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The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light . . For unto us a child is shined. born, unto us a son is given. . There came wise men from the East to Jerusalem, saying. Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east and are come to worship him. . . . And, lo. the star which they saw in the east. went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy .- Is. 9: 2, 6a; Matt. 2: 1b, 2, 9, 10.

The star is set high in the heavens. For certain tasks the light must be at one's feet; a stable lantern held low was needed at the last stage, but for the journey across the desert there had to be the star high above them far ahead. And Scripture abounds in references to the Christ set on high. He was the Dayspring from on high who visited us, and after his life on earth God set him on high. . . . Christ, our guiding star, is in the heavens, far above all things, and if we seek his guidance it must be through adoration, worship and prayer. . . . And yet the Christmas message remains, an integral part of the Christian Faith, Emmanuel. God with us. A star is something far away, coldly remote, but the living Christ, while so far is yet so near. . To bring the words of the Psalmist into the full revelation of the gospel, "Christ will be a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path."—A. D. Harcus.

O blessed Jesus, who by the shining of a star didst manifest thyself to them that sought thee, show thy heavenly light to us, and give us grace to follow until we find thee; finding to rejoice in thee and re-joicing to present to thee ourselves, our souls and bodies for thy service evermore, for thine honor and glory .-R. E. Speer.

It gleams, that radiant Star-A light by which men steer Through tempests, lashed with fear. And God, who seems afar, Is in the Babe brought near.

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### WONDER IN A VIRGIN'S EYES

Our cover picture for this special Christmas issue was drawn for The Australian Christian by George Browning, a Melbourne artist who has done some fine religious work. This is a thoughtful and arresting study. At first sight, Mary seems to dominate the picture, with her eager, wondering face lit not only by the lamp's soft glow, but by the lingering glory of her finest hour. The sleeping Babe lies cradled in her arms, while the strong face of Joseph looks silently down upon him, perhaps wistfully reflecting that love of him had never so transformed his Mary's face as had this little One's birth. The artist has done little more than sketch the outline of the Babe, yet as you reflect again you see that in reality he has made him central to the whole conception. Joseph's eyes are focussed on him; Mary's eyes are aglow because of him. It is the Babe that really matters.

Here is the after-glow of the shepherds' coming, and of their amazing tale, concerning which "all who heard it wondered." "But Mary," writes Luke, "kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart" (2: 19). There must have been poignant memories then of the annunciation, when

"God whispered and a silence fell . . .

But Mary sat with hands clasped on her knees,
And lifted eyes with all amazement rife,
And in her heart the rapture of the spring
Upon its first sweet day of blossoming."

There had come then a deep sense of humility, despite Gabriel's amazing greeting of her as "highly favored . . . blessed among women." Later, in the Magnificat, she had sung wonderingly of the way that God had "regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed." After that, she could have been pardoned dreams of greatness, but when the birth came, in a strange village which offered her nothing better than a stable, we read no word of complaint from her. It was enough that her Son-"the Son of the Highest"-had been born, and she could hold him in her arms, and in that loving heart which would never let him go. Her Son could well have been thinking of her when he later said, "Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth . . . Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God."

For this woman was a dedicated soul, who had silenced her fears and perplexity with her full

surrender to the will of God, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." As Dorothy Sayers makes her say, "When the Angel's message came to me the Lord put a song in my heart. I suddenly saw that wealth and cleverness were nothing to God—no one is too unimportant to be his friend... For me, the Child in my arms is the answer to all the riddles." Sorrow, and a "sword in her soul" lay ahead, but nothing could rob her of the wonder that the Lord was willing to use her. So she dreamed, while strong, dependable Joseph looked quietly down on a mystery he could not fathom. But his thoughts and Mary's alike were focussed on the Son.

If for us something of the wonder of Christmas is gone, is it because we have lost the focus of the humble, dedicated heart? Are we thinking more of home, holidays, the fevered rush, a multitude of little things, until the Babe slips out of the picture altogether? He must be central. Let us bring our hearts into true focus again this Christmas, until they, too, are touched with something of the wonder once seen in a Virgin's eyes.

### Greetings

To all readers, at home and overseas, we are happy to extend Christian goodwill at this glad season of the Christian Year.

As editor and manager, we owe much to a loyal staff and our team of church agents throughout Australia, and to those contributors and reporters who, without financial recompense, keep us supplied with worthwhile news and comment.

Sincere thanks to you all! We look forward to your continued co-operation in another year of service for our Lord and the brotherhood.

C. G. Taylor, Editor. A. R. Haskell, Manager.



# The Artist and the Manger

It is the sense of wonder that, in every age, makes man a religious being. The capacity to wonder has been called our most pregnant human faculty; for out of it is born our art, our science, and our religion.

That which makes the Christmas season eternally fresh, is the wonder and mystery aroused by the story of Bethlehem and the manger. The holy Babe in the cradle has excited the imagination of artists in every field.

Art exalts the Virgin and her child. Some of the noblest statues; carvings in ivory and wood; paintings and musical compositions, "endow the Virgin with the sublimity of an eternal idea."

In the Madonna and Child, the early Christians were provided with a theme very suitable to the high scope of art.

The Italian Renaissance brought forth the world's most outstanding artists. Who has not heard of Leonardo Da Vinci; of Michelangelo; of Bellini; of Giorgone and of Raphael? And all of these have given their best talents to the reproduction of that manger scene. Indeed, the most famous canvas in the world is Raphael's "Sistine Madonna."



It is, however, in the field of music that the Christmas theme reaches its highest and most popular exaltation.

Music is the natural speech of a wondering faith, and Christianity is the religion of spiritual song. Not only did it inherit the music of the Hebrew psalms, but it was itself born to the strains of the celestial anthem, "Glory to God in the Highest."

Very early in her history, the Christian Church produced poets and hymn-writers who were able to set forth the emotions called forth by the story of the manger of Bethlehem. These writers were doubtless inspired by the "Gloria In Excelsis," or "Angels' Hymn," which may be called the first carol of Christendom.

As early as the first century the custom of singing the Angels' Hymn and other hymns of the Nativity was instituted, and was developed in succeeding centuries.



One of the earliest of Latin hymns, and one of the few to have come down to us from that father of church-song, Ambrose of Milan, speaks of the redemption wrought by the incarnation. But there is nothing of the pathos of Bethlehem until the thirteenth century when Jacopone Da Todi, a passionate, wandering mystic gave to the world the first suggestion of the tender cycle of cradle songs that was to issue in the great Christmas oratorio of Bach.

Jacopone wrote:-

"Come and look upon her child, Nestling in the hay! See his fair arms opened wide, On her lap to play. And she tucks him by her side, Cloaks him as she may. . . ."

The carol was one of the earliest forms of Christian music, and was the outcome of a desire for a freer worship of God in the vernacular instead of the Latin.

Originally, the carol was a festal hymn designed for special occasions, but it came to be confined to traditional song in honor of the birth of Christ.

Sensible of Paul's statement about "teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns," Martin Luther brought music to the people. He rebelled against the idolatrous references to the Virgin that characterised much of the music of the later mediaeval period, and set himself the task of providing the worshippers with the best in popular music, "so that the word of God may dwell among the people by means of song also." And what more lovely song of the manger has been written than Luther's "Away in a Manger"?

