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Principal Plans Overseas Tour, 1954

E. L. Williams, Chairman of the Federal Executive, and immediate Past President of Federal Conference, has served the brotherhood as a lecturer in the College of the Bible, Glen Iris, for fifteen years, and as Principal for nine years.

The Board of Management of the College, remembering a previous plan to send Mr. Williams to the World Convention at Buffalo, and to undertake an exchange lectureship with one of the Professors in Chapman College, Los Angeles (which plan had to be abandoned owing to the illness of Mrs. Williams), and realising that Mr. Williams' work would be made more effective still if he could have some overseas experience and contact with other sections of the Restoration Movement in America and Great Britain, has released him in order that he might accept the generous offer of Dr. Jesse Bader, Secretary of the World Convention, to arrange a series of lectureships in some of our Colleges and Universities, and preaching appointments in the United States of America.

Mr. Williams, who (it is hoped) will be accompanied by Mrs. Williams, will attend the International Convention of Disciples of Christ in the United States in October, 1954, as fraternal delegate of churches of Christ in Australia at no expense to the College Board.

Following his lecturing and preaching appointments in America, he will visit our British churches and College



as the fraternal delegate of the Australian brotherhood.

The Federal Committee for the Promotion of Christian Union sought the opportunity for Mr. Williams to be present at the second assembly of the World Council of Churches at Evanston, U.S.A., in August, 1954. The Federal Executive endorsed the proposal.

We are sure Mr. and Mrs. Williams will go abroad with the utmost goodwill of the Australian brotherhood, aware that they have a mission to fulfil and a desire to represent us worthily.—Howard Earle, Sec., Federal Conference.



News Briefs

The Fifth World Convention is scheduled for Toronto, Canada, Aug. 16-25, 1955. Many are already planning to attend, and enquiries are coming in from all parts of Australia. An Australian Committee is being set up with F. N. Lee as chairman and W. N. McCann as secretary. Communications may be addressed to Mr. McCann at "Gwandalan," New-st., Eltham, Vic. 'Phone JL 9207.

The church at Brooklyn Park, S.A., has unanimously invited A. E. Brown to accept a further three years' engagement as from Jan., 1954, when he will have completed 6½ years of ministry with the church. Decisions marked the successful B.S. anniversary period, when Mr. Barns led the singing. Following visitation evangelism and meetings under the appreciated leadership of I. J. Chivell (Unley) from Nov. 3 there were three further decisions. B.S. attendance rose to 150 on Nov. 15.

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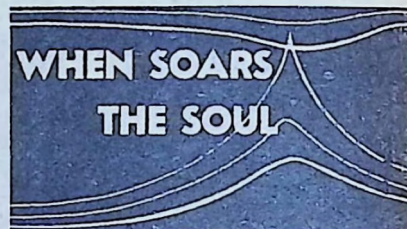
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When soars the soul earth's
clamoring voices cease,
Stilled in the wonder of God's
power and peace.



Why is light given to a man whose
way is hid, whom God has hedged in?
For my sighings come as my bread,
and my groanings are poured out like
water. For the thing that I fear
comes upon me, and what I dread be-
falls me. I am not at ease, nor am
I quiet; I have no rest; but trouble
comes. . . . For the arrows of the
Almighty are in me; my spirit drinks
their poison; the terrors of God are
arrayed against me.—Job 3: 23-26; 6:
4 (R.S.V.)

There is nothing to fear in the
chances and changes of life, if we
meet them in God's fellowship. The
owner of a weather vane which had
painted on it, "God is love," was
asked why these words were there.
He replied, "God is love whatever
wind may blow." In him there are
resources for every need, strength for
every trial. When we meet life in
utter faith, we find that the strain
brings the strength. There are no
clouds that cannot break into bless-
ings, if we enter them with God.
Faith opens the way for him into any
situation to transform it. It is to dis-
cover his resources and live by them
that God has set us in a world like
this, with all its hazards, perplexities
and strain. There are often powers
within us of which we are not con-
scious till we are forced to use them.
Someone described how as a boy he
had learned to swim. His father put
him into a pool whereupon the lad
instinctively did what he had seen
others do and made the appropriate
actions. His father stood by, ready
to grip his hand, and that gave him
confidence. The Bible says that is
what God does with us.—Dr. James
Reid.

O thou who art the Way, set free
our hedged-in souls to follow thee
more fully. With thy love heal where
life's arrows have poisoned us. Turn
all bitterness into blessing as, for-
getting ourselves, we serve others for
thee. AMEN.

And so the shadows fall apart,
And so the west winds play;
And all the windows of my heart
I open to the day.

—J. G. Whittier.

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In "The Christian World," Principal W. G. ROBINSON notes in his Bible . .

Some Surprising Omissions

There are some unexpected gaps and some surprising omissions in the New Testament. It was not, of course, possible to set down everything that happened: the end of the Fourth Gospel confesses that "there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself would not contain the books that should be written." But there are many gaps which we could wish filled and many questions to which no answers are given.

What happened, for example, at Chorazin? Matthew 11 and Luke 10 record that "Jesus began to upbraid the cities wherein most of his mighty works were done because they repented not," saying "Woe to thee, Chorazin! Woe to thee, Bethsaida!" Although one or two examples of events at Bethsaida are given, nothing is said of events at Chorazin, and the city is never again mentioned, although it must have been the scene of many of the miracles and deeds of Jesus. What happened, for example, to Peter after his escape from prison in Acts 12, when he visited the house of Mary in Jerusalem and then "departed and went to another place"? Which other place? Peter reappears briefly in Acts 15, and there are tiny glimpses of him in Galatians and I Corinthians, but there is a great gap in the rest of his missionary life and labor. And what happened to Paul after, at the end of Acts, we leave him living "two whole years in his own hired dwelling" at Rome? Was he released? How much longer did he live? Did he go on to Spain as he had hoped? We cannot know for certain.

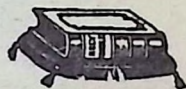
These are all gaps in our historical knowledge; some omissions were inevitable. But there are also some striking omissions of key-words where we should have expected them to be found. Look at three of these—the words "Church," "Christian" and "Christ."

"Church"

The word "Church" is mentioned only three times and in only two places in the Gospels. Both places are in Matthew (15: 18 and 18: 17). Why, when the Church is so important in the rest of the New Testament, is it only in one Gospel? Various answers have been given. It has been suggested that these references are no true part of the original but have been interpolated later: yet many

modern scholars agree on their authenticity. It has been said that they must be spurious since Jesus had no intention of founding a Church because he expected the end of the world to come soon: modern scholars, notably Dr. Newton Flew and Dr. George Johnston in Britain, have shown that the preaching, teaching and sending out of the apostles by Jesus, and his claim to be Messiah, all implied and demanded the gathering together of a community and constituted the Church. It has been argued that Roman Catholic claims that their Church is founded on Peter and his "power of the keys" are bogus: but Protestants could still accept Peter's confession, or the kind of person Peter was, as the basis for the Church Universal without accepting any narrow Roman episcopal suc-

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cession, unbroken since Peter. The real reason why the word "Church" is used so little in the Gospels is that its real founding came after the resurrection. The Church was still in the future when Jesus said "on this rock I will build my Church." The society which Jesus intended then fully gathered itself into a fellowship called together by God to continue and replace the old Israel as his chosen people, and gifted with the Holy Spirit. It would have been an anachronism to speak of the Church as existing before the resurrection. Meanwhile, the synonyms for the Church which are found in the rest of the New Testament — flock, little flock, people (of God), chosen—are both implicit and explicit in the Gospels which properly refrain from using the word until after the resurrection.

