

East Kew (D. W. Mansell).—B.S. conducted anniversary services on Sept. 20 and 27, with children's concert on 29th. On Oct. 3 church tendered shower tea to Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Mansell. At annual business meeting on Oct. 7, the following were elected to office:—elders: C. Waters, G. York; deacons: E. Buchanan, F. H. Elliott, M. W. Farmer, C. R. Prince, A. Snibson and R. G. Trompf; deaconesses: Mesdames Elliott, Ellis, Harding, York. Retiring elder T. O. Turiff (now sect., Nth. Balwyn) was recipient of presentation, and thanked for his years of service to East Kew. Annual meeting decided to commence immediately construction of new brick chapel. Combined Ladies' Guild-C.M.S. meeting on Oct. 8 was shown Coronation film by Mr. and Mrs. Jungwirth. Youth Council conducted ship social on 10th.

Bayswater (B. H. Crowden). — Church and B.S. anniversary services were held on Oct. 4. All meetings were well attended. A. Pigdon (Dandenong) was speaker at afternoon service. B. Crowden addressed morning and evening meetings. On 9th enjoyable local talent concert was held, and prizes for year presented to scholars. Bible class conducted evening service on 11th. H. Steele was speaker. C.O.B. offering so far has reached £10.

Berwick (D. H. Smith).—40 Y.P. went hiking on Oct. 3. In evening 80, including visitors from Dandenong, Warragul, Hampton Park and Blackburn attended service, when A. E. White (N. Essendon) spoke. B.S. is practising for anniversary. Working bee by Y.P. was held to prepare ground for basketball. There was good attendance at every-member-present Sunday on 11th. Youth tea was held, after which film strip was shown. In evening Y.P. participated in service. Mrs. and Miss R. Broderick are in hospital, but are recovering. W.M.B. attended rally at Lygon-st.

Ascot Vale (H. Gross).—On Oct. 4 W. Mason (Nth. Essendon) presided. Three sessions for Y.P. later in day were well attended. W. R. Hibburt and Dr. Killmier spoke with films in afternoon, and H. Gross in evening. W. Brown is home from hospital, although confined to bed. Officers

held monthly meeting at his home on Oct. 7. Mrs. Rose, sen., and Miss M. Brown, who have been ill, were present on 11th. Singing by scholars under leadership of Mr. Petrie was appreciated at B.S. anniversary. Mr. Bowman and C. Watson gave addresses.

Balwyn (J. E. Brooke).—On Oct. 11 church anniversary was celebrated with crowded meetings. H. J. Patterson spoke in morning. Over 120 enjoyed tea in hall, and J. Brooke and C. Berg (sec.) welcomed past members. Greetings came from D. Thomas (Mildura) and J. Cuthbert. F. Buckingham and A. Thomas responded on behalf of visitors. Minister expressed appreciation to ladies for tea. Mrs. D. Langford was evening soloist, and a young lady made decision.

Boronia (C. L. Smith).—Average attendances over past 3 months are: morning, 64; evening, 34; and B.S., 115. Record B.S. attendance is now 133. During minister's vacation Mr. Walmsley has been speaker. Recent evening services have included films *My Name is Han, God of the Atom*, and *Dust or Destiny*. C.O.B. offering has reached £37/10/-. Newly-formed Dramatic Club held successful first concert on Sept. 26. Combined district B. Schools have just completed series of teacher training lectures. Good Companions have won 1953 handcraft competition. 80 attended Y.W.F.'s mother and daughter night on Sept. 10, when Mrs. Bright-Parker spoke and showed films. Evening service of Sept. 13 was conducted by flying squad from Youth Dept. Ray Laird was speaker.

Carnegie (L. G. Crisp, L.Th.).—Gymnasium club paraded at evening service on Oct. 4. District C. of C. Men's Societies combined and met in chapel on 9th. Guest speaker was L. Norman, ex-M.L.A., Glen Iris. Women's Missionary Group met on 8th, and was addressed by Matron Button, of Will H. Clay Nursing Home. Resignation of preacher has been received with great regret. Spring fair netted £130.

Cheltenham (R. C. Bolduan).—Men's Fellowship had splendid meeting on Sept 24, when D. Beasy (Carlton footballer) gave challenging address. Cricket club has made excellent start for season, and under-16 team has been formed. B.S. anniversary commenced on Oct. 11, when V. C. Stafford conducted teachers' dedication service at 11 a.m. L. Crisp spoke in afternoon, and C. G. Taylor at night. Children sang well under leadership of G. Daff. Many visitors returned for day.