The great carol period in England was the first half of the sixteenth century, but the Puritans suppressed these as "sensuous" music. A statute of the year 1644 forbade any "merriment in religious services" on the ground that Christmas was a pagan festival. Charles II banished the gloom and restored the old festivities.

To John Neale, the mediaeval scholar and translator, we owe some of our popular Christmas music, such as "Good King Wenceslas" and "Good Christian Men, Rejoice."

But to the 18th century belongs the most productive period of English carols, such as Nahum Tate's "While Shepherds Watched;" John Byrom's "Christians Awake!"; Charles Wesley's "Hark the Herald Angels," and many others.

No story of the artist and the manger would be complete without reference to Handel's "Messiah." While this monumental masterpiece of art surveys the whole work of Christ in redemption, much of its beauty is focussed on the Christmas scene, and, probably for this reason, it is most often rendered at this festive season.

Johann Sebastian Bach, one of the greatest composers of all time—the father of modern music—produced an enormous amount of sacred music which includes the exquisitely beautiful Christmas oratorio.

So the ages witness to the influence of the Christmas theme on artists in every sphere of art.

"Dear Christmas child, no length of time nor space

Has stayed the journey of thy blessed feet.

Behind no barrier of caste or race Have men found isolation so complete

But that there came the shining of thy face—

Thus every artist paints thee as his own,

Limned on the background of his time and thought.

-Hugh L. Burleson.

## Christmas in the Home

All who make and share in the making of a Christian home know how much they owe to Bethlehem for their blessedness. For Christianity is the faith beyond all others which exalts the home, and which places it in a foremost position in the spiritual thought of all who would follow in the Christian way of life. The Jesus whom we love, and whose birth we are about to celebrate, came to us not through triumphal archways emblazoned with light, but through the doorway of a stable—that became a home. When Jesus came into it, everything was transformed. It was love and faith that wrought the transformation.

The Jesus who taught us to say "Our Father" taught us also the sacredness of family life—and where can there be family life but within the four walls of a home. What was the one thing desirable in the mind of the prodigal son? To return home. Jesus knew all the blessings a home could prove; he knew it could be a place where he himself might ever be welcome, and where those who followed him might know peace and content.

#### Exalt Parenthood

To realise the vision of the home as lifted up to us by Bethlehem we must exalt the idea of parenthood. Children to-day are better cared for than when Christ was born. His coming as a little child has wrought the change. The love and reverence that surrounded the Babe of Bethlehem have made all children precious. We spend much care to-day upon their bodies. We spend much thought on the education of their minds. Even so, many a home is still only "a manger where animals are fed, and not a cradle where immortal spirits are nourished," and many are only lodging places and not shrines of truth and righteousness. It is not in God's purpose that parents should merely be providers of food and shelter. We need to recapture the reverence in the eyes of Mary when she looked on her new born child, which was also in the eyes of Christ himself when later on he set a child in the midst and said, "Of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

Mary saw in her child the gift of God. "My soul doth magnity the Lord," she sang. It was a call to a dedicated life that her love might become a channel for the love of God. There is no other way in which God can become real to the heart of a child. We can only make our children conscious of the laws of right-

eousness if they see that these are the laws by which we ourselves are living. "In childhood," says a great religious teacher, "we were brought near to God, not by mere instruction, but by that personal life sanctified of God which found expression there."

To have a child to care for, our own or another, is a mighty privilege. It can open our hearts for the entry of God. But this will only happen if the child awakens not only our material concern but also our faith in God and our need of his grace. "Whosoever shall receive this child in my name receiveth me," said Jesus, "and whosoever shall receive me receiveth him that sent me."

#### "Homes Are Greenhouses"

Only the character moulded in such homes can be the foundation of a sound society. Good houses are not enough. "Stone walls do not a prison make," nor do they make a temple or build the city of God. That only happens when Christ comes to dwell in the houses we build.

"The crazy stable close at hand.
With shaking timber and sinking sand.

Grew a stronger thing to abide and stand

Than the square stones of Rome."

As John Ruskin once put it, "The history of a nation is not a history of its wars, but the history of its households." Where else but in the home will the prejudices and hatreds which mar the world be overcome? Where

else but in the home will love be shown as the way of solving the basic problems of social relations, indeed international relations? Only by Christianity being caught and taught in the home shall we have as a reality in the world that ever-growing unity among men which is also known as the Kingdom of God.

It was Dr. Fosdick who wrote, "As Christ came from the Holy Family in Nazareth, so the centre of the world's redemption is always in the home. Our Christian ideal for the world is to make a family of it, where the fatherhood of God is fulfilled in the brotherhood of man, every personality valued for its own sake, as in a good family, and all together living in friendship and good will. If that ideal is to come true for the world, it must be more and more true in more and more families. Homes are greenhouses where all growth starts, that, transplanted to mankind's larger relationships, can make the whole earth fair. Whoever helps build a good home is in so far furnishing indispensable material for the building of a good world."

At this Christmastide we could consider many debts we owe to Bethlehem—for happier living, for a higher view of man, for a hope of peace, for nobler arts—but nowhere is our debt greater than in the conception it has given us of the Christian home. Without this vision to guard and to guide us we have no hope of realising the other gifts that Bethlehem has vouchsafed to us.



# THE LARGER MEANINGS

Never did heaven touch earth more sweetly than at Bethlehem. Christmas is both significant and sweet. How gentle are its sentiments, how abiding its inspiration. What a pageant it presents—hills aglow with heavenly light; valleys resonant with heavenly music; and shepherds startled awake to mark the majestic course of the most stately of all stars. And what contrasts find place in this incomparable setting. There are stars and stables; extremes of youth and venerable age; depth of night and brilliance of light; silence and symphony; peasants and potentates.

To analyse the doctrinal implications of Christmas is like tearing apart the glory of a rose to discover what lies within. Yet they are the larger meanings of Christmas that matter most.

In the coming of the Babe we see evidence of that

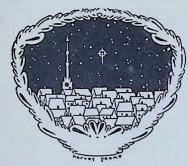
#### SAVIOURHOOD

without which none of us would have a basis for rejoicing. "Thou shalt call his name Jesus; for he shall save his people from their sins." we all have sinned is generally conceded. What all do not recognise is the terrible and far-reaching consequence of this sin. In some way it has estranged and alienated us from God. It has stolen our spiritual birth-right. It has spoiled our earthly walk and endangered our future state. Because of sin we were in desperate straits. Then it happened-he came, and "the people which sat in darkness saw great light." To-day, in the doctrine of the Saviourhood of Jesus. we find newness of life and newness of hope. As Paul puts it: "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away: behold, all things are become new." Gone is the guilt and curse of the past. He is "the way" out of condemnation into justification.

From this truth of the Christmas story we are led on to others. For his Saviourhood suggests his sinlessness, and sinlessness suggests deity. The

#### **INCARNATION**

constitutes the mystery, the miracle and the majesty of the Christmas theme. And incarnation, most surely, is inescapable. Dr. John Lewis, in The Lord of Life, claims that the doctrine of the incarnation is required by Christ's uniqueness, and that such incarnation demands the virgin birth.



