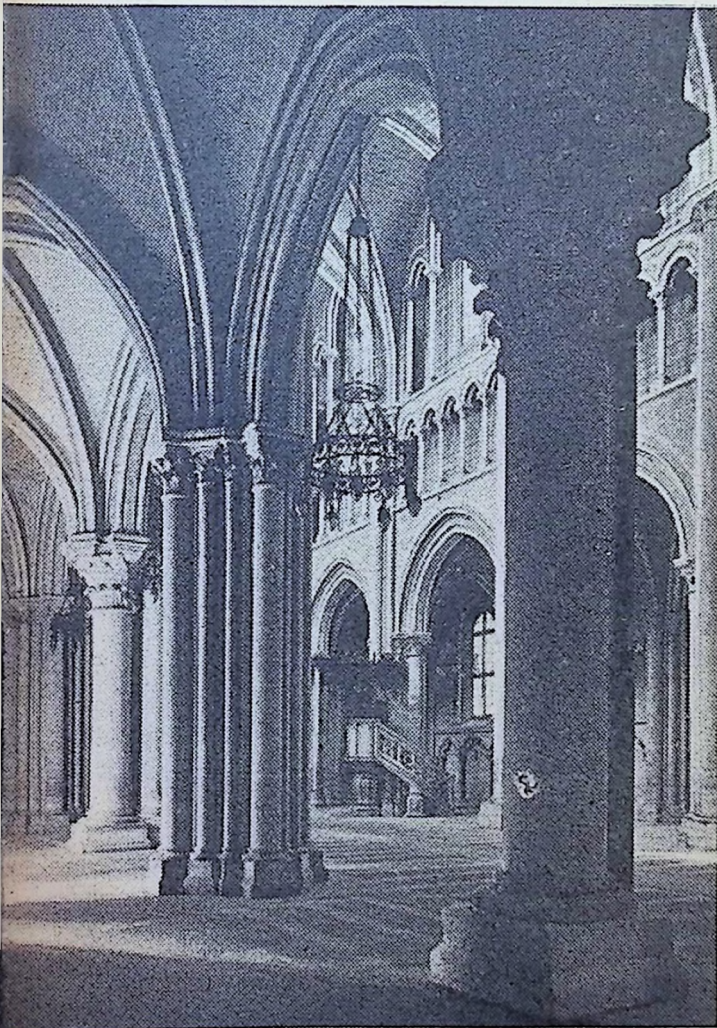


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How Lovely...

is thy dwelling place,

O Lord of hosts!

*My soul longs, yea, faints
for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and flesh sing for joy
to the living God. . .*

*Blessed are those who dwell in thy
house,*

ever singing thy praise. . .

*For a day in thy courts is better
than a thousand elsewhere.*

*I would rather be a door-keeper in the
house of my God*

than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

*For the Lord God is a sun and shield;
he bestows favor and honor.*

*No good thing does the Lord withhold
from those who walk uprightly.*

O Lord of hosts,

blessed is the man who trusts in thee!

Ps. 84: 1, 2, 4, 10-12 (R.S.V.).

—Cathedral of Lausanne, Switzerland.

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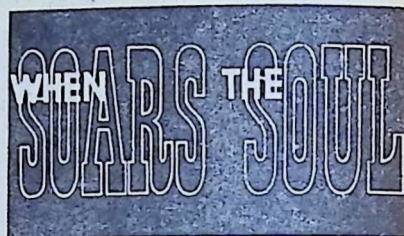
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*When soars the soul earth's
clamoring voices cease,
Stilled in the wonder of God's
power and peace.*



Let your lives be living proofs of the things which please God. Steer clear of the activities of darkness; let your lives show by contrast how dreary and futile these things are. . . . Live life, then, with a due sense of responsibility, not as men who do not know the meaning and purpose of life, but as those who do. Make the best use of your time, despite all the difficulties of these days—Eph. 5: 10, 11, 15, 16 (Phillips).

As a Christian I will recognise that I am called of God to devote my whole life to him. . . . My occupation, my job—whether on the farm, in an office or factory, at the work bench, in the school, the laboratory, the legislature, the mine, on the sea, or in the air—will be hallowed by the companionship of the Master Workman, and made sacred because God called me to it. . . . The test of success in my life work will, therefore, be not wealth or position or recognition, but service to God and man. . . . Whether I succeed or fail matters not—to one sure faith I pin my life—that in the will of God is justice for all men, wisdom for every problem, and power to accomplish his purposes.—I.J.R.E.

O thou who art the great Workman, who hast given us each work to do, and called us to be co-laborers with thee in the many tasks which must be performed in thy world, help us to discover the particular enterprises to which thou hast called us. Give us the courage to attempt great things for thee, and to perform with devotion and dedication the ordinary duties associated with our assigned tasks. Give us a sense of mission which will cause us to witness to thee in and through our life choices. . . . In the name of him whose highest aim was his Father's work to do. AMEN.—I.J.R.E.

Dear Lord, who sought at dawn of day
The solitary woods to pray,
In quietness we come to ask
Thy guidance for the daily task.

—H. W. Farrington.

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LOOKING INTO LIFE

T.V.—and Christian Vision

WHERE would the Australian Press be these days without the colorful subjects of television and the Melbourne Olympic Games? The ingenuity which editors (religious and otherwise) lavish on such subjects as "Television—Bane or Blessing?" and "Television—Friend or Foe?" has only been rivalled by the speed with which Avery Brundage takes almost daily umbrage with the hapless Melbourne Olympic organisers!

But few would deny the importance to Australia of some sane thinking on television. The cavalier attitude of some of our legislators, who would toss the whole invention aside as an "unwanted alien," is too absurd for comment. Most would agree that the Federal Government did a wise thing in setting up the Royal Commission on Television, even if disappointed that the Church was not represented among the personnel. But neither are television and entertainment interests, nor Trade Unions—among others—and it is already becoming clear that the Commission will act vigorously in calling such bodies to give evidence. Thus the churches should be guaranteed a good hearing.

The Australian Council for the W.C.C., which has been active on this matter, urged at its recent annual meeting that special thought should be given to the effect of television on the Christian Sunday. Another important recommendation is that a code should be set up "to establish moral standards for television programmes, and that provision should be made for the televising of Christian acts of worship and the presentation of the Christian message."

The question of moral standards is one on which the Church is vitally concerned, and we must see that these are not submerged in the clash of competing interests. T.V. plays, in which (as J. L. Colver says in the British *Christian Advocate*) "What will you have to drink?" seems as normal as shaking hands," and crime is the dominant feature, are typical of problems which arise.

The experts have some sober words to say. George Barnes, B.B.C. Director of T.V., made this comparison: "One danger in radio was the dissipation of attention; it has become an invitation to inattention. In television the danger is addiction—that it will become a narcotic." In a helpful article in the current *Western Christian*, the editor, A. J. Fisher, quotes A.B.C. Chairman, R. J. Boyer, as saying: "It will probably exercise a greater influence on the children in the home than their parents."

We agree with Mr. Fisher that Christian bodies must plan creatively to use T.V. for the highest ends, and maintain strong pressure against the production of harmful programmes. Now is the time for positive teaching on a Christian's day-by-day decisions, and especially on what he allows into his home—not only as it affects possible future T.V. choices, but also magazines and other literature, radio programmes, etc.

Meanwhile, we shall await with interest the Royal Commission's work and ultimate findings—especially concerning T.V.'s effect on education, the family and the gospel. These are vital areas of the Church's concern.

India's Urgent Appeal

It was said recently concerning the refugee problem in the modern world that it would be with us for the rest of our lives. So, apparently, will appeals for India's famine relief, which already have a long history. If the need for these was ever doubted, the just-announced findings of UNESCO that two-thirds of the world, with an average individual expectation of life not exceeding forty years, have insufficient to eat, should make it starkly clear.

