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—K. A. Jones, Federal Conference Secretary.



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## NOTES FROM THE READINGS

as Suggested for

### Sunday, Oct. 20

GENESIS 4: 1-16.

This passage contains the well-known, tragic story of Cain and Abel.

"the Lord had respect unto Abel and to his offering" (v. 4). — Why was Abel's offering accepted, and Cain's rejected? Note the hint in Heb. 11: 4: "By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain." Abel's sacrifice was acceptable because it was brought in faith. As Dummelow comments, "The characters of the brothers, rather than their offerings, are kept chiefly in view. Many passages show that the decisive reason why a worshipper is accepted or rejected lies in the disposition with which he draws near."

"if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door" (v. 7). — Some think the word sin here stands for sin-offering; "if thou doest not well, a sin-offering lies at your door." But note Moffatt's translation: "If you are sullen, sin is lying in wait for you, eager to be at you — yet you ought to master it."

"the Lord set a mark upon Cain" (v. 15). — This was a protective mark, not the mark of a murderer.

1 JOHN 3: 1-15,

After some noble words on the love of God and the high privileges of his children, the writer proceeds to contrast the children of God and the children of the devil, and emphasises the supreme importance of love in the believer's life.

"he was manifested to take away our sins" (v. 5). — "The contest of good and evil implicit in all life has been made explicit in the Incarnation and Atonement, and the superhuman potency — though not the reality — of evil has been decisively broken" (Hoon).

"his seed remaineth in him" (v. 9). — R.S.V. has "God's nature abides in him"; Phillips, "God's nature is in him, for good."

"we know that we have passed from death unto life" (v. 14). — Phillips' translation is a powerful commentary here: "We know that we have crossed the frontier from death to life, because we do love our brothers. The man without love for his brother is living in death already."





# "And Elders Were Appointed"

E. P. C. Hollard.

One of Adelaide's baby churches decided that, as they were pleading for a restoration of New Testament Christianity, they should set their house in order, and appoint elders to give oversight to the congregation. But, how to do it? The deacons, who had earlier been appointed by the church, asked the writer to undertake the matter for the church.

The following plan was submitted, acted upon, and wonderfully carried out.

The basic concept was that such selection should be in accordance with what could be considered as the guidance of the Holy Spirit, who still works in and through the Church. With this in mind, the whole matter became a spiritual concern, and not something to be done at a business meeting of the congregation.

## The Plan in Action

The whole congregation was circularised, and called to give loyal attendance to three Sunday morning services, when special addresses would be delivered. These three sermons discussed *The Church in the New Testament*; *The Eldership of the New Testament*, and *The Plan We Purpose to Pursue*. New Testaments were much in evidence as the congregation sought to follow the messages.

During the week prior to the last message, a letter went to every member, indicating the need for special prayer and Bible study of selected passages, which were relevant to the eldership and the Church.

After the third message had been given, every member over the age of 16 received a list of the names of every man in good standing (and all the men of this church are in good standing!) who was over 21 years of age, and were then asked to indicate their prayerful choice of three men whom they felt were qualified on the basis of the New Testament qualifications, and their own estimate of the brethren before them. Special stamped envelopes were included, to be returned to the chief scrutineer by a set date. Of the 53 letters sent out, all but five returned their vote.

Then the scrutineers met, opened the envelopes and the decision of the church was seen. The three elders were obvious within a short time.

On the Sunday morning the secretary of the church quietly announced to the congregation

the three men were. There may have been surprises, but only to the men chosen.

## "Dedicated Men"

Yet another letter went out, asking all members to be present for the setting aside of the elders to their high calling. This service will be remembered for a long time. The hall was packed, with very few members absent. The writer, himself an elder, conducted a service which gave due emphasis to the spiritual basis of the eldership. The men concerned made their pledges, and the congregation did likewise. After a brief address on *Dedicated Men*, the elders retired to the front door, there to be greeted by each individual member passing from the meeting. The hearty, yet spiritual, recognition of the men left no doubts as to the fact that the church had these men on their hearts.

## Comments Worth Noting

Several interesting matters come to mind from this experience:

1. The obviously prayerful and intelligent approach by almost the entire membership of the church. It was an informed people who were undertaking this task.

2. The undoubted spiritual tone of the entire proceedings. The slipshod things seen in business meetings when names are submitted from the floor of the meeting, when a minority group do the voting, when percentages of votes are a "must," when a personality can almost command votes, were missing, for they had no chance to come into the matter.

3. Not one man refused, or sought to have his name removed from the list, for it had been pointed out that, as this was a matter of the Holy Spirit's guidance, no man had the right to say whether he would accept or reject the Spirit's leading through an enlightened church.

4. The choice of men was interesting. One is in his late 20's, another in the middle 30's, and the other about 45. Not one is a novice; all are able to exhort — in fact, each one really qualifies. Favoritism, age, spotlight-seeking or social standing obviously never crossed the minds of the church members. Men were selected on New Testament ability.

In envelopes where the hand and were selections, not a

wide divergence in choice of men. Which rather proved that there was no collusion in the selection as far as households were concerned — still another proof of a personal concern to the question.

6. When the writer met with the three men to discuss the service of induction, each man confessed himself slightly shocked, very thrilled at the confidence of the brethren, but above all, deeply humble. This last impressed the congregation also.

7. A young minister is to come into this field, and the elders of his congregation are deeply concerned as to how they can prepare the way for him, fully determined to be to him his friends and fellow-servants.

## A Spiritual Experience

Such a method may not meet with the approval of all those who read, but one young church is fully satisfied in the knowledge that what they have done is in the spirit of the New Testament, and, they believe, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. On that basis it would appear that they will become a true church of Christ, for to them the eldership is now a spiritual experience. And as the eldership is responsible for the spiritual oversight of the church this is, as it should be, a spiritual experience.

We commend earnest consideration to the churches, that we restore New Testament offices to their rightful place. Sadly enough, "Official Boards," with little relationship to New Testament teaching, have sprung up among us, often resulting in groups of officers within the local church, who are little more than "managing directors," with powers belonging to the same. A more spiritual approach to these matters will result in a deeper spirituality among the membership, a more informed church, and, surely, a more effective witness to the plea we make for restoring the Church of the New Testament.

We honor a "baby" church for giving a long overdue lead.



Janet Hansen, a B.S. scholar at Beverly Hills, N.S.W., gained the possible 100 marks in securing a first prize in the recent B.S. examinations. Her win in Div. 7 entitled her to the President's Prize. In Div. 1, Kay Morgan (Auburn) and Julie Wallis (Bexley North) tied with 100 per cent. each.



# MISSIONARY NEWS

(Notes supplied by A. Anderson,  
Federal F.M. Secretary.)

## Village Preaching in India

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dixon took over the evangelistic work at Shrigonda, following the departure of Mr. and Mrs. B. V. Coventry on furlough. Mr. Dixon, in a recent letter, wrote of evangelistic work in some of the villages:

We are settling into the work here. Any time now we will be sowing the jewarrie seed in the fields here. We are just waiting for the next good rains, then we will start.

Today we had a combined preaching effort with folk from Dhond. There is a place called Kashti, which is seven miles from Dhond, and ten miles from Shrigonda, and between the two. Today was Kashti bazaar day, so Ruth Roberts came with some of the hospital workers from Dhond, and we went with our team. We had good opportunities for preaching. We sold 54 Gospels. I think that the combined effort was a success, and we plan to do it again.