"Christian"

The word "Christian," which is now such a regular and honored name for the followers of Christ, appears only three times in the whole of the New Testament. The three occasions on which it is used are in the Acts of the Apostles and in I Peter. They are worth examining. Acts 11 tells how the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch. It was a derisive nickname given in a city which prided itself on its ability to hit off a character or a situation with a

phrase. Normally, to judge by Acts, the followers of Jesus spoke of themselves in terms of "brothers" or "those who were in the Way," or "disciples." In Acts 26, Herod Agrippa II, driven into a corner by Paul's persuasiveness, tried to turn Paul off by saying, "With but little persuasion thou wouldst fain make me a Christian." Again the name was used by a non-Christian, and again derisively. Finally, in I Peter 4, Peter in writing of the sufferings of Christians in their "fiery trial" says "If a man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed." Here clearly "as a Christian" should go into inverted commas; it is the substance of the charge of enemies and a semi-quotation of the name used by non-Christian persecutors. In other words, the name "Christian" seems to have been used, not by Christians themselves in New Testament times, but by their opponents and enemies.

"Christ"

The name of the Lord Jesus Christ occurs only twice in the whole of the Epistle of James (in 1: 1 and 2: 1). This is a remarkable circumstance which has given rise to all kinds of explanations. Martin Luther dismissed James as "an epistle of straw with no tang of the gospel about it"; others have suggested that it was a semi-Christian or Jewish work into which the name of Christ had been interpolated, and that only quite formally, or that it was a Christian letter addressed to Jews in which the writer deliberately "soft-pedalled" what was specifically Christian in order to penetrate unsuspected under the guard of Jews, and convince them before they knew that they were in danger. But a careful reading of the Epistle, especially in an edition of the Bible which gives marginal references, will show how closely the Epistle echoes the teaching of Jesus, and in particular the Sermon on the Mount. It is undeniably a Christian work. If the writer who merely calls himself "James a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ" is James the brother of the Lord, it is strange that he does not mention the name of Jesus more often, unless perhaps a queer kind of family shyness prevented him. If he is some other James, otherwise unknown, then he is a writer who represents one line of development of Christian thought—the stress, not on theology but on morality, not on speculation but on action, not so much on Grace as on a new Law.

D. R. CHESTERTON ("The Christian") looks at Christian

Literature in Missionary Strategy

From the earliest years of the Christian Church, books have been its faithful servants. The Pauline epistles were more than early Christian literature; they were the first editions, the first titles, in a series which has been continued through the nineteen centuries of the Church's history.

The earliest Christian literature was missionary literature — destined, not for Jerusalem, but for Rome and Ephesus and Philippi—for the Mission Field. Its purpose was the building up of the faith, the nurturing of the Younger Churches of that Greco-Roman world; its readers were humble men and women confronted on every side with the conflicting loyalties and ideologies of their day; and its message was that which broke through all human barriers and all the national and cultural frontiers of men's making, the message of one God, made man and revealed in Jesus Christ.

INCREASE IN LITERACY.

The advancing Church has always used the printed word, and no survey of the missionary movement of to-day can be complete which fails to give due consideration to the contribution which Christian literature can make in the strategy of Christian Missions. Nor can one claim fully to appreciate the challenge of the times in which we live, nor the opportunities which confront the Church abroad, who has not given due thought to the part which books must play in all missionary planning and purpose.

By the very fact of its teaching mission, the Christian Church has won for itself a unique opportunity in the field of literature. And if that opportunity be regarded as a challenge, then it is itself, in part, the author of that challenge. The greatest single cause of the need for Christian literature in the mission field is the ever-increasing spread of literacy; the fact that there are in the world to-day more people who can read than ever before. And whilst due account must be taken, and due credit given, for every step which governments and secular authorities, both national and international, have taken to combat the evils of illiteracy, it yet remains the boast of the Christian Church that it has been the greatest single force in history to bring that increase about. Let us, however, beware, lest our boast become our shame.

SATISFYING THE HUNGRY.

When you teach a man to read you create in him a hunger. The pioneer missionaries who reduced the languages of Central Africa to writing did just that; each little village school in the mission field to-day is doing just that; it is again that creation of hunger, the desire to read, that is the fruit of every literacy campaign. And the Church's proud history in the field of literacy and linguistics can yet become its shame if it has to be recorded in this present time: They made men hunger, yet gave them no bread.

Increasingly, and despite the big co-operative and inter-mission presses in such places as Leopoldville, Madras



and elsewhere, the Mission Field finds itself inadequate to meet the demand for books which it has itself done so much to create. All too often larger and yet larger editions of books mean less variety, less ability to produce the new Christian literature which the times demand. Only by a vast programme of expansion, by far larger financial grants and gifts, and by the setting aside of personnel specifically to that end can the mounting needs of to-day be met.

COMMUNIST APPEAL.

But the challenge comes not only from within. The Church is equally challenged from outside its own ranks. The phrase "Communist Literature" has become a household word. The phrase "Christian Literature" must be made to mean as much as "Communist Literature" has come to mean. It must be made a weapon of the Church's armory. More than that it must be recognised that in many parts of the world to-day it is, after prayer, the only weapon which the Church possesses. It can go into lands

which the missionary cannot enter, and it can be left behind if the missionary is forced to leave.

For this work it must be fashioned and produced in such a way that God can use it. The missionary Church must ever remember that all too often men judge what they read not primarily by what is written, but by how it is produced; by its attractiveness and by its worth compared with the price they pay for it. That is the lesson which the Communist has learnt, and of which the proof is seen in the Life of Stalin, which is being sold throughout India to-day. The Church must learn that lesson, too.

Nor must it be thought that this world-wide need for books which confronts men to-day springs solely from the flood of new readers in the lands of the younger churches. The general lifting of the standards of living, the greater knowledge which ordinary men and women possess, the growth of education, the spread of travel, the breaking down of tribal and national boundaries, all these contribute to the ever-increasing need.

PROBLEMS OF EDUCATION.

In most mission fields, the greatest evangelising agencies are the Village Pastor and the Teacher-Evangelist. These men, the spearhead of the Church's mission, have increasingly to deal with men and women better educated than themselves. They need books, and they need them urgently. They need commentaries, lesson-notes, simple textbooks of theology, helps of every kind, that their message may be clothed and presented in such a way as to grip the awakening minds of men and keep its power to convince and win them.

The revolution in the structure of social life brought about by the industrialising trend of the present day has, particularly perhaps in Africa, brought its own problems to the Church. The change from village life to the life of the city, mine and compound has often mitigated against missionary work as it used to be understood. Evangelism has, far more often, to be undertaken by indirect methods. Men's leisure hours are more limited, but their interests are immeasurably more diverse. The preacher has had sometimes to give place to the book, the tract and the poster. Christian literature has become to such men the voice of the Church,

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THE MINISTRIES OF OUR

WOMEN

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

Programme for December

DEVOTIONAL THEME: "Hark, the herald angels sing."

CALL TO WORSHIP.

Light looked down and beheld Darkness,
"Thither will I go," said Light.
Peace looked down and beheld War,
"Thither will I go," said Peace.
Love looked down and beheld Hatred,
"Thither will I go," said Love.
So came Light, and shone;
So came Peace, and gave rest;
So came Love, and brought Life,
And the Word was made Flesh, and dwelt among us.

—Laurence Housman.

HYMN.

No. 68. "Angels, from the realms of glory."

PRAYER.

"O holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in—
Be born in us to-day!
We hear the holy angels
The great glad tidings tell—
Oh, come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Immanuel!"

BIBLE READING.

Luke 2: 3-20.

HYMN.

No. 72. "Hark, the herald angels sing."

MEDITATION.

On Christmas Day, 1805, the church at Gentian Hill was a bower of greenery and packed with every man, woman and child in the village, all dressed in their best. The minister stood up in the pulpit and read the homily for Christmas, which most of the congregation knew by heart, all but the last few words. Mr. Ash began his peroration: "Let us join our praises to those of the angels at this holy season, and open our hearts in welcome to. . . ." Then down came his book on the sleeping Job^{'s} Stanberry's head, so that still no one knew what the last words were.

Stella, as she left the church, on the whole was glad she had not heard the concluding words of Mr. Ash. . . . "and open our hearts in welcome to. . . ." because she could employ herself all the way home thinking of all the glory to which it was possible to open one's heart on Christmas day. . . . The God of love, the Holy Child, Wonderful Counsellor, the Mighty Father, the Prince of Peace. It was enough to make one's heart crack and break, if one thought about it too long.

