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NATIONAL WEEKLY REPRESENTING CHURCHES OF CHRIST

from all States and arrange hospitality.

## ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF FEDERAL BOARD

Youth Directors are to meet at "Gilbulla" (N.S.W.) in the annual conference commencing on Wednesday, Aug. 21. This conference will adjourn to allow the nine Board members to join in the biennial conference of the Australian Council for Christian Education, also at "Gilbulla." H. F. Gross, B.A., Director of our New Zealand Department of Religious Education, will attend both conferences. States are each contributing to assist Mr. Gross and the D.R.E. in travelling expenses.

## A.C.C.E. CONFERENCE

This will be a conference of leaders in Christian Education. With the theme, *The Faith Community as Teacher*, speakers, panels, and discussion groups will deal with such vital subjects as "Emerging Insights and Patterns in Christian Education," "Redemption in the Community," "Reaching Adults — Young Adults, Middle Years, and Older Years," "Implications for Younger Age Levels." Various States have been at work for some time on these assignments. The conference will be attended by representatives of several communions from all Australian States.

## VARIA

"Youth's Own" is a Saturday night feature programme held monthly in Melbourne, under sponsorship of Victorian-Tasmanian Youth Department, and directed by D. W. Hibburt, B.A., Dip.Ed., with a live committee of helpers. The regular team presenting the programme includes Gordon Moyes, Max Drummy, Bruce Graham and Alec Smart. The evening includes Singing for Fun, Hymns of the Church, "You're Telling Us," devotional session, speakers on vital topics for Christian youth.

Early this year three Victorian young people put on their seven-league boots to compass sea and land across the world. Muriel and Janet Coventry and Valda Williams have in their travels visited Europe, covering 8,500 miles in Holland, Belgium, Spain, Portugal, Italy, Switzerland, Austria. They called at World Council of Churches headquarters in Geneva, and also visited the Bossey Institute. In Great Britain at present, they plan to attend the British Churches' Conference in Edinburgh, a youth camp there, and the Edinburgh Festival. While in London they attended Hornsey church. They plan to leave for Australia on December 10, returning via Panama.

—(Contributed for Federal Board of Christian Education by V. C. Stafford).



## C.Y.F. COMMISSION

An adventurous step in building an Australian-wide fraternity of youth in our churches is to be made in January next. Upwards of thirty young people between the ages of 17-25, and nominated by Youth Departments in all States and by the Canberra church, will meet at Camp Waterman, Monbulk, for eight days, January 9-16. Under the guidance of selected "resource" persons, these young people will work together to evolve a pattern for Christian Youth Fellowship, and on programme material.

This is not a camp, but a planning conference on a high level. It will be but the beginning of a long-term strategy for the Christian education programme among youth. Youth will be at work for youth, striking new trails. Young people attending are accepting responsibility for their own travelling expenses and accommodation at Monbulk. This in itself is a bright token of youth's willingness to serve worthy and constructive ends for the Church. It is hoped that hospitality may be provided by Melbourne church members for young people who wish to spend a few extra days here. It is expected that our C.Y.M. in New Zealand will be represented in the person of its President, Ross Taylor, of Christchurch.

## CURRICULUM PLANNING COUNCIL

Following on the heels of this Commission, there will be inaugurated what should prove a big step forward in the work of producing lesson

materials. A team of experts will be together for five days in Melbourne to review the present curriculum, the Bible material covered, lesson titles, content, presentation, format of literature for all grades from Kindergarten to C.Y.F.

Consideration will also be given to the extension of the curriculum to include textbooks for adult classes. The meeting is being arranged by the Federal Board of Christian Education, which will bring representatives



G. A. Whiting, Youth Director, S.A.—one of the team of Directors meeting in annual conference at "Gilbulla," N.S.W., on Aug. 21.



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## NOTES FROM THE READINGS

As Suggested for

*Sunday, August 18*

EXODUS 21: 1-6.

This section is concerned with the treatment of Hebrew slaves, whose normal term of service was to be 6 years, although they could be redeemed by purchase before that time. "A man might voluntarily sell himself for debt (Lev. 25: 39), or he might be judicially sold for theft (see 22: 3), or he might be sold by his parents (v. 7). If the year of Jubilee fell before the seventh year of his servitude he went free then: see Lev. 25: 40, 41" (Dummelow).

"I will not go out free" (v. 5).—A man might accept slavery with his wife and children as preferable to freedom without them — an indication of the comparative mildness of slavery among the Hebrews. Slaves could attain positions of high trust; e.g., Eliezer with Isaac (Gen. 24).

"his master shall bring him unto the judges" (v. 6).—Note that R.S.V. has, "His master shall bring him to God." "The mutual obligation, witnessed by deity, was marked by boring a hole through the slave's ear with an awl as a mark of his perpetual slavery" (Rylaarsdam). "The fastening of the ear to the doorpost signifies his perpetual attachment to the house of his master; cp. Deut. 15: 17. The ear is pierced as being the organ of hearing and, therefore, of obedience" (Dummelow).

COLOSSIANS 1: 21-29.