A week or two ago we went to another bazaar at a place called Pedgav, near the river, about nine miles from here. We did not sell many Gospels, but we did have a good contact with a Mohammedan man, who invited us to his home. He said that in the Koran he had read about Jesus being a good man and a good teacher, but Jesus didn't die, because God took him up to heaven and put another man to die in his place. This apparently does not satisfy this man, so he bought a Gospel to read what our Scriptures teach about Jesus. We pray that he may find the truth, and accept it. Until we met this man, almost all the enquirers we talked with had mostly material needs. So we thank God for that opportunity which came to us at Pedgav.

## Financial Notes

### VICTORIAN C.E. SOCIETIES PROVIDE MOTOR BIKE

The Federal Board expresses gratitude to the Victorian Endeavorers for their present aim to raise sufficient funds to pay for a motor bike for the use of Mr. McLean on the Islands. The cycle has gone forward. When last reported, the Societies had raised approximately half of the cost of the machine,

purchased in Sydney for £145. To this there will have to be added freight and customs duty — as yet an unknown amount. Meanwhile the Board has advanced the purchase price from Trust funds.

### BORONIA (Vic.) CHURCH SUPPLIES DINGHY

The church at Boronia, Vic., has once again demonstrated its interest in the work overseas by donating £100 for the purchase of a fibre glass dinghy. The dinghy also has gone forward to the Islands, and is likely to be of very great service to our workers.

### THE SURVEY FUND

The Survey Fund gives a clear indication of the keen and enthusiastic approval of many in the brotherhood for the opening of a new field. Some gifts are still coming forward, although the actual survey has been completed. The surplus in this fund now amounts to just on £900. These surplus funds will be kept in trust for the proposed new work in New Guinea.

In addition to the monies donated for the survey purposes, a South Australian family has donated £500 for the extension of overseas work, although no appeal has yet been suggested for such a purpose.

Meanwhile, the States are giving consideration to the proposals to



enter the New Guinea field, and later State Conferences will have an opportunity to consider the undertaking of the new work.

## Indian Missionaries to Return

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Coventry and family, who arrived home from India in March last, will be returning to India by the Strathaird, due to leave Adelaide, Feb. 6. This will enable them to reach India in time, or practically so, to enable their children to commence the new school year. Their return to India at this time will help strengthen the work, and their experience will be valuable to help solve the many problems that confront our workers — Indian and Australian workers alike. This will be their third term in India.

During their stay in Australia, Mr. Coventry has done some splendid work among the churches in S.A., N.S.W. and Victoria. We regret that the work in the Tas.-Vic. area has had to be curtailed, because of the preparations now made necessary by their present booking. Mrs. Coventry, as far as family ties have allowed, has also made contacts with churches and with women's groups. Once again they have endeared themselves to us, and all will wish them well as they set out on their new venture.

## Word from Shrigonda

Before we came here I knew nothing of dispensing medicine, but I am rapidly learning about it, and also diagnosis. For example, one woman from the compound came with a sore shoulder. "No, nothing happened, it just got sore." After three weeks of liniment and aspirin I sent her to the Mission Hospital at Dhond — a cracked shoulder blade, where a water pot fell on it! So it goes on.

Here at Shrigonda we have a field belonging to the Mission. It is worked by two farmers, and has a well with a pump which sometimes gives trouble. Roy fell in the well while fixing the pump the other day, and, once he had got his watch in a safe place, had a good swim.

There are also two Indian preachers and a motor man here, plus bungalow workers. Then there is Miss Vawser, who is in charge of the Girls' Boarding Home and a school. In the district there are two schools, one at Pargaon with a teacher-preacher newly in charge. Pargaon is a place that has many difficulties for the worker at the moment.

Five miles over from Pargaon is the Boys' Boarding Home (with seventeen boys at present), and the Mission school at Dhoraja, also with its problems, as any place has. While we were home on furlough there

(continued at foot of next column.)



From Nelson, N.Z., via its minister, R. A. BLAMPIED, comes this revealing report on . . .

# Comprehensive Evangelism

The Nelson church, N.Z., has just experienced the greatest day in its long history, when over 60 people decided for Christ on one Sunday.

This piece of "Comprehensive Evangelism" had its beginnings three years ago, when Frank L. Purnell of California sent over booklets and information regarding the type of evangelism which was then being used with marked success in America by Dr. Bayne E. Driskill. He claimed that what was being accomplished among our churches in U.S.A. could be accomplished in New Zealand, and made the suggestion that "Comprehensive Evangelism" be tried in Nelson.

Twelve months ago the Nelson elders decided to hold such a "Comprehensive Evangelism" project, under the name of A Crusade for Christ.

## Initial Preparations

In Driskill fashion, a prospective roll of 300 names was prepared, and a start was made on the period of cultivation.

Decision Day was set for Sept. 8, 1957, and four months prior to this date a "set-up" meeting was held, at which the key people of the church were invited to attend. At this meeting, a tape-recording of a question-and-answer session with Bayne Driskill was heard, which convinced all present of the great possibilities of this method of evangelism. Following prayer, ten of the people present were asked, "How many persons do you think we should expect to respond to the gospel invitation on Decision Day?" An average of the numbers submitted resulted in a Decision Day Goal of 60 being set.

was quite a bit of bother there, which has left its mark and has affected all the other places. Then three miles away there is another building and Christian community called Bhangon. These two schools are a little distance from Shrigonda. Pargaon is about six miles away, and Dhoraja about ten.

We thank you all for your prayers for us, and ask that you will not forget that we cannot continue without you. Also we wish to thank all who have expressed sympathy in the recent sudden Home call of Joy's father. We praise God for his life, that ended soon after taking part in the service in the house of his Lord and Master.—Joy and Roy Dixon

The next step came a month later, when the whole church was acquainted with the plans, and asked to commit themselves to this Crusade effort. This was followed by a visit of the elders to each church home, and 300 members were enlisted as crusaders, to pray daily that more than 60 people would be won for Christ on Decision Day, Sept. 8.

## Visitors Rejoice in Decisions

In view of the experience of the Naenae church in their Operation Sacrifice, it was decided to call in the services of R. M. O'Grady to be in charge of the team of special visitors, and to train them for a week of Visitation Evangelism at both the Richmond and Nelson churches.

A team of six Bible College students, two young women from Auckland and twelve local members formed the team of special visitors, and shared in the Commitment Services on Sept. 1.

Each night, following a six o'clock meal at the church hall, and a time of prayer, eleven pairs of visitors visited the homes assigned to them, and each evening interested members gathered at 9.30 p.m. to share in the victory reports.

Interest and enthusiasm mounted each night as reports of decisions came to hand. Men who were somewhat hesitant about making the visits on the first night became veterans as the week proceeded.

## Week of Preaching

Decision Day on Sept. 8 proved to be the greatest day in the history of the Nelson church, with over thirty decisions for Christ at the morning service, and a further thirty at the evening service.

As a part of the "Comprehensive Evangelism" programme, a week of Evangelistic Preaching was arranged to follow Decision Day, and S. R. Heyward, of St. Albans church, was invited to lead in this part of the Crusade. Mr. Heyward proved to be a very effective missionary, and we rejoice in that several more made their decision for Christ under his preaching, thus resulting in a total of 67 decisions during the Crusade. In addition to this, some 16 decisions were recorded in the previous week at the Richmond church.

## Candid Impressions

While there still remains plenty to do in the way of follow-up work (Dr. Driskill lists four steps to win a prospect, but he lists sixteen steps in the conservation of new members), we would like to give our candid impression of this Crusade for Christ.

1. It was a great thrill to see so many homes united in the fellowship of Christ and his Church. Of the 67 who made their decision, 48 were over the age of 21 and 14 of these were the husbands of wives who were already members. There were also 10 married couples who made their decisions together.