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and, sometimes for them its only voice.

WIDENING HORIZONS.

The entry of Christians from the younger churches into careers and walks of life which are both strange to them and undreamed of in the social order in which their fathers lived has brought its own peculiar challenge. Such men handle as a commonplace the advanced knowledge of their callings, yet not infrequently the level of their Christian thinking remains perforce that of the humbler life from which they came. Cut off, as they often are, from frequent direct personal guidance and encouragement of their own Church leaders, they stand in particular need of the help and inspiration which books can give them.

How then can such challenges be met, and how best can the Christian Church seize the opportunity which is hers to-day? If the united efforts

of Mission Boards, and of such organisations as the United Society for Christian Literature and many others, are but touching the fringe of the problem, then it is clear that the Church can no longer content itself with platitudes concerning the importance of the ministry of the printed word.

Only when we appreciate the vastness and wonder of the opportunity which God has given us, shall we be able adequately to meet it. Only when the importance of Christian literature has been accepted as being at least equal to that of the hospital and school, can we claim that we are even beginning to tackle the problem. Only when we have set aside the men and the funds towards meeting the need of our brethren can we pretend that we have accepted the challenge. And only when we, as individual Christians, have given of our labor and gifts and prayer, can we dare claim that we have done our part.

"Let us join our praises to those of the angels at this holy season, and open our hearts in welcome, too."

Not all the feasting and the song
That speed the merry hours along;
Not all the gifts, and love, and mirth,
That circle round the happy earth;
Not all the holly berries gay,
Can make a Christmas Day.

What makes it Christmas Day?

The Gift of gifts from heaven on earth,

The holy Child, whose wondrous birth,
Brings to each heart its message still,
"Glory to God, to men good-will!"
This is the angels' joyous lay;
This makes the Christmas Day!

In this Christmas Season, let us pray—Thanking God for the giving of Christ for all mankind.

Let us pray—

For friends and loved ones—that there may be for them the joy of Christmas.

For all who have no room for Christ in their hearts and homes.

For those who have not heard the message of Christmas.

For newcomers to our land.

For the lonely, the aged, the children—that all may know something of the significance of Christmas.

For a willingness to share our Christmas joy.

For the day when man shall cry back to God, "There shall be peace on earth, goodwill to men."

HYMN.

No. 76: "It came upon the midnight clear." Verses 1, 3, 5.

BUSINESS.

MISSIONARY LETTERS.

MESSAGE IN SONG.

ADDRESS.

Christmas Meditation.

HYMN.

No. 121. "Joy to the world, the Lord is come."

PRAYER.

Holy Father of the holy Christ-Child,
Cause him to be reborn to-day in our world,
Make each heart a cradle for his nativity,
Each life a temple for his glory,
Each home a worship for his Spirit,
Each Church a sanctuary of his Kingdom,
Until his Presence shall master all mankind.
In his Spirit of Love, Amen.

BENEDICTION.

Our Father, grant unto us in the fullest measure the peace and joy of the Christmas season, as we dedicate our lives to the Christ whose birthday we celebrate. AMEN.

MISSIONARY NEWS

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

A Worthy Gift

WILLIAM MORROW ESTATE.

In the year 1934, whilst still Chairman of the Foreign Mission Board, William Morrow passed to his reward. His will made provision for some brotherhood departments, including the Foreign Mission Board. As the overseas work was so close to his heart, it was natural that the major portion of the bequest was for that work.

During the intervening years, annual interest on invested capital came to the parties named. Annual income varied, but several hundred pounds has been received for the general work of the Mission. In addition to annual income, £3,000 capital was withdrawn in 1950, and has helped considerably in building projects.

MEMORY HONORED.

The intention of the Board from the outset was to create an endowment out of a substantial portion of the estate—an object much in line with the mind of the donor. To make this possible, the executors have now transferred to the Board Government securities having a maturity value of £5,050. This will show in our books as invested monies, and the interest thereon will be used in the normal way for overseas work. The creation of an endowment will enable the name of W. Morrow to be remembered in a way that hitherto was not possible.

CHILDREN'S WARD.

A further memorial to the memory of the donor is to be created in India. In the building projects mentioned below is listed children's ward. This ward will be built to keep faith with a verbal promise made to Mr. Morrow during his last illness. Funds for this are available through the sale of shares, and sufficient capital will be retained to carry this project through.

OUR TRIBUTE.

The substantial value of the bequest can be visualised by reading the above paragraphs, though there is still a valuable property in Adelaide, a share of which in due course will revert to the Board. Meanwhile, rental from this property will bring income to the Board.

We honor the memory of one who served for many years on the Board and ever had the interests of the missionary cause at heart, and made such wonderful provision for such gifts to continue long after his passing. The Board also pays tribute to Mrs. Morrow, who has always been sympathetic to the plans made in respect to the estate.

Building Projects

HOSPITAL WARDS.

Long delayed schemes for the building of maternity and children's wards at Dhond are now being contemplated. The war and subsequent difficulties caused years of delay. These projects are financially possible because of the bequest of former Federal Conference President, C. J. Garland (£1,000) for maternity block, and provision of W. Morrow bequest for children's ward. The additional monies required came as a result of some land sales at Dhond. A Government proviso surrounding the sale intimates that the money obtained from the sale must be used for the benefit of the Indian

people. For years the hospital staff has been handicapped because of the lack of these facilities.

SCHOOL UNITS.

The primary school at Baramati now has an enrolment of over six hundred. A few years ago when the enrolment was about three hundred and fifty, the accommodation was regarded as inadequate. To-day some classes have to be held on the verandahs, and sometimes even the living rooms of the teachers. The school stands high in the esteem of the community, and students are drawn from all sections of the people — Christian and non-Christian alike. The school is open to Government inspection, and draws Government subsidy, and inspectors have recommended that more accommodation be provided. It is therefore planned that two new class units be built and a hostel for lady teachers. The present teachers' hostel, situated near the school, would then be used as classrooms.

ASBESTOS CEMENT.

Both hospital wards and school units will be built of asbestos cement, supplied by an Indian firm. These units are substantial, and of pleasing appearance, and are considerably cheaper than the usual brick and tile buildings. Dr. L. J. Michael, John Bairagi, and the Federal Secretary visited the works and inspected such units, and their recommendation is now approved by the Foreign Mission Board.



SPEAKING PERSONALLY.

"Here and There—with Jesse Bader" is a monthly news page in the *Christian-Evangelist*. The issue of August 26 concluded with this paragraph: "Word has just been received by me from Lyall Williams, Principal of the College of the Bible at Melbourne. that he will visit America in the autumn of 1954. He will visit our churches and colleges in Canada and the United States until December, and attend the Evanston Conference. Then he will visit our churches in Great Britain. It is hoped Mrs. Williams will accompany him."

We were represented at the World Youth Conferences at Oslo and Travancore by Hayden McCallum and Bruce Burn respectively. This is the first time that we will have direct representation at a major ecumenical conference at the "senior" level. None will more worthily represent us than Mr. and Mrs. Williams.

In the last twenty years only a few of our Australian preachers have been able to make overseas trips. K. A. Jones, the late Professor Main, E. C. Hinrichsen, Arnold Caldicott and Bruce Burn have had extended visits to England, and of these I think Mr. Main was the only one to go to U.S.A. Visits from overseas by our own leading scholars and preachers have been limited to the few made by American padres during the war, Professor A. C. Garnett, and the Snodgrass-Pollock team last year.

Setting up our own Federal College of the Bible stopped some of the leakage of preachers to the States, but it also unfortunately restricted our personal contact with the life and thought of the Disciples. In almost every case, men who have gone to America for further training since 1930 have remained there, or returned after a few years back in Australia.

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It is a good thing, therefore, that the Principal of the College of the Bible is getting this experience when, please God, he will have many years of service still to contribute to the Australian brotherhood.

