

New Zealand Votes on Union

At their annual Conference this year, New Zealand Churches of Christ voted unanimously to take a vote of all members in June at the same time as the Congregational, Methodist, and Presbyterian Churches on the question: *Should We Unite?*

Those unfamiliar with the New Zealand church background were doubtless startled to read in their daily Press, as Melbourne citizens did in the *Age* (16/7/57), that "members of the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches, Associated Churches of Christ and the Congregational Union, have voted overwhelmingly for the unification of the four bodies in New Zealand." The *Age* report further noted that "ninety-four per cent of the voting members of the Associated Churches of Christ recorded in favor of a corporate union. Seventy-five per cent of the total church membership voted." Of the other Churches it is interesting to note that Methodist figures are very similar — seventy-eight per cent of the entire church membership took part in the vote, and 92 per cent of those voting were in favor. Congregational figures were only slightly less, but only sixty-four per cent of the eligible

Presbyterians voted, with 75.6 per cent in favor.

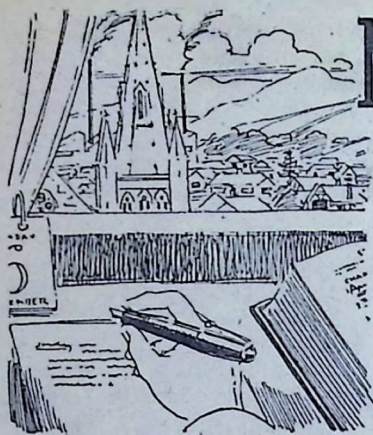
If these figures are authentic, they certainly indicate that a growing number of New Zealand Christians believe in the *desirability* (though many would use a much stronger word) of union. But it is a serious mistake to exaggerate this vote as being "overwhelmingly for the unification of the four bodies in New Zealand." Principal Hadson, about whose passionate concern for Christian union there can be no doubt, made the following comment after the New Zealand Churches of Christ Conference: "It was made clear that, at this stage, it is only the principle of union that is considered. Conference speakers agreed that, with our traditional interest in unity, there could be nothing but an overwhelming affirmative from our churches." He then made clear what the next stage would be following an affirmative vote: "If there is a sufficient majority in all four communions, the joint committee will proceed to draw up a basis of union, which will be the subject of a second vote of the total membership." So a long, hard road lies ahead before the Churches concerned

will be asked to commit themselves for or against an agreed basis of corporate union. As we see it, this first vote is a preliminary, showing that the *sentiment* for union is there; now comes the test as to how strong, sustained, sacrificial and Spirit-guided that sentiment is.

Let us rejoice that New Zealand Churches of Christ have shown so clearly where their heart lies in this matter of Christian union. But head and hands are involved, as well as heart — the keenly alerted minds of those loyal at all times to the truth as they know it in Christ, disciplined always by his spirit and his love; and the ready hands of those who let nothing stop them from tackling, "with all the saints," the manifold tasks of the Kingdom.

Heart, head and hands must work together now in an honest dealing with the problem which, not only in New Zealand, but throughout the Christian world, men and women are now facing. They call it, *The Nature of the Unity We Seek* — and a conference to be held at Oberlin, Ohio, U.S.A. next September will be one of many grappling with that theme. Committees of our own brotherhood in various countries are discussing the same theme, in preparation for our next World Convention.

We are not alone in holding dear certain basic convictions and insights. But we must bear strong and untiring witness to the New Testament plea and plan for union. We are not alone in being uninterested in union by compromise, or union for union's sake. *But we all ought to be much more deeply disturbed about union for Christ's sake*, and ready to give heart, soul, mind and strength to it — for the love of God and the love of man.



MINISTER'S MUSINGS

like young Catherine's quick answer to the question, "Who was the mother of James and John?" — "Salamonia!"

MONDAY. — This morning I really got right down to earth — with spade and axe, etc. — much to Alison's satisfaction! Not to mention the eager birds, who waited, ready to pounce as I turned over the earth and exposed the unsuspecting worms, who, in my garden, might surely have expected a longer and undisturbed tenancy. Back in the study at night I found some of my problems a good deal harder to turn over than the good earth had been — and people much harder to satisfy than birds!

TUESDAY. — It is longer than I like to realise since I did any real reading of the poems of Tennyson, and it did me good in more ways than one to sit still during a church musical evening and listen to a recital of his tragic poem, *Enoch Arden*, with accompanying music especially written by Richard Strauss. What a deeply moving combination spoken words and music can be! Back home, I sought out my volume of Tennyson, and shared again something of the almost unbearable sadness of "the tender grace of a day that is dead;" the pathos of the prayer, "Be near me when my light is low;" the yearning of "So many worlds, so much to do, So little done, such things to be;" and the final faith in "That God, which ever lives and loves, One God, one law, one element, And one far-off divine event, To which the whole creation moves." Yes — I really must make time for Tennyson again!

WEDNESDAY. — As a car, driven somewhat erratically by a "gentleman of the cloth," raced past me today I thought how rarely I had seen cars driven either carelessly or dangerously by ministers (those who identify themselves as such with the familiar collar). Which is, of course, as it should be; surely no minister of this country, if he did speed, would have the effrontery to excuse himself as one is said to have done elsewhere, by pleading, "The King's business requireth haste!" But *Presbyterian Life* recently carried a delightful story of a former Moderator of the South Australian Presbyterian Assembly, who, while hustling to the Assembly on the morning after his induction to the Chair, was whistled into the kerb by a constable. Fortunately for the Moderator, the constable was the brother of a Victorian Presbyterian minister, who recognised the speeding motorist as soon as he reached the

door of the car. After a slight pause he said, "Well, well, well! The Moderator, eh? Well, thank God the Presbyterian Church has got a move on at last. Now, off you go, and don't let it happen again!"

THURSDAY. — "I see they've arrested one of those migrants for that murder last week," said old Mr. Anderson today. "They ought to round the whole lot of them up and send them back where they came from. A man's not safe in his bed with them around." "Now, be fair," I protested. "What makes you think migrants are such a bad lot?" "Well, aren't their names always in the papers, for some crime or other?" he answered belligerently. "Yes, I know the newspapers make a lot of some cases involving migrants," I told him, "but didn't you also read the other week that a special committee has reported that the migrant crime rate in Australia is the lowest ever? In fact, the amount of crime among New Australians is considerably lower in proportion than among the population generally — and what is more, our own police say that many of the offences committed by migrants are the result of provocation by Australians." Fortunately, I had clipped out the findings of Mr. Justice Dovey's committee, and was able to convince the old man that my facts were right. That's one man who won't be so ready to talk a lot of prejudiced nonsense against people who need all the welcome and help we can give them.

FRIDAY. — The children were in bed by the time I got home from a city committee meeting tonight, and sat down to a much-delayed dinner. Now I'm feeling very weary, and perilously near the mood of the too-busy preacher who once confessed, "I have to go to so many committee meetings I don't have time to pray." But that is almost the point of no return for the man who tries to follow the Christ who was never too busy to pray.

SATURDAY. — Thinking over tomorrow's preaching I was very interested to note a comment Dr. Billy Graham made recently, of how he has felt during the great New York Crusade just closing. "Many times," he said, "I've felt like going forward myself at the conclusion of a sermon I've just preached. I've said things I never thought of in the quiet of my study." I guess all of us who dare to do without full manuscript in the pulpit have said things we never thought of in the study — and sometimes wished later we never had!

SUNDAY. — We are all rejoicing in our new church home. The thrill of opening services last week will stay with us for a long time; yet in some ways I enjoyed today more. For those who had come to rejoice with us had gone, and the people to whom I preached today were those who belonged here, whose names I knew, whose needs I try to meet. And, for me at least, no preaching is so satisfying and meaningful as that which I share with my own people. The distractions and diversions are part of the intimacy, too — like the marching sound of children's feet in the near-by old kinder. room, to which they adjourned during preaching time this morning. The floor coverings have been moved to the new kinder. room — hence the carrying sound of footsteps on the bare boards. But the background noise did not worry me; it was rather an insistent reminder of the real, pulsing life of the church — of the potential which lies in these young lives. It reminded me of an experience recently described in *The Christian-Evangelist* by W. A. Shullenberger, minister emeritus of the Central Christian Church in Indianapolis. In the splendid building plant of that church there is a big gymnasium, on the top floor of the educational building, with access to it by stairs in both buildings. Dr. Shullenberger was holding a special Thursday night preaching service in the chapel at the same time as a group of basketball boys, not quite sure of their way, headed up the stairway outside the chapel. He had just quoted Paul, "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek the things that are above," when a boy's voice rang out, asking another about the way to the gymnasium, "How do you get up there? Which way do you go?" I'm thinking tonight that really good preaching should never be deaf to the sound of children's feet (going where?), and to the eager, sometimes devastatingly down-to-earth queries of youth. In tonight's family service we had an example of the answers of children to a Bible family quiz —

C. G. FLOOD, minister at Ann-st., Brisbane, challenges our sense of stewardship with this message from Malachi 1, O.T. reading for July 28 . . .

GIVING GOD THE BEST

"If ye offer the blind for sacrifice, is it not evil? and if ye offer the lame and the sick, is it not evil? Offer it now to thy governor; will he be pleased with thee?" (Malachi 1:8).