2. The impact of this venture upon our own church men has been tremendous. It has been an inspiration to see some of the busiest men in Nelson, such as the chairman of our Elders' Board, K. E. Knapp, who is a prominent solicitor, and S. W. Newton, the assistant director of the Crusade, engaged in this visitation programme every night of the week from 6 to 11 p.m. Our own men proved to be most successful in this work, and thoroughly enjoyed it.

3. The leadership of R. M. O'Grady in handling the visitation part of the programme showed that here in New Zealand we have our own Bayne Driskill, if only the churches will realise that here is a man who is specially gifted in such work, and who should be used for at least two campaigns a year among our churches.

4. A good team spirit helped considerably in this venture. The outside helpers who lived together, those who prepared the meals, the typists who typed hundreds of letters, S. R. Heyward as the guest preacher, plus the local members, all worked in with the total programme, which was undergirded with much prayer. As the victories were recorded there were many tears of joy, and much singing of the Doxology.

5. Our last observation is that "Comprehensive Evangelism" is a "must" for the evangelistic programme of every church that is prepared to work. To do this work effectively, every church must start compiling a list of prospective members, and then commence a programme of cultivation. With a man like R. M. O'Grady called in to train the local key workers of the church, and with much prayer and hard work, success is assured.





## Monday, Oct. 21

Matt. 25: 1-13.

**Thought Text:** "They that were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them; but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps" (vv. 3 and 4).

Frequently in his ministry, our Lord taught by contrasts. In the parable before us, five bridesmaids, having a good supply of oil for their burning lamps, were ready. Five, by contrast, were not. Half were prepared for the Bridegroom's return. Half were unprepared. The fate of each group was determined by the state of the preparedness.

The teaching of the parable concerns the second coming of Jesus Christ as Lord and King. Each of the bridesmaids "represents people with some sort of religious profession." What a warning, therefore, the parable is, against the "danger of a shallow perfunctory religion which has no abiding possession of the Spirit of God," and which leaves the insincere follower unprepared for the return of his Lord.

What a joy on the other hand to have "oil in our vessels with our lamps," ensuring that we have an abundant supply of the Spirit of God for continuous day-to-day living, no matter how long the time of waiting. Our standard of Christian witnessing will then have us ever ready for our Lord's return, be it even "at an hour when we think not," and will ensure for us an entrance into the marriage when the Bridegroom comes.

Loving God, our Father, we thank thee for the certainty of our Lord's return. We ask that, uncertain though the time may be, we shall be ready for that appearing, with a faith kept warm by the steady flame of a deep, consecrated devotion. Amen.

—L. H. Park, W.A.

## Tuesday, Oct. 22

Mark 14: 25-42.

**Thought Text:** "The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak" (v. 38b).

# WHEN SOARS the SOUL

A Week of Daily Devotions, Based on Readings  
Suggested by the "Book of Family Worship"

"Simon, sleepest thou?" How ashamed and embarrassed must Peter have been. That very night he had declared his loyalty and love for his Master: he was ready to die with him! Yet, in spite of his avowed love, within a few short hours we find this situation. His Lord, on whom the world's only hope of salvation depended, had revealed something of his immense inner struggle when he said, "My soul is exceeding sorrowful unto death." He then commanded his three most trusted and privileged disciples, "Tarry ye here, and watch." Then, going forward a little, he flung himself on the ground, and engaged in heartrending, soul-agonising prayer. Yet, when he arose, prepared even to die, he found his disciples sleeping!

Will we be embarrassed like Peter, or will we profit from his experience? We, too, have recently pledged ourselves, for our Operation Increase Campaign. Yet when Jesus returns will we, too, be ashamed? So much self indulgence? So many things left undone that we could and should have done? Will he say to us, upon whom he depended so much, "Sleepest thou?"

Dear Lord, arouse us from our apathy. Show us our sinful hearts of unbelief, self love and indifference. Cleanse us with thy blood. Then quicken us and use us by thy grace, for thy glory, until thou dost come. Amen.

—A. R. Norling, N.S.W.

## Wednesday, Oct. 23

Luke 12: 31-40.

**Thought Text:** "Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of Man cometh at an hour when ye think not" (v. 40).

"At an hour when ye think not;" how solemnly such words underline the peril of preoccupation with lesser, temporal things, and the slackening of that joyous self-discipline of the soul of which John wrote when he said: "Every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure." "Always we prepare for the worst: why do we not prepare for the Lord?" asks George Buttrick. "Nations prepare for war, but peace and the opportunity to confirm peace find them napping." So Edwin Markham's rallying cry is one which the Christian needs to hear today:

"Rouse from your pious ease;

To your duty, O ye who are free!

You are not idle, though you seem;

You are not dead, though you be dumb;

You are not blind, though you are dumb;

You are not deaf, though you are dumb;

You are not dead, though you be dumb;

Hark! Hark! where bugles are calling

Out to some battle!"

For the only adequate preparation for the Lord's return is the earnest seeking of his will, and the work he wants us to do — and doing it with all our might. And all along the pathway of devoted service, as well as at the end of it, how wonderfully true it is that "the Son of Man cometh."

Have I met him today? Have I known his presence and strength? If not, where and how did I miss him?

Our heavenly Father, we thank thee for the joyous hope of our Lord's return, and for those times of refreshing when we meet him along the way. Keep us alert for his coming, and eager for the doing of his will. Amen.

## Thursday, Oct. 24

John 7: 1-9.

**Thought Text:** "My time is not yet come; but your time is always ready" (v. 6).

Running ahead of God occurs too often with us all. We do things vaguely, hoping that they are in accordance with God's will — we fail to ask him first and are not certain because, perhaps, time is pressing. God expects us to be ready to do his will, and we should not move till we are certain that it is his voice that bids us go.

God has a definite purpose and plan for each soul. There is a need on our part for meditation in the spirit of "Be still, and know that I am God."

For us to be ready to do God's will there must also be preparation. Jesus, in all his labors, was often in the attitude of prayer in the various places to which he "drew aside." He repeatedly exclaimed the words, "Thou hast heard it said of old time" — "it has been written," showing a readiness to use "the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God."

Having fulfilled such prerequisites, we shall be ready for the motivation of God's Spirit, in that we will say with assurance, "The Spirit said unto me," and I, being ready, will answer, "Lord, here am I, send me."

My beloved Father in heaven, fill me with thy Holy Spirit, that I may be ready, when thou dost call, to go and do thy will. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

—A. D. Mortimer, Qld.



**Friday, Oct. 25**

2 Cor. 8: 9-24.

**Thought Text:** "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich" (v. 9, R.S.V.).

Reluctance or eagerness? On a bitterly cold Monday morning how reluctantly the small schoolboy is coaxed and threatened from his warm bed! But the same boy on the bright sunny morning of the Bible School picnic — how eagerly he is dressed and asking for his breakfast and his mug.

Reluctance or eagerness? How would the Corinthian Christians respond to the financial appeal to help their poor and needy fellow-Christians across the seas? In 2 Cor. 8 and 9 Paul appealed to them to give readily, willingly, eagerly.

With the willing service and personal sacrifice of our Lord Jesus set up as an example (v. 9), we will surely join the Corinthians in not having our service to God and others dragged from our reluctant selves, but we will want to serve because of the love that is in our hearts.

Would you appreciate a gift grudgingly given to you? Could God enjoy your reluctant gift? Then give him your service eagerly — enhance the gift. After all, God is not in material need, and the value of any gift to him is the amount of our love that is in it.

Lord God, we gratefully receive the gift of thy love in the Lord Jesus Christ, and we are ready to show our love toward thee in every opportunity for service that we can search out. Amen.

—A. R. Lloyd, Vic.

**Saturday, Oct. 26**

1 Peter 1: 1-11.

**Thought Text:** "The trial of your faith, being much more precious than gold . . . might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ" (v. 7).