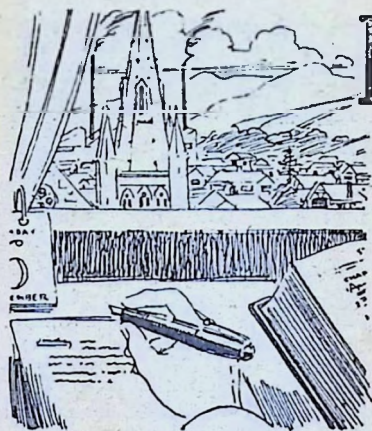
Paul contrasts the Colossians' previous life with that which is now centred in "the hope of the gospel," and expresses his own joy in the preaching of a gospel whose great secret is "Christ in you, the hope of glory."

"fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ" (v. 24).—R.S.V. has, "In my flesh I complete what is lacking in Christ's afflictions." "The words do not imply that the sufferings of Christ were insufficient to accomplish their purpose of redemption, (but that) the sufferings of Christians as Christians continually supplement the sufferings of their Master" (Beare).

"even the mystery" (v. 26).—"In the ordinary sense a mystery implies knowledge withheld; in Scripture it is truth revealed" (Vine).

"that we may present every man perfect" (v. 28).—The word "perfect" here means "mature" — Phillips has, "every man up to his full maturity in Christ." Paul's repetition of "every man" is an emphatic denial of the idea that salvation can ever be the exclusive privilege of any group.





# MINISTER'S MUSINGS

mighty blow! She felt it was good to be alive — and so did we.

**WEDNESDAY.**—News of the passing yesterday of Graham Launder, former Australian Christian correspondent for the church at Ivanhoe, Vic., brought its own touch of sadness to the day. Many others besides his Ivanhoe friends had joined in prayer for the recovery from cancer of this twenty-year-old, but it was not to be. Was all that prayer in vain, then, as it so often seems to be in the midst of earth's sadness? A circular letter from his parents to those who have prayed with them for the lad who "was planning only yesterday the things he'd do when he got better," supplies a truly Christian answer: "We'd prayed for the gold of health. His answer was the joy of heaven. We've no doubt about that, because he passed through, serene and well-prepared, his hand in his Friend's." They go on to share the secret of "that something extra that people said there seemed to be about him," as shown in this extract from a letter written from hospital three weeks before his passing: "If I do pass on, and I really don't expect to, as yet, then this will be a thought I'd like to leave with you. Christ lives — I can see it all around me, and thanks for the many kind and Christlike thoughts on my behalf. Whatever you do, hold fast to that which is good. Remember the promise, 'Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give you a crown of life.' I'm happy — I'll be seeing you." Strong, simple words like these remind us (as we so often need reminding) that for the Christian death itself is no tragedy; what is tragic is living and dying without that kind of faith.

**MONDAY.**—As I passed Rita Roberts' flower-shop today on my way into the city (I'll be in trouble later on, I know, for not calling in for a cup of tea!), I recalled with pleasure last week's delightful evening in honor of this Good Companions' leader and the Chief Explorer, Will Newham. Someone said during the speeches on that night that God seems to keep some of the choicest women single that they might give him the kind of ministry Rita has given so cheerfully among girls. Some of the loveliest souls I have known in the churches have been unmarried women whom only the ignorant could ever have called "old maids;" they have felt, as Rita herself expressed it, "Everything I have done has been for our wonderful Saviour — and it has all been a thrill."

**TUESDAY.**—Catherine's eighth birthday — and I went off to officers' meeting tonight still treasuring the moment when the just-lit candles of the birthday cake lit up the warm, eager face above them, lips shaping for one

are some men I know who would agree with me that such things are best forgotten. After all, it is bad enough wondering what the present listeners really think, behind their polite, Sunday smiles, on the way out through the porch. But when words are said, even in strong disagreement, which show that you have really broken through to some mind and heart — that is the joy of preaching.

**FRIDAY.**—Sermon preparation on a Bible character inevitably made me think of Alexander Whyte's great series of Bible Characters. No books were more eagerly sought in the second-hand bookshops of my student days than that series, and none more avidly scanned in the College Library. They were re-printed the other year in two large volumes; other works from his pen have also been revived — yet the amazing thing is that he never published any book (save a commentary on the catechism) till he was over fifty-five. He was supremely a preacher to his own people at Free St. George's, Edinburgh, where he ministered for close on fifty years. Yet this was the man who, as a herd lad of eight, let a farmer's cattle stray into the corn, so that the exasperated farmer's wife cried, "I dinna ken fat ye're gaen to dae, or foo in the hale world ye'll ever earn an honest living;" to which the unperturbed lad replied, "What wad ye think if ae day I was to wag my pow in a poopit?" And "wag his pow" he did, to the glory of God and the saving of men. It's a good story to remember when we're tempted to lose patience with boys and girls.