It is the truthfulness of this claim which explains why "he not only is a Figure in history, but the Figure of contemporary history." Hence, in The Portrait Gallery, George Matheson says. "Thy face gives new meaning to the instincts of my soul. Old words on thy lips become winged. Plain chords on thy harp become melody. Truths spoken long ago become discoveries in thee. The trite terms of endearment that man utters to man thrill with the surprises of pathos when they are uttered by thee. The language is from Bethlehem, but the accent is from heaven."

One recalls also the language of 2 Cor. 5: 19: "God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself." It is sometimes said that Jesus did not make so high a claim for himself. The answer to this lies in the words of John Bevan: "Even if Jesus did not claim to be God (which I do not for a moment admit), that would be no proof to me that he was not God. You may be something without claiming to be it. You mave even be something without being fully aware that you are" (that thing). If one disputes this, he fights with the records; he struggles with the great Life. He batters against the continuous influences of a power that is not of us—a power which for two thousand years has never ceased to regenerate millions.

Moreover, the incarnation appears to have been set forth in prospect by Isaiah. In that elevated passage in his ninth chapter, the coming one is called not only "Wonderful, Counsellor," but also "The mighty God." How great then was heaven's stoop? It was from the heights of the highest glory to the lowliness of a make-shift cradle.

But all the doctrines which lie at the heart of Christmas are not applicable only to spiritual and future needs. One of the dominant notes in the angel-choir was that uttered in the name of

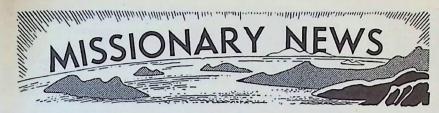
#### PEACE

"Peace on earth." What is Christmas but the advent on earth of the "Prince of Peace"? In the greatest sermon to leave his lips he declared that especial blessedness belonged to "the peace-makers." But can there be peace between man and man, while man knows no peace with God? Jesus knew that where controversy existed between man and his Maker there was the danger of open rupture between man and his fellow. peacemaker must be more than an idle dreamer. He will remember that righteousness is the antecedent of peace. No permanent peace between individuals and nations can be based upon injustice. There is a sense, other than that of sequence, in which the fourth beatitude comes before the seventh. There is need to "hunger and thirst after righteousness" before we set out to be peacemakers. fruit of the Spirit is not at first peace; rather is it "love, joy, peace"—the love leading to the joy, the joy issuing in peace. It is no mean achievement to bring peace to the complex mechanism of a single soul. But this must be multiplied millions of times.

Those who bow before the Infant of Bethlehem, by design must be peacemakers, not merely lovers of peace, but the engineers thereof. To the degree that we succeed in living to the dictates of his Spirit, to that degree shall the fruits of the Spirit be manifest in human affairs.

As of old they came to bend their knees, spread forth their gifts, and go on rejoicing, so let us again look into the deep things we commemorate, and be glad in them.





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

#### "HERE COMES GOD"

We have endeavored in this year to concentrate on three areas of general work. Firstly, eleven villages were selected for concentrated work. They were each visited at a set time. day and place each week. These are mainly children's classes in the morning before school begins, and then adult groups in the afternoon. With this is linked our Bible school work. This work is most encouraging. fact that after many many years a Bible school programme was presented by the Bhigvan Bible school at this conference is in itself a cause for thankfulness. To hear Muslem and Hindu children tell the gathered group of Christians the gifts they inherit by becoming Christian, was to our minds impressive, not in its magnitude, but in its unusualness.

Several periods were spent out for several days in camping. Only two, however, had much import. The first was in a temple in the Barsi area, from where several people had come asking to be baptised. This, however, was found to be in our neighbor's area. The month's camp at Bakluse on the Bhima River past Rajgav, proved both instructive and profitable. While there we visited every home every day for over three weeks. Only one home refused us entrance. To this home on our last day came sickness to the only son, who, without an injection, perhaps would have been in serious trouble. This incident was put away in the memory of the people who knew they had refused us entrance by rolling a great cart wheel into the entrance to the gateway. The outcome of that month has caused our second field of concentration. This village beyond any other has claimed our attention. Everyone in the village claims relationship with Mr. Waghmodi because the original settlers, we beieve, were migrants from Bori Village. When we are seen coming over the hill into the village the people do not say, "Here come the foreigners," or "Here come the missionaries," or "Here come the Christians," but "Here comes God." This, while being unflattering in its stern while being unflattering in its stern reality to us, shows at least that we have conveyed our message with accuracy. In the village two men, one a Hindu and one a Moslem, have confessed Christ before the village, but have not yet had faith enough to continue forward into him.—Bruce Munro (Bhigvan).

#### Send Me Not Empty Away FIRST-FRUITS AND GREAT JOY AMONG THE SAINTS.

We praise God that to-day in Shrigonda he has shown forth his glory amongst us. For many years the Word of God has been sown in this town, and to-day the first-fruits have come. Two women from the Mahar-wada have publicly confessed Christ and been baptised.

One woman, Radhabai, wife of Ganpat Argus, has heard the gospel story for many years. Being in childhood dedicated to the gods in the local temple here, her lot was indeed very bad because of this action of her parents.

A Maharata man fell in love with her, when she was yet a young woman, and so saved her from a life of degradation. However, she herself confesses that she is a very wicked woman. She said, "Without Jesus Christ and his atoning blood I shall receive no remission of sins, and with-

out him my soul will not be saved." We heard her pray in this way, before her confession of faith in Christ.

#### NOT TO BE TURNED BACK.

Her relatives from the Mahar-wada tried to persuade her to leave the chapel and not to take baptism, but she said, "Do what you will, I shall become a Christian, for until I do, I shall not have peace or satisfaction."

#### TRUE REPENTANCE.

She prayed, "I am a sinful woman, O God; and am standing knocking at your door for salvation. Do not send me away empty. Receive me. Wash my sins in Jesus' blood. Free me from the bondage of Satan." She did not heed the luring or the threats of her relatives but was baptised.

### BEYOND OUR EXPECTATION AND OUR COMPREHENSION.

God's work was accomplished, even beyond our comprehension.

In order to witness the baptism of Radhabai, one woman and three young men came from Dhond last night. While they were speaking to Radhabai, another woman, Salubai by name, came forward. Her condition used to be like the Samaritan woman with whom Jesus conversed at the well in Sychar. She had often heard the gospel message, but used to be against it. Last night as she listened, and while the two women were together, she, too, confessed her sins, and said, "Those things I should not do, I have done. Now forgive me, take me to heaven, and save my soul."—Sitabai Jadhav (Shrigonda).



### Gentle Jesukin

Tiny Jesukin, Lying in the manger; Whom the whole world worships, Friend and foe and stranger.

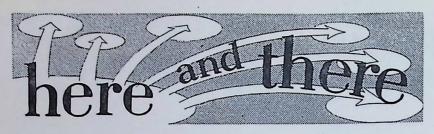
Smiling in the manger,
Tiny Jesukin;
Though Lord God Almighty,
Still our kith and kin.

Smiling in the manger, With his sweet blue eyes; Just a tiny infant, Yet Lord of earth and skies.

This is the babe that loves us, Gentle Jesukin; God who came to save us, Save us from our sin.