Keen observers of world trends emphasise the possibility of undreamed-of tests coming to age-old standards, customs and institutions. Boundaries, policies, ideals are changing fast — one wonders where it will happen next.

Christian standards — faith in God, in Christ the Redeemer, and in the value of every living soul; love, truth, service, and all qualities which express this faith — these are on the scales of world values today.

Leaders of Christian thought continually confer on high levels, endeavoring to assess the likely result. There is but one answer. Only faith in Christ radiant enough,

a dedication to the purposes of God complete enough, will convince individuals and nations that Christianity is unmistakably the most uplifting and ennobling life — indeed the only hope for a puzzled world.

Today, as every day, our first task on rising is to meditate on the power of God — in the world, in your life and mine. Then check up and know again that precious truth that our faith is founded in the victorious Christ, and therefore ready — and alert — for any challenge that may come from opposing ideology or beckoning opportunity.

Our Father, we are happy as we meditate on thy wisdom, love and power. Help us to be ready today to be thy ambassadors, through Christ to be more than equal to every situation — out in the wider sphere, and just where we are. May our lives be to thy praise and honor and glory. Amen.

—Don. K. Beiler, S.A.

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

**Sunday, Oct. 27**

Luke 2: 40-52.

**Thought Text:** "Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" (v. 49b, R.S.V.).

Jesus seems puzzled by the concern he had caused Mary and Joseph. "Did you not know I'd be in my Father's House?" comes naturally to his lips. Note "My Father's" — Jesus has become conscious of his Divine vocation. And the consciousness of "Sonship" necessarily brings with it obligation and a new need for "obedience." So we have the first occurrence of the solemn "must," which after this was ever present in his mind — "I must work the works of him that sent Me;" "The Son of Man must suffer many things and be killed . . . and rise again."

Something like this comes to every young life when duty and individual responsibility assume new meaning. The ties of "childhood's home" are weakened. We grow conscious of our own independent life surging within. Well, for all such, remember, you have a responsibility to God; remember you must be about your Father's "business," too, and where better could you learn your Divine vocation than at a place of worship?

Our Father God, we thank thee for thy Son Jesus, and we pray that thou wilt be with all young people today who are groping for a faith by which to live. Grant, O God, that they may find in Jesus, the Son of Man, the life they seek. Amen.

—Don. K. Beiler, S.A.

**NOTES FROM THE READINGS**

As Suggested for

**Sunday, Oct. 27**

ISAIAH 38: 9-21.

These verses contain Hezekiah's psalm of deliverance, following recovery from illness.

"I shall not see the Lord" (v. 11). — "It was saying goodbye to God which to the Hebrew invested death with terror. They were not afraid to die, but they shrank from the thought of separation from God" (Kilpatrick).

"cut me off with pining sickness" (v. 12). — American Translation and R.S.V. both have, "He cuts me off from the loom."

"I reckoned till morning" (v. 13). — "Till morning I cry out in pain" (A.T.); "I cry for help until morning" (R.S.V.).

"I shall go softly all my years" (v. 15). — The American Translation preserves this reading, but both Moffatt and R.S.V. give it a different meaning: "I toss on through the hours of sleep". . . "All my sleep has fled."

"for peace I had great bitterness" (v. 17). — "The psalmist realises that his sufferings have been for his own good; forgiveness of sin and recovery from mortal illness have been two sides of the same experience of God's saving power" (Scott).

LUKE 4: 33-44.

Here we have some revealing glimpses of Christ the Healer.

"Hold thy peace" (v. 35). — "Jesus did not wish his Messiahship to be bruited about in public conversation and excitement, but the spirits of evil recognised him, and cried out the truth . . . It is still with authority and power that the spirit of the living Christ comes to those who are in the grip of evil" (Bowie).

"taken with a great fever" (v. 38). — "Luke, being a physician, uses the technical medical distinction of the ancients, which divided fevers into 'great' and 'little'" (Farrar).

"when the sun was setting" (v. 40). — "That is, when sabbath regulations were no longer binding" (Gilmour).

"in the synagogues of Galilee" (v. 44). — On the weight of manuscript evidence, R.S.V. has "Judea;" "another of the many indications that the Synoptists assume and imply that Judean ministry which John alone narrates" (Farrar).



# HERE AND THERE

J. K. Bond (Wembley, W.A.) commenced a mission with the church at Northam, W.A., on Oct. 13. Prayer support would be valued.

The Albury-Wodonga churches report the purchase of a building, to be transported to the Lavington block as soon as possible. This area is progressing, and no other communion is working in the vicinity. Many New Australians, who now attend at Albury, will pioneer the work, under A. Bourne. Meanwhile, work on the B.S. hall at Albury is progressing satisfactorily.

A new venture at Mile End, S.A., has excited much favorable comment, and is proving very worthwhile. Billed as "Adelaide's Finest Hour," a weeknight Gospel Hour has been begun by the minister, Lloyd E. Jones, on Thursday nights. Leading Christian artists and representatives from various sections of the community are invited to sing, play and give brief talks, whilst the preacher gives a straight-out gospel address and calls for decision. In the first few nights, there have been three fine men who have made the confession. Unusual church advertising to launch the event has provoked newspaper comment. The most striking piece of publicity is a large hoarding on the railway bridge, painted in bright symbol and lettering. This was made available by a leading firm, and painted by a leading commercial artist.

On Sept. 13, the Endeavor societies of church at Wiley Park, N.S.W., tendered a social evening to Doug. Willis, D. Beavis, H. Sargeant and R. Ellis, members of the team which conducted the New Life Crusade Mission during August. Each received a copy of the New Testament, a book being presented to D. Willis, preacher at Wiley Park. A presentation was also made to Mrs. G. Milne, who supervised the serving of a hot meal on the opening night of the Crusade. A successful church picnic was held at National Park on Sept. 28.

"Operation Increase" at Wollongong, N.S.W., was launched with strong emphasis on prayer during September. Cottage prayer meetings increased in number, until there were as many as seven meetings a night during the last week, spread over a large area. These culminated in one continuous 6 p.m. to 12 midnight session, when there was a change of leadership at half-hourly intervals, various areas assuming re-

sponsibility. Attendances at the half-hour sessions averaged about 30. Brethren from Warrawong co-operated in the venture. Following the special prayer meetings, a Board meeting appointed R. Coville convener, and a special committee and sub-committee, containing representatives of each auxiliary, and the Official Board. The chapel was crowded morning and evening on Sept. 29, with 3 decisions at night. R. J. Anderson is the resident preacher.

The Manning River Times reported (25/9/57) that the "Manning Camera Club has chosen the whole front, or any portion of Taree's new Church of Christ as a set photographic topic for members. Members will have the opportunity of endeavoring to take pictures that will reflect the beauty of this fine new church under varied lighting conditions, a club official said."

Early difficulties in engineering a Dept. of Men's Work among Western Australian churches are gradually being overcome, and the movement is gathering momentum. There are now 15 men's societies formed, or in process of being formed. A Men's Rally is planned to be held in Subiaco chapel on Mon., Oct. 28, with Fred. J. Stephenson as speaker.

The Y.P. Endeavor Society meeting at City Temple, Sydney, celebrated its sixth anniversary on Saturday night, Sept. 28, with an outstanding programme of Christian witness. This unique society comprises about 80 enthusiastic youth workers — not City Temple members, but all belonging to various suburban churches. Many are descendants of City Temple members, and are carrying the torch which parents have laid down. The society has been a training ground for many who are now doing yeoman service. The theme of the rally was Each Step of the Way, which was carried forward with great understanding and skilful handling. Visual and audio aids combined with beautiful singing to enhance the message from J. Henderson (Burwood), the group's first leader. The church building was transformed with lovely flowers, and every seat was occupied. Fellowship and supper in the hall concluded a memorable anniversary.—W. R. Hayward.