**THURSDAY.**—I'm home rather late tonight after attending the annual Cricket Club meeting for distribution of trophies, and sharing in the kind of enthusiasm which I would like to see in every church organisation. The guest speaker (a former Test cricketer of the Bradman era) had no illusions about himself as a speaker, and began by telling us of an experience he had while doing an officers' course during the last war. He was asked to give a ten-minute speech, after which came the devastating criticism that he had a sing-song voice that tended to put his hearers to sleep. As I listened to him I wondered how many preachers would be brave or rash enough to begin an address by confiding some of the things their Homiletics teacher said about their class-room efforts at preaching! There

**SATURDAY.**—Advertised sermon subjects can give rise to some varied thoughts on a Saturday morning. Today I'm marvelling at the ingenuity of the church which, capitalising on the revived interest in Biblical archaeology, and also wide-awake to modern "musical" trends, has advertised a series of "Rock and Scroll" subjects! But there are other ways than unusual subjects to entice people to church — though somehow I don't think the Bishop of Chelmsford's recent experiment would work in Australia! Believing that no Britisher can resist a queue, he asked his regular parishioners to line up outside the church building thirty minutes before Sunday night services. Sure enough — others joined them, and church attendances went up by one-third. But that Bishop must have something, to get his own people there half an hour early!





# MISSIONARY NEWS

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

## NEW GUINEA SURVEY REPORT

The report of the New Guinea Survey has been received and adopted by the Federal F.M. Board. It was a very comprehensive report of four foolscap sheets, revealing a very thorough investigation by the members of the party. It has now been forwarded to the Federal Conference Executive, which will forward copies to the various State Executives. The Federal Board has supplied copies to the F.M. Committees of all States. Two State F.M. Committees have already been able to consider it, and have unanimously endorsed the recommendations contained in the report.

## THE SURVEY FINANCE

The estimated requirement of £2,000 was over-subscribed by the interested brotherhood, and the cost of the Survey was less than was anticipated. This was made possible by the project being completed some two to three weeks sooner than was first planned, due to the ready and helpful co-operation of the Administrative officials in every centre. There will be between £750 and £800 left as a credit after all expenses have been met. This amount will be set apart toward the establishment of the new Mission, to which will be added a special gift of £500 already made by an interested family, making at least £1,250 in hand toward the new field.

## PROGRESS ON PENTECOST

Frank Beale includes the following in his last letter:

"The work on Pentecost is progressing, and seems to be coasting along quietly with no known troubles. The boys are eager to learn, and are progressing satisfactorily. They seem not at all behind the Aoban boys, except for lack of opportunity in the past. They work with a will in getting the place in order, and have worked very hard making copra. When sold, the copra brought £89. This was from an accumulation of coconuts, as they have not been worked for some time, so it is not an indication of what we might expect regularly. Our boys get more hours' schooling each week than they do at Ndul Ndul, as they need to catch up. The building work is going ahead well, and I should have the new kitchen ready for use in a couple of weeks. It has to be done between school hours. We are

all well. Marilyn seems to have recovered from her sickness (she had fatty dyspepsia).

"I will need to build a house for the girls who will help us next year. At present we have two small Aoban girls who live in the house with us. This would be a very unsatisfactory arrangement permanently, and there is no accommodation near by. I did intend to use bush materials, for a temporary building, but now I have ordered some timber and cement. Some of the copra money will pay for it."

## INDIA FIELD NEEDS

An intimation from India stresses that more money is needed for the Dhond Hospital equipment. It is a long time since an Australian doctor has been in charge, and a number of supplies have become short and need building up. Some money, but not much, is in hand for this. A steady flow of small gifts for this purpose is needed.

The new High School at Baramati is an established institution by this time, having completed more than one year of its work. It enables our own young folk from the Children's Homes to get secondary education without having to go to a Government School under Hindu influence. A number of Hindus in Baramati are already sending their boys to our High School, rather than to a Government one. The cost to us for the support of the High School during the current year will be £450 — and there is only £50 in the High School Trust fund. Is this an opportunity for you to help?

## BOYS' BRIGADES (N.S.W.) GIFT

The N.S.W. Boys' Brigades make a contribution to some Mission in turn each year. This year the gift has come to us, and we have received the amount of £517/15/5, to be used to provide motor transport for one of our fields. This gift has been noted and appreciated by the Board.

## ENTHUSIASTIC FAREWELL TO MR. AND MRS. R. McLEAN

A combined State and home church farewell meeting gave Mr. and Mrs. McLean a heart-warming send-off on Tuesday, July 30, at Cowandilla, S.A. A very representative congregation packed the building, with many having to stand. Greetings were expressed by Presidents of the Federal Confer-

ence, and Women's Federal Conference, the State Conference and Women's Auxiliary Conference, the S.A. F.M. Committee and Women's F.M. Committee, as well as speakers from Cowandilla church.

Several parting gifts were presented, including a portable typewriter from the Cowandilla Bible Class and the Boys' Brigade. The big gathering was welcomed to Cowandilla by the preacher, Keith Horne, and presided over by S. E. Matthews, chairman of the F.M. Committee. Mr. and Mrs. McLean each received an enthusiastic ovation when they rose to speak, and their messages left a deep impression. The Cowandilla ladies provided a delightful supper, at which fellowship was enjoyed.

The McLeans left Adelaide by train on Friday, Aug. 2, and Sydney by plane on Aug. 8, on their way back to the New Hebrides. Their final appeal to the whole brotherhood is for prayer — and more prayer.