The book of Malachi certainly sounds like the words of a man who is annoyed. It is true that he is a Messenger of God, but he doesn't shrink from vigorous denunciation of those who were daring to offer God less than their best; and part of his indictment against them was that they were treating God with less consideration than they would ever think of treating their fellowmen.

Suppose, in gratitude to someone who had rendered me a lasting and appreciated service, I were to give him as a birthday present a mangy, bleary-eyed, dying dog — especially one that I had previously decided to shoot! Silly and unthinkable, isn't it? That is the situation that Malachi presents in the text. He is saying: "You would never think of picking out the useless part of your flock as a gift to your fellowman or your friends. But that's what you've been doing with God. At the time of the altar offering you look amongst your precious cattle, and deliberately select an old blind, or lame, or sick animal. You keep the best for yourselves, and then think that you have made an acceptable offering by bringing God something you don't want and won't miss."

In this twentieth century we don't bring offerings of bullocks, or goats or lambs, but we offer our time, our talents and our treasure. And it is still possible to "offer the blind and the lame and the sick" by looking amongst our time, talents and treasures for something we won't miss. Perhaps we, too, could come under the withering condemnation of Malachi as he draws attention to the eternal truth that God must be given the best.

1. It is Our Bounden Duty to Give God the Best

The duty of giving God our best was declared in the Law. In Leviticus 22: 21, we read: "Whosoever offereth a sacrifice of peace offerings unto the Lord, or a freewill offering . . . it shall be perfect to be accepted." This is only one of the many stern reminders in the Law that God will not accept an inferior offering when it is in the power of

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Guest No. 11 —

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In New Zealand, he served as Conference President, a member of the H.M. Committee, and chairman of the Central Religious Advisory Committee, appointed by the Government to advise the Director of Broadcasting on Church affairs.

He is at present a member of the Qld. H.M. Committee, Preacher Placement and Advisory Board, and the General Executive.

the offerer to give something better. A cheap religion, costing little, from the very beginning was rejected by God, for he would have us all learn that a religion that costs nothing is worth nothing — either to him or to us.

The duty of giving God our best was emphasised by the prophets. If there was one thing against which the prophets were vehement, it was that worshippers would pollute God's altar with "sick offerings." Scathingly they denounced the smugness of those who thought that the altar was a place for the disposal of the useless, unwanted and unmissed parts of their possessions.

It is well for us to be reminded that the prophets' calls to give God the best were not merely local and temporary, but still stand, and have to be faced today. Surely the church member who limits his attendance on Sunday to one meeting, for no other reason than that "this is the service that is most convenient," feels that for him were meant the words "ye offer the blind and the lame and the sick." The modern worshipper who takes from his wallet a note

for the Mission Fund, or for the College work, or for the Canberra Building Project, and then cheerfully hands over that small portion of his income because "it doesn't hurt anyone to give a pound," or because "I'll never miss it" . . . he must surely be haunted by the spirit of the prophets in the searching question, "Why offer to me that which cost you nothing at all?" The business man who reserves his best talents and energies for the promotion of his business and for building a larger bank reserve, and then gives a second best for the extension of the Kingdom of God, and is too busy to help in the planning and promotion of the Church's programme, must surely feel the full force of the prophets' blasts against giving God less than the best.

The duty of giving God our best was proclaimed by Jesus. "Whosoever loveth father or mother or wife or child, or lands, or even his own life more than me, cannot be my disciple." Jesus expected a full surrender, asked for total and undivided allegiance, and demanded the absolute best that a man could give. On one occasion he commended the widow's mite, but never once did he commend the miser's mite. He commended the widow's mite not because it was a mite, but because it was her best.

The duty of giving God our best was illustrated by the early Church. The internal life of the early Church was based on the principle that God is the real owner of all that is, and that any time or talents or treasure that were in human hands were there as a trust from God. They felt that they had no inherent rights, even over their own property, and they acknowledged God's sovereignty over all they were, and all they had, by holding their things and themselves in readiness for disposal in his service. "Not one of them considered anything his personal property" (Acts 4: 32). The Macedonian Christians "gave themselves to the Lord, to begin with, and then (for so God willed it) they put themselves at my disposal" (2 Cor. 8: 5, Moffatt). When any "kept back part of the price," as did Ananias and Sapphira, they upset the smooth working of the Church, called forth the prophet-like condemnation of the apostolic leaders, and brought upon themselves the judgment of a God who will not be satisfied with an imperfect offering or blemished sacrifice.

2. It is Our Highest Wisdom to Give God the Best

Malachi later reminded his audience that it is a most unprofitable thing to give an inferior offering to God. They were told that in effect they had robbed God, and that that was why the windows of heaven were closed, blessings withheld, their devourers not rebuked, their harvests poor, and their country in peril. It is only insofar as we give our best to God that God can give his best to us, for

"... we never can prove
The delights of his love
Until all on the altar we lay."

Some of the saddest and most tragic pages in human biography are those which record how men withheld their best from God — and then lost it. We think of Lord Byron, so marvellously gifted by God, but, instead of devoting those gifts to God, using them in a life of self-indulgences. He gave his best, not to God but to his own selfish desires, and so we find him in a darkened room dying at the age of thirty-six, and as he dies, he is complaining. He says:

"My life is in the yellow leaf,
The fruit and flowers of life
are gone;
The worm, the canker and the grief
Are mine alone."

Yes, when he had the fruit and flowers of life he selfishly clung on to them, and now he discovers too late the folly of withholding the best from the Giver of every good and perfect gift.

It is not enough that we should trust God, we should also remember the trust God has put in us. If we selfishly cling to the things God has lent us to invest for him we must be prepared to face up to the fact that there is—a dearth of dividends. God's dividends are not for those who lay up treasures for themselves. The wise man invests where the dividends are high, where his investments are safe, and where "neither moth nor rust doth corrupt."

3. It Should Be Our Keenest Desire to Give God the Best

Many who heard the Law gave God their best because it was their duty to do so; many a shrewd man today gives God his best because it is the highest piece of wisdom and is a very sound investment; but the Christian surely gives God the best because his love for God is such that he wants to surrender to God all that he is, and all that he has. The real Christian's offering, whether it be of time or talent or treasure, is not called forth by a command, nor prompted by a hope of a recom-

pensing reward, but is joyously offered out of sheer love for God and for the Master.

When the whole life is filled and thrilled by the spirit of sacrifice we realise the truth of the saying of our Master, which Paul seems to have rescued from oblivion; "To give is happier than to get" (Acts 20: 35, Moffatt). The sweetest joy the heart can know is the joy of offering the best of our time, the best of our talents, the best of our treasure at the bidding of love. God was under no compulsion to give us any of the great gifts that we have received from him, except the inner compulsion of his free grace; and so man's offerings to God are worthless, except when they are given freely, as the offerings of gratitude and love. If God keeps a record of our offerings of time, talent or treasure, he credits us only with those gifts that come as naturally from the heart as the flower from the seed, or the song from the bird, or the answering smile of love from the face of a child.

The woman who poured the costly ointment over Jesus did it not because of any command; she spent three hundred pennies, not because she hoped for profitable return; she gave the best she had because her love for Christ wouldn't let her do less. Of her the Master said, "She hath done what she could." The

modern expression would be, "She has done her best." The "lame and halt and blind" were not amongst her offering; that "which cost her nothing" could never be presented as a love gift to her Master; the very best, the most costly, the perfect offering, was the only thing that could be given by one whose gift is drawn forth by love.

One day outside the city walls of Jerusalem those who cared to glance that way could have seen the Man who always gave his best making the supreme offering, for all mankind — for you and me. He sought no easy way to extend his Kingdom; rather did he strongly reject the tempter as he was offered a "second best" way of drawing mankind unto himself. No cushioned throne did he seek from which to rule. For you and me he offered himself, his whole self, the best that he had, on a Cross of suffering and pain. Dare I look at that Master of mine, and as I see him suffering say, "Make it easy for me to follow thee. Don't ask too much from me, O Lord"? No, rather do I look to that Master of mine and say,

"Were the whole realm of nature
mine,
That were an offering far too
small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all."

We Build Together

We stood once more before a sandy beach,

While at our feet there lapped the silvery tide:

The heavens above stretched out beyond our reach,

And life was sweet, and peace on every side.

The time had come for us to make a stand,

And choose to live together on that shore

That stretched away so placid and so grand,

And promised pleasure there for evermore.

Just then a voice so silent, yet so strong,

Was heard to say, Don't build mid seething strife,

But place your life beyond the doubtful throng,

And seek a rock on which to build your life.

The sky so blue will quickly pass away.

The lapping waves of yonder sea will break.

The silvery sand of only yesterday

Will soon be as a foaming, seething lake.

So on that solid rock we then began To build together there a life of peace;

Through brightest sunshine or through gloomy rain

And build together there 'till life should cease.

Year after year we built upon that rock,

And oft misbuilt and many mistakes made;

But never from our purpose could the shock

Of frowning sky or glittering sands persuade.

For well we knew, the time must surely come;

We'll hear the tolling of the bell, maybe

Bidding us come to the eternal Home:

And build together through eternity.

—Written by the "bridegroom" on the eve of 65th wedding anniversary, of Mr. and Mrs. A. Hudd, Maylands, S.A.