The main theme of the Evanston Conference, to which Mr. Williams will be a delegate, is "Christ the Hope of the World." Recent issues of The Australian Christian have carried a summary of one of the major sections of the second report on the Conference

themes. Study leaflets have been published on the subsidiary themes, as follows:

1. Faith and Order—Our Oneness in Christ and Our Disunity as Churches.
2. Evangelism—the Mission of the Church to Those Outside Her Life.
3. Social Questions—The Responsible Society in a World Perspective.
4. International Affairs—Christians in the Struggle for World Community.
5. Inter-group Relations — The

Church Amid Racial and Ethnic Tensions.

6. The Laity—The Christian in His Vocation.

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—Contributed by R. W. Graham for the Federal Committee for the Pro motion of Christian Union.

In a broadcast talk IRA A. PATERNOSTER emphasises the plea . . .

"THAT I MAY KNOW HIM"

Among Christian leaders to-day there is a decided swing away from dry-as-dust theological terminology, back to a re-statement of the fundamental facts of our faith couched in the language of to-day. This is in order to bring home more forcibly to the average man, if there be such an individual, his relationship to his Maker.

It is universally conceded to-day that man is the creation of God; created that he might have fellowship with his Maker and so enjoy life as it can only truly be enjoyed.

Fellowship Is God's Intention

Unfortunately for man, that fellowship has been broken, and separation from God is the lot of everyone. But this was not the intention of God, nor was he going to allow such a state to continue without offering man the opportunity of re-establishing fellowship. Being God, he was justified in stating the grounds upon which such fellowship could be wholly restored, and he not only stated them, but he himself provided them. The most staggering truth revealed to man estranged from God, is found in the words "God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself." This is truly a great mystery, but it remains a mystery only to the one who has never taken God at his word. Herein is seen love in all its loveliness, and it needs no deep theological dissertation to demonstrate this to man, for "with the heart man believeth unto righteousness." The heart of the one who has become conscious of loneliness out in the world is soon moved to appreciate the meaning of such love. Such a faith transcends all creeds and confessions, based as it is on the Word of God, and experimentally within his own

heart. It is still true that faith cometh by hearing the Word of God.

The vital thing for us to remember is that we are sinners before God, and the only way back is by the Cross of Christ.



O Cross, that speaks of love divine,
By faith I see in thee
Revealed the very heart of God,
Pierced there for such as me.

I see my Saviour lifted high,
A sacrifice for sin;
I bow my will unto his will—
He gives me peace within.

We Must Choose

Yes, wayfarers, humble and unlettered, together with the keenest intellects known, find identically the same answer to their problem "What must I do to be saved?" At Pentecost, Peter, speaking to men and women under conviction of sin, gave the answer. In doing so he assured them it was the answer for their children and for all afar off, even to as many as God should call. Peter was speaking to the people of his day, a people who would correspond to any group of people to-day. He stated a fact which has only to be acted upon to bring together within the Church of Jesus Christ all mankind. Argument about it will not alter the terms of acceptance with God. God has spoken. Ours is to obey.

This then is the message that must be given to-day if humanity is to be brought back to God. Standards have been broken down, and God is set aside. It is still true, however, "God is not mocked." The mere fact of our denying his existence and power, does not alter facts. For God is, and is still a rewarder of those who seek him. It is as true to-day as when Jesus uttered the words, "My teaching is not my own but his who sent me; anyone who chooses to do his will shall understand whether my teaching comes from God or whether I am talking on my own authority." (Jn. 7: 17).

There is a peace the world knows nothing of for those who are prepared to take God at his word. If you are not letting him have complete control, why not turn things over to him right now, for he has promised to direct your path.

Give God Control

Don't try to run your life alone,
The task too hard you'll find;
Take God into a partnership
That you and he will bind.

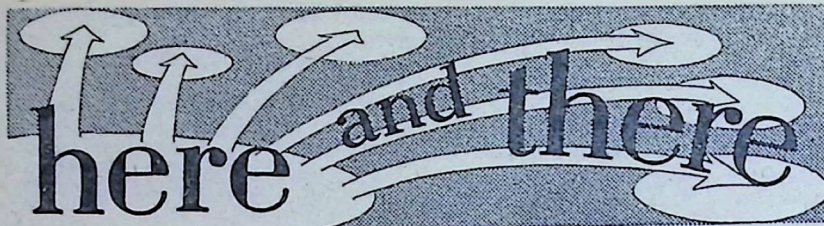
Ask his advice on all you do,
Such praying lifts the load,
And you, in partnership with God,
Will walk a smoother road.

Ask his advice. Then follow it.
It may be hard at first;
But constant practice on your part
Leaves God to do the rest.

Prayer and the reading of his Word
Remove a heap of care;
For God in Christ upon the Cross
Would all your problems share.

So let him take the heavy end,
Don't worry or complain;
What you give up for Jesus' sake
Will prove eternal gain.

—Ira A. Paternoster.



The church at Rockdale, N.S.W., is pleased that the minister, G. J. Andrews, at present serving as N.S.W. Conference President, has accepted a further term of two years. J. E. Brooke, Vic., was welcomed as devotional speaker on Oct. 29. Christmas parcels have been forwarded to Norseman and Carnarvon by the Bible school.

K. J. Patterson, B.A., B.Com., has succeeded G. M. Mathieson (now S.A. Conf. Pres.) as chairman of the S.A. Social Service Department and Christian Fellowship Association.

All who expressed appreciation of the unusual design for our Home Mission issue, will be interested to know that it was done free of charge by Rupert Hing, an expert in his field, and one of our own younger men.

For some months, members of the Wampony church, S.A., have been working hard in preparation for the opening of a new chapel. The old building was filled for the final service there on Nov. 1. Sunday, Nov. 8, saw the official opening of the new chapel, when visiting speaker, W. A. Russell, untied the blue ribbon at 10.45 a.m., and the key was turned and the building declared open. Mrs. W. Wilkinson, a former resident and daughter of the first pioneer family in this district, John Spotswood, performed this ceremony, after which the people filed into the building, which had been tastefully decorated by the ladies. Some were unable to gain admittance, sitting outside during the service. Many former members returned for the day, and lunch and tea were served by the ladies in the old building. Mr. Russell's three addresses were inspiring, and one young man made his decision at night. All who helped in many ways to make this a memorable church anniversary are warmly thanked. B. H. Crowden is to succeed R. Pritchard as preacher of Mundalla-Wampony churches.

Hartwell church, Vic., will broadcast morning service over 3LO on Sunday, Nov. 29, at 11 a.m. H. J. Patterson, M.A., will be the preacher.

At the recent 6th anniversary services of Mt. Evelyn church, Vic., the new platform furniture, designed and made at the firm of T. O. Millard by H. Graham, was much admired, and used for the first time. W. Gale on

behalf of Mr and Mrs. A. H. Pratt presented the pulpit desk dedicated to the memory of their son Kenneth. The H.M. sec., B. J. Cambridge, brought greetings and a fine message at 11 a.m. W. Gale presided at the evening service, and after the address by A. H. Pratt, showed pictures of the progress of the church, and erection of the building; also local snow scenes. Mrs. J. Sinclair (Mitcham) and Mrs. A. H. Pratt were organists, and H. Graham was soloist. There were good attendances. B.S. gained 6 new scholars. All equipment is complete, save for kinder chairs, and it is proposed to commence on them soon. The church is very thankful to Messrs. W. and Bill Fordham and Bolduan, who with A. H. Pratt put the second coat of paint on the outside of the building a week before the anniversary. H. Graham is thanked for the kitchen cupboards.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Whiting are to be set aside to the Youth Directorship of our South Australian churches in a service in the Adelaide Town Hall on Monday, Dec. 7. The retiring leaders, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Stirling, will be farewelled at the same time.

Last week's cover feature block of "youth planning" appeared in the Oct. 6 issue of *Youth Outlook*, excellent magazine of the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand. It served to illustrate an effective article by our own N.Z. Principal, Dr. A. L. Haddon, on the theme, "A world-size world needs a world-size Church."

Federal College of the Bible

GLEN IRIS, VIC.

Final examinations are at present engaging the full concentration of students and examiners.