Around the common manger
Men offer myrrh and gold;
But it is our hearts
His tiny hands would hold.
—John J. Alderson, Maryborough, Vic.

December 8, 1953.



goodwill gesture from the Austral (posted, 10/6). Printing and Publishing Co. Ltd., which bears the extra costs involved in its production. The Company is ap-preciative of all who co-operate with it in the preparation, production and distribution of its journals and other Christian literature.

Sixty-first anniversary services of Fremantle church, W.A., were celebrated on Nov. 8, when Roy Raymond (Subiaco), former preacher at Fremantle, inspired with his morning address. S. G. Taylor conducted gospel services during November. Talent scheme realised over £93, and Dorcas' sale of work raised over £40. The newly-formed Men's Fellowship held an enjoyable concert and social.

On Dec. 1, at St. Kilda Town Hall, the Churches of Christ Choral Society (Vic.) rendered Handel's oratorio "The Messiah." The audience of over 1000 was enthusiastic of the very fine performance by soloists Jean Milne, soprano; Amelia Scarce, contralto; Noel Spark, tenor; Maurice Mathers, bass; and chorus of 100 voices under leader-ship of the Musical Director, Valentine Woff. B. Winifred Lee (pianiste) and Wolf. B. Winifred Lee (pianiste) and Lawrence Warner (organist) were the efficient accompanists. The Society was formed following the World Convention in 1952, and "The Messiah" is the first oratorio attempted. Praise is due to the Musical Director for the high standard of the performance. Rehearsals for 1954 will commence on Feb. 11, and applications for membership will be received by the sec., A. Haskell, 21 White-st., North Williamstown.

S. John Bacon, Melbourne representative of Oliphants Ltd., has advised us of the success which has followed overseas publication this year of Marjorie Buckingham's Christian novel, In All These Things. It roused widespread interest while appearing as a serial in the Sunday Companion, and has been followed in that weekly by Broad Is The Way, another novel by Miss Buckingham, which Oliphants are publishing this month. Publication has been arranged in Canada, and negotiations are proceeding for U.S. publication also. Miss Buckingham is an active worker in our Bambra-rd., Caulfield, church, Vic. Copies of In All These Things are selling well in Melbourne bookshops, and are

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Great things have been happening in the church at Port Lincoln, S.A. With the coming of Ivan Nixon as preacher an impetus has been given to the work. The church building is under construction, and on Saturday, Nov. 7, a large number gathered for the laying of the foundation stone by C. A. Jones, E. P. C. Hollard giving the occasional address. A thankoffering of £125 was given. B.S. anniversary services commenced on Nov. 1, with special singing conducted by I. Schmelzkopf. G. R. Stirling addressed the church and scholars on 1st, and E. P. C. Hollard on 8th. A Ladies' Fellowship, which has recently been formed, enjoyed a visit from Mrs. W. Green, of Adelaide, on 12th.

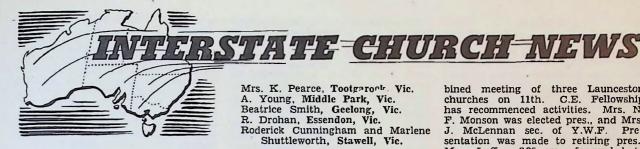
The Belgrave Heights annual convention (formerly Upwey) is a major holiday function for many Melbourne Christians. Full details of this year's meetings may be seen in the advertising columns of this issue.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Wakeley concluded their 3-years' ministry at Enmore, N.S.W., on Nov. 22, prior to commencement at Loftus Park on 29th. At an after-church gathering, Dr. E. A. Bardsley, R. R. Wolfe and W. D. Rankine spoke in appreciation of the ministry, and presentations were made. In replying, Mr. Wakeley expressed his wish to see Enmore church once more "a great power," and urged prayerful support of his successor. About 48 had been received into fellowship during his ministry.

A. R. Jones, sec. S.A. Social Dept., reports very successful first B.S. anniversary services at Gepps Cross Hostel, S.A., where Colin Butler (Hawthorn) as supt., has done a magnificent work among the migrant children. Youth leader, G. R. Stirling, delighted the 60 children and 80 adults with his talk. On the previous day (Nov. 28) two bus-loads of parents and children had enjoyed a picnic at Longwood, which gave many their first view of the Adelaide hills. Work amongst the migrants was begun by the Dept. in Oct., 1952, when a hut was secured, church services begun, and Mr. and Mrs. Butler invited to take charge of 30 B.S. children. Another hut has now been secured. After a lapse, church services recently resumed, when Miss E. Hammond (May-

lands) offered to organise the services and secure speakers. This is a promising work among people who need the Church's friendship.

Good attendances are being maintained at South Perth, W.A., where men of the church are working on the manse in preparation for the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Stanton Wilson and family from Hampton, Vic., now planned for Jan. 28, 1954. Visitation by W. H. Nightingale has aided growth of the Bible school, whose attendance reached 230 on Nov. 15. On that day, R. Schmitt, volunteer worker at Norseman Mission for a year, was present. Mr. Heyhoe's conduct of gospel services has encouraged school children to attend. The baptistery was used for the first time on Nov. 15, and cottage prayer meetings were conducted in three centres on 19th.



### Discipleship

Mrs. C. Edgar, Ultima, Vic. Patricia and Valerie Nixon, Mudgee Valerie Reynolds, Gilgandra, N.S.W. Brian Snoxall, Margaret-st., Launceston, Tas.

Mrs. K. Pearce, Tootgarock, Vic. A. Young, Middle Park, Vic. Beatrice Smith, Geelong, Vic. R. Drohan, Essendon, Vic. Roderick Cunningham and Marlene Shuttleworth, Stawell, Vic.

### Wembership

Mr. and Mrs. R. Smith, from Hamilton, N.S.W., to George-town, N.S.W. Marjory Gilbert, Georgetown, N.S.W. Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds, Tootgarook,

G. Crawford, from Footseray, Vic., to Ascot Vale, Vic.
Mrs. G. Crawford, from Dandenong,

Vic., to Ascot Vale, Vic. Mr. and Mrs. B. Schwennesen, from

Bambra-rd., Caulfield, Vic., to Springvale, Vic.

### Marriage

Yvonne Rowe to James Thoday, Semaphore, S.A.

### Fallen Asleep

Mrs. F. Lumb, Maidstone, Vic. Mrs. Wright, Cheltenham, Vic. Mrs. McDowell, East Kew, Vic. John Anderson, Essendon, Vic. William Frederick Flood, Essendon,

Sis. Nixon, North Fitzroy, Vic. G. Clayton, Springvale, Vic.

#### Tasmania

Dunalley (S. M. Mead).—On Nov. 29 church and B.S. held anniversary to celebrate fourteenth year of service by S. M. Mead. B. Golder and J. Park were guest speakers. C. Mason was also present. After church service about 60 were entertained by ladies. Santa Claus arrived during afternoon, and presented each child with gift. J. Park presented prizes. Mrs. Townsend introduced S. M. Mead, who cut birthday cake. Children presented Mr. Golder with birthday cake, and £2 raised by them for Bethany Hostel.