## DR. AND MRS. CROWLEY AT DHOND

After several months at Mahableshwar Language School, Dr. and Mrs. Crowley have returned to Dhond, and are settling in to their work. Dr. Crowley will now be in charge of the Hospital, and will continue to have the co-operation of Dr. Patil. In addition to his medical responsibilities, Dr. Crowley will continue daily language studies with a pundit.

Of their recent experiences, Mrs. Crowley writes: "We were in Dhond only two days when we travelled by Bruce Munro's jeep (6 of us and much luggage) up to Mahableshwar, a beautiful hill station in the Western Ghats. The reason for this was (a) to escape the very hot plains, and (b) to learn Marathi — the language spoken in this part of India. The climate is certainly much nicer here at Mahableshwar; the evenings especially are cool, and even though it is quite hot in the day-time, the abundant growth of the trees shades us from the hot sun as we travel to and from the Language School each day by bike. Learning Marathi is extremely interesting, and most amusing when we have to contort our faces to produce correct sounds, but we are progressing reasonably well, as a recent small examination proved. While we spend time at school our little girl is cared for by two fine Christians. Uramula bai minds her most of the time, while G. T. Padale, our very excellent cook, when not preparing meals, helps her. Alison has become very attached to these two good people, and we are quite happy to leave her for a little while each day, knowing she will be safely cared for. Several countries and denominations are represented here among the missionaries. Some come from U.S.A., Canada, England, Scotland, and there are three or four

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## THE MINISTRIES OF OUR



# WOMEN

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

## Work of the National Council of Women

Mrs. E. W. Potter, Pres., N.C.W., Qld.

I write to the women of Australian Churches of Christ as Queensland President of the National Council of Women, after having been Federal President and State President of Churches of Christ women, and President of the Queensland Women's Inter-Church Council. This is the first time a delegate from a church organisation has been President of the N.C.W., and it was accepted only after much time spent in prayer, not only by me, but by other Christian women from other churches as well as my own, who knew that I did not feel capable of filling this position. However, since I accepted the position God has been very good to me. I am telling you all about this because I feel that it may help some other woman placed in the same position as I was. God always comes to our aid if we but ask him.

I felt that some of my church activities would have to be taken over by others. Perhaps I should say "positions," because I still want to be active in my church work, even though I feel that I cannot keep the responsibility for the position. I am thinking of positions which I held as Home Mission Supt., and President of the Ann-st. W.F. However, the women who are replacing me are ones who will fill those positions much better than I ever did. Sisters, never feel that you cannot be done without. God always raises someone to take the place which we have to vacate in order to work in a wider sphere for him. Change is good. It is not a good thing for one person to stay too long in one position. New ideas come, and the work is widened as more are brought in to help. I fear some had the feeling that I was letting the Church down, but there are others who feel, as I do, that we must launch out. Our Lord did not stay within the Church. He moved among the people. Most of his followers were not drawn from the Church, but

from the streets and the seashore. Being the first President from a church organisation, I am sure some of the delegates of the N.C.W., especially those from secular organisations, wondered whether my views and decisions would be very narrow. There were many (and not all from church organisations) who said, "We'll stand by you, and do all we can to help," and they have. I feel that every church delegate is strengthening me by prayer.

Shall I tell you a little of the work of the National Council of Women? You will then understand why Christian women should accept executive positions in secular organisations. There are 95 organisations affiliated, covering just about every women's organisation. This means that the National Council of Women speaks on behalf of all the women of Queensland. All the organisations are trying to do what they can to help women, and more particularly those less fortunate than themselves. Here are some of the names of affiliated organisations — all nurses' organisations, all church organisations, all Secondary School organisations, all Child Welfare organisations, New Settlers' League, Braille Writing Assn., War Widows' Guild, Housewives' Assn., Travellers' Aid, all University Women's Assns., W.C.T.U., Y.W.C.A., Catholic Daughters' Assn., Y.M.C.A. Women's Auxiliary. I used to think, as I believe some do now, that the National Council of Women was just another meeting and not necessary, and I went as a delegate because no one else would go. I found, however, that the Council is doing a splendid job, and really lives its motto, "Do unto others as ye would that they should do unto you." One of their objects is "To advance the interests of humanity, and to confer on questions relating to the welfare of the family, State and Commonwealth." Meetings are always opened with prayer. We are working now for better policing of our picture shows so far as children are concerned, and have many other propositions to put forward, which will help to make the world a better place to live in.

I find, as I accept invitations to share in functions and in Annual Meetings, that there are many Christian women in high places, and their influence is being felt throughout the community. There is a feeling among Christian women that Christianity is slowly but surely rising to the top,

and I firmly believe it is because these women and men are accepting their responsibilities as citizens, and taking their places as leaders of our community. When a position of responsibility is accepted you will find that so many opportunities will come, sometimes quite unexpectedly, when you will be able to let the world know that you are on the Lord's side.