"OPERATION INCREASE"

COMMUNIQUE NO. 1

"Like a mighty army moves the Church of God"! On June 9, in cities and villages, from Cairns to Geraldton, in small churches and large, the campaign for RESTORATION, CONSOLIDATION and CONVERSION quietly began to move. And what a fitting day! Pentecost! The birthday of the Christian Church!

Let us tell you how it caught alight. Reports seeping through from the various States reveal matters of mighty importance. Nowhere did the Operation commence with a thud of guns, or sounding of spectacular orations from pulpits. For several weeks before, preachers and elders and deacons had prepared their people. Some used the set date, others a date further on, but in most cases the churches came into the scheme with a ready, but quiet intensity.

IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA, the energetic Home Mission Secretary, A. D. Pyne, went from church to church and "sold" the scheme. Commitment cards were ordered, posters placed in church porches, and preachers then placed before the people the urgent need to stress the 3 points. To this time news is wanting, but it started!

IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 5,300 commitment cards were used, and reports show that attendances were larger that day than for many months. More so, prayer meetings increased the following week in some places, a sure indication that all is well.

From many places came letters from Boards, ministers and individuals, "This is what we need. We are in this to the limit!"

On my desk are copies of plans already outlined by local churches, to fit within the general framework of the Operation. As time passes many of these will be featured in these reports, so that others might gain help from what some churches are doing.

One of the better things so far is the number of churches where the elders have planned visitation among the members. Officers are calling on church homes. However, the emphasis made upon searching out those who have dropped out of membership faces all with the challenge of the open back door. Consolidation will close it effectively!

IN VICTORIA. Weekly reports in the Christian show many churches with heavy type in their reports, indicating that Operation Increase is being adopted. Recent Home Mission news from B. J. Combridge reveals that all H.M. churches have fully endorsed it.

HAVE YOU AN IDEA? Well, share it! Pass it on to the writer, who will then offer it to the brotherhood through this report. We plan to feature good ideas, your church's plan, methods of pushing still further ahead.

THE INCREASE. The initial purpose is for a 15 per cent. increase. Already some churches are reporting additions. Surely these would have come, anyway, but keep a note of them for recording. Watch for the announcement of special sermons which your preacher is to deliver, one each month. On hearing them, the churches will want to find the straying sheep.

LET US HEAR from N.S.W. and Queensland!

THE SLOGAN: "He must increase, I must decrease" must ever be before us as we operate for the Increasing Christ.—E. P. C. Hollard.

India Through Australian Eyes

Canon H. M. Arrowsmith, M.B.E., L.Th., the General Secretary of the Bible Society in Australia, recently visited India. He reports:

"It is fashionable in some circles today to say that Hinduism is losing its hold. But I do not think it can be so easily dismissed as that. Certainly there is some evidence of a recession of Hinduism insofar as many of the educated people are abandoning it as a religious faith. This does not mean, however, that they are not adhering to Hinduism as a cultural solidarity and as a general philosophy of life, however secularist and ethical may be their interpretation of it. Hinduism is still a strong, mighty, powerful force in this country. It is sheer folly to underestimate its strong hold on millions and millions of India's people.

"But there is another side. Some Universities in India are including Scripture in sections of their Arts courses in English Literature. The Andhra University has put Isaiah 40-66 in its English course; the Calcutta University includes certain selections from the Psalms and the Prophets; and the Allahabad University has made the Book of Job part of its English Literature syllabus. I hear that there are other cases, too.



"There is an impressive body of evidence that there are many, many Hindus who are reading the Scriptures. It is true that some of these are doing so because of the 'literary content' of the Bible. But so often, too, one hears of Hindus who begin by reading the Bible as literature, but who end in finding therein the Light of Life. I am sure that there are thousands upon thousands of secret believers."

New India

India has always been known as Mother India. She is called that in the oldest books of her history. India, the mother of her people; a kind mother, long-suffering, bearing all things, sustaining all things. But India today is like a young mother just reaching adulthood, looking to the future and longing for all that is good in life for her people. She is cautious, not overly trustful. Neither would we be if we had suffered what she has.

The Awakening of the Masses.

Not only a few leaders at the top have this new approach, but there are terrific stirrings in the hearts of the masses. The new educational schemes and literacy programmes of government and the Missions are doing much to awaken the masses from the lethargy of the past.

A poor man came to our door and asked the price of a pair of tennis shoes which belonged to my son. After examining them a bit, he asked if I thought his boy could wear that size. I laughed and said: "Why, Anand, your boy doesn't need shoes. It is true that he is in the school, but he can go barefooted as his father before him did."

"No, Mother," he said. "You see, it is this way. Times have changed. They tell us that we live in new India today. The old shackles have fallen and I want my boy to have a better life than I had. I don't want him handicapped as I have been handicapped. I want him to learn to live and to serve his God and his country as well as any other boy in school."

I sighed as I realised what a long stride that young man had taken. He was the son of a wanderer, and according to his religion, his own son should have become a gypsy, too. Old things have passed away and today the boy of the wanderer must become democratic and free.—World Call.



WHEN SOARS THE SOUL

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

Sunday, July 23

Matthew 12: 31-37.

Thought Text: "A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things" (v. 35).

It seems quite evident that the sin hated most of all by Jesus when on earth was the hypocrisy of the Scribes and Pharisees. The illustration of the good tree producing good fruit, and of the diseased tree bringing forth diseased fruit, is used first in Matt. 7: 15-20, and here again he uses the same illustration, but with the addition of severe and terrible denunciation of the Pharisees — "O generation of vipers . . ."

Jesus teaches, as psychologists now understand, that thoughts are most important — they find expression in words, in attitudes and in actions. "As a man thinketh, so is he."

The indwelling of Christ in the human heart guides and controls the thoughts; the thoughts control the words, attitudes the life and the actions of the individual, moving outward from the centre. "If any man is in Christ (or has Christ in him) he is a new creature." So is he able out of the good treasure of his heart to bring forth good things.

O Loving Father, in whose keeping are all the treasures of the Universe, help us to remember that thy greatest treasure is a heart consecrated to thy service. So, out of consecrated hearts, may we dispense thy treasure to a needy world. Amen.

—H. Cave, S.A.

Monday, July 29

Matthew 13: 44-52.

Thought Text: "When he had found one pearl of great price, (he) went and sold all that he had, and bought it" (v. 46).

Treasure hid in a field is lost until someone finds it. Jesus came to seek and to save that which was lost — his peculiar treasure. The field is the world, and the price which he paid for its redemption "none of the ransomed ever knew." In that field he has his treasure, his peculiar people, his Church, his pearl of great price.

A pearl is formed as the result of an injury done to a living organism. The oyster, injured by a grain of sand

covers that grain of sand with nacre and the pearl is formed. The very thing which injured and wounded the living organism is transformed by it into a thing most precious.

"He was wounded for our transgressions. He was bruised for our iniquities." We were the ones who caused his precious blood to flow, which blood now prevails as a covering for us. And being covered by his blood we are transformed into the thing most precious, the pearl of great price, the pearl for which he sold all that he had, that he might purchase it.

A pearl is used for the adornment of its owner. May we, who form his Church, his precious pearl, adorn him in all his beauty, that to him honor and majesty, praise, glory and dominion, will all be given.

Our God, we thank thee for Jesus and for his atoning work which brought us into fellowship with thyself. We thank thee for the assurance that he is coming again. Father, give us a passion for souls, that our witness may be used to call some from out of the world into the Church. Amen.

—J. Rae, W.A.

Tuesday, July 30

2 Cor. 4: 1-10.

Thought Text: "But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us" (v. 7).

The contrast between the priceless treasure and its humble, fragile casket emphasises the relation between the Divine power and the human messenger. We are frail, mortal creatures, and how we need to remember it. How preachers need to remember it! They are tempted to display the vessel, to show their eloquence, knowledge or cleverness, but we cannot display ourselves and Christ at the same time.

If we display the vessel we cannot display the treasure.

Hearers need also remember it. How tempted they are to be mere sermon-tasters. They may not object to a little spiritual food, provided it is served on a magnificent tray, but they may be more interested in the tray than the food, and all because we forget that God has placed the treasure in earthen vessels.

Possibly Paul had in mind Gideon and his three hundred men (Judges 7). Every man had a pitcher in his hand,

and inside the pitcher a lamp. The story reveals that the pitcher had to be broken before the light could shine.

"Earthen vessels — common clay, Fragile, doomed to sure decay, Marred and broken by the fall, Crude, imperfect are we all.

"Chosen vessels — can it be, Chosen for eternity, Washed and cleansed that we might be,

Treasure bearers, Lord, for thee."

Lord Jesus, we bless thee because thou hast chosen us as thy vessels to convey to the world the treasure of thy light and truth. So let us be filled, we beseech thee, with such treasure that men may believe and be saved. Amen.

—V. T. Parker, Qld.

Wednesday, July 31

Colossians 2: 1-10.

Thought Text: "And ye are complete in him" (v. 10).

When I was but a small child, a playmate of mine found in the street a golden sovereign. With joy he ran home with it, and soon returned with a radiant smile, bearing in his hand a penny piece, which he had accepted from mother in exchange for his find. To him it was larger, and therefore of more value. I can well remember my amazement that anyone could be so lacking in a sense of values as to be satisfied with a penny for a pound.