Margaret-st., Launceston (J. A. Luff).—Wintry weather ruined B.S. picnic. Nov. meeting of C.M.S. was addressed by Dr. Petrovsky. B.S. an-niversary services on Nov. 8 were well attended, when K. B. Leaver was speaker. Verse speaking choir was conducted by Mrs. K. Younger. Ladies'
Guild held meeting at Old People's Home, and supplied afternoon tea and gifts. B. J. Combridge spoke to com-

bined meeting of three Launceston churches on 11th. C.E. Fellowship has recommenced activities. Mrs. N. F. Monson was elected pres., and Mrs. J. McLennan sec. of Y.W.F. Presentation was made to retiring pres., Mrs. Luff. £25 was forwarded to Bethany Committee to assist in clothing boy for year. Interior of chapel is being redecorated.

#### Queensland

Boonah (A. B. Clark).—Dr. E. R. Bryan, visiting International C.E. Pres., called at chapel after C.E. rally in Methodist church. Band of Hope has 15 members. Roy Warren told C.M.A. of experiences in Palestine and Middle East. Ladies' Guild sent parcel to Aborigines Mission. and agreed to adopt an aborigine child. Minister assisted at Warwick mission.

#### New South Wales

Gilgandra (V. S. Dallinger) -Combined B.S. picnic was held with Dubbo, Eumungerie and the Pines. About 200 were present at tea-time. On Nov. 1 Eumungerie B.S. anniversary was held in local hall. Supt. A. Hodgkiss presented prizes, and V. S. Dallinger spoke. One young lady made decision. On 8th W. Hodgkiss and V. Dallinger visited Mudgee for baptismal service. Fourteen people comprise church in this town, and decision has been made to erect building on land already purchased. It is hoped to conduct more regular services with help of week-end preachers. In absence of minister, D. Butler and A. Bunell spoke. On 13th and 15th 40th anniversary services were celebrated in Gilgandra. Sacred concert was attended by 200. D. Butler and minis-ter spoke on Sunday. G. J. Andrews. Conf. Pres., visited church on morn-ing of 22nd, and Eumungerie and Dubbo later that day. L. Mudford is in local hospital, and R. Mudford is

Georgetown (L. G. Burgin) .- B.S. had excellent anniversary services, with record offerings. W. Howard and L. G. Burgin were speakers. Max Burgin fractured leg at picnic, but is making good recovery. Mrs. Johnson has returned from visit to England. Women's Guild has almost £50 in hand for school piano. Speaking brethren are helping Cardiff while it is without minister.

Taree (K. W. Barton, L.Th.). — Taree Manning River branch of B. & F.B.S. has received acknowledgment from Commonwealth Sec. for another notable achievement, when



### Christmas

WARREN WARREN WARREN WARREN

And the Star that shone On desert wild and free Shines down on thee. On thee.

O Babe, whose dimpled hands Reach out, unknowing, To the nails of Calvary.

Where shines that Star to-night,

O Babe?

O Christ who pitieth man?

On deserts of the soul no longer free? On battles seared by blasts of hell?

On babes like thee,

Who reach unknowing hands

To modern Calvary?

O Jesu Bahe-Messiah Christ-Whiche'er thou be-Look down this Christmastide On all who would be free! -Chaplain H. G. Elsam, "Christian-Evangelist."



branch raised £426 for year. Fine service was given this work by church collector, Mrs. N. Branch, and congregation gave appeal liberal assistance. On Nov. 10 Men's Christian Association entertained ladies of congregation at a social evening. Mrs. K. W. Barton expressed thanks on behalf of sisters. At After-Church Fellowship held on third Sunday in Nov., recent 80th birthdays of Mrs. Chas. Collins and Percy G. Saxby were mentioned. Both have served well and faithfully in local assembly for fifty years and more.

Rockdale (G. Andrews).—On Nov. 15 gospel service took form of men's night, when male choir sang under baton of R. Hutchins. Mrs. A. G. Saunders planned exhibition of handcraft and hobbies on 20th. Proceeds amounted to £69 for kinder extension fund. R. Greenhalgh and Mr. Cust (Chatswood) spoke on 22nd in absence of minister at Gilgandra and Dubbo. On 29th there were many visitors.

Lismore (A. C. Caldicott).—Women's guild and M.B. have increased membership, and are doing splendid work at base hospital. C.E. Tasmanian delegates gave echoes of convention on Nov. 22. George Davis, jnr., gave address, and took decision of married woman. One other decision has also been recorded. Maurice Pieper (Woolwich) addressed church on 29th. Attendances have been encouraging since mission. Aborigine funeral of Mrs. Lyle Roberts had largest representation of aborigines in Lismore for many years. E. C. Hinrichsen's Sunday radio session from 2LM at 10 a.m. has created wide interest.

#### South Australia

Mile End (R. W. Marshall).—W.M.B. held hospital evening, when gifts were donated. Miss Sullivan spoke of her work. Ladies also assisted in raising £71 by district churches for Morialta Children's Home, and contributed £2 to C.O.B. Refurnishing Fund. I.C.E. gave £3, and Y.P.S.C.E. £7. Y.M. of church are addressing midweek meetings. 220 attended Gospel Bells service last month. B.B. is having series of talks by minister on the Church. Y.P.S.C.E. is conducting discussions based on book, The Shattered Cross. B.S. maintains attendances of over 100. Anonymous gift of £35 completed payment of church piano. Church paper is now produced weekly to eliminate notices from services.

Kilburn (H. G. Norris).—Guild concluded year with outing at Botanic Gardens. Church officers met with L. Brune (H.M. Dept.) and discussed plans for future church building. Church appreciates addresses and leadership of H. G. Norris, who also teaches in B.S. and assists C.E.

Edwardstown West (P. R. Baker).—Minister has been advised to take complete rest for at least six weeks. Due to difficulties in filling pulpit at both services at Edwardstown and Ascot Park, it has been decided to suspend evening service at Ascot Park. Church has invited D. Mortimer, now on vacation from Woolwich, to take both services during minister's absence. Pre-school kinder is now being held on church premises. This fills a long felt want in new housing area. Y.M. was recently baptised.

Aldgate Valley-Stirling East (G. T. Fitzgerald).—G. Whiting spoke twice at Stirling B.S. anniversary. G. T. Fitzgerald spoke at night to over 100. G. Cox led singing. Miss R. Purdie was pianiste. Mr. and Mrs. G. Cox and family were farewelled and given presentations prior to removal from district after almost eight years of service in church. W. McKie is new B.S. supt., and G. Knight assist. supt. Misses C. Halleday and J. Smith are kinder teachers. Minister has un-animously been invited for further term of one year. Presentation was made to Miss B. Halleday who resigned as kinder teacher on account of marriage. F. A. Halleday recently presented film evening at Valley on behalf of Morialta Homes. Over 40 attended. Renovations are being made to both buildings.

Semaphore (S. E. Matthews).—Attendances have been well maintained during month. On Nov. 15 Mr. Hunting (Gen. Sec. Jewish Evangelical Mission) gave short address followed by slides. B.S. attendances are good. Mrs. Wells and Mrs. Cornish have returned from interstate holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Wormald and family (Kilburn) are meeting with church. Mrs. Tirrell is improving after illness. Working bee was held around church and manse. Sympathy was extended to Mrs. Matthews in loss of father.