Essendon (W. R. Hibburt).—Special series of addresses designed to relate

religion to life is accounting for improved attendances at Sunday evening services. Delegation of Y.W. attended central Fellowship gathering on Oct. 6. C.M.S. conducted picture evening on Oct. 3, and visited Argus office on 13th. Three cricket teams and two tennis teams have been registered for season. Miss Hill (C.I.M.) addressed combined meeting of M.B. and Ladies' Guild on Oct. 8. Mrs. R. Watson is making good recovery after stay in hospital.

Frankston-Moorooduc (F. T. Morgan).—Men's Fellowship enjoyed recent meetings, when Mr. Baensch screened two religious films, and Mr. Akeroyd told of his experiences as Director of Penal Settlements. C.Y.F. barbecue, held at Moorooduc, was great success. On Oct. 5 B. & F.B.S. presented interesting film to members of combined churches of Frankston. Bayside District Youth Fellowship held mystery hike on Oct. 10. Y.P. enjoyed tea, sing-song, and movie film which followed. 78 attended membership dedication service on Oct. 11. Church extends sympathy to Misses Ellis, whose aged aunt has passed away. Kinder hall is nearing completion.

North Essendon (A. E. White).—27th anniversary of B.S. was celebrated on Sept. 20 and 27. Bright singing of scholars under R. Tippett was appreciated by large attendances. School starts new year with 220 scholars and 30 teachers. Church attendances averaged 93 for morning, and 129 for evening services during Sept. Average number of communicants for month was 109. P.B.P. held garden fete at manse on Oct. 10, and raised over £50 towards new hall building fund. Sympathy is with R. Tippett in sudden death of father in Adelaide.

North Williamstown (C. J. Mackenzie).—B.S. anniversary was held when speakers were A. E. White, B. Cooper and R. Lane. £14 was gained from anniversary concert for B.S. After-church fellowship has begun. Film *Japan Hears the Word* was shown. Church prayer meeting has been resumed on Thursday evenings. Prayer for many sick is offered by church.

Ormond (F. E. Buckingham).—Preacher has returned from holidays. Speakers on first day of B.S. anniversary were A. Thomas and Wilkie Thomson, and on 11th, J. Wiltshire (Bentleigh) and F. Buckingham. Presentations were made to Mr. and Mrs. C. Gadge for their help in successful anniversary. Good Companions held concert under leadership of R. Whitaker.

York-st., Ballarat (C. W. Jackel).—Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Jackel commenced their ministry and were wel-

comed at special gathering on Sept. 24. F. C. Hunting, J. A. Wilkie and R. McLeod brought greetings from sister churches and H.M. Committee. Welcome on behalf of local members was conveyed by Mrs. H. Skewes (Ladies' Guild), M. Murray (B.S.), Miss V. Murray (youth auxiliaries), and H. G. Feary (church). W. H. Feary presided. Mr. and Mrs. Jackel made suitable responses, and church anticipates successful ministry.

Brighton (C. G. Taylor, B.A.).—"Investment for Youth" team led evening service on Oct. 11. Hampton ladies visited Women's Fellowship on 8th, Mrs. D. E. Pittman speaking on churches in U.S.A. Ladies' Will H. Clay Nursing Home committee raised over £10 with floral art demonstration on Oct. 15. Y.P. inspected Stratheden on 13th. The Hazlehurst family was farewelled on Oct. 4.

First Sunday

New Hall, East Malvern, Vic.

On Sunday, Oct. 11, T. W. Smith presided at the communion service, when the hall was comfortably filled. Visitors included some from as far away as Bendigo. The exhortation was given by F. A. Youens, who took the words "Now, therefore . . ." as the basis of his message. In his earnest plea for loyalty to Christ and to the Word of God, he gave a solemn warning against the danger of feeling that as we had now accomplished our object, after much labor and anxiety, we were fully entitled to "rest on our oars." This could not be done in the work and life of the church—we must go on. On Sunday afternoon a P.S.A. sacred concert was given by the Camberwell church of Christ choir, under the conductorship of E. Peters. All the items—solos, anthems, verse-speaking, negro spirituals—were beautifully rendered, and were a blessing to all present, the hall being full. T. W. Smith conveyed the church's appreciation to Mr. Peters and the choir. Mr. Peters responded.

One of the "highlights" of the celebrations was the fellowship tea at 5.30 p.m. on Sunday, provided by the sisters and friends of the church. All of the Camberwell choir stayed for the tea, although they had to leave shortly afterwards to render their usual service at Camberwell. The new preacher of the Camberwell church (J. H. Cain) was welcomed, and gave a greeting. Very many friends of the earlier days of the East Malvern church who had removed to other districts were present, also many visitors. It was delightful to renew acquaintance with all of these.