A telegram from W. D. Howard, minister at Marr—  
"Excellent at Marr—  
ings of L.P."

wether; non-members coming regularly." Remember this tent mission in your prayers.

Next week's issue will feature an article (just come to hand) concerning the proposed Brotherhood Centre in Western Australia. The recent successful fund-raising campaign by F. E. Buckingham has ensured that a beginning will be made on the project next year.

The church at Lidcombe, N.S.W., announces that L. E. Wylie has accepted its invitation to continue his ministry for a further two-year term.

## News of British Churches

Several resolutions on public questions were adopted at the recent Annual Conference. One called on the Government to take the initiative in the cessation and manufacture of nuclear weapons. This was followed by a remit to the Social Questions committee, which is asked to prepare a manifesto setting out the significance and challenge of nuclear weapons in terms of the gospel. The manifesto is to concentrate on what the churches should teach and do, rather than tell the Government what it should do. The Social Questions committee is also asked to give guidance to the churches on the matter of smoking.

Two Disciple ministers have been indicted in British churches: J. Detamore, at Wandsworth Bridge Road, London, and D. Helspeth, at Moseley Road, Birmingham.

The church at Moseley Road, Birmingham, has held a weekend of centenary services. David King, L. Oliver and J. McCartney were all associated with the church in earlier years.

An added anxiety has come upon the missionaries in India. Mrs. Connie Burdett was admitted to hospital at Ludhiana for a spinal operation. The first report is reassuring, but Mrs. Burdett must remain in hospital for the next two months, lying in plaster.

A youth camp held at Grendon Hall, Northamptonshire, was attended by 45 young people.

Mr. and Mrs. K. Skillicorn, on furlough from India, have begun their deputation work among the churches. They have been in N.E. Scotland.

The death took place recently of J. R. Williams, who served for many years on the staff of the Home Missions committee. He was the only Welsh-speaking minister, and was associated with the church at Rhos.

Two young Canadians have been visiting the churches, and have had a successful tour.—G. J. Hammond.





# INTERSTATE CHURCH NEWS

## TASMANIA

Collins-st., Hobart (H. W. Street).— Church has been greatly helped and strengthened through Teaching and Preaching Mission conducted by Principal E. L. Williams. Although attendances were greatly affected through severe epidemic of flu, most members have now fully recovered and attendances are almost back to normal. Minister is assisting E. Morrison (Invermay) in mission with Mole Creek-Caveside churches. Mrs. Bruton (Devonport) and Mrs. McGregor (Melbourne) were speakers at monthly meeting of W.M.B. on Sept. 19, when 32 sisters heard many interesting items of missionaries, staff and general management at Norseman and Carnarvon Mission Stations. Mrs. S. Cooper was soloiste. Parcel of old linen and crochet woollen rug have been forwarded to New Hebrides. Mrs. Buggins (W.A.) has been welcome visitor. Y.W.F. paid annual visit to ladies' section of St. John's Park, on Oct. 3, when happy fellowship was enjoyed with patients.

## WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Wembley (J. K. Bond). — Baptism of an elderly lady preceded gospel service on Oct. 6. Earlier in the month another lady of similar years, and a lad from B.S., were immersed. Gospel services are well attended. C.E. work in all grades is encouraging. I.C.E. open-air work is still being conducted. Meetings of Fellowship groups — women's, men's and Y.P. — and also B.S., continue to attract good attendances. Y.P. groups are preparing for Aboriginal Christmas Tree. Day of prayer on alternate Wed. is still part of church activities. Regular weekly meeting for prayer and Bible study has average attendance of 45.

## QUEENSLAND

Beonah (R. Combridge). — It was good to see several who have been ill back in their places at morning service of Sept. 29. Several members visited aged Mrs. Willey to celebrate her birthday in song. Scripture reading, etc. On 27th. Women's Fellowship held all night and sale of gifts in Christmas Tree. Mrs. Cyril

Mackay (D. H. Paddon). — There were two additions by faith and baptism when an elderly woman and a young lady made their decision during month. B.S. is preparing for anniversary. Church is purchasing a new organ. C.M.S. is preparing for concert, and C.M.S. cricket team has had two successive victories in new season. Revival Fellowship on Thursday evenings has proved quite successful with increased attendances. C.E. held Epidiascope meeting.

## NEW SOUTH WALES

Hamilton (C. J. Mackenzie). — 34th church anniversary on Sept. 20-22 was a memorable occasion. Chaplain L. G. Crisp (Senior Army Chaplain Northern Command) was guest speaker for all services. Splendid programmes were provided at each service, those contributing were: D. Brown, Sis. Barber, Jefferson, Leivesley, Tregloan, Sessions and Blanch; D. Jefferson, B. Shaw, K. Shaw (musicians) and Mr. Cocking (Georgetown, song-leader). Missionary to Walker's Garage was screened on 21st, and ladies provided buffet supper. Talents and Temple Day offerings of £326 were received at worship service on 22nd. P.S.A. was enjoyed and Chaplain Crisp showed slides of Japan and Korea. Preceding gospel service, the Board served an anniversary tea to members and friends. C. J. Mackenzie assisted at all services. Woolwich students' rally was held in district on 14th, and students (Messrs. Eagley and Crawford) were guest speakers on 15th. Miss Parker (U.F.M.) brought illustrated address on Sept. 17. Mr. and Mrs. N. Fraser have gone to Qld. on extended holiday. D. Jefferson is acting sec. in the interim. Church appreciates floral decorations provided by Mr. and Mrs. A. Fraser. Fluorescent lighting has been installed in chapel.

Lismore (A. C. Caldicott). — Chapel was packed at recent service when F. Roberts (Woolwich) preached in presence of Ald. and Mrs. Campbell (Mayor and Mayoress). Also present were members of Lismore City Council. A married woman consecrated her life. Lismore building was again crowded when two former Seventh Day Adventist ministers preached on Why I Left the Seventh Day Adventist Church. They have preached on the same topic in Bris-

## Discipleship

Judith and Robert Voight, Graeme Bowden, Wangaratta, Vic.  
R. Leslie, snr., Lismore, N.S.W.  
J. Atkinson, Mrs. Atkinson, M. Good, P. Walker, T. Gower, N. Ackland, B. Fuller, M. Renton, M. Milawick, Mile End, S.A.  
Miss M. Batty, Castlemaine, Vic.  
Valmai Howe, Ruth Brideson, Northcote, Vic.  
June Elliot, Ascot Vale, Vic.  
Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Wallace, John Bridge, L. Cugley, Wembley, W.A.  
D. Baker, Mrs. M. Gray, Drumcondra, Vic.  
Mrs. M. Russell, Hindmarsh, S.A.  
H. Read, Ann Read, Doncaster, Vic.  
Diane Jones, Valerie Whitworth, Blackburn, Vic.  
Jim Brown, Lidcombe, N.S.W.

## Membership

Mrs. Blucher, from Kadina; Mr. and Mrs. Patching, from Grote-st., Mrs. Purdie, Mrs. Williams, to Mile End, S.A.  
Mr. Carre, from Canley Vale to Lidcombe, N.S.W.  
Mr. and Mrs. Baxter, Christine Baxter, to Albury, N.S.W.  
Mr. and Mrs. P. Bojko, Wasil Saluk, from Slavic Church to Drumcondra, Vic.

## Marriage

June Greskie to Basil Stone, Wangaratta, Vic.  
Vivienne Cook to Allan Bahr, Red Cliffs, Vic.  
J. Boyd to J. Pickering, Hindmarsh, S.A.