I have since come to learn that there are many folk, much older in years, that are just as awry on real values as this small boy. They frequently choose things of lesser worth, believing them to be greater, because they seem to offer immediate satisfaction. Calvin Coolidge said a wise word to the American people during his term of presidency, when he reminded them that "things of the spirit come first."

With clear perception, Paul saw in Christ the living manifestation of the Kingdom, and in such a life he finds all that one could ever want — the treasures of wisdom and knowledge (v. 3), all the fulness of the Godhead (v. 9), the source of all principality and power (v. 10). Then to the Colossians, he says, with meaning, "Ye are complete in him." That's the summum bonum; there is nothing better. How foolish is it, then, just "for a timely gain to barter the infinities."

O God, give us the power of perception, and the wisdom always to

choose the things of the spirit, that we may be complete in Christ, our Saviour. Amen.

—P. E. Thomas, N.S.W.

Thursday, August 1

Psalm 103: 1-14.

Thought Text: "Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him" (v. 14).

Not the least of God's goodness to us is his loving care. That he should notice us, and even notice our microscopic presence in his vast universe, is something by which we well might be continually overwhelmed. The Lord — the Eternal — pitieth them that fear him. He who calls the stars by their names and sustains them in the spheres, knows your name and mine. He enters into all our experiences. He pities us: that is to say, he identifies himself with our distresses, and shares our lives. The All-Powerful is the All-Loving, too!

As great as his power, so great is his love. He pities us, not as some great sovereign in condescension to his subjects. He pities us with "loving kindness and tender mercy." He identifies himself with us in a love that surpasses knowledge. He knows. He feels. He cares.

Jesus taught us that when we pray, we may address the Almighty like this: "Our Father." What assurance for praying and confidence for living is resident in those two simple words: "Our Father!"

Our Father, we praise thee for all that thou art. Look with compassion upon our frailty and our waywardness. Grant that we may increasingly display in our lives that family likeness which becomes the children of God. For Christ's sake. Amen.

—S. H. Wilson, Vic.

Friday, August 2

John 14: 1-14.

Thought Text: "Show us the Father and we shall be satisfied" (v. 8, R.S.V.).

This is a most staggering saying. Apparently Philip was not satisfied, nor could he understand; and asked Jesus, "Well, show us the Father!" Philip had lived near Jesus for some considerable time, but could not grasp what God was like; yet all the time there was something of God's reflection and Fatherhood in Jesus.

To the question, Christ's answer was breathless: "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father."

Within the short compass of our Gospels, the name Father occurs more than one hundred and fifty times. It is there in the first recorded boyhood utterance of Jesus. "Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?" It is there in his last dying cry, "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit."

Christ taught men to look up and call God "Father," and he revealed that since God is our Father:

1. He is vitally interested in all his children's concerns.

2. He knows and loves each individual soul.

3. Since God is our Father, sin and forgiveness stand in new light. For at the Cross the Father-heart of God passed breaking-point and refused to break; and if our sin stands in new light, so does love's victory over sin, which is forgiveness.

Our Eternal God and gracious Father, we acknowledge all thy tender mercies and loving kindness. We thank thee that when we speak to thee as we would speak to our earthly father, thou dost hear our prayers, and bless according to our needs. Amen.

—F. Langford, S.A.

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

Saturday, August 3

Acts 1: 1-14.

Thought Text: "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you" (v. 8).

How wonderfully this promise was fulfilled in the early Church! It was at Pentecost that the Christian community first became conscious of the Spirit as power, wherein they might go forth to their work of witness-bearing. It marked the beginning of their active missionary work.

We know that we need the power of the same Spirit. Peter, for example, was no orator, yet he spoke with boldness and with power. Stephen, when he was stoned, prayed for those who were killing him, in such a moving way that men have repeated the prayer ever since. He did not have it in him; it was the Spirit that gave him utterance. Facts such as these remind us that men and women like ourselves can be the channel for the Spirit of God. We know that nothing can change this world but some intrusion by a power greater than anything the world itself contains.

When the modern Church meets we talk about our problems; when the early Christians met they spoke about their power. Are we problem conscious, or are we power conscious?

O God, our Father, grant us the gift of thy Holy Spirit, and make us more than conquerors through him who loved us. Help us to face life by the power of thy Spirit, that we may cry with thy servant of old, "In him who strengthens me, I am able for anything." Amen.

—Marjorie Wright, Tas.

NOTES FROM THE READINGS

As Suggested for

Sunday, July 28

MALACHI 1.

After brief emphasis on the love of God for Israel, as contrasted with the fate which overtook Edom, comes a scathing indictment of the religious leaders.

"by Malachi" (v. 1). — The name means "my messenger."

"his heritage waste for the dragons" (v. 3). — "Left his heritage to jackals of the desert" (R.S.V.). "From time immemorial (cf. Gen. 25: 33), Israel and Edom had been deadly enemies (cf. Ps. 137: 7), and the desolation of Edom (apparently by an Arab invasion from the south), Malachi interpreted as Jehovah's indignation at and hatred of her, and as proof of his love for Israel, who, when they see the desolation, will be convinced that their own God is no petty national God, but is great beyond the border of Israel — is, indeed, the God of all the earth" (McFadyen).

"polluted bread" (v. 7). — "Polluted by the spirit of irreverence in which it was offered" (McFadyen).

"this hath been by your means" (v. 9). — "With such a gift from your hand, will he show favor to any of you?" (R.S.V.).

"shut the doors" (v. 10). — "It would be better if the doors to the temple court were closed and the sacrifices should cease altogether than that the priests should continue to perform services which were only an insulting parody of genuine worship" (Dentan).

ACTS 5: 1-16.

The deception of Ananias and Sapphira and its discovery are followed by evidences of growing spiritual power among the apostles.

"was it not thine own?" (v. 4). — As Dummelow says, "Clear proof that the apostolic communism was voluntary . . . Their sin was not in keeping back part of the price, but in pretending that they gave the whole."

"of the rest durst no man join himself to them" (v. 13). — This seems to be contradicted by the next verse, though Barclay suggests this translation: "Of the others no one dared to meddle with them."

"the shadow of Peter" (v. 15). — Dummelow comments, "Something of superstition probably mingled with this faith, but true faith predominated, and God accepted it;" though Campbell Morgan points out that "the paragraph does not say that the shadow of Peter healed any one of them, or that it did not."



The Federal Hymnbook Committee of our churches and The Austral advise that copies of Supplementary Hymns (words only) are now available. There are 37 hymns in the collection and favorable comments have been received on the selection made. Numbering of the hymns continues on from the existing Churches of Christ Hymnbook and the supplement is trimmed to correct size to allow easy insertion by gluing or gumming into the back of books now in use. The price is 6d. per supplement, plus postage.

Following visit of Dr. Jerry Beavan, executive secretary of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, a meeting in Sydney has sent a unanimous invitation to the American evangelist to hold a campaign in Australia in 1959. Churches of Christ are represented on the provisional committee which has now been set up in that city. A preparatory meeting was held in Melbourne, and a larger gathering is planned within the next few weeks.

The area experiment in the inner suburban churches of Newmarket and Ascot Vale, Vic., is working happily, with the co-operation of D. W. Hibur, B.A., B.Ed., J. Edwards and G. Moyes as ministers. With outside help, the church at Newmarket has participated in taking a religious census in the district, and a talent scheme to underwrite building maintenance is now operating. Volunteers to "Operation Inner Suburb" and friends met on June 30 to plan two audio-visuals to aid the work of inner suburban churches. Mrs. E. Mitchell, of the Newmarket church, is seriously ill.

The monthly Council Meeting of the Vic.-Tas. Women's Fellowship will be held on Friday, August 2, at 11 a.m., in the Lygon-st. Lecture Hall. Mrs. Jeffery will lead the devotions, and the emphasis during the meeting will be on our Social Service work. Matron Button from the Will H. Clay Nursing Home, Matron Ross from Emmaus, and Matron Miller from the Christian Guest Home, Oakleigh, will each speak for a short time regarding the work at her particular Home. A warm welcome is extended to all delegates and friends. —M. Reed, Sec.

On Friday, July 12, the church at Gilgandra, N.S.W., tendered a public welcome to Mr. and Mrs. R. Hilford. Those present included the Shire President and preachers from the

Lutheran, Church of England and Methodist churches. Representatives from all church organisations extended a welcome, and G. L. Mudford spoke on behalf of the congregation. In spite of cold, wet weather there was a good attendance, and a warm time of fellowship was enjoyed over a cup of tea at the close of the meeting. At the morning service on the 14th, D. H. Butler, on behalf of the church, extended the right hand of fellowship to Mr. and Mrs. Hilford. Visitors have included Mrs. Newell and Lyle Morris. Those in hospital have been Mrs. A. Mudford, Mrs. W. Mudford and Mrs. T. Holmgreen.

Dr. A. Harold Wood, Principal E. Lyall Williams and Alfred Dickie are speakers for a "Stop H-Bomb Tests" rally at the Assembly Hall, Collins-st., Melbourne, on Wed., July 24. The cause of world peace will also be promoted by the visit to Australia of prominent Japanese church woman, Mrs. Hatsue Nonomiya. She is coming as official delegate of Japan at a W.C.T.U. conference, to be held in Perth in mid-September, but will also conduct an Australian tour on the general subject of world peace. Public meetings of her Melbourne tour will be at Prahran Town Hall (Aug. 9), Footscray Federal Hall (Aug. 12), Assembly Hall (Aug. 14) and Ringwood Town Hall (Aug. 15).