I want to tell you of just one of the many opportunities which have come, when Christian women really stood on the side of right. When I first became a delegate a social evening was being held to raise funds, and a cake was brought round so that we could "guess the weight." Another church delegate and myself refused to have anything to do with it. At the next general meeting we stated that we could not be associated with any form of gambling, and after discussion, it was decided not to have raffles, etc. Each year a Community Fair is held at the City Hall, not only as a means of raising money, but as a means whereby members of different organisations may meet each other. Organisations so desiring may have a stall, the results of which they keep themselves. The N.C.W. always has the refreshment stall. As there are many secular organisations, raffles and games of chance had been held, but after the episode of the "cake," it was decided that there would be only straight out selling, and every organisation abides by this rule. This applies to all functions held by the N.C.W. This is a real victory, when there are so many organisations that raise most of their funds by Art Unions and raffles.

I feel that more of our women should grasp opportunities as they come their way, and accept positions in organisations which are outside the Church, for it is only thus that we will reach out and make our influence felt. By our lives and by our influence for good we will be able to show those who have not accepted Christ what it means to live very close to him. I never go to a meeting without first asking the Lord to help me, for I feel that without him we can do nothing. Find out what you can do to advance his Kingdom. If you see a job that you feel you can do, offer to do it. Don't wait to be asked, for the Lord really needs all who are able to help him.



Our entire Australian brotherhood has already joined in congratulations to Doug. Nicholls on the recent honor conferred upon him by Her Majesty, the Queen, in recognition of his work among his own people. Latest news is that Mr. Nicholls has resigned his work as curator of the Northcote Cricket Ground, to devote himself full-time to spiritual and pastoral work among his own people.

Australians. Each Sunday someone leads the morning service in the little Union Chapel not far from us. It is good to feel we are all representing THE Church of Christ here in India, even though we belong to various communions."





## Sunday, August 13

Isaiah 40: 18-31.

**Thought Text:** "He giveth power to the faint; and to him that hath no might he increaseth strength" (v. 29).

This poet-prophet brings before us here all the might of created things — the waters, the mountains, the far flung heaven of stars. He is reminding us of the supreme power of our God, Who "taketh up the isles as a very little thing," before Whom "behold the nations as a drop upon a bucket." "Who bringeth out the stars in number" in the greatness of his power. One reads and ponders on how very great God is.

And the never ceasing wonder is that "the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth" is our Father Who cares for each one of us. His power, "which he wrought in Christ when he raised him from the dead," is on our side. "The exceeding greatness of his power is to us-ward who believe, according to the working of the strength of his might" (Eph. 1: 19, R.V.).

God is so very great that he can hear the heaving of a sigh, the falling of a tear — even mine. He is so very great that the falling of a hair is known to him. This Great One is accessible to us all. He who waits upon him shall renew his strength and not grow weary. "He shall receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

Our Father, Who art the Creator of all things and of illimitable power, help us, thy children, to honor thee with a larger faith, knowing that thou art not only able, but also willing to give to us every blessing in Christ, our Lord, through Whom we pray. Amen.

—Roy Raymond, W.A.

## Monday, August 19

Zechariah 4: 1-10.

**Thought Text:** "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts" (v. 6b).

# WHEN SOARS the SOUL

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

Zechariah, the prophet, found himself and his people in dire straits; the Temple could not be rebuilt, nor their city replenished. However, God has different feelings. He sets about to show the prophet and those who would hearken to him, that if the project was one to be desired, and good in the sight of God, then God would, by his own power, complete and perfect the work; even though the hands of his helpers were so weak, and the pressure and opposition of his enemies so strong. "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts." How true. "Man's extremity, is God's opportunity."

This is a hard lesson to learn. It was then; it is now and God still gives the same answer. Abraham, Moses, Naaman, Peter — they all had to learn it. It is in our very make-up that big things result only from big doings. The more noise and fuss the more sure we feel of success, but our God in all his wonder lights up the whole universe without a sound; we speak of it as "the hush of dawn."

Says Paul, "When I am weak, then am I strong."

Lord Jesus, thou knowest all our sorrows, and that so many of them are the result of our own vain struggles in our weakness. O Lord, forgive, and bring us to the Father, perfected in the Son. "Here, Lord, I give myself away; 'tis all that I can do." Amen.

—R. J. Anderson, N.S.W.

## Tuesday, August 20

Matt. 9: 1-13.

**Thought Text:** "But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins (then saith he to the sick of palsy), Arise, take up thy bed, and go into thine house; and he arose and departed to his house" (vv. 6, 7).

The astonishing thing in this story is not the cure, but the manner in which it was accomplished. He began by saying to the man sick of palsy, "Son, be of good cheer, thy sins be forgiven thee."

There is no doubt that the man believed that, without the assurance of God's love, he could not be restored. Once he had been forgiven, and he was right with God, he was cured.

The very manner of Jesus in healing him was astounding to the Scribes.

He had assumed the authority, the prerogative of God, and had dared to forgive sins. But Jesus revealed his power as the power of God, by commanding the man to get up and walk.

The only power that can restore a broken fellowship between man and God is love, Divine love, and that love is revealed in all its fullness in God's forgiveness. This is truly the secret of the "new creation."

We can never be right physically, until we are right spiritually. Thanks be unto God that "the Son of man has power to forgive sins, to cleanse us from all unrighteousness," and to make us "complete in him."

Heavenly Father, who hath not dealt with us after our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquity, we thank thee for thy forgiveness, and thy grace, that covers all our sins. Most of all do we thank thee for thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who gives us the power to arise, and walk in thy light and love. Amen.