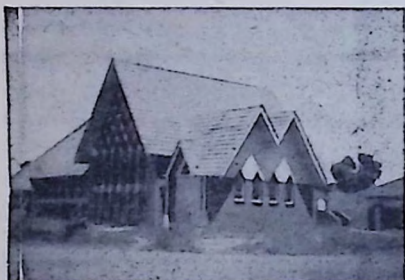
India's leaders are pressing 'ahead with measures to combat these recurring tragedies, but they need time on their side—and the active goodwill of the one-third of the world which has enough and to spare. Even then, their task seems almost superhuman.

The latest appeal comes to our Australian churches with the urgent concern of our missionaries in India. The call this time is for money gifts, beyond what we would normally give for missionary work. A similar urgent S.O.S. went out to our British churches towards the close of 1952. The target set for the much smaller membership there was £1,000 by mid-December. When the appeal officially closed, almost £1500 had been given. The organisers (the Social Questions Committee) had this interesting comment in their report: "The magnificent total has not been reached because of the generous giving of a few of our richer brethren to which have been added a few lesser gifts; on the contrary, the overwhelming number of gifts has been made up of small amounts. The largest individual gift is £20; the smallest threepence." Here is an example worth following. Let gifts from all of us be sent to the F.M. Board for this vital work—and sent quickly!

CHURCH EXTENSION IN VICTORIA and TASMANIA

Many New Buildings on the Way

In addition to the three new buildings opened in the past year, building is at present proceeding on the manse at Maidstone. This will be completed in a few weeks. Belmont church secured the old chapel at Meredith, and removed it to a site in their rapidly developing residential suburb of Geelong. Work has been going on there for some time, and this chapel should soon be ready for the opening. Portland church has carried on for many years in a rented hall. Two blocks of land have been purchased and paid for: one for a chapel and the other for a manse. Arrangements have been made



SPRINGVALE

to build the chapel with Mt. Gambier stone. Last year, a partly constructed house on the next block to the chapel became available, so the church received assistance to buy this building for use as a manse. Portland has already been selected by the H.M.D. as a field for full-time assistance as soon as the building programme is completed. The Coburg property, badly damaged by fire some time ago, is now nearly restored. A new hall specially designed for kindergarten work has been erected with the assistance of a grant from the government, because this building will be used as a daytime kindergarten. The first chapel built in a day, at Preston, has recently been renovated internally at considerable expense. The church has now negotiated a loan to brick veneer the exterior of the building. The result will be a new chapel at a fraction of the cost of a totally new structure.

1952 a Record Year

The Properties Corporation had a record year during 1952. Never before has so much building been in progress. Three buildings were completed in the past twelve months: Springvale, Morwell and East Preston. New loans to churches were at the phenomenal peak of £33,838, compared with £15,815 in 1951. Total loans to churches now stand at £72,896, compared with £52,475 a year ago. The repayments by churches off their building debts reached the remarkably high figure of £11,957. This high level of business indicates a very healthy attitude by the churches towards their property. Many churches are extending their facilities for youth work by making extensions to existing halls. Since the lifting of government controls on church building, many churches are planning extension programmes.

The Value of a Perpetual Trustee

The Properties Corporation, being incorporated by act of Parliament, is a perpetual trustee for the brotherhood in Victoria. Most of the churches in Victoria have now transferred their real estate to the trusteeship of the Corporation. This is a very wise procedure. Individual trustees have to be continually replaced as death occurs, or as individuals move to other centres. This involves the church in a great deal of legal formality. More often than not the question of trusteeship is overlooked altogether, and when a search is made it is often found that trustees are either dead or are unknown to the present

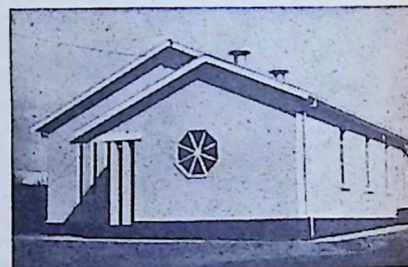
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Homes for Preachers

In recent years it has become increasingly necessary for churches to secure a home for their preacher. Many churches have been assisted with finance to build or purchase a home. Last year the church at Bambra-rd., Caulfield, sold one house and purchased another that would be more suitable as a preacher's home.



EAST PRESTON



MORWELL

membership. This is a very loose method of control. By transfer to the Corporation, the local church still retains full control of its own property, with the single exception, that it cannot remove the property from the trust without the consent of Conference. This, again, is a safeguard, to preserve the property, bought with funds provided by the membership in one generation, from being dissipated by the membership of another day. Property left in the trust of the Corporation will remain for the future use of churches of Christ.

While it was able to do so, the Corporation has advanced over £70,000 to the churches of the State. Owing to the financial policy now being followed by the banks, accommodation is strictly limited, and the Corporation is not able at present to make new loans from its own funds. However, this does not pre-

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clude churches from borrowing elsewhere on the security of their titles, provided the conditions for such loans do not involve the Corporation as trustee in accepting risks that it considers unreasonable, and beyond a margin of safety that has been determined. The question of an alteration in trusteeship need not arise simply because a church requires an advance from some other source.

Last year the churches at Prahran and Cheltenham decided to transfer their properties to the trusteeship of the Corporation, while the Geelong church decided to place its manse with other properties in the trust.

Church Insurances

The Corporation conducts an insurance agency for church insurances. Many churches do their business with the Corporation. They receive expert advice, premiums are paid up on the due date, and the amounts subsequently charged to church accounts. The risk of forgetting to pay by the due date is thus avoided, and the property is always covered. The commission from insurances and the annual offering make it possible for the Corporation to lend money to churches at an interest rate substantially below the current rates of other lending institutions.

Youth Work will Benefit

It is good to see churches actively planning for better facilities for their youth work. The new building at East Preston was primarily planned as a centre for youth work. The church at North Essendon is building a new school hall. The little church at Mt. Evelyn is building a small hall. Kaniva church decided to demolish its old wooden hall, which was really in a dangerous condition and replace it with a new stone building for school and youth work. From the materials salvaged a hall is being erected for the work at Yearninga.

"500" League

The membership of the League is growing slowly. Anybody who will donate the sum of One Pound to each church that opens its first building may become a member. The first two calls were made during 1952, and in each case the sum of £115 was donated to the recipients: Springvale and Morwell churches. We are still a long way from our "500" membership. Those desirous of becoming members in the League should complete a membership form on page four of the folder now in the hands of church secretaries.

March 10, 1953.

MISSIONARY NEWS

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

PENTECOST NOTES

From Mr. Jack Smith comes the following:

MEDICAL WORK

Our two trainee boys are back from their training at Vila, and we now plan extended medical work. A dispensary has been built at Lekal. We went up there last week, and stayed several days. During this time we celebrated the opening of the dispensary. We gave



Some Island helpers.

122 injections, besides drawing eight teeth. We plan to send a boy up there every three months who will remain there for a month giving injections and treating minor cases, the idea being that serious cases will be sent here to us. We are also planning to do the same in the South if we can see our way clear to do so.

We should enlarge our buildings for medical work, and floors should have cement. As it is now, we have no flooring, and the ground is tramped into fine powder. We should have about one and a-half tons of cement for the purpose. As an example of the need for larger buildings we cite the following. We have in the hospital a boy who was shot in the eye with an arrow, two cases of bad infection, two badly burnt children, plus numerous cases of malaria and other troubles. The quarters therefore become very cramped and crowded, and are not very hygienic.

SCHOOL

Our school boys came back yesterday with the addition of several who are commencing this year. We have not made out the roll yet, but they are building two extra rooming houses to cope with the increase. We will have practically every boy over the age of seven from the South, and whilst we have not the full numbers from the North, they will probably do more about it when our reinforcements come from Australia. School buildings are likely to be increased to accommodate the extra children.

OFFERING

The Pentecost people who suffered so much from the hurricane last year, brought their offering to the church, and offered their apologies because it was smaller than the previous year. When we consider that their gardens were wrecked, homes devastated, and coconut trees uprooted, we can thank God for even greater sacrificial giving. Last year the offering was being organised during the hurricane period, and the giving was a record, but they had not then felt the financial effects of the "blow." This year the offering amounted to £335. (There may be more to come.)

(In view of what Mr. Smith said above as to the need of cement, and the scarcity of funds for capital expenditure, there may be individuals or groups who would like to make a contribution toward the cost of the one and a-half tons of cement required.—A.A.)