Our Federal Department of Men's Work is actively encouraging the development of strong men's organisations in all States. In accordance with that policy, W. S. Lowe (Pres., F.D.M.W.), N. R. Arnott (Sec.) and R. P. Morris visited Sydney on July 18 for a gathering of N.S.W. men at Enmore Tabernacle. Tea at 6 p.m. was followed by a rally at 8 p.m., in which the visitors emphasised the crucial task of the manpower of the Church in tackling the tasks of the Kingdom of God. J. G. Shaw (N.S.W. Conf. Pres.) presided over the meeting.

As we finalised this page for the press, we received from Auckland, N.Z., per favor of Bruce Burn, a newspaper clipping with further details of the church vote on the principle of union, discussed in our front-page editorial. It is interesting to note the distribution of voting: Presbyterian Church — members eligible, 76,005; number of voters, 48,957; in favor, 37,001; against, 11,621; invalid, 325. Methodist Church — members,

28,679; number of voters, 22,365; in favor, 20,713; against, 1,526; invalid, 126. Congregational Union — Members, 2,070; number of voters, 1,476; in favor, 1,305; against, 155; invalid, 16. Associated Churches of Christ — members, 3,916; number of voters, 2,937 (with two small returns still to come); in favor, 2,772; against, 157; invalid, 8. The convener of the joint standing committee of the four Churches said that negotiating Churches will now consider the results of the voting in their respective councils and assemblies, and individually will make decisions on their future policy with regard to union.

Many B.S. teachers at Hartwell, Vic., have been attending a school for instruction in Religious Education. A special demonstration was given on a recent Sunday afternoon by Bonnie Bates (Youth Dept.) and Merle Peterson, for the benefit of the Primary teachers and Youth Fellowship. "Operation Increase" has been taken up enthusiastically by the Official Board of the church, and Alwyn Kilpatrick has been appointed Organiser. A small Executive Committee has been appointed, and through a Council representative of all phases of church life and work it is expected that much will be accomplished. Plans are being made for the advancement of the work at Burwood East, where a meeting for breaking bread is held once a month. There is now over £1,000 in hand, plus a block of land on which it is planned soon to build. There have been additions to the membership. Church organist, Mr. Morflew, and his wife are enjoying the winter months in Qld.; Mr. and Mrs. Richards are touring in U.S.A., and Miss Irma Morrison is in Canada.

Friends will be sorry to learn that Mrs. C. L. Lang, wife of the preacher at Red Cliffs, Vic., is in Ward 22, Alfred Hospital, Prahran. She was admitted on July 16 with severe and advanced Addison's disease, but is responding to treatment, and it is hoped she will be able to leave hospital within a fortnight.

The church at Georgetown, N.S.W., has been blessed during the six months' interim ministry of Frank Roberts, whose preaching was a continual challenge to deeper spiritual living. During the six months there were eight additions and ten re-consecrations. At a farewell gathering after the gospel service on July 7, Newcastle churches were well represented, and Mr. Roberts received several gifts and a cheque. F. Leivesley commenced his ministry on the 14th, and was given a welcome at the close of the evening meeting. A. C. Thurrowgood and C. J. MacKenzie spoke on behalf of sister churches, and D. Wade for Georgetown. Women of the church are preparing gifts for the children at Carnarvon and Norseman.

THE MINISTRIES OF OUR



WOMEN

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

Interstate News

VICTORIA-TASMANIA.

There was a record attendance of 158, representing 54 churches, at the Council Meeting of the Christian Women's Fellowship on Friday, June 7. Mrs. McCann led the devotional session, and Colin Thomas spoke of the work in India.

At the meeting on July 5, Mrs. J. Turner took as her theme for the devotional session, *Who is My Neighbor?* and Mrs. Utassy, of the Good Neighbour Council, told of their work in welcoming and helping with the assimilation of New Australians. She spoke in appreciation of the willing co-operation given the Council by our Social Service Dept.

The resignation of Miss Smedley as a Trustee of the Sarah Meyer Memorial Hospital Fund was accepted with regret. She has been a Trustee since the Fund was first inaugurated 21 years ago, and is forced to resign through ill health. Mrs. Gillespie, who is a niece of the late Sarah Meyer, was elected to fill this position.

There was an attendance of 137 at the meeting, representing 53 churches.—M. Reed, Sec.

TASMANIA.

Mrs. Bruton and Mrs. McGregor are planning to visit all churches during September in the interests of the Aborigines Committee.

Tasmanian sisters are assisting financially the work of Home Missions, Overseas Missions, Indian Bible Women, Living Link, Ludbrook House, Aborigines Missions, College of the Bible and Bethany Boys' Hostel. Members of Hobart (Collins-st.) visit Bethany Hostel regularly, to assist with darning, mending, etc., and their Evening Group have donated an electric Vacola preserving outfit to Bethany.

Many women's groups in churches throughout Tasmania co-operated in the fete held at Bethany, the takings from which were in the vicinity of £200.

We regret that Mrs. J. Holloway has had to tender her resignation as Vice-President of the Women's Committee, owing to the transfer of Mr. Holloway to Perth, W.A.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Mrs. Outlaw presided over a splendid attendance of 147 on July 4. A welcome was extended to Mrs. Wick-

ham, Vic. Preparations are being made for State Conference; Women's Day is to be on Sept. 13. The display of goods to be sent to the Aborigines Missions is to be held at Grote-st. on Aug. 22, at 2 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. For Meals on Wheels, another £2/5/6 has come to hand, making a total of £19/2/6. For the Morialta Building Fund appeal we have a total of £16/8/-, and since last meeting another £8/2/- has come to hand for this worthy cause.

After the obituary report, the Colonel Light Gardens ladies brought devotions. Mrs. Taylor spoke on trust: "When Paul became a Christian, he ceased to struggle and began to trust." She concluded with, "Do all the good you can, to all the people you can, in all the ways you can."

The Home Mission report informed us that Operation Increase has been introduced into almost all of the churches in S.A. already. News of the recent Conference held in the Islands was brought by the Overseas Committee. The new kitchen block has been opened at Carnarvon. Mrs. J. Manger led in missionary prayer.

The Temperance Alliance Fair is to be held on July 26, at 2 p.m. We are in charge of the cake stall. The hospital chaplain, Mr. Shipway, has contacted 990 patients for the year. Miss Mann reported that parcels of clothing have been taken to Morialta Children's Home, and knee rugs and shawls to Northfield; also linen to Colebrook Home.—L. F. Holland, Asst. Sec.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

The meeting of the Women's Auxiliary was held at Lake-st Hall at 11 a.m. on July 2. President, Mrs. Digwood, was in the chair, and opening devotions were conducted by Claremont sisters, leader being Mrs. Kidd. A number of visitors were present and brought greetings, and a special welcome was given to Mrs. Savage, who has recently arrived from New Zealand. 96 sisters answered the Roll Call. A District Rally was held at Fremantle on June 27, and a number of members spoke in appreciation of the speakers and discussions at this meeting.

The Auxiliary is entertaining the young women of the metropolitan churches to a tea later this month. President has recently visited a number of country Guilds, and spoken of the work being done by the various

departments of Auxiliary.—R. Armstrong, Sec.



Wanted—Legs

It is not the gift of heads, hard heads, long heads, wise heads, that is needed today, but the gift of legs, long legs to carry the news of Christ to every creature.

It is not the gift of tongues we need; there are too many tongues already, the devil has seen to that; there are oily tongues, fancy tongues, double tongues, flattering tongues and lying tongues. What we need is the tongue, yes, the tongue of fire, the tongue that lifts up Jesus and crucifies self, the tongue that all so well understand that they testify "these men declare to us the wonderful works of God." Yes, get the tongue of fire, you get it by faith, and then ask for lungs powerful enough to carry the message of the tongue of fire (Jesus) to the ends of the earth.

It is not the degree of arts that is needed, but that of hearts, loyal hearts, and true, that love not their lives to the death, large hearts that are too big to be cooped up in over-gospelled Britain or America, loving hearts full of charity which love and seek to save the lost millions rather than guard ninety-nine well-fed sheep in the home pen.

But alas! alas! even Christians are full of clever excuses. They delude themselves into thinking that the things of this world matter more than the things of God and eternity! You have done your duty and set the example, and the penalty rests with them. When I see the need out here, I sometimes feel that I should like to put the sleeping soldiers of Christ at home all together and blow them up with dynamite and have a few of them land out here to see the need of these lands for themselves; then perhaps they might do more for the winning of Africa and the world for him, whom they own as King.

"In my opinion," said David Livingstone, "for a young, strong, healthy Christian man, there could be no other choice than to become a foreign missionary."—Selected.

For the first time, the committees and staffs of some of the world's largest Bible Societies met together in Amsterdam, May 23-27, to discuss the world's need of the Bible, and the response of the Bible Societies.

In view of the growing interest in church budget and stewardship enterprises, it is interesting to note that the Department of Stewardship and Promotion of the Presbyterian Church in Victoria has found it necessary to increase its staff to keep pace with the demand for skilled advice in the conduct of congregational canvasses.