—J. Searle, Vic.

## Wednesday, August 21

Acts 6: 1-8.

**Thought Text:** "Look ye out . . . men of honest report, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom" (v. 3).

These men were of good standing in the community. They were wise, not only knowledgeable. They were men through whom the Spirit showed himself to other people. Men with these qualities were given the responsibility to share in the ministry of the Church. With men like these it is not surprising to read "that the Word of God gained more and more ground" (Phillips). It is when each Christian has these qualities that the power of Christ can work through the witness of the Church.

We do not read of five of the men again. They would be men like ourselves, with ordinary gifts, but people transformed by the living and indwelling Christ. R. E. McIntyre says that "there is but one Mount Everest, one chain of the Andes, one range of the Rockies, but how widespread is the common plain . . ." It is the big majority of people who, with ordinary gifts like ourselves, make up the "plain," the priesthood of believers in Christ's Church. The miracle is that we can be the heralds of the Kingdom, if we let the Spirit of Christ work in power through us.



O Lord, who transforms personality, and strengthens weak wills, make of my life the wise, Spirit-filled representative of thy kingdom that will enable me, through thy grace, to bring the power of Christ to a friend this day. Amen.

—R. V. Chamberlain, S.A.

## Thursday, August 22

Ephesians 1.

Thought Text: "And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places" (vv. 19, 20).

The Epistle to the Ephesians gives us a list of blessings, like a string of pearls, which God our Father, the owner and lover of our souls, heaps upon us, and is waiting for us to appropriate and use.

In the first chapter we find transcending power and marvellous grace as a continuing theme. The power that is available is the same as that which brought Christ again from the dead! And Christians are the channels of that power.

We link ourselves first of all with the source of power, by coming to Christ in a faith, which we find grows from strength to strength, as it is exercised and proved by daily experience. Truly we are "kept by the power of God" through faith.

We are able to widen and extend this power by prayer — the power which can change the destinies of men and nations — with which the mind is illumined and wisdom increased.

We find our lives are constantly enriched by God's great love, revealed to us in the redeeming grace of Christ. This is indeed a transforming power, to be drawn on daily by all who put their trust in him.

"Thee we would be always blessing  
Serve thee as thy hosts above,  
Pray and praise thee without  
ceasing,

Glory in thy perfect love." Amen.

—E. A. Robinson, W.A.

## Friday, August 23

2 Timothy 1: 1-13.

Thought Text: "For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day" (v. 12).

Paul was in a Roman prison awaiting death. The circumstances were such as would fill the heart of the average man with despair, yet the apostle was supremely confident and

hopeful. What was the secret of such confidence in such terrible circumstances? Christ is the answer. While there were some things Paul was not sure of, he was absolutely sure of Christ. He knew him; hence he was persuaded of the power of Christ to keep the soul entrusted to him. Even the thought of approaching death brought no fear to the apostle, for he was looking forward in anticipation to the time when he would stand in the presence of the Saviour.

Michael Faraday, that great scientist and Christian, when he was dying, was asked, "Well, Faraday, what now of your speculations?" "Speculations," replied Faraday, "I have no speculations, I'm resting on certainties. I know whom I have believed." So our confidence for the future is not found in philosophies of men, but in a Person — Christ. We know he will keep us, whatever the circumstances, until that day when he shall appear.

Our gracious Lord, before us lies the future all unknown. Yet it is not unknown to thee. Help us to trust when we cannot see, knowing that thou wilt keep us until we see thee face to face. Amen.

—H. C. Wheat, Qld.

## Saturday, August 24

Hebrews 1: 1-12.

- Thought Text: "This Son, Radiance of the Glory of God, flawless expression of the nature of God, himself the upholding Principle of all that is, effected in person the reconciliation between God and man, and then took his seat at the right hand of the Majesty on High, thus proving himself . . . far greater than all the angels of God" (vv. 3, 4, Phillips).

The Epistle to the Hebrews, one of the anonymous books of the New Testament, which Charles Darwin called, "The Royal Book," is a powerful apologetic for our holy religion. It was undoubtedly written by a converted Jew to Jewish Christians, somewhat wavering between Christian faith and Judaism.

In this chapter, the inspired writer goes to the very heart of things, and compares the Person of our Divine Lord with the angelic beings. In these particular verses the author pays a mighty tribute to Jesus, the great High Priest of the Christian Faith. It was a dynamic conviction with this writer, that Jesus was not an ordinary person, not merely one of the outstanding personalities of history, but the only begotten, sinless, perfect Son of God, powerful in conciliation, triumphant over death and the grave, victorious Lord, supreme and superior to all the angels of God.

If this conviction is ours we shall cherish the priceless privileges of being a Christian, and regard the most menial task, not as a duty, but as a delightful privilege. "There is, therefore, for those who belong to Christ, far greater privilege in knowing God, and corresponding greater responsibility in serving him loyally."

Our Father, we thank thee for the final and satisfying revelation of thyself in Jesus, thy Son, our Saviour. We bless thee that we have been called into thy great and glorious service, a work that angels would gladly do. May we give to thee adoration, devotion, love and loyalty. We pray in the name of Jesus, thy Son. Amen.