CHURCH IN CHINA

In their yearly review *The International Review of Missions* give their comment on Christian work in China.

City congregations are surviving at an encouraging steady level, but in rural areas, where Christians have met with more ruthless treatment, and where church buildings have been confiscated, numbers have sharply decreased.

Christian hospitals have largely lost their identity, and have become "People's Hospitals."

Christian literature agencies have undergone a further "purge" of their publications and stocks. Eighty per cent. of Christian Lit. Society publications have been condemned and removed from circulation.

Remaining missionaries in China have been coming out steadily; some of them have spent long periods in prison.

*There's no need for a Christian to look like
this — or even feel like it —*

says

Principal W. GORDON ROBINSON

in introducing a helpful *Christian World* study on

how to deal with

ANXIETY



There is a difference between being careful and being full of care. Unfortunately, because the values of words have changed in the last three centuries, the Authorised Version does not always distinguish sharply between the two. Take two sentences from Philipians 4. In verse 6 Paul writes "Be careful for nothing"; in verse 10 "I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at the last your care of me hath flourished again, wherein ye were also careful, but ye lacked opportunity." In one verse he seems to warn against carefulness, in the other to praise it. The Revised Version brings out the difference: "In nothing be anxious" (verse 6); "I rejoice . . . that ye have revived your thought for me; wherein indeed ye did take thought, but ye lacked opportunity" (verse 10). Behind the two verses are two different verbs, one meaning to be full of care or anxious, the other to be careful or to take thought. Unfortunately again, the first verb (meaning "to be anxious") is translated in terms of the second verb in the Authorised Version of the words of Jesus in Matt. 6: 25-43: "Take no thought for your life. . . . Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit to his stature? Why take ye thought for raiment? . . . Take no thought saying, What shall we eat? . . . Take therefore no thought for the morrow." Again the Revised Version helps us to understand by translating as "Be not anxious Why are ye anxious?" and so on. There is every justification, we may say, for taking thought and planning before-hand: there is no justification, says Jesus, for being anxious.

He Knew the Common "Cares"

The New Testament is realistic about our anxieties. It does not pretend that they are non-existent. Jesus

himself, born into poverty and brought up in a humble village home, was unlikely to minimise them. He knew "our care for daily bread, the fear that turns the heart to stone." In this same passage (Matt. 6: 25-34) and to the lesser extent in the parallel in Luke 12: 22-26, he squarely faces worries and gives a comprehensive list of the things about which people are normally anxious. They are anxious about their life, what to eat, and what to drink, and about their body, what to wear. They are anxious about the brevity of life. "Which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his stature?" ought to be translated with the Revised Version margin as adding a cubit to one's age or span of life. (The word had both meanings; e.g., in John 9: 21, 23, it means age, in Luke 19: 3 it means stature. Here it implies something trifling which anxiety cannot perform, like adding eighteen years to one's threescore years and ten, rather than something miraculous, like adding eighteen inches to one's height.) And people are anxious about to-morrow and what it may bring of sorrow, suffering and evil. And there are the anxieties of housekeeping which Jesus well knew even when he gently chided Martha as she was "cumbered about with much serving" for being "anxious and troubled about many things" (Luke 9: 41). And there were the anxieties of home and family life which Paul (though himself unmarried) described in I Cor. 7: 32-34. All these things Jesus summed up as "the anxieties of this life" (Luke 21: 34) or as "the worries of this world" (Mark 4: 19, in Moffatt's translation). And even the Christian has his own special anxieties. For the sake of his faith he may be arrested; then he will be in danger of worrying about how to bear his witness (Matt. 10: 19, and Luke 12: 11). Or if he has pastoral responsibility for fellow-Christians he will be the victim of what Paul vividly call-

ed his "anxiety for all the churches" which pressed upon him daily (2 Cor. 11: 28).

These are all very natural human worries, and it is not surprising that there are many times when the Christian seems overwhelmed by them. But the New Testament says boldly, "Do not be anxious." Jesus, who mostly told people positively what they ought to do, here made one of his rare exceptions and told them what not to do. "Be not anxious" is the constant refrain of his teaching in Matthew 6. Similarly, we have the apostle Paul in Philipians 4: 6 saying "In nothing be anxious" and the apostle Peter uttering a memorable phrase in I Peter 5: 7, "Cast all your anxiety on him, for he careth for you."

The "Therefore" of not Worrying

But is not this too specious an answer? Is it a sufficient reply to dangerous worries simply to say "Don't worry"? Is it not rather like the well-meaning but pathetically ineffective advice of Mr. Snodgrass and Mr. Winkle when Mr. Pickwick fell through the ice and was in danger of drowning?—"Keep yourself up for an instant—for only one instant!" "Yes, do; let me implore you—for my sake!" It would be a crass and completely unhelpful attempt at a solution if there were only insubstantial and unsubstantiated advice. But the New Testament gives its reasons why we need not worry and must not worry. Jesus says more than once "Be not therefore anxious"; there is solid and persuasive argument behind the command.

1. Anxieties defeat themselves. They arise out of a natural and useful fear which ought to drive us to action or flight; instead they paralyse us, just as the rabbit stands mesmerised by the

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oncoming snake. They are powerless to achieve any results (Matt. 6: 27), and are an unnecessary burden (Matt. 6: 34).

2. If we have things in perspective, there is neither need nor room for anxiety. Anxiety is caused by pre-occupation with the wrong things, by having our values wrong. If we seek first God's kingdom and his righteousness other things fall into place (Matt. 6: 33).

3. If we have ourselves in perspective, anxiety can be banished. There

are limits to what we ourselves can do, and these must be accepted (Matt. 6: 27); there is need for humility in our estimate of ourselves (I Peter 5: 6, 7; cf. Rom. 12: 3).

4. Because God cares for us, worry is both unnecessary and irreligious. God who cares for birds which seem of so little value (Matt. 10: 29-31), and for grass and flowers which have such a brief existence, cares infinitely more for his human creatures (Matt. 6: 26 and 30). "He careth for you" (I Peter 5: 7), and this is guaranteed

by his saving act in history in sending his Son for our salvation.

5. Therefore we may and we must trust God. Without continuous and repeated acts of trust in our fellow human beings—municipalities which bring us water, shopkeepers who provide us with food, transport workers who carry us about, and so on, even though they are fallible and sometimes fail us—we cannot go on living. How much less can we live without constant trust and confidence in the God who never fails and never falters.

Frontiers of UNITY

"OF ONE BLOOD"

One of my strong convictions about Christian unity is that the disunity of the Church is not always a consequence of doctrinal differences. The Frontier of Unity must stretch wide enough to take in social, cultural and racial differences. It is this conviction that has governed some of my selections for this column. The oneness of the Body of Christ is frightening (disturbing!) in its comprehensiveness.

On the urgency of the racial question I share the attitude of the *Christian Century* which has commented thus on Dr. Visser 't Hooft's report on South Africa, which I quoted recently.

"The outlook is darkening for the entire Christian enterprise all over Africa. From North Africa to the Cape, the Christian cause is involved in social and political struggles which are rapidly becoming as acute as those which brought the missionary retreat from China. Africa's three basic problems—the problem of land control, the problem of freedom, and the problem of the rising tide of color—are an inextricable part of Christianity's future. The easy paternalism of missionary activity in the Livingstone period is foundering on the same rocks with white colonialism. The tragic episode of Seretse Khama, the young chief of the Christian Bamangwato tribe in Bechuanaland, is more than an episode. It is a symbol, an illustration, of Christianity's perplexity and weakness when caught in the middle of Africa's power struggle. From north to south, everywhere that colonialism in its many forms is making its stand, Christianity is thus caught.

"It is caught in North Africa, where the Christian missionary enterprise is so largely confined to work among the French colonists and seems so largely to have linked its fate with the fate of the French protectorates. It is in-

involved in Kenya, where some of the loudest calls for stern action against the Kikuyu Mau Maus come from mission schools that are being emptied of their students. It is involved in the French, Belgian, Portuguese and Spanish colonies, where missions have been an almost inseparable part of the colonial administration—often to the extent of paying bishops from colonial taxes. It is involved in the proposal to form a central African federation ultimately to become a dominion in the British commonwealth, against the overwhelming opposition of the native tribesmen. It is involved in South Africa.