INTERSTATE CHURCH NEWS

Marriage

Desma Saunders, Portland, Vic., to Keith Mott, Hamilton Vic.

Janice Agars, Mildura, to Ron. Rankin, Yarrara, Vic.

Julie Taylor to Hal. Bergens, Mildura, Vic.

Fay Treloar to Cyril Muller; Val Kruger to Errol Muller, Boonah, Qld.

Olive Leeke to Frederick Howarth; Helen Luck to Ian Douglas, Padstow, N.S.W.

Fallen Asleep

G. J. Austin, Mrs. M. E. Gosley, Maryborough, Qld.

Mrs. Weatherhead, snr., Essendon, Vic.

Mr. Reynolds, Hindmarsh, S.A.

Australian Capital Territory

Canberra (G. R. Stirling, B.A.). — There was a new attendance record of 167 at B.S. on July 14. John Main (grandson of the late A. R. Main), presided at the Lord's Table for first time. Three newly baptised members were received into fellowship. A. W. Gilbertson (B. & F. B. S.) was speaker at gospel service. Communicants for day were 112.

Tasmania

Kellevie (E. W. Taylor). — Mr. Taylor has been with the church for past six weeks and all homes in the district have been visited twice and church paper and Christian literature left. Isolated members at Triabunna, Cambridge and Sorell, have also been visited. G. Francis (World Evangelistic Crusade) visited church and gave enlightening talk on his work in Africa. Exchange of pulpits was arranged with H. Street (Hobart) on June 17, when girls from Highcroft C.E. and Robert Street gave messages in song. Mr. Morffew and boys from "Bethany" were welcome visitors to services on July 7. 85 were present at afternoon service. L. Kingston and T. Jacobson brought the children from Coping B.S. to the service, and children gave items.

Collins-st., Hobart (H. W. Street). — Attendances for June were good: mornings, 115; evenings, 52; communion, 109. Guest speakers were

H. Knight (C.I.M.), E. W. Taylor (Peninsula churches). Church is planning mission of 8 days, led by Principal E. L. Williams (C.O.B.). Church regrets forthcoming departure of 3 families who are being transferred by employers — Mr. and Mrs. J. Holloy and family to W.A., Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Bowes and family to Vic., Mr. and Mrs. L. Gairns and family to S.A. B.S. funds have been assisted by social evenings held in homes of Mr. and Mrs. E. Bowes and Mr. and Mrs. P. Stacey.

Queensland

Boonah (R. Combridge). — On July 7, F. Smith (pres. of S. Qld. Conf.) visited church and addressed morning service. Several times during the last couple of weeks delegations have gone to Warwick to assist mission there. C. Stubbins is ill in Brisbane hospital. Several members have worked hard draining church grounds. B.S. teachers had a working bee recently preparing better equipment for kinder.

East Ipswich (C. Young, interim). — Mr. and Mrs. Young arrived from Melbourne and occupied manse on June 19. Mr. Young will conduct interim ministry of from six to seven weeks, partly full-time. He was welcomed at a film evening on 19th, arranged by Fellowship Committee. On 23rd, Mr. Young addressed monthly meeting of C.M.S. On July 7, morning service was addressed by J. G. Wiltshire, and Mr. Feldahn conducted gospel service. A. Pieper officiated at Leichhardt in afternoon. Mr. Young was paying a visit to Chinchilla-Too-woomba area. In view of her approaching marriage to Keith Philp, Shirley Martin has resigned as sec. of C.Y.F., and incoming sec. is Pam. Turner.

Maryborough (A. D. Mortimer). —

On June 23, first Thanksgiving Day was held. At all services for the day large attendances were a characteristic. Morning service featured roll call. In afternoon, a P.S.A. was held and G. Elvery (C.S.S.M.) was guest speaker. At gospel service 5 Y.P. were baptised into Christ, and the following Sunday were received into fellowship. C.W.F. did wonderful job in preparing meals for the day. Annual thankoffering was received and so far £86 has been given. Members praise the Lord that 28 individuals have made their decision during the present ministry and all but a few are in good standing. C.Y.F. is continually bringing in "outside" Y.P., many of whom have been won to Christ. Church regrets the passing of 2 of its members.

Discipleship

Miss Rhonda Bullen, Mitcham, Vic.
David Love, Footscray, Vic.

Sandra Woff, Mrs. James, Mr. and Mrs. Cobine, Sunnybank, Qld.

Ken. Gadd, Graham Hansen, Pamela Joyner, Gwen Cockburn, Kay Dean, Alan Deutschmann, Ron. Shillig, Maryborough, Qld.

Peter Ladhaams, Kilburn, S.A.

L. Whitmore, Morawa-Gutha, W.A.
Mr. and Mrs. Orchard, Mrs. Dickson, Messrs. Leeke, Trill, Pallister, J. and R. Steedman, J. Payne; Misses G. Smith, H. Bothwell, J. Gardiner, E. Kelly; Laurie and Barbara Levy, Ken Pallister, Padstow, N.S.W.

Mrs. I. Streader, Boort, Vic.

Mr. Cooper and John, Ascot Park, S.A.

Pat Wrightson, John Barry, Mrs. Magov, Georgetown, N.S.W.

Ron Higgins, Allan Hopgood, Preston, Vic.

Membership

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Pichard, from Georgetown to Mayfield, N.S.W.

Mr., Mrs. and Miss Linda Woolan, from Ringwood to Mitcham, Vic.

R. Mayne, from North Williamstown; Miss M. Humble, from Semaphore, S.A., to Footscray, Vic.

Ray Wissman, from Bundaberg; L. Watson, from Rocklea, to Sunnybank, Qld.

Mrs. Brooks, from Baddow to Maryborough, Qld.

Mrs. Barber, from Belmore to Georgetown, N.S.W.

Mr. and Mrs. Watts, to South Auburn, N.S.W.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Sedgman, from Brighton to Gardiner, Vic.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Burdeu and family, from Moreland, Vic., Mrs. K. Rayner, from Footscray, Vic., Mr. Taylor, from England, to Albion, Qld.

Garry Humphries, from Ascot Park to Forestville, S.A.

New ventures are an Adult Bible Class and a possible G.L.B. and B.B. Church has commenced **Operation Increase**. Messrs. Klein and J. Smith are in hospital.

Albion (G. J. Andrews). — Attendances at recent Sunday services have been affected by illness in many church families. C.W.F. organised successful concert and social evening, raising over £13 towards special project. Church is sharing in **Mission to Churches** (July 21-28), arranged by local Ministers' Fraternal, with guest speakers Dr. J. Edwin Orr and Wm. A. Dunlap, and Miss Corrie ten Boom. Chaplain Crisp brought Japanese ladies to demonstrate Tea and Flower Ritual to Y.W.F. July meeting. B.S. staffs of Albion, Hawthorne, Kedron and Stafford shared Lesson Review Time, basket tea and Symposium on Christian Education following review period.

Western Australia

Morawa-Gutha (J. Rae). — "Happy Hours" were conducted during May holidays by Mr. and Mrs. Rae. A man has made his stand for Christ. Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Buckingham had fellowship with the church; Mr. Buckingham gave morning address, after which a basket lunch was partaken of, enabling Mr. Buckingham to contact members concerning the Brotherhood Centre. Mrs. Rae has been restored to health after a time in hospital. Squash evening was held in home of Mr. and Mrs. K. Croot on July 13, arrangements being in hands of Y.P.S.C.E.

Subiaco (A. W. C. Candy). — Church is in splendid heart, with members loyal and responsive. Whole congregation has accepted challenge of **Operation Increase**. Aver. attendances for June: morning, 132; gospel, 130; communicants, 142. Midweek prayer meeting, av. 30; pre-gospel, 25. During month 10 were received into fellowship, 4 by faith and baptism, 1 baptised believer, 5 by transfer. There were also 5 re-consecrations. After-church fellowship meetings are proving popular; they help members to meet visitors to services. Treas. A. C. Olds addressed church recently on **Operation Increase**. All members were urged to use Duplex Envelopes. Many of men, including Conference Pres., J. Gordon, are engaged on preaching appointments with smaller churches.

New South Wales

Mayfield (A. C. Thurrowgood). — Two young women have recently made their decision for Christ. At a recent business meeting, members re-affirmed their decision to plan for new church building. During winter months, prayer meetings are being held in homes and show increased attendances. Gospel film, *A Little Child Shall*

Lead Them, was screened at gospel service, on June 23, to an increased congregation. Farewell social was recently tendered to Mrs. Webb, who leaves to take up residence in Tasmania.

Belmore (B. G. Corlett). — Three Y.P. confessed their faith in Jesus Christ. The first of these decisions was on June 30, when Y.P. led gospel service with special singing, and B. Ewels gave the message. The other two decisions were on July 7. L. Wylie (Lidcombe) spoke on morning of June 23, and Mr. Willis (Wiley Park) on morning of July 7. On June 29, Marrickville-Bankstown C.E. Union held rally in chapel. There were over 200 present and all enjoyed the programme. C.E. work has shown great improvement and junior and intermediate combined enrolment is 42.