—Jas. E. Webb, S.A.

## Sunday, August 25

Hebrews 4.

Thought Text: "The word that God speaks is alive and active; it cuts more keenly than any two-edged sword: it strikes through to the place where soul and spirit meet" (v. 12, Phillips).

The power of God to speak to the heart and minds of men through his written Word is unlimited.

Merfyn M. Temple, in his book African Angelus, tells of an old African servant who had used all of his small wage on his son's education. He looked forward to the day when his boy would be able to make a home for him. If the son did not look after his parents in their old age, no one else would. Mukaba was then faced with the request by the young man that he be permitted to enter the ministry. To say yes was virtually to sign away his only security. The decision had to be Mukaba's, because it was always the elder of the family who decided on the career for the young, and from a child the boy had been obedient to his word.

Then, on the Sunday, he heard the preacher tell the story of Abraham offering to sacrifice his only son, Isaac. Though the preacher did not look his way, each word came home to rest within his heart. The word that God spoke struck through the place where soul and spirit met.

The old man prayed for such wisdom and for faith as Abraham had possessed, for "I am not strong in my spirit to give up my only son gladly."

God's word is constantly searching us out that we might be clean channels for his grace.

Our Heavenly Father, we thank thee for the power of thy living Word to cut through the sham surface of our lives, to reveal our innermost thoughts and motives. Cleanse and purify us, that we might do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with thee. Amen.

—S. F. Davey, Vic.



# HERE AND THERE

Miss Shirley Martin, a member of the church at Launceston, Tas., gained highest place in the Final Nursing Examinations in Tasmania, and was awarded the Florence Nightingale Prize.

The Vic-Tas. Christian Women's Fellowship is happy to announce that Mrs. McIvor, St. John's Avenue, Camberwell, has agreed to carry on the work of the Isolated Sisters' Committee. Will all members please note? —M. Reed, sec.

A. F. Oldfield, a brother of Dr. G. H. Oldfield, this month (August) completes 50 years as a member of Ann-st. church, Brisbane. In 1907 he was received into the church on transfer from Middlesborough, England. He served some terms as a deacon of the church. He is still a member of the State Social Service Committee and of C.F.A. Board.

Morning service at Wangaratta church, Vic., on Sunday, Aug. 18, will be broadcast at 11 a.m., from 3NE Wangaratta.

G. Gibson, who has been ministering to the churches at Harlaxton and Dalby, Qld., in association with the work at Toowoomba, has now entered upon a full-time ministry with the church at Dalby. On July 21, concluding day of his ministry with Harlaxton, he spoke at morning services at Crown-st. and Margaret-st., and conducted the evening service at Harlaxton, when there was one decision.

The International Convention of the Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) will be held in Cleveland, Ohio, Oct. 10-16. W. Rutt, of Leeds, England, will be the British Churches of Christ fraternal delegate at the Convention.

The church at Wyoming, N.S.W., is extending its services, with the commencement of meetings in the South Woy Woy Progress Hall, Woy Woy Rd., as from Sunday, Aug. 18, at 3 p.m. Readers knowing of any members in the Blackwall, Booker Bay, Ettalong, Ocean Beach, Woy Woy and Umina areas are asked to notify the Wyoming secretary (J. Ricketts, 123 Broken Bay Rd., Woy Woy) or the preacher (R. W. Hume, Chadderton-st., Cabramatta) as soon as possible. The hall is about one and a half miles from Woy Woy railway station, on the main road to Sydney, opp. South Woy Woy P.O. store. Transport will be provided where possible.

During his week's visit to Victoria, Young Bin Im, M.A., B.D., the Bible Society's Secretary in Korea, will, on Sunday, Sept. 1, preach in St. Paul's Cathedral, at 11 a.m., Dandenong Town Hall P.S.A., at 2.45 p.m., and Kew Baptist Church, at 7 p.m. He will address evening public meetings at Ballarat on Mon., 2nd; Geelong on Tues., 3rd; and Bendigo on Thurs., 5th. The great City Rally will be held in Scots Church, Collins-st., on Wed. afternoon, 4th, at 2.30, and a cordial invitation is extended to the public to hear this valiant leader (see advt. in this issue). The soloist will be Harold Blair. The only other Melbourne opportunity to hear this visitor will be on evening of the same day (Sept. 4), in a suburban rally, which will be held in the Congregational Church, Prahran (Malvern-rd., near Chapel-

st.), at 8 p.m., when the aboriginal choir will sing.

Forty-nine years of service as a church secretary is the fine record of D. J. Daniel, who has now resigned as secretary of the church at Long Plains, S.A., and has been succeeded by his son, M. Daniel.

## Burning the Mortgage

Burning a mortgage is obviously a function like burning our bridges. It is the end of the past. At the annual meeting of the Aged Christians' Home, Brisbane, on Saturday, Aug. 3, the ceremony took place. The Honorable Hugh Robertson, M.P., Minister for Social Services, gave a very encouraging and inspiring address, and presented the final cheque, for £1,896, to the Home.

The Home is seven years old. Its real value today would be £50,000, and it houses 41 people, including staff. There is a hospital attached for elderly, chronically sick folk. All, except married couples, are accommodated in single rooms.—C. R. Burden.