"The tension which is building up all over Africa cannot be dismissed as a communist plot. It is a tension which marks the dying phases of the era of colonialism. It is a product of the African's demand for land, for liberty, for recognition of his equal worth as a man. It is this fundamental human revolt of the African with which Christianity in that continent must reckon.

"What this requires in terms of altered missionary or church policies will vary from one portion of Africa to another. But this certainly is required: The Christian enterprise must pay whatever price is involved to free itself from seeming to be—and frequently being—a part of the historically doomed colonial order. It must be able to approach the African without a prior commitment to the interests of the white man, whether settler, industrialist or coloniser. If it cannot do this without coming into conflict with the colonial order, then it must accept the penalties of that conflict. Christian missions are passing through a bitter experience in China. God grant that experience is not to be repeated—twenty-five years hence, fifty years hence—in Africa."

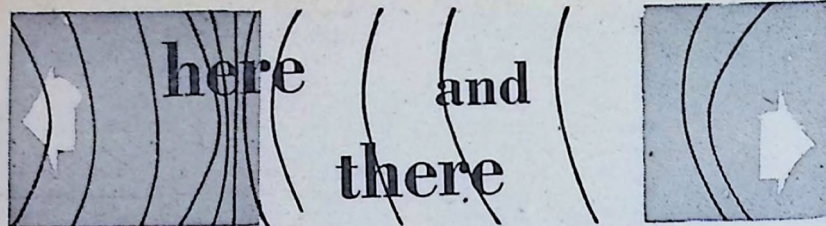
—Contributed by R. W. Graham for the Federal Committee for the Promotion of Christian Union.

N.Z. Youth Camp Jubilee

The youth forces of our New Zealand churches are celebrating this Easter the jubilee of Dominion Easter Camps. A delightful gesture to the man who organised the first Easter Camp at Wanganui in 1929 is an invitation for him to fly from Australia to be present at the 25th Dominion Camp at Lower Hutt this Easter. He is none other than that great friend of youth, W. R. Hibburt, present manager of the Austral Printing and Publishing Company. Mr. Hibburt will be away from Melbourne for a fortnight, leaving on March 31



and returning on April 13. In an interesting review of the members of that first camp, R. A. Blamphard has shown that, of the thirty, five have trained for the ministry (two being full-time brotherhood ministers to-day), two have been Conference President, eleven have served or are serving on brotherhood committees, three have held the position of general executive secretary, one is on the mission field in Rhodesia, and most of the others are faithful members of various congregations.



Owing to the Labor Day holiday on Monday, March 9, this issue went to press on Friday, March 6. Reports and other matter received later than first mail on March 5 will be included in next week's issue.

Latest venture by our Canberra brethren is the commencement of a Bible School, with twelve scholars. The school is held in Hotel Acton, under the leadership of Gwen Moignard, assisted by Ailsa Morris, and numbers are already increasing. The church reports an average of fifteen meeting weekly for breaking of bread. Enjoyable Ladies' Aid meetings have been held at the homes of Mesdames Dunner, Aven and Buffinton.

Steps are being taken to form a Young Women's Bible Class in Adelaide, to be led by Thora Bennett, a graduate of the Federal College of the Bible. Inquiries concerning the class may be made at the brotherhood office, 24 McHenry-st., Adelaide.

The World Convention choir continues its ministry as the Churches of Christ Choral Society. Its first concert will be held at the St. Kilda Town Hall, Melb., on Monday, March 23, at 8 p.m. Under the baton of Valentine Woff, the choir will render Easter music from "Olivet to Calvary" and "The Crucifixion." Soloists will be Jean Milne (soprano), Amelia Scarce (mezzo-soprano), McAlister Woff (tenor), Geoff. Ogden (bass). Pianiste, Miss W. Lee; organist, Lawrence Warner. Tickets at 3/- are available at metropolitan churches.

Ken Twiddy, only son of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Twiddy, of the church at Wedderburn, Vic., has graduated as a doctor at the Melbourne University. Dr. Twiddy is practising in Melbourne.

Our advertising columns give evidence of careful planning on the part of the church at Prahran, Vic., which this month celebrates its one hundredth anniversary. As the "mother church" of the Restoration Movement in Victoria, its celebrations have special brotherhood significance, and all will join in praying for God's blessing on the week of evangelism, climaxing in the Homecoming Day services on Sunday, March 29. On that day three services and "centenary" meals will ensure great fellowship.

Offers of hospitality for the Victorian-Tasmanian Conference are coming to Mrs. T. J. Warne rather slowly. With the Conference, which celebrates the local centenary, only three weeks away, it is to be hoped that Melbourne and suburban members will open their homes to Tasmanian and country members, many of whom are hungering for such fellowship as the Conference provides. The Executive foresees the probability of several country churches arranging for large groups of members to come together to Conference for the Friday to Sunday meetings, and sending in their hospitality applications a few days before Conference opens. Mrs. Warne wants to be ready to meet such applications.

Five adults made their decision in the crowded marquee of the Hinrichsen-Philp Mission at Invermay, Tas., on March 1.

The Christian Board of Publication, St. Louis, U.S.A., has purchased properties adjoining the national headquarters of the brotherhood publishing house, from which come such productions as *The Christian-Evangelist*. This will enable considerable expansion. It is interesting to note also, that a survey of 824 churches of Disciples of Christ shows intense building activity, 238 of these erecting new buildings, and 272 remodelling existing plant. Manses are owned by 580 of the 824 churches, and a further 108 plan to secure one by 1960.

At Mildura, Vic., extensive renovations to church building are nearing completion, and framework for the new kitchen has been erected. Ladies' Guild has purchased material to make a new set of baptismal gowns. A young men's choir has been formed to assist with music for the gospel services. About 30 young people visited Dareton on afternoon of Sunday, March 1, for the district Youth Fellowship P.S.A. and tea. Offering for Flood Relief Appeal reached £16. R. H. Sobee is in the Base Hospital.

Begun as an experiment, the new Melbourne religious radio session, "Devotion at One," from station 3 KZ, has been so well received that it will be continued throughout 1953. The time, from 1 p.m. to 1.15 p.m. each Monday to Thursday, is given to a devotional session arranged by the Roman Catholic,

Presbyterian, Church of England and Methodist Churches, in that order.

R. A. Clydesdale, after serving for 26 years as secretary of the Shepparton church, Vic., requested at the recent annual business meeting that he should be relieved of certain of his church duties for twelve months. The church appreciates his splendid service. A. V. Taylor has accepted the office of secretary for twelve months.

With Ringwood church, Vic., reporting increasing attendances, all augurs well for the ministry of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Nankivell. On March 1, the opening Sunday, 87 broke bread. A warm welcome was extended on the previous Wednesday night, when good wishes were expressed by Dr. G. H. Oldfield (Vic.-Tas. Conf.), C. Smith (Eastern Dist. Conf.), S. McKittrick (Ringwood churches), and Mrs. Edyvane and J. Rankin (church).

The church at Toowoomba, Qld., rejoices with Mr. and Mrs. Eric T. Hart in the fifth anniversary of their ministry, which has been greatly blessed of God.

Church officers at Margaret-st., Launceston, Tas., have decided on building repairs and renovations. These include the painting of chapel and school hall, as well as sanding the school hall floor.

G. T. Fitzgerald and J. E. Webb are exchanging for Missions at Blackwood, S.A., and Stirling East—Aldgate Valley, S.A., respectively.

The American evangelist, Billy Graham, recently conducted revival meetings in front-line areas during an 18-day tour of Korea. He later reported that thousands of Chinese and North Korean prisoners are being won to Christianity, and that much of the credit is due to the 16,000 persons graduated from 28 Bible institutes in Korea.

Next month will mark the opening of a six-year evangelistic campaign aimed at doubling the number of Japanese Protestants. It will be conducted by the National Christian Council of Japan as a prelude to celebration in 1959 of the centenary of Japanese Protestantism.