We gratefully acknowledge a small legacy left to the College by late Mrs. William Thomas, formerly of York, W.A.

Sympathy has been expressed with R. T. Pittman in the death of his eldest brother, the late E. W. Pittman, of S.A.

The annual sports day was held recently, and though the weather was indifferent, an interesting competitive programme was enjoyed.

The accommodation of the College will be severely strained to provide for the large group of students due to commence and continue studies in 1954.

Keen regret is felt at the resignation of S. H. Wilson, both as a member of the Board of Management and as teacher of Homiletics. Mr. Wilson has served the College with ability and devotion over a number of years. We will follow with interest his work in W.A. J. E. Brooke will undertake the class work of S. H. Wilson.

"I was going to have a holiday with some of this—but you need the money more than I do; put it to the Refurnishing Fund." So spoke an elderly brother—88 years of age—a member of one of our inner suburban churches, as he handed over a little packet. He had struggled out to College on a bleak day recently to deliver his gift in person. The packet contained twenty five-pound notes—one hundred pounds!



Group at opening of Mt. Evelyn chapel, Vic.

THE AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN

Jesse Bader Full-time on World Convention

On Dec. 31 of this year, Jesse M. Bader retires from his present position as Executive Director of the Joint Department of Evangelism of the National Council of Churches, U.S.A. He has served in this department for 22 years, giving wise and aggressive leadership in evangelism to 30 denominations, numbering 35,000,000 members.



Prior to his going to the Federal Council of Churches in 1932, Dr. Bader was the secretary of evangelism of the United Christian Missionary Society of our own brotherhood. This man has given 35 years to this primary work of the church—evangelism. It is not surprising, therefore, that he is called "Mr. Evangelism," or that the Christian Herald published an article about him recently entitled, "Evangelism's Quarterback."

Many of Dr. Bader's friends, of whom there are so many around the world, are inquiring what he expects to do after his retirement from the Council at the end of this year. He himself says, "I'm not going to be 'retired' but rather 'retreaded'." The Executive Committee of our World Convention voted at its meeting on last October 6, that he should give full-time to the World Convention of our brotherhood, beginning January 1 of next year, and that he should open a World Convention headquarters office in New York City. All this is wonderful news, for it means that our world brotherhood is to have the full-time services of Dr. Bader, and it also means that the opening of a headquarters office for the World Convention will give added permanency to this worthy and needed organisation among us. As many in our brotherhood already know, Jesse Bader originated the World Convention, which held its first meeting in 1930 in Washington, D.C. Since that time he has been its General Secretary, serving in this way for 23 years without salary.

November 24, 1953.

S.A. Newsletter

STONES AND KEYS.

The building programme in this State continues apace. During the last few weeks two buildings have been opened for worship. At Mount Hill on the West Coast a new chapel has been erected on donated land. A thriving group of young people in this farming area assure the future of this old established cause. On the other side of the State at Wamboony, a very modern chapel in Mt. Gambier stone was 'opened last week, with W. A. Russell officiating.

At Pt. Lincoln, where Ivan Nixon ministers, the foundation stone of the new chapel has been laid with Cliff Jones, elder and pioneer of the work, officiating at the ceremony. Now at Albert Park beloved Fred Collins performs a similar task just 36 years after a similar experience at Maylands church.

OFFERING.

The chief item of interest this month is the £4000 offering for Home Missions. The offering will be preceded by a call to special prayer by the H.M. auxiliary of the Sisters' Conference. On the Tuesday prior to the offering on 29th, a prayer meeting has been called at Grote-st. at which the ladies of the churches will undergird the brotherhood effort on the Sunday.

PERSONALITIES.

One of our keen young workers, Wilfred Lovell, of the Forestville church, has been honored as President of the Bakers' Association of Australia and New Zealand. He brings a keen Christian mind to his office.

Meyrick Roberts, of the Wudinna church, has resigned his pastorate to go to Japan at the end of next year as a missionary.

Out of respect to Will James, their energetic secretary, the Whyalla church plans to move its morning service 50 miles away to Pt. Augusta so that they might share in the handing over to local residents of a Sunday school which he commenced there some months ago. Lin Riches, M.P., of our own brotherhood, will accept the school officially on behalf of the local people.

Roland Pritchard is to leave the Bordertown-Mundalla circuit in January, and will move to Nedlands in W.A. His successor has been nominated, and now the circuit is to erect a manse alongside the Mundalla chapel.

E. C. Hinrichsen has moved from Gawler hospital to Sydney, and latest

news indicates that he is making slow progress after his serious set-back.

Conference President, G. M. Mathieson, is planning to visit all the churches in his year of office, and already is moving among the churches.

The Organiser has just completed two missions, at Balaklava and Nails-worth. This completes 8 missions for the year, with 8 booked for next year.

Maylands is to lose its minister, as Ernest Sherman goes to Moe, Vic., to teach in the High School there.

Ron Haddrick, one of Glenelg's young men, and well known radio personality, has been farewelled by the church prior to his going to England to enter special work at Stratford-on-Avon for Shakespearean studies. Ron was an interstate cricketer as well as a loyal churchman.

Bordertown church lost one of its old identities in the recent passing of Mrs. Scown. Her family and the church are almost synonymous terms around the Border area.

P. R. Baker, of Edwardstown, who so wonderfully stepped in to take over at Gawler when E. C. Hinrichsen collapsed, has also been laid aside, and is on leave of absence from his pulpit for 6 weeks.

The Board of officers at Prospect church have given a wonderful lead in co-operation, as they have submitted to the membership a plan whereby they shall oversight the new cause at Enfield Heights. K. J. Patterson, the Prospect minister, will care for the new circuit.

G. R. Stirling, our versatile Youth Director, will be farewelled at a public meeting in the Adelaide Town Hall on Monday, Dec. 7, and will leave with his family for the Eastern States preparatory to taking up his ministry at Canberra.

Mr and Mrs. Ron McLean, from the New Hebrides, have been welcomed home again, and are at Cowandilla until itinerary work begins. Albert Anderson, home from India, is again a familiar figure among the churches.

I. J. Chivell, of Unley, has just completed a mission at Brooklyn Park, where several decisions for Christ were recorded.

Cowandilla preacher, T. T. Robinson, leaves soon for a mission with the church at Boronia, Vic.

The passing of E. W. Pittman recently saw the snapping of another link with a great past and a great family. It brought a renewal of fellowship for preachers with beloved Randall T. Pittman, of Glen Iris.—E.P.C.H.



INTERSTATE CHURCH NEWS

Discipleship

- Dorothy Angel, Ronald Reid, Peter Robinson, Hartwell, Vic.
T. Lowe and Betty MacAllister, Toowoomba, Qld.
Keith Harris, Wally Drinkwater and Graeme Urwin, Coburg, Vic.
Misses D. Wilkinson, Pauline Merritt and Elaine McQuade and Peter Kidd, Claremont, W.A.
R. A. Jarvis, W. Jarvis, Emerald, Vic.
John Parer, Bamba-rd., Caulfield, Vic.
Miss M. Warman, Subiaco, W.A.
Misses N. Emmett, M. Gayther and F. Jenkins, N. Wilson, W. and L. Green, Mr. and Mrs. Crowley, Moreland, Vic.

Membership

- Mrs. Jamieson, from Enmore, N.S.W., to Rockdale, N.S.W.
Mr. and Mrs. Penhearow, Kilburn, S.A.
Miss E. Capuana, Swan Hill, Vic.
Mr. and Mrs. T. Smith, from Kalgoorlie, W.A., to Claremont, W.A.
Mr. and Mrs. Hazelhurst and Cameron, from Brighton, Vic., to Footscray, Vic.
Mr. and Mrs. Norton, and Mrs. Bruce Myers, from Parwan, Vic., to Footscray, Vic.
Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Coleman, from Toowoomba, Qld., to Geelong, Vic.
Roger and Leighton Foletta, from Northcote, Vic., to Geelong, Vic.