## Fallen Asleep

Mrs. Heuzenroeder, Grote-st., Adelaide, S.A.  
Miss Hancock, Fullarton, S.A.  
Mrs. M. Gome, Minyip, Vic.  
E. Andrews, N. Watson, Lidcombe, N.S.W.



bane before an overflowing audience. Adventist people have made eager enquiries. The ministers are Robert Greive (now of Churches of Christ) and Darrel Wyborn. During minister's absence on holiday, R. Greive, J. Larsen and R. Wotherspoon occupied the pulpit. On Sept. 28-29, 73rd anniversary services were highly successful. At gospel service a man accepted Christ. Girls' senior basketball team won major and minor premierships, as also the under 14 Crusader soccer team, the latter scoring over 100 goals for season, losing only three matches.

**Wyoming (R. Hume).** — B.S. anniversary services were held on Sept. 22. At kinder. programme in afternoon, children's singing was special feature. Supt. Mrs. D. Buckingham trained children for items. Special speaker at afternoon and evening services was K. Larcombe (King's Grove). Concert was held on 24th. It was a first attempt by B.S. and was great success. B.S. picnic was enjoyed at Budgewoi by increased number of parents and children. All functions were well attended, extra seating being required in every instance. Meetings commenced at Woy Woy continue with promise, an average of 15 breaking bread each Lord's Day.

**Albury-Wodonga.** — On Sept. 29, church celebrated anniversary services. R. J. Duckett (Lygon-st.) was speaker for occasion. A service on Saturday night was well attended and thankoffering amounted to £80, with gifts still coming in. Services were well attended, and messages appreciated. Mrs. Morris has returned home from hospital, and Mrs. Sproule is improved. Operation Increase is getting under way, and membership is divided into groups, under different officers.

**Beverly Hills (R. W. Beadle).** — At monthly Men's Fellowship meeting, second-in-charge of the Cliff Rescue Police Squad, gave illustrated talk on work of that department. Recent fete, in aid of Church Building Extension Fund, realised £250.

**Lidcombe (L. E. Wylie).** — Recently welcomed in to fellowship were a senior B.S. scholar, and a man by transfer. Church has been well represented at launching of Operation Increase Campaign. To consider various programmes a visit was made to Ashfield Baptist; Principal A. W. Stephenson has spoken on "Visitation Evangelism" and A. Surtees will address church on a programme in one of our suburban churches. Church has been saddened by Home call in recent days of E. Andrews and N. Watson. We commend their loved ones to the Lord.

## SOUTH AUSTRALIA

**Grote-st., Adelaide (H. G. Norris).** — Attendances are keeping up, there being 3 decisions for Christ in last two weeks, a husband, wife and daughter. Morning service on Sept. 29 was broadcast over 5KA. Choir, conducted by Mr. Watson, rendered excellent singing. Interstate visitors at this service included Mr. Muller (Box Hill), Mr. and Mrs. Wardle (Brim). Church regrets passing of Mrs. Huezenroeder. Sick members include Mrs. R. Manning, now convalescing after serious illness. Church sec., Mr. Packer, has resumed duties after absence of six months through illness, Mr. McDonald having acted in his stead in that period. Oct. 6 saw good attendances at church 111th anniversary, G. Wood (Beulah Park) speaking at morning service, and H. Norris at gospel service, with inspired singing by choir at both services. On Oct. 1, W.M.B. sponsored concert by Hindmarsh Salvation Army singers, an enjoyable evening being had by those present.

**Albert Park (R. G. Deane).** — Attendances over past three weeks are back to normal after period of sickness. Averages have been: 127 a.m.; 127 p.m. Auxiliaries have been functioning well. On Sept. 25, Miss Doris Taylor (founder of Meals on Wheels scheme) gave talk on her work. On 29th, 5 were baptised. C.M.S. was held on Oct. 6, followed by screening of film, *It's a Wonderful Life*, during gospel service.

**Hawthorn (A. A. McRoberts).** — Youth services were held on Sept. 29, with preacher giving morning address and a number of young men conducting gospel service. Attendances were: 162 a.m.; 125 p.m. Social Service offering was £35, highest on record.

**Hindmarsh (H. E. Greenwood).** — Helpful messages have been brought to congregations over past month. Film, *Time and Eternity*, was screened at gospel service on Sept. 22, after which a young lady accepted Christ and was baptised and received into fellowship on Oct. 6. B.S. annual concert was held in conjunction with Elizabeth Y.P. on Sept. 27, and proceeds given to Elizabeth group.

**Owen - Long Plains - Avon (M. A. Coombs).** — Bible study groups in three centres of circuit are being maintained. Recent study on *Christianity and Marriage* proved helpful. Number of members were able to share in State Conference; men were also well represented at Canberra dinner. Painting of exterior of manse and chapel at Long Plains has commenced. Long Plains men's group is planning to have a social at the manse and are back in fellow-

ship. Owen congregation recently celebrated church anniversary. Lawton family from Unley were guest artists for day. At P.S.A., and evening service, chapel was filled to capacity, with circuit minister as speaker. Group of men from circuit journeyed to Flinders Park to share with Men's Fellowship there. Despite prevalence of sickness, attendances are being maintained.

**Mile End (L. E. Jones).** — Since last report, winter programme has finished and been followed by time of reaping, with 15 additions. Thursday Gospel Hour and Sunday evening services have seen decisions for last three weeks. Great event on Sept. 26 was opening and dedication of new pipe organ. Mrs. Adams who, with her late husband, presented the organ, declared it open and in use. Guest organist was David Hele, and combined choirs, under Albert Glas-tonbury, rendered anthems in presence of crowd of 300. Minister is conducting mission at Newcastle, and J. E. Shipway will preach in his absence. Y.P.C.E. is flourishing, with highest attendances ever, and B.S. reports increases.

**Fullarton (A. W. Morris).** — In continued absence of minister at Berri mission, morning service of Oct. 5 was addressed by R. H. Messenger. Church is sorry to report the Home call of Miss Hancock. B.S. is supporting two Indian orphans. Men's Fellowship tea was held on 5th, at 5 p.m., when H. E. Greenwood (Hindmarsh) was guest speaker. There was a good attendance at gospel meeting, when A. Anderson was speaker. Mrs. Barrett and Miss M. Patrick sang a duet.

**Kilburn (E. F. G. McIlhagger, B.A.).** — After-church fellowship was enjoyed at home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Page on Sept. 29. Oct. is being observed as *Loyalty Month*, with all members attending as aim. Film, *Angel in Ebony*, was screened at close of gospel service on Oct. 6, to appreciative congregation. Recent solos by L. Milne and Brian Barrett were appreciated. J. Guess is doing valuable work as asst. sec. and has arranged full roster for church cleaning. F. Lawrance (church sec.) is missed through working in country. Mrs. Young is convalescing after operation, and Mr. O'Donnell is well again.

## VICTORIA

**Mildura (J. C. Cunnineham).** — Sept. meeting of Y.W.F. took form of Floral Art Demonstration. At C.M.S. tea on Sept. 8, P. R. Baker was guest speaker. Y.P. and prayer meeting group attended Baker mission at Merbein. Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Marr have recovered from illness and are back in fellow-



ship with church. B.S. is practising anniversary.

**Oakleigh** (J. W. Lewis). — Temple Day was held on Sept. 1, when £732 was received. At youth tea, guest speaker was L. Trezise (Vic.-Tas. Youth Director), who also spoke at evening service. Monthly sing-song and fellowship was held in home of Mr. and Mrs. Johnston. On 7th, P.B.P. conducted social evening, when £14 was raised towards equipment for new kitchen. C.W.F. celebrated 10th birthday on 11th. Women's Vic.-Tas. President, Mrs. W. Thomson, brought greetings and devotions. District youth camp was held on Sept. 20-22 at Monbulk, with J. W. Lewis, camp director; A. R. Lloyd (Carnegie), asst. director; Mrs. Hodges, camp mother; cooks, Mrs. Fordham, Mrs. Blackmore and Miss D. Johnston. After-church fellowship was held on 15th, when clothing, etc., for Aborigines Missions was on display.