At Oakleigh, Vic., J. W. Lewis, whose able leadership has strengthened church, has commenced second year of ministry. B.S. picnic was held at Bonbeach on Feb. 13. 158 members broke bread on Feb. 14. At close of gospel service on Feb. 21, members gathered to express good wishes to R. Bust, who has entered C.O.B. 33 children were present at B.S. held in home of G. Coates, at Jordanville. Men of church held working bee on Feb. 20 to paint roof of hall and manse.

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MINISTER'S MUSINGS

SUNDAY.—It doesn't happen often, but when it does. . . Our morning president had apparently decided with me that the New Testament reading was well worthy of comment, and as I listened to him vividly presenting some of the best points in my projected sermon I wasn't so sure I believed in the mutual ministry after all! I hope my face didn't betray my inner turmoil as I hastily re-drafted a few ideas before I rose to speak. Looking back on it now I can see that his remarks really helped the unity of the service, and were an excellent introduction for me, seeing the points he made were worth repeating, anyway. But there's certainly something to be said for conferring with a president beforehand!

MONDAY.—At the preachers' monthly meeting this afternoon Bart Burt presented a workmanlike review of J. S. Stewart's *Heralds of God*. Both the review and the general writings of Stewart roused appreciative comments from some of the men later. Stewart always has a graphic simplicity of style, and—even more important—something well worth saying. Many preachers and congregations would be helped if more heeded such advice as, "Wrestle with the great themes, even if they throw you." I smiled when I heard the phrase, "Shouting wins no souls," in the midst of a discussion on the use of the conversational tone in preaching. Of course, Stewart wrote that, before *Shout Aloud Salvation* was printed, with its portrayal of the colorful Salvation Army pioneer, Elijah Cadman. He used to declare how he loved the drum in the Army band, and how, on one occasion the loud boom! of the drum reached the ears of a man just about to commit suicide. With the noose trailing from his neck he raced into the Salvation Army open-air circle and sought salvation! Another of Captain Cadman's stories told of a drunken woman who heard the somewhat illiterate Salvation officer shouting out the first line of a hymn, beginning, "All 'all!" The woman thought he was announcing "old ale," and came seeking it—but found her Saviour instead. No, Mr. Stewart, I doubt if for once you're really right when you say that "shouting wins no souls." Not that I would defend the "pulpit shouter" any more than the man who prosed on, with depressing tedium. Both make Christ seem remote instead of real, and that must surely rank as a major sin for preachers.

TUESDAY.—To-night we said reluctant farewell to a young Indian couple, members of the united Church of South India, who have been worshipping with us while studying in Melbourne. Their presence has meant a lot to us; it has said more than any number of sermons could have said about the way Christian fellowship transcends differences of race and color, while showing us something of that quality of life which Christian world leaders have noticed among Asian Christians at World Conferences. There were some humorous sidelights to to-night's meeting. Before proceedings started Jacob lit some small incense sticks in order to give himself the appropriate Indian atmosphere for his talk. These were placed on an inconspicuous ledge, and, as leader of the meeting I had some amusing moments watching the faces of the inevitable late-comers. Faces and noses crinkled, as the strange odor made itself felt!

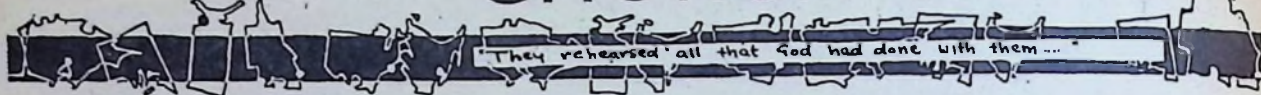
WEDNESDAY.—I saw him only a few yards ahead of me. There was no mistaking that kindly, alert face, even if most passed him by on the street, save for a half-awareness of his limp. I thought of that limp as our ways parted. A glance at the Town Hall clock told me that it wouldn't be long before hundreds of lunch-time worshippers would watch that same lean, ageing form limp up into Scots Church pulpit. No—not limp; there would be such eagerness in him that he would seem to mount the pulpit, and when his strong voice broke the silence men would mount with him to God. It has been so with me. I remember the way he prays even better than the way he preaches—and no one will say that the sermons of Dr. F. W. Boreham are not worth remembering. But when that voice, still so strong, says, "Hear thou in heaven, thy dwelling place. . .", I feel a wonder, and yet an intimacy, hard to describe. I was glad to notice the tribute which the Welsh evangelist, Ivor Powell, paid recently to Dr. Boreham in the introduction to his *Bible Pinnacles*. "He wistfully confessed to me on one occasion that he would have loved to be an evangelist. And yet when I listened to his preaching in the lunch hour meetings in the Scots Church, Mel-

bourne, I sighed and wished I could be as great an evangelist as Dr. Boreham."

THURSDAY.—Young Catherine came in from the letter-box this morning waving a mutilated envelope in one hand, and in the other—of all things—a cheque! The latter was hastily rescued. Obviously, she's in training as a "pocket investigator" when she grows up and marries!

FRIDAY.—I was especially interested to note that Australia has figured in the recovery of what is only the second original manuscript of Alexander Campbell known to be in existence to-day. The reason for so few survivals of his actual papers is generally thought to be that his family destroyed all known personal papers of the Restoration Movement leader soon after his death in 1866. This latest discovery is 145 years old, and (according to *The Christian-Evangelist*) was forwarded to Bethany College, U.S.A., for inclusion in the Campbell Memorial Room there, by "Mrs. Jean Castle, of Mornington, in South, Australia." It is thought that this completely hand-written work, entitled *Juvenile Essays on Various Subjects*, was carried to Australia by some members of the Campbell family. This incident adds color to the appeal of the Victorian brotherhood historian for documents related to early brotherhood history in that State, with a view to possible inclusion in an exhibition during the Centenary Conference. Who knows what interesting relics lie forgotten on some shelves? "Who knows?" echoes Allson, as she hands me a duster for my shelves!

SATURDAY.—As I trundled a wheelbarrow to and fro this afternoon I thought of the American preacher who recently took about an hour to push a wheelbarrow four miles to the local bank. His barrow didn't contain weeds, but money—to the tune of more than six thousand dollars. Of course, it wasn't his! 350 members of his congregation had given a day's salary to pay off the debt on their church school building, and, incidentally, to hold their preacher to his promise to push that barrow if they did it! Now, what would happen if any of our church officers suggested something similar for our Temple Day?



Discipleship

B. Pope, Maidstone, Vic.
 Judith Tysoe, Lidcombe, N.S.W.
 Mr. and Mrs. Trueman, jr., D. Hock,
 J. Bell-Booth, G. Gollege, and P.
 Heyer, Toowoomba, Qld.
 Mrs. Alan Streader, Alan Powell, Ida
 and Lyall Jones, Boort, Vic.
 Mr. and Mrs. G. Marston, Bruce and
 Miss J. Marston and Mrs. K.
 Brown, Prahran, Vic.
 Mrs. Mills and Peter Wills, Geelong,
 Vic.
 Mrs. Williams, Stirling East, S.A.
 Don Bust, Oakleigh, Vic.

Membership

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Cleland, Miss D.
 and H. Cleland, from Camberwell,
 Vic., to Ringwood, Vic.
 Mr. and Mrs. A. Clutterbuck, from
 Malvern-Caulfield, Vic., to Ring-
 wood, Vic.
 Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hall, from East
 Kew, Vic., to Ringwood, Vic.
 Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Nankivell and
 R. N. Nankivell, from Camber-
 well, Vic., to Ringwood, Vic.
 Mrs. Lock, Prahran, Vic.
 Mrs. H. Coleman, from Ipswich, Qld.,
 to Toowoomba, Qld.
 Mrs. Evan Lanyon (nee Perryman),
 from Balwyn, Vic., to Boort, Vic.
 Mrs. L. Slatter (nee Jackel), from
 Wedderburn, Vic., to Boort, Vic.
 Mr. and Mrs. Crossfield from Sth.
 Richmond, Vic., to Thornbury,
 Vic.
 Miss Crossfield, from Nth. Richmond,
 Vic., to Thornbury, Vic.
 Dr. G. H. Oldfield, Mr. and Mrs. Ron
 Oldfield, from Lygon-st., Carlton,
 Vic., to Surrey Hills, Vic.
 Miss P. Fitzgerald, from Mosman,
 N.S.W., to Oakleigh, Vic.
 Mrs. C. Badcock, from Margaret-st.,
 Launceston, Tas., to Invermay,
 Tas.