Mosman (E. W. Roffey, interim). — On June 23, C. A. Murray spoke at morning meeting and G. Sloman (Belmore) gave gospel address in evening. On 30th, V. Dallinger (Hornsby) spoke at morning meeting on behalf of Social Service Com. At gospel service Y.P.C.E. group took service, and Max Hall gave address. On evening of July 3, members met with others in City Temple to hear of the work of New Guinea Survey Team. On 7th, W. Dearin (Crow's Nest Baptist) exhorted church. At evening meeting, L. Hall gave gospel address. On 14th, E. W. Roffey commenced an interim ministry and spoke at both services.

South Auburn (L. S. Dewberry). — Fellowship tea on June 16 was well attended and Cameraman Calling, a film of Baptist Mission work in New Guinea, was screened. At gospel service, the baptism of a mother and B.S. scholar was witnessed. On 20th, members sat down to fine three-course dinner prepared by Women's Fellowship. Plan for co-ordinated evangelistic effort by church and all auxiliaries was outlined and accepted. The plan, **Forward Move**, was put into operation on July 7. Church looks forward with anticipation to results. Y.P. club has been successful so far in raising £137 for Piano Fund.

Padstow (C. Terry). — There has been quite a goodly harvest of decisions through ordinary gospel meetings. Membership is now over 80. Kinder. and B.S. have total of 186 scholars, with more being added each week. Church recently purchased extra ground for proposed new all-purposes hall. Hall should be erected before Christmas. Preacher commenced second year of his ministry in June.

South Australia

Grote-st., Adelaide (H. G. Norris). — A morning service was broadcast over 5KA. Many past members of choir

returned to make singing a feature of the service. Soloists were Miss Pauline Orr, and W. Watson was conductor. Orange Lodge members attended gospel service for their yearly parade, members taking part in the service. A decision for Christ was made by a young man. Church is happy to welcome C. Bell and T. Glover back in active service after extended holidays. Members on sick list are improving. Mrs. Mabel Smith has returned from hospital. Song service preceding gospel service is appreciated by members. F.M. offering resulted in church record of £400.

Goolwa (R. Oke). — On June 23, a Youth Fellowship tea was held at chapel. Mr. and Mrs. William, returned from Egyptian missionary work, addressed gospel meeting, detailed missionary work and showed slides. Youth Fellowship assisted in the service. Church was delighted to have messages from J. E. Shipway (hospital chaplain), who visited his home church on 30th. Ladies' Guild has held successful social evening, proceeds to be used for painting interior of chapel. On 26th, Mrs. Kruger and other ladies from city work, visited Ladies' Guild; Mrs. Kruger was guest speaker. At annual business meeting of church, on July 3, the following were elected: elder, A. Neighbour; deacons, G. Bingar and K. Hopgood; sec., W. J. Bingar; treas. and B.S. supt., R. J. Spencer; auditor, A. Neighbour; organiste, Miss Gwen Reed.

Henley Beach (J. E. Webb). — Minister outlined **Operation Increase** on June 30. Owing to illness in many homes, attendances have been smaller, but interest is keen. This is especially so in prayer activities of church. At close of morning service on July 7, a lady and a youth confessed Christ. At evening communion service a lady, out of fellowship for some years past, was restored.

Kilburn (E. F. G. McIlhagger, B.A.). — Mrs. Bristow (Nailsworth) arranged concert on July 9 to augment funds of C.W.F. Artistes and items were of high order. Boys and girls of Junior Club and their parents were particularly interested. Church greatly misses F. Lawrance (sec.) whose work takes him away to the country. J. Guess has been appointed asst. sec., and will act in sec.'s absence. Mrs. R. Hackett has been appointed as deaconess and her assistance is appreciated. At close of gospel message on 14th a boy from B.S. confessed Christ.

Fullarton (A. W. Morris). — Minister was indisposed on July 14. A. Anderson (F.M. Sec.) addressed morning congregation on **Operation Survey**. A. Jones gave gospel address and Mrs. J. Curtis was soloiste. Church appreciated assistance, at short notice, of the speakers. Annual business meet-

ing on July 9 received encouraging reports from all auxiliaries. Net additions to church for year were 4, present membership now being 183; average communicants, 99. General contributions for 12 months improved by £462, and all other offerings showed considerable increase. Average weekly contributions for period were £46.

Albert Park (R. G. Deane). — On July 5, C.E. had cottage meeting in home of Mr. and Mrs. Webb. On 15th, a training class was conducted for readers. This was followed by meeting of C.M.S. Film, *A Christian in Politics*, preceded an address by E. P. C. Hollard. At evening service, *The Promise* was screened to a packed congregation. The 4 basketball teams gained 3 wins and a draw on 14th. Many folk are on sick list.

Ascot Park (H. Cave). — B.S. is practising for anniversary, under leadership of R. Sugars, who recently conducted successful anniversary for Edwardstown. Mr. Cave is still acting as B.S. supt., as school is unable to find someone to take over. Construction of permanent building is well under way, and before opening date church hopes to contact many members in district who are attending elsewhere or nowhere. Recent speakers have been F. Fisher (Beulah Rd.), W. Morrow (Dulwich) and D. McDonald (Mile End).

Hindmarsh (H. E. Greenwood). — B. Coventry brought very informative message illustrated by slides on Overseas work in India at recent midweek service. F.M. offering amounted to £67/10/-. On July 14, youth tea was held, after which B.S. scholars took part in special "Gospel Bells" service and minister gave illustrated message.

Victoria

Essendon (M. D. Roberts). — Average attendances for June were: a.m., 81; p.m., 68; communicants, 89. Ladies held Dorcas afternoon at home of Mrs. Casson on June 27. Gospel film, *Calvary*, was screened on evening of 30th. After-church fellowship singing was held at home of J. Strack on July 7. Several members are still laid aside with illness. Church is saddened at loss of Mrs. Weatherhead (snr.) who passed away recently.

Mildura (J. C. Cunningham). — Officers have purchased electric heaters for use at services. Kitchen teas have been held recently for Janice Agars and Ron. Rankin, Gaye Foley and Ray Rankin. Church was happy to have fellowship with K. A. Jones, who was guest speaker for District Conference, held June 22-24. C.W.F. (evening group) has arranged for pre-school-age children to be cared for in kinder. hall during morning service, especially for broadcast services. Annual meeting of C.W.F. (afternoon group) was

held on July 4. Mrs. A. D. Leng was elected pres., Mrs. J. Furze, sec., Mrs. C. Robinson, treas.

Ormond (D. W. Mansell). — Annual church meeting was held on July 3, and following were elected: elders, A. J. Knee, R. Mitchell, K. Austin; deacons, T. Flanders, D. Cole, D. Sketchley, J. Whittaker, H. Hood, H. and R. Bean, J. Kay, R. Alabaster; deaconesses, Mesdames L. Mulroney, H. Bean, R. Mitchell, J. Eicke, D. Mansell, P. Napper; organists, Mrs. M. Skewes, J. Whittaker; asst.-organists, M. Thompson and R. Bean. Youth tea was held on 7th, and gospel service was a Youth Rally night; 188 attended. Mrs. R. Dennett was soloiste and gave a testimony, Mr. Dennett read Scripture. A married couple made the good confession.

Wangaratta (B. A. Roberts). — Average attendances for June were: a.m., 69; p.m., 66; communicants, 71. F.M. offering is £15 to date. Despite wet, freezing day and bad roads, opening meeting at Whitfield was outstanding success. Five car loads travelled from Wangaratta, and local people showed keen interest. Daily 7 a.m. prayer meetings are to commence in Wangaratta for coming mission. A man made the good confession on July 14. Several visitors were welcomed, including Mrs. Maulsbury (Wagga).

Brighton (S. H. Wilson). — June averages were: a.m., 171; p.m., 120; communicants, 164. On July 1, 12 couples made 24 calls during Visitation Night. All present officers were re-elected at annual business meeting of church school. C.M.S. led gospel service on 7th. Office-bearers elected by C.M.S. are R. Gumley, pres., B. Huntsman, vice-pres., C. Davis, sec.-treas. G. L. Barnes spoke at worship service on 14th. A new literature rack has been placed in foyer of chapel.

Footscray (A. E. Hurren). — Attendances generally have been good, although small on a few nights. Dr. Oldfield was guest speaker on Missionary Night, on June 30. Work on new manse is progressing satisfactorily. Mrs. Ivory was welcomed back after holiday. Auxiliaries, under Planned Programme, are assisting in gospel services. Mr. and Mrs. Smart are meeting with church again, after long illnesses. Good Companions recently won Indoor Sports competition. A young man was baptised on July 7 and received into fellowship on 14th. Monthly C.M.S. meeting was held at Maidstone. Several new members have been enrolled in C.F.A., which now has active membership of over 50. Film, *Missionary to Walker's Garage*, was screened on evening of 14th. Mr. Morgan is home again after undergoing operation.

Mitcham (D. Phillips). — Work is progressing and prospects are exceedingly bright. Crowded meetings, par-

ticularly in morning, fill chapel to overflowing. A young lady has decided for Christ, and a family was welcomed into fellowship, by transfer, on July 14. All auxiliaries are maintaining activities.

Portland (V. Quayle). — With a fine average of 83, B.S. now meets in chapel and kinder. in hall; the change has been necessary to cope with increase in attendance. At monthly film service on July 7, *The Power of Prayer* was screened. It has been decided to form an evening group of C.W.F., to meet monthly, the first meeting being held in the manse. The two C.E. societies took part in special feature service on July 21, assisting in conducting of service.