Marriage

- Valma Warren to W. Smith, Swan Hill, Vic.
Dorothy Bennett to Peter Hancock, Hartwell, Vic.
Lila Ashe to Graeme Davis, Coburg, Vic.
Joyce Orchard to Alan Verity, Bamba-rd., Caulfield, Vic.

Fallen Asleep

- Mrs. Crawford, Coburg, Vic.
Mrs. A. McAllister, Bexley North, N.S.W.

Western Australia

Subiaco (R. Raymond).—Services were well attended on Nov. 8. Young woman was immersed in evening. At morning service on 15th Mr. Raymond welcomed Mrs. Murdoch (N.S.W.), who was member here many years ago. Mrs. Megson (S.A.) was also present. A. W. Manning was welcomed back after illness. Coronation fete, arranged by Ladies' Aid, yielded profit of £120. Ladies aim to raise enough money to completely refurnish hall with new chairs. Iris Beard was recipient of presentation from church in recognition of many years' valued leadership as supt. of J.C.E. About 25 Y.P. are spending few days in camp at Waterman's Bay under leadership of minister.

Queensland

Toowoomba (E. T. Hart and F. J. Winter).—71st church anniversary was celebrated on Oct. 17 with tea. R. Hume (Chinchilla) was guest speaker for week-end. Theme was: *Thou crownest the year with thy goodness*. Attendance was affected by much sickness. Junior Fellowship meetings have commenced at Crown-st. under leadership of Mr. and Mrs. S. Deuble. Seven members attended half-yearly conference at Boonah.

West Moreton (W. R. Jarmyn).—Half-yearly meeting was held in Rosewood in Oct. Reports and discussions showed circuit was in healthy condition with emphasis on youth and visitation. Isolated members have been visited at Esk, and arrangements made for trial period of services there for convenience of members. Visitors included Mrs. McLaine (State Pres.), Mrs. Potter (Federal Pres.), Mr. Burdeu (Fed. Pres.) and wife, Mr. Vanham (State Pres.) and Mr. and Mrs. Hermann. Messrs. Vanham and Boettcher delivered addresses. Ladies of circuit helped Brisbane ladies with special sale of work. Christian Women's Fellowship of Rosewood is being re-formed. Friends of Mrs. A. Neumann met at Mt. Walker on Nov. 3 to celebrate her 70th birthday. Mr. Zornig, J. Domrow, Athol Berlin, Mrs. G. Kiebusch are sick. Circuit is supporting Warwick mission.

New South Wales

Warrawong.—Church was heartened by good anniversary services on Nov. 8. Morning service was addressed by G. Brown (Wollongong) and gospel service by R. D. Main. Ladies held luncheon in interests of Bible Society on 4th. Mrs. Fewchuk (Slavic Gospel Mission) spoke of work amongst migrants in camps about Sydney. Good interest is maintained in youth auxiliaries.

Enmore (D. Wakeley).—101st anniversary services were held on Nov. 15. Special speakers were P. E. Thomas (Marrickville) and Conference Pres., G. J. Andrews. Enlarged choir provided special singing. Thankoffering exceeded aim of £101. Successful B.S. anniversary services were climaxed on 8th by baptism of mother of four B.S. scholars. School staff presented play, *One Lord for One World*. Teachers recommend that school be changed from afternoon to morning. Sale of work realised £123. Debt on manse has now been paid off. D. Wakeley has accepted call to Loftus Park, and will conclude ministry on Nov. 22. W. E. Hoffman will begin ministry on 29th.

Bexley North (R. W. Saunders).—B.S. demonstration with prize giving was held on Nov. 10. 150 were present at 21st anniversary of Women's Fellowship on 12th. Mrs. Greenhalgh chaired meeting, Mrs. E. Roffey spoke, Mrs. Dixon was soloist, Mrs. Trezone elocutionist. Decorations supervised by Mrs. Griffen were appreciated. Presentations were made to Mrs. Young (leaving district) and to pioneer members, Mesdames Yelds, Willis and Saville. £5 was raised for Building Fund by social on 14th. Aim of £500 in five months prior to B.S. anniversary was exceeded by £10. G. Andrews (Conf. Pres.) exchanged with Mr. Saunders on 15th.

South Australia

Gawler (G. Rootes).—Following mission, attendances have been good. Fellowship evening was held for old and new members on Oct. 23. On Nov. 8 church and B.S. held combined anniversary. Building was crowded for all services at which D. Hammer (Balaklava) spoke. Children's singing was enjoyed, and work of year is credit to staff. Men's choir rendered items at morning and evening services. Church rejoices over improvement in health of E. C. Hinrichsen.

Croydon (W. N. Bartlett).—Attendance at morning services has increased in last month. Singing and packed congregations made anniversary services inspiration. Dedication of teachers and leaders was held on Sunday following anniversary. At prize-giving evening awards for attendance and work were distributed. Scholars attended tea on 8th. Manse is being renovated by voluntary labor in preparation for opening later in year. Auxiliaries are working well.

Whyalla (K. N. Roberts).—E. C. Holland (H.M. Organiser) visited church on Nov. 4, and spent pleasant time at 13th annual church meeting. Messrs. Bryant, James and Pickup

were re-elected deacons for ensuing term. Sis. Green (H.M. Committee) addressed church on 8th, and Ladies' Fellowship on 10th. P. R. Baker (Edwardstown) had fellowship with church while on holidays. B.S. held picnic at site on Pt. Lowley-rd.

Kilburn (H. G. Norris).—Members of Women's Overseas Mission Committee accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. McLean visited Ladies' Guild on Nov. 11, when good attendance of ladies enjoyed message by Mrs. McLean. Miss L. Dinning is slowly recovering health. Weekly working bees are improving church property.

Fullarton (A. H. Lennox).—Nov. 15 was Missionary Sunday. A. H. Lennox presided, and Messrs. Mellis (U.S.A.) and Ambrose (Vic.), representing Missionary Aviation Fellowship, spoke of work being done in New Guinea. Retiring offering taken for this work was £16. Attendance of 126 was highest for long time. Mr. Wickham and Mrs. Lyndon are in hospital. In evening there was fair attendance. S. E. Riches presented work of Mission to Lepers by means of splendid film. Offering received at door was £28/7/-.

Berri-Winkie (J. A. Manallack).—Girls' Brigade presented annual concert to packed house. Proceeds were sent to Crippled Children's Association. Temple Day offering reached record of £150. Thanksgiving service was held at night. Winkie B.S. anniversary services on Nov. 1 were most successful. Church was filled to capacity for both meetings. Berri B.S. conducted anniversary on 15th. Children sang delightfully under leader C. Hughes. Five girls from B.S. recently confessed Christ. Ladies' guild held successful social evening, when £25 was raised for manse renovation. Men's Society entertained rest of church at bonfire and barbecue on 5th. Winkie B.S. is working to raise funds to buy piano.

Victoria

Wattle Park.—B.S. held successful anniversary on Oct. 25. P. Foster addressed afternoon gathering, and Dr. Kemp the evening. B.S. singing was led by E. Salisbury, and kinder by Mrs. A. Ashley. Offering was £16. Dr. Kemp entertained ladies with a film night on Nov. 4 of travel films and local B.S. and church work bees. Hospital Sunday offering amounted to £10/4/-.

H. A. G. Clark has accepted part time ministry with church when building is opened. Church building is progressing well, and appreciation expressed to all who are helping. Mrs. Sketchley has returned home after operation. All auxiliaries report healthy progress.

Maryborough (M. A. Coombs).—B.S. concert and prize giving was most

successful. Mrs. Banks is in hospital, and Mrs. R. Branton is recuperating after operation. E. L. Williams was speaker at both services on Nov. 8, and also showed film on Inter-Church Aid. Ladies' Aid held successful fair on 12th. Y.P. travelled to Kyneton for Midland Youth Fellowship. Fay Wellington was winner of poster competition. Kinder demonstration took place on 8th. Mr. Coombs gave talk. Cradle roll children were presented with card and spray for mother.