Marriage

Miss J. Hill to F. Nickson, Northcote,
 Vic.
 Betty Bennett to George Wood, Black
 Rock, Vic.
 Vauneen E. Price to Maxwell H. Bis-
 mire, Brighton, Vic.

Fallen Asleep

Mrs. H. B. Robbins, Hampton, Vic.
 Lionel Dudley, Blackburn, Vic.
 H. Swan (90), Thornbury, Vic.

Western Australia

Lake-st., Perth (A. J. Fisher).—On
 Feb. 1 all activities resumed. Feb. 19,
 church annual bus. meeting and social
 was held. Report showed 127 active and
 resident members, 59 isolated. A year
 of efficient service has been completed
 with Mr. and Mrs. Fisher. Work in-
 cluded 16 Sunday and 12 week-day
 broadcast sessions. District prayer meet-
 ings have given regular inspiration.
 Church activities include Dorcas,
 Women's Fellowship, B.S., Pathfinders,
 Girls' Club and Sports' Club. A Chris-
 tian training group began on Feb. 24.

Kalgoorlie (H. E. Greenwood).—
 Preacher has just completed two years
 of successful ministry. Church has
 been inspired by his messages and
 leadership. Communion average for
 year has been 120. E. Banfield and O.
 Cannon conducted services while minis-
 ter visited Coolgardie. Aborigine offer-
 ing totalled £23, and England flood
 relief £13. John Firman, of A.B.C.,
 spoke to Men's Brotherhood, and chal-
 lenging discussion followed.

Queensland

Toowoomba (E. Hart).—Church family
 camp at Caloundra (end of Jan.) was
 marked success. Programme of func-
 tional church outlined by deacons for
 submission to annual church bus. meet-
 ing was discussed. Y.P.F. celebrated
 9th anniversary (Feb. 20-22), when its
 founder, V. G. Boettcher, was guest
 speaker. Cheque for £50 from Y.P.F.
 for Crown-st. building project was
 handed to F. J. Winter, deacons' re-
 presentative at anniversary tea. On
 behalf of members, K. Paton presented
 F. N. Winter, vice-pres. of Y.P.F., with
 book on his leaving for Brisbane to
 study. Alleen Draney has left for
 teacher training in Brisbane. On second
 birthday Harlaxton Sunshine Group
 shared morning service on 22nd., their
 leader, H. Scholl, giving appropriate
 address. Mrs. Adams is new Ladies'
 Guild pres. H. Scholl is new C.M.S.
 pres.

Rockhampton (D. H. Paddon).—On
 Feb. 26 Y.P.S.C.E. meeting took form
 of "novelty evening," ably conducted by
 Mrs. D. Paddon. Excellent papers on

"fishing" were presented by Beryl Jones
 and Herb. Johnson. On March 1, gospel
 service duet was beautifully rendered
 by Mrs. L. Gwynne and J. Cooke.

Tasmania

Sandhill.—B.S. enjoyed visit of Miss
 E. Vawser, and have since given £7
 toward Indian relief. Church has also
 forwarded £10. B.S. picnic was held
 Feb. 21. Several new scholars have
 been added recently. Church members
 are supporting mission at Invermay.
 Mr. Hinrichsen's addresses at morning ser-
 vices have been appreciated. Aborigine
 offering was £20. Church has made
 donation to British and Dutch flood
 relief. Mrs. Morfiew (Hartwell, Vic.)
 is visiting church.

Devonport.—Church has appreciated
 helpful messages by E. Stevens, R. Pitt,
 P. and H. Byard, and C. Burt during
 Feb. Church enjoyed films shown by
 Miss E. Vawser on Feb. 4. On 5th Mrs.
 Hughson (S.A. Aborigine Mission Board)
 showed slides of her work. Both lec-
 tures were well attended. After even-
 ing service on Feb. 15 farewell was
 made to Mr. and Mrs. Bruton, who are
 giving a year's voluntary service at Car-
 narvon. Messrs. Walsh and Byard spoke
 and Mr. Stevens made presentation on
 behalf of church, W.M.B., Good Com-
 panions and Explorers have resumed.
 Mrs. Stevens and David Kenzie are
 new leaders of last two organisations.

Margaret-st., Launceston (J. A. Luff).
 —Feb. averages were: 11 a.m., 88; 7
 p.m., 64, and communion 89. During
 preacher's four weeks' illness, E. W.
 Taylor, E. C. Hinrichsen, W. Clack, R.
 M. Wilson and A. J. Griffiths and Miss
 E. Vawser have been speakers. J.C.E.,
 K.S.P., Explorers, Y.W.F. and Ladies'
 Guild have all recommenced activities.
 B.S. held "promotion day" on Feb. 1.
 N. Monson has been elected C.M.S.
 pres., with Don Lee as vice-pres. Ladies'
 Guild elected Mrs. J. S. Allen pres., and
 Miss J. Symons sec. Edna Vawser ad-
 dressed both meetings on Feb. 8, show-
 ing latest films of "Our India" at even-
 ing service. Miss Vawser also address-
 ed ladies. J.C.E. and B.S. Church is
 making a drive to send food parcels to
 India. Ladies' Guild conducted month-
 ly service at Home for Invalids on Feb.
 22, with Miss J. Cumming speaker.
 Fred. Lee addressed combined meeting
 of three Launceston churches on Feb. 6.
 Church tennis club has commenced year
 with success. Flower Show arranged
 by C.M.S. proved great success, and
 sum of £30 will be paid off car fund.

J. S. Allen memorial trophy was won by Mrs. H. E. Sulzberger, with J. R. Gibson as runner-up.

New South Wales

Auburn South (J. P. Henderson).—Committee is to be formed composed of two representatives from each auxiliary to help and launch special church campaign. New competition in B.S. has been in progress since Feb. 1. It consists of a yacht race to New Hebrides, via Auckland. All proceeds resulting from special efforts and offerings will be used to help missions in islands. Mr. Younghusband is again teaching B.C. Church welcomed Sis. Barr back on Feb. 22 after illness. Mr. Paternoster visited church on Feb. 15, and expressed thanks for gift of £100 for India.

Rockdale (G. J. Andrews).—Kinder spent happy afternoon on Feb. 28 when children received prizes, and mothers were entertained at afternoon tea. Annual bus. meeting received encouraging reports from all auxiliaries. All officers were re-elected. Good attendances, including several visitors, marked morning service on Mar. 1, broadcast over 2CH. Soloist was Clive Way. Evening soloist was Miss W. Everett. B.S. is practising for anniversary.

Mosman (G. E. Burns).—On 25th annual meeting of church was held. Following were elected deacons: Messrs. Walker, Muir, Donaldson, Stephens, J. Hunter, K. Hunter (treas.), Murray (sec.), with Messrs. Burns, and Stimson as elders. Temple Day was held on 28th, when £60/6/10 was received. On March 1 Leo Donaldson and G. Burns were speakers.

Broken Hill (J. McCormick).—Special prayer meetings are being held in connection with forthcoming "Back to Bible" mission commencing end of March. Mr. Hammer (Balaklava, S.A.) is missionary. Cottage prayer meetings have been held in home of Mrs. W. Palmer (North B.H.) and Mrs. V. Martin (West B.H.). Wednesday at 2.15 pm. there is meeting for those unable to attend evening service on Thursdays at 7.15 p.m. At Y.W.L. anniversary children sang special hymn, and Jeanne Stevenson received attendance prize. Mrs. McCormick, sen., was visitor Feb. 22. Mrs. Cremer is still ill. B.S. teachers hold training classes for laboratory school, commencing March, every Sunday afternoon.