Grote-st., Adelaide (C. Candy).—Annual business meeting was well attended. It was decided to work for pipe organ. All auxiliaries are working well. Attendances are maintained. There were 140 at gospel service on Nov. 15, when young lady was baptised. Five Y.M. from B.S. have made decisions. Four members, Mesdames Barnes, Cobham and Davies and Miss Dier have taken up residence at Christian Rest Home. On Dec. 8 Y.W.F. conducted annual Christmas party.

#### Victoria

Ormond (F. E. Buckingham).—There was record attendance of 108 at communion on Nov. 29, when A. Thomas spoke. There was one decision at night, when Jean Milne was soloist. Sale of work on 27th and 28th was marred by weather, but £400 will be credited to new memorial chapel to

be commenced Feb., 1954. Ladies are planning new effort.

Montrose (B. Richards). — Business meeting elected following officers: W. Fordham (sec.). F. Rogers (treas.), O. Finger, R. Hayes and K. Hickin. B.S. appointed Mrs. F. Rogers as supt. On Oct. 25 youth tea and service were held. Y.P. assisted in service, at which S. Davey spoke. Birthday meeting of Ladies' Fellowship was held on Nov. 5. B.S. picnic was held at Kalorama. Men have commenced work on basketball court, and all auxiliaries are planning fair to raise funds for its completion and purchase of piano. Work and messages of B. Richards, now on vacation, are appreciated.

Brighton (C. G. Taylor, B.A.).—W. W. Saunders was H.M. speaker on Nov. 29. R. Smyth, member of Austin team in Redex Trial, entertained Men's Fellowship with personal story of the event, followed by film of trial. Visitors from district Fellowships were present. Youth Fellowship and other members enjoyed Choral Society's performance of Messiah in St. Kilda Town Hall on Dec. 1. Women's Fellowship was entertained by Mrs. May (Ringwood) on 3rd, in closing meeting of year. L. Williams is still receiving treatment in Alfred Hospital.

Cheltenham (R. C. Bolduan).—On Nov. 22 church was delighted to welcome Mr. and Mrs. J. Smith on furlough from New Hebrides. Ladies gave Mrs. Smith welcome on 25th when she spoke of her work. On 29th Mr. and Mrs. Smith took part in evening service, and showed slides and films of Mission. Miss R. Bolduan is progressing after operation.

Stawell (J. C. Cunningham).—C.E. held successful social on Nov. 3. Youth tea was held on 15th. B.S. repeated anniversary singing at evening service, and films of Pentecost Mission were shown. These services coincided with back to Stawell celebrations. Visitors on that occasion included Mrs. T. V. Weir (Shepparton). Church has commenced manse fund with many donations. New scholars have been added to kinder, cradle roll and B.S. Monthly prayer meeting was held in home of Mr. and Mrs. Mortyn.

Middle Park (J. Plummer).—On Nov. 28 prizes were distributed at B.S. concert. Baptismal service took place on 29th. Mrs. Hantelton and Miss Dinham, missionaries en route to Darwin, were welcomed to morning service. Miss Dinham gave children's talk at night. J. Ritchie, B.S. supt.. is in hospital. Mrs. Annetts was welcomed after illness of five months.

Tootgarook (R. K. Brittain). — Church attendances are increasing with people on holidays. Messrs. Gale, Morris, Abercrombie and Mitchell met with church on Nov. 29. Membership has been increased by three.

North Essendon (A. E. White, B.A.).

—Come to Church month increased attendances. Evening average was 130 and communicants 125. 155 saw God of Creation screened on Nov. 29. On 24th P.B.P. and K.S.P. presented dramatic concert, which raised over £5 for C.O.B. Refurnishing Fund. Mr. and Mrs. Edwards and family, isolated members of Lavers Hill, were visitors on 22nd. Junior choir, led by Ron Tippett, took part in Christmas service in Queen's Park on afternoon of 29th. J. Burns met with church on 29th after several weeks of illness. About 40 teachers and friends had outing and barbecue at Bulla on 28th.

Ascot Vale (H. Gross) .- On Worldwide Communion Sunday church united with Moonee Ponds Baptist. Mr. Ward (Baptist) presided, and H. Gross preached. Service concluded with communion. Good Companions closed successful year with prize giving on Nov. 17. Ladies' auxiliary held closing meeting at Botanical Gardens. During year ladies made gifts of crockery and curtains to church. £30 is earmarked for Temple Day, and balance to be divided among brotherhood depts. Sympathy of the members is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Crawford in the sudden loss of mother. Explorer Club is keen, and proving able to finance themselves. Some of the boys raised £6. Mrs. Rose, snr., has been able to attend church after accident. Mr. Brown is making good progress, and is now in his own home. Ken Wittick is working in England. Mr. and Mrs. Don Hobbs (nee Leslie Holmes) are also in England. Mrs. Greenwood is confined to her home. Chris Thomsen is also unable to attend services through illness.

North Fitzroy (A. O. S. Baker).—On Nov. 7 successful concert was held by youth groups for funds for sporting activities. On 8th visiting girls' basketball teams from S.A. and W.A. attended morning service. W.M.B. visited Emmaus Rest Home and entertained guests. Manse debt reduction efforts culminating in sale of work have realised £335 to date. B.S. anniversary service was repeated on evening of 29th.

North Richmond (R. McKenzie).—63rd church anniversary was held on Oct. 18. S. Neighbour spoke at morning service, and S. H. Wilson spoke at P.S.A. Fellowship tea was held at 5 p.m., and R. McKenzie spoke at evening service. Ladies' Friendly Clubheld film night at Vacuum Oil Co. on Oct. 27. Men's tea was held on Nov. 1. "The King's Messengers' were present at tea, and conducted evening service. Over 100 scholars and parents attended B.S. picnic at Mt. Waverley on 4th. Youth Dept.

Flying Squad conducted evening service on 8th. South Yarra C.E. visited Youth Fellowship on 9th, and conducted meeting. Temple Day offering was £63, and Hospital Sunday offering £15/15/-.

Geelong (T. A. Fergusson).—Visit of North Essendon Y.P. was enjoyed by Y.P. B.S. broadcast in "Sunday School of the Air" on Nov. 22. T. A. Fergusson gave talk. Meeting was held to farewell Miss E. Mountjoy, who is leaving for United Aborigines Mission at Gnowangerup, W.A. C.E. anniversary was celebrated with "squash" on 28th, and special services on Sunday. Endeavorers took part in both services, and visiting speaker for weekend was A. Morris (Wagga, N.S.W.). Farewell social was held in honor of Rex Ellis and Irwin Gowdle, who have completed studies in Geelong.

East Kew (D. W. Mansell).—Tennis club conducted successful film evening on Nov. 14 at home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Pope. On 18th Ladies' Guild visited ice-cream factory. J.C.E. held expression work meeting on 22nd, and juniors made film strip each. Matron Ross (Emmaus Home) spoke at M.B. Hospital Day on Nov. 25. Temple Day offering on 29th reached approximately £250. Y.W.F. held combined meeting with Ivanhoe on 30th at home of Mrs. J. Pope. Architect has drawn up preliminary plan for new chapel.