**North Williamstown** (S. K. Bannon). — Good average attendances are being maintained. Film, *As the Twig is Bent*, was screened to large congregation on evening of Sept. 29. K. Duffy has undergone surgery in Bethesda Hospital. Recent morning services have been addressed by Mr. Michell (Methodist), and A. R. Haskell, during minister's vacation and his speaking at Methodist anniversary. Soloists at gospel services have been G. Bowman and G. Ogden. At after-church fellowship on Oct. 6, E. Westaway showed colored slides of local and interstate localities.

**Ascot Vale** (G. Moyes and J. Edwards). — Following officers were elected at annual church meeting: Messrs. Stirling (sec.); Thomas (treas.); Petrie (auditor); Misses Latham and Burns (deaconesses); Mr. and Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Crawford, Miss Reid, Messrs. Moncur and Rose (organists). An evangelistic and stewardship campaign, covering two years, is planned for Newmarket and Ascot Vale churches.

**Castlemaine** (G. Barnett). — Thanksgiving marked conclusion of successful stewardship canvass. Party of 34 attended an evening at Maryborough, and a number attended Midlands youth rally at Kyneton on Sept. 21. C.M.S. held monthly tea on 29th; Ken Hall was speaker. Barbecue tea was held at Malmsbury on 7th. Mrs. A. Flowers has been sick, also W. Johnston. I. Crawford (B. & F.B.S.) was speaker at morning service of 15th. Ladies held bowls afternoon on Oct. 3. Car trial was held on 22nd in aid of Manse Fund. "Baptismal" service was held on 6th, when a young lady was baptised. Sympathy is extended to Mr. Ball in death of her husband, to Mrs. A. Normington in death of a relative.

**Drumcondra** (R. A. Banks). — Attendances have been well maintained. Number of men are attending training class held at Latrobe-terr., to fit themselves for greater service. Y.P. and J.C.E. continue to hold interest. W.M.B. and C.W.F. (evening group) both report increased membership. 12 new scholars were enrolled at Norlane on Oct. 6. Y.P. joined with Latrobe-terr. for weekend camp at Anglesea. Church has entered two teams in Protestant Churches' Cricket Association. Men's tea, held on Oct. 5, was great success. Film and slides showing erection of school hall at Norlane were shown. Mr. Taine (converted Jew) gave gospel address, and a teen-age boy accepted Christ.

**Maidstone** (R. Ryall). — At evening service of Sept. 28, A. Kaye was speaker, assisted by Y.P. of B.S. He was farewelled at a fancy dress social, and presentation of a satchel and books was made, prior to his departure for Clayton. Minister exchanged with A. Hurren (Footscray) at communion service of Oct. 6. Miss Sinnapau (Ceylon) now studying at Melb. University, was guest speaker at combined youth tea in afternoon, and gave a short talk at night. Mr. Clencie again meets with church after recent operation; Mr. Cripps is in R.M. Hospital. Rosemary Weatherley was presented with gift, being voted equal best and fairest player in basketball team. Men of church have almost completed painting kinder. hall. Members of building committee have been inspecting youth halls of other churches to assess facilities required for incorporation in proposed new hall.

**Ormond** (D. W. Mansell). — Sept. averages were 160 a.m., 150 p.m. Meetings continue to improve; many visitors are attending services. Three Y.P. have recently been baptised. Minister is conducting extensive visitation. B.S. anniversary was very successful; C. Gadge was conductor. Midweek prayer meetings are held in members' homes. Delegation attended Dandenong mission. Stack-away chairs have been purchased for old chapel hall. Auxiliary work is very encouraging.

**Preston** (J. E. Searle). — In absence of minister on vacation, services on Sept. 22 were addressed by Mr. Gilmore (F.M. Com.) and Mr. Ambrose (Missionary Aviation Fellowship). Slides of this work were shown after gospel service. Visitors during day were Dr. and Mrs. Oldfield, and son John. Minister conducted both services on 29th. Mrs. N. Brown, absent several weeks through illness, is recovering.

are in good heart. Boys' club held barbecue, and girls' club a chop picnic, recently. About 100 friends gathered for kitchen tea and social evening in honor of Vivienne Cook and Allan Bahr. B.S. anniversary services were held on Sept. 29, with packed meetings and bright singing from children. Mr. Marshall (Mildura Baptist) was guest speaker in afternoon, and C. L. Lang spoke at night. On Oct. 2, anniversary tea and prize-giving was held. Pictures were screened at night, feature film being, *As the Twig is Bent*. Mrs. Lang and Mrs. Perry are home again and making satisfactory progress after critical illness.

**Red Hill** (R. Veal). — Prayer meetings have been held in homes of Mrs. N. Prossor, Brouns, Salmon and Hillis. Minister and wife have recovered from illness; Mrs. Holmes (senr.) has been ill. Picture night, sponsored by C.E., was held on Sept. 7. Services on 8th were addressed by V. Holmes and S. Burman (Tootgarook). P. Andrews (C.O.B.) addressed morning service of 15th. Mrs. R. Prossor gave demonstration of flower making at C.W.F. meeting on 18th. R. Veal spoke at morning service of 29th, and C.E. Quartet conducted gospel service, at which one young lady made her confession and another rededicated her life. Social Service offering was taken. Plans for advancement of B.S. work were discussed by C.M.S. at their meeting on 28th.

**Wangaratta** (B. A. Roberts). — Extra seating was provided at gospel service on Sept. 29; two who made confession at mission, and one other, were baptised. Three B.S. scholars confessed Christ at close of service. Presentation was made to June Greskie, on her approaching marriage, after morning service. Large meetings on Oct. 6; a mother and daughter confessed Christ at gospel service; Mrs. Athol Jackel was soloist. Several visitors have been welcomed, including Mrs. Thurrowgood and Arthur (Mayfield, N.S.W.). Y.P. are congratulated on successes at recent inter-church Eisteddfod. Six entries gained 2 firsts and 4 second places, also best item of two or more competitors. Very successful B.S. concert was held on Sept. 27.

**Swan Hill** (A. A. Avery). — Large attendances marked all meetings of annual District Conference, held on Sept. 28-29, with V. L. Gole (Conf. Pres.) as guest speaker. Officers elected were: pres., E. G. Mott; vice-pres., J. Leach; sec., W. Cockcroft; treas., G. A. Mott. G. Kinton (Kerang Baptist) was speaker at final rally held on 30th. Healthy reports were given by all auxiliaries, and work in district is in splendid heart. During minister's absence at Mildura B.S. anniversary, speakers on Oct. 6



were J. Leach and J. Crowe. Several car loads of members have journeyed to Robinvale to assist with mission being held there.

**Minyip (R. H. Patterson).** — Church enjoyed the visit of minister's parents on Sept. 8. A splendid message was given by H. J. Patterson. Work of minister is greatly appreciated and, under his leadership, attendances have improved. Fortnightly evening services will be commenced again this month for summer period. Mrs. Gome, who has been meeting with church for some years, passed away in Wimmera Base Hospital; she will be greatly missed.

**Blackburn (R. V. Amos).** — Minister has commenced series of sermons for Oct. and Nov. on *Life Has a Purpose*. Two B.S. scholars have been welcomed into fellowship after baptism. Newly-formed C.Y.F. held successful squash evening in home of L. Fisher on Oct. 5. Over 30 senior B.S. scholars paraded on Sunday morning 6th. A grade tennis team reached preliminary final. C.M.S. visited Glen Waverley C.M.S. for their first anniversary on Sept. 23.