Kingsford (A. G. Elliott, M.A., B.Sc., Dip. Ed.).—On Feb. 22 local Girl Guide and Brownie companies paraded, and Mr. De Evelynes (Christian Radio Missionary Fellowship) was morning preacher. Church annual meeting on Feb. 25 was visited by conference pres., R. Amos. Reports indicated that 22 had

been added to church during year. A musical programme from Mrs. McWilliams and Messrs. Cooper and Way added to interest of evening. Officers elected for ensuing term are—elder, J. Rodger; deacons, Messrs. K. Lacombe, V. Lovell, A. McWilliams, R. Murray, R. Porter (treas.), E. Smith (sec.), C. Watkins and C. Way. Visitors have included Mrs. Hart (Toowoomba, Q.), Mr. Herring (Nailsworth, S.A.), and Miss Tessen (Inverell N.S.W.).

Bexley North (R. W. Saunders).—Church annual bus. meeting was held on Feb. 25. Appointments made were—elders, L. C. Yelds, J. Savill; deacons, A. Laney, S. Craven, W. Baker, C. Langbein, C. Baker, M. Cook; sec., L. C. Yelds; treas., C. Langbein; plan steward, A. Laney; musical supervisor, W. Baker; organists, Misses S. Saville, E. Boyd, D. Yelds. Resignation of W. Bagley from diaconate was received with regret. Sec. reported 12 had been added by faith and baptism, three by transfer during year, and increase in Sunday attendances. Membership is now 128. Total income was £1573. Encouraging reports were received for Ladies' Fellowship, three C.E. Societies, G.L.B., Boys' Club, Girls' Physical Culture class, Men's Fellowship and Open Air Workers. Preacher accepted further year's engagement.

Lidcombe (A. Baker).—Harvest thanksgiving services on Feb. 22 were well attended, and there was fine display of fruit, vegetables and groceries. These were given to Children's Home, Pendle Hill. Social Service Depart. conducted district rally in chapel on Feb. 25, when film *The Right Side* was screened, and short talks were given by E. Davis and W. C. Roffey. Questions were answered at close of meeting. Church has now entered its 70th year, and plans are being made for suitable septuagenarian aims. Ladies' Guild has commenced community praise services.

South Australia

Henley Beach (N. S. Moore, B.A.).—Kitchen tea social was held on Feb. 26 for Valerie Packham and Ross Studwick. Both have been very active church workers. Preacher conducted programme, and at close held brief worship session. Supper was provided by Ladies' Guild. Western district church officers' association met at Henley on 23rd. Twenty-eight elders and deacons, representing five churches, made plans for missions in each church from Mar. to Aug.

Avon-Long Plains-Owen (M. D. Williams).—New chapel at Long Plains is nearing completion, with plastering and painting in final stages. Home lighting plant has been purchased, and will supply electricity to manse and chapel. T. Riches (Mission to Lepers) spoke on Feb. 15. Offering of £9 was received

for this work. At Long Plains harvest thanksgiving on Feb. 22 an offering of £10 was taken for Indian relief, while goods were given to mission. Avon harvest thanksgiving was Mar. 8. Y.P. of Avon and Long Plains have resumed joint activities for 1953. Annual bus. meeting of Avon re-elected all officers. Church regrets resignation of Miss Jones as J.C.E. supt. Aborigine offerings were: Long Plains, £18/17/-, and Owen £13. Circuit appreciated visit by Sis. Kennedy (New Hebrides).

Kilburn (H. G. Norris).—C.Y.F. held first meeting of year on Feb. 27, when 32 young folk enjoyed devotional session arranged by preacher, followed by games and supper. B.S. had attendance of 190 on Mar. 1, and 3 new scholars were enrolled. Harvest thanksgiving services were addressed by H. G. Norris. Mrs. Kelly was soloist. Church and school contributed well, and proceeds will go to deserving local families and Morialta Home.

Aldgate Valley (G. T. Fitzgerald).—J.C.E. conducted gospel service on 15th, Mr. Fitzgerald speaking. H. Ackland exhorted church at 3 p.m. B.S. anniversary singing was led by Don Ackland on Mar. 1, with crowded meetings. Church extends love to Mr. and Mrs. Reg. Long and boys in loss by accident of their son and brother, Noel.

Stirling East (G. T. Fitzgerald).—Messages from G. M. Cox, J. E. Webb and A. Anderson have been appreciated. On Feb. 22 at conclusion of gospel service, four were baptised.

Victoria

St. Kilda (C. Fletcher).—J. and I.C.E. meetings have changed to Mondays at 7 and 8 p.m. respectively. New scholars have been added to B.S. Siame Young (B.S. scholar) is in hospital recovering from accident. Doug. Nicholls preached at evening service on Feb. 15, when offering (£2/10/-) was received for his work. L. Finger has begun flannel-graph talks for Y.W.L. at evening services. Resignation of church sec., K. Alexander (moving to country) was accepted with regret.

Boort.—Church received resignation of A. Mudford with regret. Towards close of ministry a lady and a lad from Pyramid Hill made decision, and were baptised. Church regrets removal of Mr. Waddingham, who often took services. Appreciation is expressed to Messrs. Streaders, R. Lanyon, Birch, Butter and G. Smith for continued help with services. Feb. 15, three Y.P. made decision, and A. Mudford returned to baptise them. Women united with other churches for Women's World Day of Prayer.

Maldstone (E. H. Randall).—Ninety were present on Feb. 22 when baptismal service was held. Mrs. Randall sang

solo, and Brian Pope (K.S.P. member) made decision. He and seven others were baptised and welcomed into fellowship on Mar. 1. Enjoyable fancy dress social was held by B.S. for hall fund. At half yearly meeting following were elected as delegates to conference: T. Hampton, E. H. Randall and Mesdames Squire and Clencie. Good congregation on Mar. 1 heard Christian Choristers render items. In morning a visit was paid by N. Livett, state scribe of Pi Fraternal Orders. Work on manse is proceeding satisfactorily.

Prahran (Lloyd E. Jones). — Sunday services, particularly evening, are increasing. A number of strangers have attended recent gospel services. Pre-Easter series of addresses have been given, and a number of decisions recorded. Annual church bus. meeting revealed substantial progress in all departments of work during past year, and a big programme for future. A record income of £1,700 was received, and a further £1,000 in loans. Officers elected—elders, G. Matt, W. Berthelsen; deacons, R. Braid, E. Blackley, J. McKenzie, A. McKenzie, F. R. Olsen, E. O'Neill, F. Sansom; sec., G. Matt; treas., F. K. Olsen; deaconesses, Sisters Jones, Blackmore, Burton, Matt, Easton, Sansom, Thompson and Thornton. Special concert programme sponsored by L.M.B. and provided by Hartwell concert party made substantial contribution to centenary project.

Blackburn (S. Neighbour). — Meeting was held on Feb. 23 to form a tennis club which will play on two new church courts adjacent to manse. I.C.E. met for first time on Feb. 22, under leadership of Pam Tocknell and Roy Hone. A youth tea and gospel service were arranged by youth council, speaker was Pearl Treasure, a missionary from India.

Balwyn (J. E. Brooke). — On Feb. 21 attendances were again well maintained. On 26th prize giving night was held. Offering for flood victims in England and Europe was taken at both services on March 1. At annual meeting of Mission Band, Mrs. S. Evans was elected pres., Mrs. Hercules sec., and Mrs. Turnham treas. A kitchen tea was held on 28th in honor of Lorna Page and Reg. Brown. A concert by ladies' choir is to be held in church on Mar. 16 for Ladies' Auxillary funds.

Bambra-rd., Caulfield (E. J. Miles). — Attendances at communion continue to be excellent. At annual meeting on Jan. 29, following offices were filled—elders, Messrs. Arms, Brown, Machin, Story and Smith; deacons, Messrs. Pearson, Tidd, Peet, Lees, Padey, Veitch, Ilsley, Lynch, Staley, Goodman. On Feb. 22 Dr. Leland Wang spoke at Men's Fellowship tea and at gospel service. All auxiliaries have recommenced. J.C.E. and I.C.E. were under new leaders, Miss D. Crabtree and Miss M. Buckling-

ham respectively. The cricket team expects to play in final series. Mrs. Nash and Mrs. Donoghue are still sick. Miss G. Southam has been posted to Murrayville by Educ. Dept.