Essendon (W. R. Hibburt).—Garden party at home of Mrs. J. Hemsley, Nov. 19, raised £15 for work of Ladies' Guild. Temple Day thanksgiving offering on 28th amounted to £215. R. Marks screened Talents at spiritual session. Chaplain Major Mockel spoke at father and son Explorer evening on 25th. Working bee has rebuilt section of dividing fence. Members of C.Y.F. were entertained at manse at closing function of year. Presentation was made to hostess and to Valerie Pearce who transfers to Warrnambool. Sympathy is expressed to Mrs. Aitken and Mrs. J. Anderson in the loss of husbands, and to Mrs. G. Strack in loss of father.

Gardiner (F. A. Youens).—On Nov. 28 boys of church clubs entertained fathers at banquet prepared and served by mothers and friends. Ages ranged from 8½ to 85 years, but all were boys for night, and enjoyed interesting programme of tricks, recitations and songs, and fine talk by J. E. Brooke (Balwyn). After Sunday evening service members of Y.P.F. acted play on Christ's calling of his disciples. Presentation created deep impression.

Springvale (G. A. Grainger).—G. Thomson, K. Fordham and C. Boak have taken meetings recently. Sec., W. McKinnon, has recovered from illness, and C. Boak from accident.

Cricket club held social gathering, with C. Monk in charge. Y.P.S.C.E. visited Guest Home and enjoyed address from Mr. Sheehan at consecration meeting. School attendances have increased as result of November Happy Hour meetings, conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Grainger, with Mr. Marks, Mrs. M. Munyard, Mrs. McKinnon and Mrs. Beanland helping. Happy Hour attendances reached 300. Junior C.E. has increase campaign under way, and is busy on mission and hospital work. A bonfire at Nettlebeck's, and a Phi Beta social have raised funds for Guest Home thank-offering. H.M. offering achieved 25 per cent. increase—£54 for first day.



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# "Come Home for Christmas"

Bill Hodges, the editor, came through from his untidy office into the even more untidy printing room with the last of the copy for the Christmas issue of the Gidgee Gazette trailing in his hands. He wended his way somewhat nervously between the type case and the printing press, succeeding in bumping into each by his very effort to avoid them. Bill had pushed his glasses up on his forehead, and had perforce to hold the copy close to his face to read it. Anthony, the printer, straightened himself, and not looking at Bill but gazing into the far end of the ramshackle building, said, "The usual page of ads, I suppose?"

"Yeh, just about," said Bill, his ragged moustache which curled down over his upper lip, twitching at each side of his mouth as he spoke. "All the same 'ceptin' that notice from old Mrs. Beath. Block it out, Anthony, put some good thick lines around it."
"Aw," said Anthony rubbing his nose and leaving big black smudges over it. "Whad yer want to put that in this year for? Cut it out, Bill." "Look here," cried Bill, who was already "Look worked up for this very occasion, and whose voice rose to a higher key, "Do whose voice rose to a higher key, you know what you're askin' me to do? Cut it out, you say. That notice has been goin' in for nigh on thirty years, and . . ." "That's just what I'm saying," interjected Anthony sharply. "For thirty years you've been putting that advertisement in every Christmas, and for what? Nothing.
And what good does it do? I ask you.
What good is it, eh?" He glared belligerently at Bill. Bill Hodges' moustache twitched vigorously as he spluttered. "What good does it do? I don't know that it does any good save maybe give a little comfort to an old soul what lost her boy in the first War."

He pushed the copy into the printer's hands and hurried out, muttering to himself about men who by their inhumanity made countless millions mourn.

It was the one bone of contention in each twelve months of happy cooperation between employer and employed, and Bill, in his office, sat in his swing chair shaking and mopping his brow. He had known Anthony to resign his job over that advertisement, so he felt that he had safely weathered the storm once more. Still Anthony had not shown the same hostility as he had in years gone by. Bill thought maybe he was growing a little more mellowed with age. And then, of course, there was all that business with his daughter Edith. Bill blew through his whiskers and shook his

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head sadly. Anthony was too hasty. "Too hot-headed," he repeated to himself. Bill was thinking of Edith, Anthony's daughter who had left home two years ago. She wanted to make her own way in the world. wanted to follow "a career" she called it. Of course, she had "ideas," but Anthony shouldn't have quarrelled so bitterly with her about it. He'd told her she needn't come back again, and she, having much the same spirit as her father, had taken him at his word. Bill didn't have any children, and wondered for a while what he would have done about it, had Edith been his daughter. Still there was no need to quarrel about it. Bill sighed loudly and murmured, "Foolish man, foolish girl." He had said to Anthony. "She's all you've got, Anthony,"

Out in the printing room. Anthony had thrown the copy down on the imposing stone repeating in a loud voice, "What good does it do, eh?". Jim, a casual hand who had been given a few days' employment cleaning things up simply because he'd asked for it, took his eyes off the clock to watch the boss and the printer. When the editor had banged shut the door of his office he leaned over the printing press and said, "What's the row about, Anthony?"

The printer's wrathfully red face showed up through the smudges of printers' ink. "Aw," growled Anthony. "It's this here notice of Mrs. Beath's. She lost her son at Gallipoli. She wouldn't believe he was ever killed and went a bit . ." He stopped speaking and tapped his forehead. "But ever since then," he continued, "she brings this notice in for the Christmas issue." He pulled the copy toward him, and finding the advertisement read, "'My boy, come home for Christmas.' Now what good does it do her? If Bill didn't put that notice in, it might make her realise that her son really is dead. What good does it do her to see that every year at Christmas? What good does it do anybody, that's what I'd like to know?"

Anthony flung his hands wide as if inviting every antiquated piece of machinery in the whole place to come forward and answer his questions.

Jim Wader laughed a little. He walked around the imposing stone and picked up the copy. Bill Hodge had set out the whole sheet with Mrs. Beath's advertisement placed in its very centre. He read over the words, "My boy, come home for Christmas." He put the copy down and went back to his place, where he pretended to

work. Anthony leaned against the type frame, sulking.

The printer had set to work as he had done eventually every year for the last thirty years after the annual flare-up, when Jim said, "Y' know, Anthony, I ain't seen me old people for five years." "Uh! Where do they live?" asked Anthony, now intent on his work. "Up in a little place called ..." Jim checked himself. There were lots of reasons why he didn't answer everybody's questions about himself. And then after a pause, he said, "Y' know, me folks is gettin' pretty old. Maybe . . . I was thinkin' I might take a run home this Christmas."

Anthony looked up from his work, gazing over his glasses to the spot where Jim's voice was coming from. He seemed stabbed awake by any such sentiments as thoughts of home folk from Jim Wader. The little town of Gidgee looked on him as having no higher motive in life than getting through it with the least possible effort. He was a confirmed loafer. "I wouldn't stay there long enough for them to find out what you really are if I was you," said Anthony..

That evening Jim borrowed two pounds off a soft-hearted boss and ten shillings from Anthony, and left the printery with one of the proof copies of the Gidgee Gazette in his pocket. As he didn't turn up for work the next morning Bill and Anthony kept asking each other where they thought Jim could have got to. Anthony didn't say anything about the ten shillings, as he reckoned he'd been a fool, and that Jim had probably spent the money on booze, though he'd promised not to. Bill Hodges blew through his whiskers, but didn't say anything about the two pounds. He didn't want any more trouble with Anthony just then.