**Echuca (C. Watson).** — With improved weather, church attendance is improving. At men's tea, Mr. New (Presbyterian) was guest speaker. Men are actively engaged on new School Hall project; foundations are complete. Minister continues to give untiring service to church. Prayer meeting attendance is very good, with average attendance of 15. Y.P. and Bible Study Group on Sunday evenings is well attended.

**South Yarra (L. E. Snow, B.A., Dip.Ed.).** — Highlight of Sept. was B.S. anniversary, held on 22nd and 29th. Every Song for God was scholars' motto for their excellent singing. Speakers were C. Young, L. E. Snow and W. C. Kimber. Concert, held on Oct. 9, was very enjoyable and successful. I.C.E. commenced in Sept., under guidance of P. Pitts. Numbers are steadily growing. Y.P.C.E. were visited on Oct. 1 by C. Dow (North Richmond), when he spoke at their consecration evening. Ladies' Evening Fellowship celebrated birthday on Oct. 7. Auxiliaries are working for annual fair. Church welcomed home Mrs. Lewis after interstate holiday.

**Yarrawonga (D. Morley).** — Church anniversary was held on Sept. 15. Annual fellowship tea was held and visitors came from Shepparton, Albury and Wangaratta. D. Thomas (Shepparton) gave address. Thankoffering amounted to £150. In afternoon and evening of Oct. 6, and on 7, Misses Bonnie Bates and Merle Petersen conferred with the teachers, showing films, demonstrating expression work and leading discussion.

## OPEN FORUM

### CHARITY AND LOVE

I would like to thank H. Verco for sending me the meaning of *agapan*, Greek word for a high spiritual feeling, and *philein*, Greek word for a natural affection. As *agapan* is used in 1 Cor. 13: 13, the translators evidently used the word *charity* to distinguish it.

Any one can show a natural affection, or *philein*, but only with the Holy Spirit's help can we be charitable. So to please the Author of the Holy Bible (our Lord), we use the words "faith, hope and charity" (*agapan*), and not "faith, hope and love" (*philein*).

"Let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth" (1 John 3: 18). — Mrs. Jean Dalton, Ermington, N.S.W.

### "IN UNDERSTANDING, BE MEN."

In your editorial (A.C., 27/8/57) you quote from North American Faith and Order Study Conference principles: "Its main work is to draw churches out of isolation into conference, in which none is to be asked to be disloyal to, or to compromise, its convictions, but to seek to explain them to others, while seeking to understand their point of view."

It seems to me that at this present stage in our own brotherhood, this could be taken up by our own Conference Executives and used to good purpose.

How necessary it is that statements and insinuations should be brought out into the open, laid open for inspection and disposed of. For instance, only a week or so ago I heard a church and minister summarily dismissed with, "Of course

there is a lot of modernism there, you know. They are not evangelistic." Taking into account the speaker's ignorance of the meaning of words, this does represent the undercurrent of feeling which seeks to divide our brotherhood in two. Hence my suggestion that the principles quoted above should be used here right away. — M. S. Collyer, Springvale, Vic.

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BURNLEY (Vic.) HOMECOMING and TEMPLE DAY, Oct. 27. 11 a.m., Communion Service; 3 p.m., P.S.A., W. W. Saunders; 5 p.m., Fellowship Tea; 7 p.m., Gospel Service, V. L. Gole (Conf. Pres.). An invitation is extended to all past members and friends to be present.

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NORTH RICHMOND (Vic.) 67th ANNIVERSARY, Oct. 20. 11 a.m., Communion Service; Speaker, C. Dow; 2.45 p.m., P.S.A., Guest Speaker, P. Loftus; Soloists, Mrs. C. G. Taylor; 5 p.m., Fellowship Tea; 7 p.m., Gospel Service; R. V. Amos. Special musical items. An invitation is extended to all past members to come and share these meetings with us.

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## OBITUARY

Walter Ernest Wright.

On Sept. 7, Walter Wright, after a short illness, was called away Home. He was a foundation member of the church at Balwyn, Vic., in 1922, and previously a member at Hawthorn and Nth. Melbourne. In business as a grocer for many years, he was known by all for his uprightness and just dealing. His employees always spoke in the highest terms of him and of his Christian character. While he refused official positions within the church, he sang to the glory of God in the choir, established a fund for a new organ, and was much in demand as a popular entertainer at church social gatherings. At B.S. picnics he was in great demand by the children. After giving up his business he lived for a time at Elwood, and at the time of his death had not long moved to Ringwood. As a husband and father he was much loved, and sympathy is offered the bereaved — his wife and two daughters (Mrs. H. Reid and Mrs. R. Patterson). The writer, with J. E. Brooke assisting, conducted the service at Balwyn chapel, where for so many years he had been in membership, and at Springvale. He who saves and keeps will present us all at last to himself without blemish in that great day.—H. J. Patterson.

Mrs. Rachel Brett.

On Sunday, Sept. 15, Mrs. Rachel Brett, of the Nth. Richmond church, Vic., met Jesus around the communion table, then on her way home from the service, collapsed and passed into the great beyond. Mrs. Brett was a quiet, sincere, humble soul who kept very much to herself, and it was only a privileged few who were permitted to go within the veil around her life. Her life was highlighted by its simplicity in things material and the facts of her faith. The depth of her sincerity was great, and the certainty she had in Christ banished all her fears, both in life and in death. Mrs. Brett suffered in silence over the last two years, when her fortitude was an encouragement. On Wed., Sept. 18, she was laid to rest at the Fawcner Cemetery, following a service at Ferguson's Chapel. Mrs. Brett has left an indelible impression on all who knew her. "For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God."—C. H. Dow.

Lucy Vautier.

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ministers, she shared with him his ministries at York-st., Ballarat; Brunswick; Ormond and North Balwyn. Possessed of many abilities and trained for the ministry of the Word, Mrs. Vautier greatly assisted and furthered her husband's work. As a mother she manifested untiring patience and devotion toward Rosemary, their only, invalid child. The gift of a lovely voice she fully dedicated to Christ's service. When ill-health beset her and she learned from the doctors that she was suffering from an incurable disease, Mrs. Vautier's faith but burned the brighter. It is typical that during the last month of her illness, whilst confined to bed, she penned many letters to other sick folk, to whom she imparted her own strength and faith. At largely attended services, at North Balwyn chapel and Fawkner Crematorium, conducted by the writer, assisted by J. E. Searle and A. B. Withers, fitting tributes were paid to Mrs. Vautier's faithfulness "in the Lord." Her husband and all other relatives are assured of the understanding love and sympathy of all who knew and appreciated their loved one.—W. W. Saunders.

## Tasmanian Northern District Convention

Although the attendance was not as high as at previous Conventions, the representatives of six churches who attended the Tasmanian Northern District Convention at Caveside on Sat., Oct. 5, spent an enjoyable day of fellowship and inspiration, around the theme *The Faith Once Delivered to the Saints*.

A. Harvey (Caveside) presided over the day's gatherings, with K. Howe as secretary.

D. Holloway (Devonport) spoke at the morning service on *The Beginning of the Faith*, C. H. J. Wright (Margaret-st.) in the afternoon on *The Centre of the Faith*, and Ed. Morrison (Invermay) brought the gospel message, *Proclaiming the Faith*.

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tion is planned to be held. The fine delegation of young people from Devonport was a pleasing feature.

Services were continued on the Sunday by C. R. Edmunds (Invermay), as an introduction to the mission by H. Street (Hobart) and Ed. Morrison (Invermay) in the Caveside and Mole Creek chapels, which began on Oct. 8.—Allan T. Orr.

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