At the evening meeting on Sunday, H. R. Coventry spoke on "The Triumphs of Faith," and at the close of the service two young people came forward to accept Christ as Saviour. It was a grand climax. One of these was the elder son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Neil McCann, former active workers at East Malvern, who now live at Eltham. Mr. McCann's services as organist throughout the meetings were highly appreciated. Mrs. Hindman (Carnegie) sang two beautiful solos at the gospel meeting.

We have not space to give details of the history of the East Malvern church. A well-produced brochure has been prepared as a souvenir of the opening and dedication services. A few copies are available, if anybody interested will send a 3d. stamp to the secretary (R. A. Strongman, 6 Dent-st., Glen Iris, S.E.6). — T. W. Smith.

BIRTH.

WHITTAKER (Annetts).—On Oct. 10, at Bethesda Hospital, to Merle and Bill, a daughter—Carolyn Merle. Sister for Geoffrey and Annette.

DEATHS.

TIPPETT.—On Oct. 8 (suddenly), at Waite-st., Blackwood, S.A. (late of Marion), Richard N., dearly beloved husband of Muriel, father of Mavis (Mrs. Reynolds, Blackwood), Randolph (Nth. Essendon, Vic.), Thelma (Mrs. Bell, Marion), and grandpa to 12 grandchildren.

"For ever with the Lord."

IN MEMORIAM.

MASON.—In loving remembrance of my dear wife, Annie, suddenly called home Oct. 22, 1947.

"Till we meet at Jesus' feet."

—Frank.

STOKES.—In loving memory of my darling Harold, accidentally killed at Horsham, Oct. 23, 1947, aged 18 years.

"Until the day breaks and the shadows flee away."

—Inserted by his loving mother, sister Merle, and brother-in-law Perce.

PRE-MARRIAGE.

At Ann-st. church of Christ, Brisbane, on Nov. 7, at 3 p.m., the marriage of Gweneth, younger daughter of Mrs. A. E. Green and the late James Green, Boonah, Qld., to Roy M. Wilson, part-time minister Invermay church, Tas., will be celebrated.

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A Notable Visitor

On Wednesday, Sept. 30, Lady Owen Dixon visited the Christian Guest Home at Oakleigh at the invitation of the matron, Mrs. H. Miller. Lady Dixon is the wife of the Chief Justice of the Federal High Court. Some of the staff and guests of the Will H. Clay Nursing Home and the Emmaus Rest Home were present by invitation.

Lady Dixon addressed the gathering on the recent Coronation service and procession. She and her husband were given a close-up of the proceedings, and much of the detail not publicised in films was brought to light. In a very interesting way this wonderful event was made to live. The touches of humor which punctuated the address kept those present in a happy frame of mind.

In a very friendly way Lady Dixon found the hearts of her hearers, and all felt that here was a lady indeed. After an excellent afternoon tea she insisted upon meeting personally the cook, Miss Allen, and her assistants. The poultry pen interested her, and Mr. Harvey, the keeper, was made to answer questions.

Matron Miller presided, and Mrs. Hodges, the president of the Women's Conference, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Lewis, of the Oakleigh church, and W. H. Clay shared in a small way the programme submitted. Lady Dixon afterwards visited the other Homes, and was greatly impressed.—Will H. Clay.



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OBITUARY

George Morton.

On Sept. 27, in his 70th year, George Morton, beloved member of Burwood church, N.S.W., passed into the presence of the Lord. Baptised at Enmore many years ago, he was a student of the "Campbell Edwards' Training Class," and was associated in the formation of the work at Erskineville. With a group of younger men of that period he was a speaker in the cause of temperance on the Newtown Bridge. As a preacher he was most acceptable, and always ready to serve. Mr. Morton had a long association with Band of Hope, Bolivian Indian Mission, and N.S.W. Alliance. He was for many years sec. of the Social Service Dept. and C.F.A., also a member of the F.M. Committee, and (his best work) sec. of the Boys' Home, Pendle Hill. He loved the church, was a friend to the friendless, and wore himself out in the cause of Christ. After a short service at Burwood chapel on Sept. 29, when the Conference Pres., G. J. Andrews, assisted W. J. Crossman, the funeral cortege moved off to Rookwood Cemetery. To Mrs. Morton and her family deepest sympathy is extended.—W.J.C.

Thomas Rookes.

Our brother was called suddenly to his reward on Friday, Oct. 2. For the past six months he had not been well,

but his steady improvement had encouraged us to believe that he would soon be back with us. He was baptised by W. T. Atkin in 1932, and since that time has been a faithful and loved member of the Dandenong church. He served as a deacon for two terms, and during this time performed a much appreciated ministry as usher. He also gave many years' service as Bible School teacher. In daily life he was a hard and conscientious worker until illness prevented him from undertaking his normal tasks. During his recent illness he engaged in a correspondence Bible course. His faith in his Lord was very real. In his last letter he wrote, "To God be the praise for I know he will not fail me nor forsake me." The service at the Dandenong church was conducted by the writer, assisted by T. G. H. Westwood and F. Youens. To Mrs. Rookes, Ron and Betty the church extends sincere sympathy. Though we sorrow we rejoice in our brother's triumph.—A.R.P.