Prahran (H. R. Steele, interim). — Church enjoyed visit on recent Sunday morning from Vic.-Tas. Conference President, V. L. Gole, and Mrs. Gole. Despite unfavorable weather, meetings have been fairly consistently well attended. Prospects in B.S. are bright, provided more teaching staff can be secured. Service of Miss B. W. Lee in arranging soloists for each Sunday evening, and the singers who have assisted are much appreciated. H. B. Robbins is delivering a series of lectures at Wednesday evening meetings. On July 15, C.W.F. held an open night, when a number of beautiful films were screened by film unit of Forestry Commission, under care of M. Bill. Proceeds were towards new floor covering for kinder. dept.

Boort. — Week of special meetings conducted by Mr. Every (Bendigo) was well supported by local and surrounding churches. Ladies' Guild held annual birthday meeting in June with Wedderburn and Pyramid Hill Guilds present. The address was tape recording by J. O. Sanders (C.I.M.) given at Belgrave Heights. R. Story (U.F.M.) addressed a worship service and 2 outgoing missionaries spoke at gospel service. Church business meeting on July 9 elected E. Streader and R. L. Lanyon, elders; A. Streader, sec., I. Streader, treas., R. L. and L. Lanyon, E. A., and I. Streader, deacons. A lady was baptised on July 14. Church is very grateful to Mr. Embury (Baptist) for his services.

Box Hill (W. A. Wigney). — Office-bearers for coming year were elected by Y.W.F. on July 2; pres., Mrs. K. Crouch; sec., Mrs. G. Mullen; treas., Mrs. R. Clarke. On 7th, at evening service, members of East. Sub. Protestant Churches' Football Association attended for annual parade. Principal Williams gave inspiring address to 330 present. At conclusion of service visiting members were entertained by local club in a time of fellowship. Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Hall and Lois in their recent bereavement. Geo. Mullen has been selected for nomination as Life Governor of Box Hill and District Hospital.

Gardiner (F. A. Youens - R. Hill-brick). — Asst. minister conducted studies at Healesville, when over 50 Y.P. went to camp for 2 days. Mr. and Mrs. Lin. Wilson were camp parents. 80 Y.P. had tea with Doug. Beasy on July 7. He talked to them on **Witnessing in Sport.** Women's Evening Fellowship held three open meetings on **Our Aborigines Work.** Miss Enderby (British Syrian Mission) spent most of her furlough at Gardiner, and recently showed slides of her work after church.

Preston (J. E. Searle). — Members of K.S.P. conducted recent worship service, some taking part for first time after instruction by minister. At this service 2 club members were received into fellowship of church. Gospel service was conducted by Y.P. At fellowship and training class, Mr. Oldfield spoke on **Overseas Missions**, and Mr. Searle on **The Jew.** C.M.S. entertained Y.P. to car trial and barbecue. **The Right Start** was screened at a gospel service. Mrs. Searle continues to improve in health, now being able to attend services.

Open Forum

A BOUQUET!

Frequently your columns contain points of criticism and discussion, as the brethren disagree or question. May I be pardoned for taking space to pass on a bouquet? Some have stated on occasion that our teaching of New Testament truth has been minimised, but here is opportunity to see where this is not so.

The recent Pamphlet Club issues, **This I Believe**, by H. J. Patterson, M.A., should gladden every student of the Word. These admirable statements on the fundamentals of the Faith are worthier of a larger reading public than those who take the pamphlets. This is great stuff!

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Yes, our press is doing a fine service to the brotherhood just now, and that brotherhood will be the loser if this teaching is not exploited to the full.—E. P. C. Hollard, Adelaide, S.A.

THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY AND THE POPE

I have been waiting with some impatience to see if some correspondent or yourself would comment on the extraordinary recent statement of the Archbishop, as reported in the public press. He occupies a unique place in Christendom as Head of all Anglicans throughout the world, and was the first Chairman of the World Council of Churches, and appears to be the permanent President of the British Council of Churches (representing the W.C.C.), so when he speaks, we should sit up and take notice.

A few weeks ago, he referred to the efforts of Roman Catholics to win over C. of E. members, and went on to say how much better it would be for his church and other churches to come into some kind of alliance with the Roman Catholic Church. Dr. Fisher added that in his view "the Pope would be an acceptable Chairman of a Council of Churches." Surely our association with the W.C.C. does not muzzle our official leaders, when they see such dreadful tendencies so bluntly revealed. In confirmation of this dangerous situation, the **British Weekly** (30/5/57) reports that the Convocation of Canterbury in May discussed certain proposed additional Canons to regulate worship; Canon

17 will legislate to permit the use of vestments by Anglican clergy which are usually associated with R.C. clergy celebrating the Mass. In the discussion a few Evangelicals protested, but the predominant Anglo-Catholic section had on their side the Archbishop and all the Bishops, who all favored the adoption of Canon 17!

In the light of such happenings, surely every reader will afresh hear the call to "contend earnestly for THE Faith once for all delivered to the saints."

Surely that includes earnest teaching about these essential and abiding truths, and, equally, exposing and denouncing everything that would hurt and destroy such Christ-given truth.—J. A. Wilkie, Ballarat, Vic.

CHARITY AND LOVE.

If we alter God's words from "Faith, hope and charity," to "faith, hope and love" (1 Cor. 13: 13), will we not be judged by Rev. 22: 19 because we have altered the meaning?

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Walls are up for the chapel designed by architect L. Brune for the church at Ascot Park, S.A. Although it has only a small membership, the church was forced into building now by an undertaking given to the local Council that the temporary iron hall would be occupied for no longer than two years. It has been made possible by a magnificent response of £900 from the League of 1,000, a large loan from the Mutual Fund, and the generosity of the Southern Suburban churches. S. Patching, whose previous ministry was with Naracoorte, S.A., has been engaged to conduct gospel services. H. Cave, minister of the Edwardstown-Ascot Park circuit, still takes every fourth gospel service, and alternate services in mornings.

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OBITUARY

Mary Ellen Gosley.

On May 30, at the Aged Christians' Home, Brisbane, Mary Ellen Gosley passed to be with her Lord, whom throughout her life she loved and served. Mrs. Gosley accepted Christ as Lord and Saviour at a mission conducted in the early years of the church at Maryborough, Qld. During the years that followed she was regular in her attendance, maintained a loving, Christlike spirit and, was active in the work of the Women's Guild. She was always admired for her gentle and humble attitude. During the concluding 18 months of her earthly life she resided at the Aged Christians' Home in Brisbane, and there enjoyed the closing days with those of her own faith and interests. Although the church missed her fellowship during these months, their love for her prompted them always to remember her in prayer. Mrs. Gosley was 86 years of age at the time of her passing.—A. D. Mortimer.

Geoffrey John Austin.

On July 4, in the Maryborough Base Hospital, Qld., Geoff. Austin, aged 61 years, passed to be forever with the Lord. The cause of death was tragic, as our brother had been blessed with the best of health all his life and was very active, but despite this we believe that blessings have come and are coming. We can surely say with the Scriptures, "All things work together for good to them that love God." Mr. Austin was only a young convert, for it was only last year that he made his decision for Christ, with his wife, during a mission conducted by A. C. Caldicott, of Lismore. He came to love the Bible and studied the Scriptures most diligently. A pleasant smile was always a characteristic expression of his each Sunday morning. He leaves behind him a loving wife, who loves the Lord and is an outstanding example of the power of Christ.—A. D. Mortimer.

Mrs. C. Anderson.

Our sister, Mrs. C. Anderson, was called Home on June 17, 1957. Her association with Churches of Christ in Toowoomba, Qld., goes back a long time. Mrs. Anderson had borne many burdens during her 89 years, but she always remained cheerful. The home was always her concern. Her family, to whom she had been so good, was able to minister to her in her latter years. She loved the church, but indifferent health in recent years prevented her from attending services. But almost every Sunday for years the men of the church called and conducted a communion service in the home. She looked forward to this fellowship. Our sister died in the General Hospital, and was buried at the Toowoomba Cemetery. Services at the Margaret-st. chapel, and at

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Father.—R. C. McKenzie.



A new government decree on religious
instruction, which came into force in
Hungary on June 1, confirms that "in
accordance with the principle of free
practice of religion guaranteed by the
constitution, and with the agreement
reached between the State and the
churches, religious instruction is to be
regarded exclusively as the citizen's
private affair." Pupils attending both
primary and secondary schools are free
to participate in religious instruction or
not. This freedom must be respected
by all. Parents or guardians "are free
to decide whether or not their chil-
dren shall participate in religious in-
struction, and no influence is to be
exerted upon them." Legal penalties
are prescribed for "misuse of religious
instruction for political purposes," and
influencing decisions about participa-
tion or non-participation in religious
instruction. Religious instruction is a
voluntary subject outside the compul-
sory curriculum. If schoolrooms are
unavailable, the instruction may be
given by permission in church build-
ings. Notice of the date for enrolment
must be given in the press, by radio
and by school principals. Pupils must
enrol within a week after registration
for ordinary school instruction. Reli-
gious instructors and inspectors are to
be appointed by the Church, but with
the agreement of the state's Council
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