Thornbury.—Year's work commenced, and attendances at all services are maintained at high level. Y.P.F. choir assisted at youth auxiliaries' service on Feb. 8, and will make regular contributions at youth services. C.M.S. took part in men's service on Feb. 22, providing a male chorus. Visitation programme has commenced, homes associated with school and clubs being visited every month, and literature being extensively distributed by visitors. Church is heartened to see many new faces at gospel services, and prays for decisions. H. Swan's faithful service and witness will be long remembered at Thornbury.

Ringwood (W. F. Nankivell, B.A., B.D.).—Church has appreciated and been greatly helped by ministries of Reg. Enniss, K. A. Jones and W. W. Saunders during February, all services being well attended. S.S. picnic at Mordialloc on 14th was great time of fellowship, with 150 scholars, parents, members and friends present.

Sunshine (F. B. Alcorn).—Feb. was observed as aborigines offering month, a total of £41 being received. D. Nicholls visited church on Feb. 27 with films. District officers' meeting was held on Feb. 13. Attendances at morning services continue to be very good, while evening and prayer meetings are improving. All auxiliaries have resumed after holidays.

Boronia (C. L. Smith). — Annual church business meeting was held on Feb. 26. All former officers were re-elected. Church and B.S. picnic was held at Seaford on Feb. 23. A marked increase in kinder. membership has been responsible for record attendances in B.S. Working bees have been held to complete youth hall and basket-ball court. Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Finger have returned from holiday in N.Z.

Mitcham (R. Sercombe). — During preacher's vacation church had several visiting speakers, as well as officers. W.M.B. resumed meetings in Feb. Second of fellowship meetings was held on Feb. 19. On Mar. 1, Men's Fellowship was held, and messages brought by Mr. Nimmo.

Northcote (W. G. Graham). — After evening service, Feb. 22, a happy hour was spent in honor of Miss J. Hill and F. Nickson and Miss V. Almond and A. Bush, when presentations were made to both couples. At morning service on Mar. 1, 164 were present to hear Conference Pres. W. W. Saunders. Special offering for Red Cross amounted to £13/10/-. 167 communed for day. Mes-

dames G. Flynn and N. Collings are progressing after operations.

East Kew.—Following brethren have assisted in preaching: W. Quirk, R. Edgar (Feb. 22), F. Combridge and E. L. Williams (Mar. 1). Y.W.F. visited Model Dairy on Feb. 23. Good Companions were represented at swimming sports on Feb. 27. Well attended working bee on 28th repaired church fence. L. Neal, Junior Supt. of district, spoke to 26 J.C.E. at 2nd anniversary on Mar. 1. Don Oakes has entered C.O.B.

Lygon-st., Carlton.—Church work is being faithfully carried on during interim period. J. A. Wilkie conducted both services Mar. 1. Picnic of B.S. teachers to home of Mr. and Mrs. Holdsworth at Parkdale on Feb. 28 was time of happy fellowship. Church entertained C.O.B. at annual pre-inaugural tea on Feb. 23.

Ormond (F. E. Buckingham). — "Second Coming Convention" on Feb. 21 was addressed by F. Youens and L. Jones. At night Mr. Betts spoke to crowded chapel. On 22nd Mr. Pike spoke. Two were welcomed to fellowship. One woman was baptised. Church is in great heart over clearing debt off church building. Mar. 1 had record attendance at both B.S. (190) and church (105). At gospel service (youth parade) one young lady decided for Christ. All youth clubs are working for good of church.

Hampton (Stanton H. Wilson). — On Feb. 24 kitchen tea was held in honor of Miss D. Lang and L. Mills. After morning service Miss Lang was presented with a silver tea service for her many years of service as organist. Mrs. R. Griffiths has been appointed organist for morning services. Church regrets loss of following members, who have moved to other districts—Mr. and Mrs. R. Lang (Bentleigh), Mr. and Mrs. A. Brown (Oakleigh), Mr. and Mrs. J. Leslie (Canterbury). B.S. held a very happy picnic at Mt. Evelyn on Feb. 28. Great interest was shown at annual meeting of Ladies' Auxillary, when names of "peanut sisters" were revealed, and officers elected. C.M.S. members had fellowship with Surrey Hills men, who took part in a prepared programme.

Wedderburn.—On Jan. 25 Mr. Evans spoke at morning service, and visitors from Hamilton were present. C. Jackel spoke at evening service. On Foundation day, C. Jackel presided over Midland Conference meetings. W. W. Saunders was guest speaker. Meetings are improving. Local brethren are taking all services. Over £21 was raised for brotherhood departs, during 1952. Ladies' Guild raised over £25. Plans are in hand to paint all church buildings.

South Yarra (V. Longthorp). — On Feb. 15 after gospel service a gathering

was held to welcome Mr. Longthorp; leaders of auxiliaries spoke. Home-coming services were held on Feb. 22. Morning and afternoon speaker was C. G. Taylor, with Mrs. Taylor morning soloist. Mr. Eaton, only living foundation member, was present. P.S.A. service by B.S. was enjoyed by all. Mrs. Cole was soloist. At evening service Mr. Longthorp spoke, and Mrs. Quaife was soloist. Meals were happy time of fellowship. A presentation was made to Mr. Davis, church sec., for valued services. On March 1 preacher spoke at all services, and a girl from B.S. made good confession.

Brighton (C. G. Taylor, B.A.).—In preacher's absence at South Yarra on Feb. 22. Paul Payne (Cheltenham) was morning speaker. Edna Vawser showed color films on India to appreciative evening congregation. W. Courtis and K. Balson, cricket captains, spoke at "parade service" on evening of Mar. 1. K. Arnott, tennis captain, reading Scriptures. Church half-yearly bus. meeting was on Feb. 24, and on Mar. 3, Mr. and Mrs. J. Mammen, shortly to leave for England, spoke to representative gathering. Men's Fellowship dinner, with A. E. White speaker, was success on Feb. 27. Roy Kemp entered hospital for operation. C. Surridge's critical condition is unchanged. Mrs. Pritchard has left hospital. Mrs. R. Kenner held afternoon for Southern Memorial Hospital on Mar. 4.

Geelong (T. A. Fergusson).—Good attendances marked services on Feb. 22 and March 1. On evening of 1st, Edna Vawser gave a short address. Two were baptised. At after-church meeting, Edna Vawser showed color film of work in India. Offering for European Flood Relief was £20/2/-. B.S. is preparing for anniversary.

Brunswick (C. Watson).—There have been good attendances, with one decision on March 1. On Feb. 28, 16 lads from Burwood Boys' Home were entertained at Y.P. members' homes for tea and social evening at church. Girls' Good Companions' Club had two nights at Brunswick Baths on Feb. 19 and Mar. 5. Y.P. had devotional night on March 2, when Doug. Nicholls showed his films, and spoke concerning aboriginal work, after which an offering was taken for his work. He took a recording of Y.P. singing and sending a greeting to young aboriginal folk. Y.P. held picture evening on Mar. 3. Mr. and Mrs. G. Crawford (Dandenong) visited church on evening of Mar. 1.

Black Rock (A. Avery).—On Jan. 19 church gave a kitchen tea to Betty Bennett prior to marriage with former preacher George Wood (now of S.A.). On Jan. 26 B.S. picnic was held at Wattle Park. Good Companions report good meetings. Congratulations to girls who

secured places in G.C. swimming sports. Average attendance has been 31. C.E. on Feb. 23 elected A. Avery, president; I. Blythe, sec.; R. Cameron, treas.; B. Watson, convener Prayer and Missionary committee, and I. Blythe, convener Social and Sunshine com. Average attendance at church over past weeks has been about 30. Many visitors have been with us over holiday period. On 22nd Mr. Avery commenced his ministry. Some of our ladies took part in Women's World Day of Prayer, held in Black Rock Congregational Church on Feb. 20. B.S. is back to normal again, now that all scholars have returned from vacations.

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