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CARNEGIE.—Bible School Anniversary, Oct. 25, at 3 and 7 p.m.

BRIGHTON.—Bible School Anniversary Oct. 25. Speakers: 3 p.m., A. E. White, B.A.; 7 p.m., C. G. Taylor, B.A. Bible School concert, Tues., Oct. 27, distribution of prizes. A cordial welcome to all.

MOUNT EVELYN.—Church Anniversary. Speakers: 11 a.m., B. J. Combridge; 7 p.m., A. H. Pratt; 8 p.m., Film. Progress of church and building. Basket meals.

WATTLE PARK.—Bible School Anniversary, Oct. 25. Speakers: 3 p.m., P. Foster; 7 p.m., Dr. W. A. Kemp. Meetings will be held in Orange Lodge Hall, Burwood-rd., Burwood—next door to State School (between Warrigal and Elgar-rds.).

WANGARATTA.—26th Church Anniversary Services preceded by brief Evangelistic Mission, commencing Oct. 25, under leadership of E. J. Miles, of Caulfield, culminating in special services for Nov. 1, and Anniversary Banquet, Wednesday, Nov. 4. All past members and friends cordially invited. If unable to attend please send a greeting.

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way when this unusual marker on the
road's shoulder suddenly thrust two
words before us—SLOW CHURCH.

Is the church thus to be laconically
labelled by a jet-propelled generation?
Is its one tell-tale word to denote a
tortoise pace while the world's stream-
lined procession passes? Can nothing
shake its sure repose?

So, with our mind's eye we looked
beyond the cautionary sign to conjure
up the little tottering frame building
set in its rural retreat, with mossy
grave-stones leaning like Pisa's Tower
here and there among the rank under-
brush—SLOW CHURCH. What activ-
ity can you meet in a grave-yard?
Are the quick among the dead? How
sad those church letters too often
read at the association. Each year,
like the tolling of the bell . . . "bap-
tisms, none" . . . "gifts to missions,
none." The year's report—for whom
does it toll? It tolls for the listless
church, the church among the dead.

SLOW CHURCH! What derisive
hands put that mocking marker to
make sport of such inertia? Was it
some sly soul bent on belittling? Thus
we mused, with minds out-running
the car in which we were approaching
the spot. Beyond the sign, we ex-
pected a decrepit scene around the
shoulder of the hill. But how differ-
ent!

What met our gaze on rounding the
curve was no scene of sluggishness,
no picture of decay. There gleamed
the church house. Newly painted,
with signs of having been recently en-
larged to meet teeming growth. It
was a focal point for the whole com-
munity. Young and old made their
way to the church. The grounds
about the meeting place were alive
with children, for it was a play period
of their Vacation Bible School. This
spot knew life, joy, hope. The breath
of love was upon it. The incense of
prayer sweetened it. The flame of
faith warmed it.

SLOW, CHURCH! No mocking sign
that! Ah, lost world, speeding you
know not where! Lost world, intent
only to get away from yourselves, yet
never succeeding—SLOW down hasten-
ing to your doom! The presence of
the church alongside the highway so
pleads—the church alive with Life
from Above. The church by the broad
way points to the straight and narrow
way.

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The Darkest Night!

The night was dark! How dark we
cannot tell
When Judas left that "upper room"—
his Lord to sell!
The night was dark! How dark we
may not know
When Jesus gave this feast—because
he loved us so.

He took the bread! He took the
wine—

These simple elements combine
To represent his flesh impaled
And blood which flowed when he
was nailed

To that dread cross on Calvary
Where Jesus died for you and me.

He took the loaf and blessed and
broke.

"Take! Eat! My body"—thus he
spoke,

He took the cup and thanks he
gave

To God, Who sent his Son to
save.

"My blood shall be poured out
for you"—

This truth show forth as this
you do!

His soul was sad! How sad we may
not know,
When Jesus pray'd the cup might pass.
'Twas answer'd—"No!"

His soul was sad! How sad we cannot
tell,

When Judas kissed the Saviour's face—
his Lord to sell!

Betray'd! Forsaken! Thus he went
The Lord, the Christ, Whom God
had sent

To die for you—to die for me—
To save a thief on Calvary's tree!

For such a love we'll Christ
adore,

And live his precepts more and
more,

Recalling all he did and said—
Our Christ! The Lord — ris'n
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