Coburg (A. R. Lloyd).—Sympathy of church is extended to Mr. Crawford and family in passing of Mrs. Crawford, who was killed in level crossing accident on Nov. 3. Frank, her son, who was seriously injured, is now improving. On 1st-three made decision. Hospital Sunday offering amounted to £27/18/-. Spring Fair conducted by Women's Fellowship, and assisted by Y.W.F., P.B.P., and Good Companions realised about £150. Temple Day offering so far is £247. Average number of communicants in Oct. was 119, thus breaking by twenty-five per cent. 1952 figures. A committee has been formed by parents in Derby-st. area, and plans are being made to raise funds to erect hall for B.S. there. Resignation of minister, as from May, 1954, was received with regret by members. A. R. Lloyd has served with church for 9 years.

Footscray (A. E. Hurren).—B.S. anniversary was held in Oct., with R. Cordy and A. E. Hurren as speakers. M. Carter led singing. Kinder demonstration on following Sunday was well attended. Script for kinder programme was prepared by N. Livetts and M. Carter. M.B. conducted meeting at Christian Guest Home. B.S. picnic was held at Werribee. Planned church programme commenced on Nov. 1 with dedication service of members. Power of God was screened on 8th. Average communicants for two Sundays was 133. On 15th E. Randall and D. Nicholls were speakers. Youth Fellowship arranged tea. Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Aston in loss of daughter, Lucy.

Jordanville.—B.S. held first anniversary service on Nov. 8 at property of H. Poulter. Attendance exceeded all expectations, with total of about 280. Of this 80 were scholars. At service scholars were given prizes. Churches represented at service were: Oakleigh, Clayton, East Malvern, Bambra-rd., Malvern - Caulfield, Camberwell and West Preston. Offering at service was £33. This with collection taken at bonfire (Guy Fawkes night) made over £45 for week. Building fund amounts to £60/16/-. Urgent need at present is larger building in which to hold school, for if it increases at same average as it has for past three months, by March, 1954, school will be approximately 120 scholars.

Maldstone (E. H. Randall).—Successful B.S. picnic was held at Botanic Gardens on Cup Day. About 200 were present, including many parents. On Nov. 8 Mesdames Randall and Clencie rendered duet at evening service. Party of boys visited observatory on 10th. B.S. anniversary services commenced on 15th with kinder demonstration in afternoon under leadership of Mrs. L. Clencie. 83 kinders were present, and about 20 did not attend, being too shy to sit on platform. At evening service R. Muller addressed scholars. 177 were present. On morning of 15th Footscray men conducted service, and A. E. Hurren spoke. Visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Smith (East Kew). Mrs. McMichael has recovered from operation, but Mrs. Lumb is ill.

Hartwell (H. J. Patterson, M.A.).—B.S. anniversary was featured on Nov. 1 and 8, with excellent attendances at all sessions. D. Beasy has been appointed supt. in succession to L. Seath, who has served the school for many years in splendid way. Three members of B.C. made decision for Christ. That evening anthem and solos were all recorded music. Hospital Sunday offering was over £58. Under direction of C.M.S., manse has been painted. About thirty men had part in work, organised by C. Hartley and R. Watt.

Swanston-st. (K. A. Macnaughtan).—At annual meeting reports were submitted of all auxiliaries, and treasurer's report showed sound position. F. H. Simpson was re-elected sec. R. M. Walker treas., and R. Duncan and S. Wilson deacons. S. Burman was added to board of officers in succession to W. Fielding, who had resigned owing to ill-health. Other deacons are A. E. Kemp, A. Wilson, E. M. Price and H. N. Simpson. Church was glad to welcome into membership recently Mr. and Mrs. Givon Parsons (U.S.A.). Mr. Parsons is U.S.A. consul in Melbourne. Others have been added by transfer, and there has been one confession and one baptism (a young lady who made decision at Parkdale). There has been much sickness among members. Successful Homecoming services were held on Nov. 8, K. A. Macnaughtan being speaker morning and evening. In afternoon James Beatty, B.A. (Canterbury Presbyterian) was speaker. Choir under leadership of I. D. Siggins (organist) rendered special music both morning and evening, and at afternoon session Miss S. Oliver and A. Brown were soloists.

Balwyn (J. E. Brooke).—During absence of preacher, who is conducting mission at Chatswood (N.S.W.), visiting speakers have included Dr. G. H. Oldfield, K. Jones, C. Young, Dr. W. Kemp, R. Bolduan and L. Trezise. Mid-week fellowship has been conducted by ladies, men, K.S.P. and P.B.P. Ladies' fair raised £134. On

Nov. 15 fellowship was enjoyed with D. Thomas and family on holidays from Mildura. Kappas entered final of table tennis competition. Party of Y.P. journeyed to Shepparton on 15th to take part in evening service. Cricket team is at present on top of grade. Mrs. Hare and Catherine Skilbeck are recovering from serious illnesses.

St. Kilda (C. C. Fletcher).—75th B.S. anniversary was celebrated on Oct. 18. C. Latimer gave morning address. In afternoon kinder had display with flannelgraph story by school supt., L. Finger. R. P. Clark gave illustrated talk at night. Good singing by school was feature of day. A. G. Ball (Melbourne City Mission) was speaker on evening of Nov. 1. Ladies' Fellowship organised sale of work on 7th., and despite weather £80 resulted. New scholars are being added to B.S., where teacher problem is acute. Sis. Ball recently passed her 94th year. Lord's Table is set up in her home from time to time.

Moreland (J. Turner, B.A.).—On Nov. 1 there was baptismal service. Y.P. picnic at Emerald Lake was enjoyed by all. K.S.P. conducted evening service on 8th, when Mr. Pearson spoke, and three Kappas were baptised. On 15th De Shazer was screened. Sale of work realised £253.

Cheltenham (R. C. Bolduan).—Church planning programme has commenced, and increased attendances have resulted. Nov. 8 was field day in Cheltenham for B. & F.B.S. At 11 a.m. S. R. Baker spoke, and in evening at after-church service in Methodist church showed film *Fugita*. It is proposed to commence auxiliary of society in Cheltenham district. At evening service Y.P. took part. On Nov. 15 V. C. Stafford was morning speaker, and at 7 p.m. Men's Fellowship took service. Addresses were given by A. E. Huntley, P. Payne and W. F. White, and Val Woff sang twice.

Bet Bet (A. Stevens).—B.S. anniversary was held on Nov. 15 when Mr. Oakes (C.O.B.) spoke to children, and presented prizes. Dunolly B.S. assisted with singing. Sis. Butler was well enough to attend, following recent operation. A. Sewell is making satisfactory progress following operation. Mrs. Gemmill is in Maryborough hospital.

Oakleigh (J. W. Lewis).—At after-church gathering on Nov. 1, members farewelled Nancy Watson, returning missionary to India. G. L. Murray (representing H.M. Dept.) was preacher at morning service on Nov. 8. B.S. anniversary services were held on 15th, speakers being E. J. Miles and J. W. Lewis. Singing was conducted by S. Corlett.

Newmarket (D. W. Hibburt, B.A.).—Miss R. Tilley has taken up residence

at Emmaus Rest Home. The First Step was screened on Nov. 8 at youth service. B.S. picnic was held at Montrose on Nov. 3. G. Gardiner and F. J. Funston conducted services on 15th. Ladies held Australian tea on 17th, with large attendance of visitors. Over £7/10/- was raised. On 16th girls' club held meeting at home of Mrs. Hibburt.

Emerald (D. D. Stewart).—Several returned men and wives were present at Remembrance Day service on morning of Nov. 8. B.S. anniversary was held in afternoon and evening. H. Steele spoke at both services. Prizes and cradle roll certificates were distributed.

Geelong (T. A. Fergusson).—On Nov. 15, 16 members, including Men's Bible class, travelled to Meredith in afternoon to conduct monthly service. Speaker was T. A. Fergusson. Young lady was baptised at night.