As it happened Jim had kept his promise to them both, and was just at that time changing trains at a little railway junction, and he didn't notice that he'd left behind him in the carriage the Gidgee Gazette. The porter picked it up. He was a good looking youth, but around the mouth were growing some hard lines, the look of a young man who was throwing overboard some of the ideals he'd learned before leaving home. He stood looking through the paper. There was nothing much to interest him in it, so he just turned the sheets quickly until his eye was arrested by an advertisement in the centre of a page. "My boy, come home for Christmas," he read. "Gosh, what a funny

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advert.!" he said, half aloud. "No name or anything." He put the paper under his arm and went from carriage to carriage giving a perfunctory sweep here and there. Then while he helped to load some stuff into the van he tucked the paper between some laths of a station seat where a well-dressed but unhappy-looking young woman found it. She belonged to a theatrical company which had just finished its country tour, and the members were returning to their homes or to Sydney for Christmas.

The porter, having finished his loading, walked to the end of the platform and took a letter from his pocket. Opening the unsealed flap he read over a few lines of his own scrawling hand. "Dear Mum," it said, "as I've got to work over Christmas I can't come home." He didn't read any further. That was a lie. He didn't have to work over Christmas, but had arranged to spend the holidays with the gang. They had a few things planned, some of which he would not like his folk at home to know any-thing about. For awhile he stood, the forces of desire to take part in the gang's escapades playing tug-of-war with his memories of home. There was good fun at home, brothers and sisters, and lots of friends to see, his real pals. . . . He'd been forgetting all these people and things a bit. . . . The whole gang and the things they did suddenly seemed pretty low as he found himself mentally arraigned with them against his folk and friends at home. He felt little, mean and miserable . . . gosh, he'd like to get home and talk to his dad about some things he felt he ought to talk about. You could talk to dad. . He tore the letter into tiny fragments and scattered them to the wind. Then he walked hurriedly across the lines to the post office that faced the station. On a telegraph form he station. On a telegraph form ne wrote, "Dear Mum, will be home for Christmas, love to all, Harry.'

On the station a young woman was at the office changing her ticket from Sydney to Gidgee. At the same time she was explaining to a circle of friends in a very shaky and uncertain voice: "When I left home two years ago my father and I quarrelled. Father said he'd never have me back home again. But he wants me to come home. Look," she cried, holding up the Gidgee Gazette and pointing to Mrs. Beath's advertisement, "But see that small type beneath it. It says—

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#### DEATHS.

BLACK.—On Nov. 26, suddenly, by plane accident, Guyatt Boswell (Jack), of Minnipa, S.A., dearly loved husband of June, loving daddy of Lesley and Robin, brother of Dot, Mrs. Powell (Horsham), only son of Dalsy and late Boswell. Aged 32 years. In God's care. Rom. 8: 35-39.

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#### BEREAVEMENT NOTICE.

AITKEN.—The wife of the late Edward Aitken desires to thank relatives, friends and neighbors for all floral tributes and expressions of sympathy in her recent bereavement.

#### ENGAGEMENTS.

BELL—HAINSWORTH. — The engagement is announced of Valma Estella, only daughter of Mrs. L. B. Bell, 26 Garnet-st., Brunswick, to David Robert, only son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Hainsworth, 13 Monica-st., Essendon.

BROWN—FRAZER. — The engagement is announced of Lila Mavis, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Brown, of 12 Bundeera-rd., South Caulfield, to Thomas Harold, younger son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Frazer, Hampton.

#### MARRIAGE.

SCAIFE—McFARLANE. — On Oct. 31, 1953, at St. Peter's C. of England, The Rock, N.S.W., June, third daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. W. G. McFarlane, to Roy (Pilot Officer R.A.A.F.), younger son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Scaife, Gilbert-rd., West Preston, Vic.

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#### APPRECIATION NOTICE.

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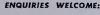
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### OBITUARY

Alexanderina Shaddock.

On Sept. 25, A. Shaddock, beloved member of the Mayfield church, N.S.W., passed to her rest at the age of 80 years. Mrs. Shaddock came to this country with her parents from Scotland in 1875. Baptised at Nun-dah, N.S.W., at the age of sixteen, she came into fellowship with a church of Christ. After marriage she and her husband came to Newcastle, and became members of the Merewether church, where her children received their B.S. training. With the development of the church at Hamilton, Mrs. Shaddock transferred with her husband to that new work. When, many years later (1937), the Mayfield church came into existence, she became a foundation member, her hus-band being made one of the first deacons. A widow for the last fourteen years, she maintained an in-tense love for the New Testament Church, strong faith, cheeriness and ready wit. On May 5 she fell, breaking her thigh, and endured much pain during the 21 weeks of hospitalisation prior to her decease. Funeral services were conducted in Mayfield chapel and at Sandgate cemetery by L. G. Read (Hamilton) in the absence of L. S. Dewberry, who was engaged in a mission. Deepest sympathy is extended to all loved ones .- L.S.D.

#### George Clayton.

G. Clayton joined the church at Cheltenham, Vic., under the ministry of G. B. Moysey, the long association coming to an end with his death at 78 years on Nov. 3. Except for short terms at Kaniva and Geelong, and until his removal to Springvale 15 years ago, Mr. Clayton spent his life in the Cheltenham district, serving the church as choirmaster, and in other ways. The last years were marred by blindness, yet brightened by a jovial spirit, a keen interest in men and churches, enjoyment of visits from friends, the radio ministry (particularly of Vic. Quayle in Warragul), and the devoted care of his wife (Ethel Bruton), and members of the family. Springvale church extends loving sympathy to Mrs. Clayton and family .-- G.A.G.

#### Julia Elizabeth Combridge.

On Nov. 7 at Beremboke, Vic., Mrs. J. R. Combridge passed to her heavenly home at the age of 85 years, fifteen years after the death of her husband, John Robert, remembered by thousands for his ministries. Although in later years Mrs. Combridge suffered ill health, she remained active until the day of her death. Living in retirement with her daughter Doris, in Beremboke, where she had resided for 54 years, her isolation prevented her

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### News of British Churches

The British Council of Churches has drawn up an extensive programme in connection with its Bible campaign. In most places Anglicans and Free Churchmen are co-operating readily in joint conferences and rallies, leading up to Bible Week. Our own churches in many centres are supporting the campaign with vigor. The Leicester churches are particularly active. Each church is holding services throughout the winter, using suggestions drawn up by the district committee. An inaugural rally was held recently, addressed by Canon Eaton and J. L. Colver. The weekly meetings will culminate in a Bible week, to be held in the spring.

Principal James Gray, who is President of the Birmingham Free Church Council this year, conveyed the greetings of the Free Churches of the city at the enthronement of the Bishop of Birmingham. Mr. Gray has recently been appointed chairman of the Westhill Council, Westhill College being the centre of Sunday school training.

Four young people have been chosen to go as a caravan team to U.S.A. next summer. They will visit Disciple churches and summer camps, and hope to attend the youth sessions of the World Council of Churches Assembly at Evanston.

Fellowship of Youth throughout the country have held a national week, during which, by special activities, they have raised money towards the cost of sending the team.

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