North Essendon (A. E. White, B.A.).—B.S. picnic at Oaklands Park on Nov. 3 was attended by about 300. 120 attended youth night on 8th. Junior choir led by R. Tippet gave items. Attendance at B.S. was 188. Trevor Banks has joined teaching staff. On 15th, 40 boys were at service after tea in hall. Sermon took form of three Bible stories told with aid of three illuminated Bible pictures. Mr. and Mrs. Drayton and son (Geelong) were among visitors. 100 attended in morning and 140 at night. Mrs. Higginbotham was present after long illness. Communicants for day were 122. Finances are well maintained.

Brighton (C. G. Taylor B.A.).—Film, *Beyond Our Own*, was screened on Nov. 8, when offering of £17 was contributed for College Refurnishing Fund. Members of cricket and tennis clubs shared in evening service on 15th. Women's Fellowship anniversary afternoon on 12th was well attended, with excellent programme. Officers paired for visitation, following meals in school hall on 17th and 19th. Boys' Explorers' Club closed for the year on Nov. 18, with supper following sports programme. Les Williams is undergoing tests at the Alfred Hospital. T. Clark had accident at work on 17th, and is recovering at home.

DEATHS.

CLAYTON.—On Nov. 1, at Alfred Hospital, George, loved husband of Ethel Jane, 44 Princes-ave., Springvale, loving father of Pearson, Mavis, John and Eva (Mrs. Lewis). Aged 78 years.

MACDONALD.—On Nov. 7, at Mildura Hospital, Myrtle, loved wife of Douglas, and loving mother of Neil (Mildura), Sylvia, Mrs. Rankin (Bambill), and Lois and Ian (Lillimur).

"Rest after weariness."

IN MEMORIAM.

JONES.—In loving memory of my dear wife Millie, and our loved mother, called home to higher service by her beloved Lord on Dec. 1, 1952.

—Inserted by her loving husband, Thomas, daughter, Orba, and son, Lloyd. "In Jesus."

HARRIS.—In loving remembrance of Walter Spurling, who passed away Nov. 19, 1947.

—Always remembered by J. Ramsey and Doris.

DAWSON.—Treasured memories of my dear husband, Horace, and our loving father, who passed away suddenly on Nov. 27, 1952.

—Ever remembered by his loving wife Lillie and family.

HARDING.—In loving memory of Francis Wilfred Harding, loved husband of Ruby, father of Don and Ken. Passed away Nov. 25, 1921. "Loving memories."

—Inserted by his loving wife.

MIDDLETON.—In loving memory of my sister Emily, fond aunt of Olive and Myrtle, passed away Nov. 22, 1949. "Until the day dawns."

—Inserted by A. E. Skinner.

ORAM.—In ever loving memory of my dear husband, W. G. Oram, who was called home on Nov. 30, 1944.

—Inserted by his loving wife, J. R. Oram.

WOODBIDGE.—Treasured memories of George Bartlett, who passed away Nov. 19, 1938, loved husband of Ann, father of George (dec.), Lucy, Esther and Alice.

DYER.—In loving memory of my dear mother, who was called home on Nov. 18, 1951.

Fragrant memories linger.

—Inserted by her loving son, Ronald.

MIDDLETON.—In loving memory of my dear sister Emily, who passed away Nov. 23, 1950, dear auntie of Jean, Alf. and Les.

"For ever with the Lord."

—Inserted by her loving sister, Nellie Warden.

ENGAGEMENTS.

The engagement is announced of Ivy, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Burston, Mackay, Queensland, to Hylton David, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Sedgman, Wright-st., Reservoir.

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An appreciation. First to our Heavenly Father and to those who prayed for recovery. So many hundreds of kind friends sent letters, telegrams and get well cards, it is not possible to acknowledge each individually. At a time when encouragement was needed these messages came from preachers, church official boards, committees, members, converts and non-members by the hundreds. To all the writer says thank you, and God bless you. It is 35 years since I had my first mission. Les Brooker was with me in the first tent mission, and again when it looked like the end. However, it is not the end, but for a while at least complete rest is ordered.

A Plan. We plan later to send the message out by means of the written word. Because of innumerable requests over the years for a series of volumes of sermons, these are being planned.

May I again express special words of thanks to some who immediately thought of hospital and other expenses. For their encouragement I will put their gifts toward the expense of producing the first volume of sermons. First to help were Mr. and Mrs. Magarey, who gave a cheque for £10. Mr. Magarey is the grandson of the first member of churches of Christ in S.A.

When the Kurri church heard the news at the morning service, £10 was voted and forwarded. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Comer (Invermay) enclosed a £10 note, and said, "When you are ready to leave hospital a return fare awaits you." The Gawler church paid my salary to the end of the mission, and the committee kindly paid two extra weeks. Mrs. Davidson (Kurri) sent a cheque for £5. Mr. and Mrs. Wotherspoon (Blacksmiths) sent £20. They have little, but give all; they have been invaluable prayer partners for years. The first volume will be dedicated to them. There are many others, whose names I cannot disclose, as well as my grand old friend, Alfred Winter (Woolerina), Mrs. A. Butler (Pymble), and Mrs. A. Perrott, sr. (Kingsaroy).

On the night of the collapse a married man made the confession. He said "Through this mission, I have learned how to live and how to die, thank God."

When well enough to speak to the preacher at Gawler (G. Rootes), I said, "I am sorry we had to stop when everything was so bright, but I did what I could."

He replied "You could what you

could and more than you should." Perhaps that is true, but I loved it; it was hard at times, harder than anyone knew, but it was grand, grander than anyone can imagine, and although warned a thousand times about overwork and its consequences, I know in my heart I would gladly go through it all again, for the sake of souls and my good friends. I thank God for them.

A Request. In preparation for the writing of these evangelistic sermons, may we please have your prayers. You have prayed in the past, you will pray again!

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OBITUARY

John Kane.

After an illness extending over almost twelve months, John (Jack) Kane was called suddenly from this life on Oct. 8 at the age of 51. He was added to the church at Rockhampton in 1944, and was loved and respected by a large circle of relatives and friends. In the absence of Mr. Paddon, the service was conducted by the church secretary, R. Dobbs. Church extends loving sympathy to the widow and her two sons, Alan and Charlie.

Eva E. Quick.

A sad blow to her husband and to her mother, sisters and brothers, was the sudden passing of Mrs. Eva Quick in Brisbane at the age of 38. Mrs. Quick (then Eva Underhill) was a convert of the Hinrichsen tent mission 25 years ago. In 1942 she settled with her husband in Melbourne, where she attended the St. Kilda church; later, acting upon doctor's advice, they returned to Queensland and took up residence in Brisbane, where for some time she was a member of the Kedron church. Although she had not been in good health for some time, our sister's death was a very great shock to her loved ones, and the church extends to them sincere and loving sympathy.

William Bolton.

Our brother was called suddenly to his reward on Thursday, Oct. 22, as a result of an accident at his place of employment. Born in England in 1902 he came to Australia in 1927. After several months in Vic. he moved to W.A., where he associated with the Cottesloe church of Christ. In 1931 both Mr. and Mrs. Bolton, who had been married in the Cottesloe church by C. H. Hunt, were baptised and received into membership. He found an outlet for his real affection toward children by giving oversight and protection to those who travelled by bus each Sunday. Always very practical, Mr. Bolton took charge of "working bees," and the management of General Motors Ltd. spoke of his "conscientious workmanship." He served the church well as chairman of the officers' board for a term, and in many ways earned our esteem. He was planned to take the O.T. reading at the worship service the very day after we laid him to rest. On Oct. 24 the church was filled for a service of tribute. A very large group of relations, friends and work-mates gathered at Karrakatta cemetery. To Mrs. Bolton, Barbara and John, our love is extended, and though the loss is severe, we sorrow not as those without hope.—E. J. Sewell.

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ness. The church was greatly blessed
by this good man and his wife, who
predeceased him ten years ago. Though
illness overtook him, his spirit was as
zealous as ever, and the honor of
deacon emeritus was conferred upon
him. God blessed him, and out of his
substance he gave generously to all
our work. Truly his works follow him.
We commend his dear ones, Dorothy
(Mrs. Charles Daff) and Graham to
the Heavenly Father's care and com-
fort. B. J. Combridge assisted the
writer in the service at the home of
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Percy Harold Adams.

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