## New Chapel at Murwillumbah,

N.S.W.

The official opening of the Murwillumbah chapel on July 6, by J. G. Shaw, N.S.W. Conf. Pres., marked the golden jubilee of the Churches of Christ on the Tweed River. The first meeting was held on Aug. 14, 1907, in the home of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Stewart at Bray's Creek, about 20 miles from Murwillumbah, with an attendance of eight members. Of these only two are living — Jack Stewart (Brisbane) and his sister, Mrs. S. Chilcott (Bundaberg), both of whom were present at the opening. A chapel was erected at Tyalgum in 1912, followed by the appointment of W. A. Strongman as the first resident preacher of a circuit which included Tyalgum, Byron Bay, and Bangalow. Later preachers were W. Morton, W. Reeve, A. W. Candy, and T. Weir. With the removal of families from the Tyalgum area there has been no resident minister for more than 20 years.

During 1948 a small group living in Murwillumbah set up the Lord's Table, and have revived the work by holding meetings alternatively in Tyalgum and Murwillumbah. For more than seven years the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Goode was used, and those of D. Cook and F. C. Brown for short periods.

Two years ago land was acquired, and later a building was purchased from the Seventh Day Adventists. Last December this was transported to the new site where, after extensive alterations, extensions, modifications, and painting, there now stands an attractive church home. Throughout the past

nine years R. F. Goode, headmaster of Murwillumbah High School, has ministered to the church in an honorary capacity. F. C. Brown has just completed 45 years as secretary.

More than 250 attended the official opening, including members from Lismore, Inverell, Byron Bay, Bangalow, Grafton, and Bexley North, each of whom brought greetings, as well as those by J. G. Shaw (Conference and Committees), R. Greenhalgh (Y.P.D. and H.M.C.), S. Vanham (Qld. churches), Cr. Lundberg (Pres. of Tweed Shire Council) and H. J. Wilton (Ministers' Fraternal). The thank-offering of £310 included a gift of £50 from the Peter Winter Trust. Bexley North and Grafton churches presented hymn books.

The Women's Fellowship provided tea for all, after which the chapel was crowded for a great rally, at which A. C. Caldicott (Lismore) was the speaker. There were two decisions.

The morning service of July 7 was broadcast by 2MW, with J. G. Shaw as preacher. The action of the Church of England in giving up its regular broadcast day as a goodwill gesture was much appreciated.

R. Greenhalgh remained with the church for eight days for a series of special meetings and for the conduct of a "Happy Hour" campaign. Enthusiastic attendances marked the whole series, with a total of seven decisions and a "Happy Hour" peak attendance of 99.—R. F. Goode.





# INTERSTATE CHURCH NEWS

## Discipleship

Leonie Flood, Ann Feeney, Joan Coward, Ann-st., Brisbane, Qld.

Frank Perry, Middle Park, Vic.

Wallace Trotter, Norma and Robyn Laird, Mrs. G. Smedley, Shepparton, Vic.

Selwyn Dallinger, Joyce and Don Russell, Hornsby, N.S.W.

R. West, Wangaratta, Vic.

Helen Evans, Kilburn, S.A.

Jill Sanguinetti, Brighton, Vic.

Irene Williams, Stawell, Vic.

Coral Duffin, Margaret-st., Launceston, Tas.

Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Barrot, Noble Park, Vic.

Beverley Trezise, Warrnambool, Vic.

Miss Pat Currell, Chatswood, N.S.W.

Suzanne Corney, John Leeder, North Sydney, N.S.W.

John Arthur, Graham Bolwell, Frankston, Vic.

Michael Fewster, Wendy Ferris, Elwyne Barnett, Cheltenham, Vic.

## Membership

Mrs. Muller, from Horsham to Hamilton, Vic.

Mrs. R. Glare, from Springvale to Warrnambool, Vic.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Bell, from Wangaratta to Shepparton, Vic.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Smedley, from Wodonga to Shepparton, Vic.

John Graham, to Chatswood, N.S.W.

Mr. and Mrs. Reiher, from Burwood, Mrs. Romano, to North Sydney, N.S.W.

Mrs. Reynolds, from Mile End; Mr. and Mrs. Fry, from Hampstead Gardens to Hindmarsh, S.A.

## Marriage

Nan Doggett to Len Smart, Caulfield, Vic.

Gwen Akister to Robert Cleworth, Cheltenham, Vic.

Betty Akister to Graham Speedie, Cheltenham, Vic.

## Fallen Asleep

T. D. Ross, Kaniva, Vic.

W. Gloyne, Hawthorn, S.A.

H. Batstone, E. Lovell, Essendon, Vic.

Sis. J. McCallum, Shepparton, Vic.

Mrs. Vanham, snr., Toowoomba, Qld.

Miss C. E. Hupfield, Stawell, Vic.

Mrs. Crisp, Mrs. O. Cornish, Coburg, Vic.

## Tasmania

Invermay (E. K. Morrison). — Y.P. Club combined with Gospel Hall Y.P. in hike and barbecue. C.W.F. conducted successful concert on July 23, when £16 was raised for local church purposes. Recent appreciated soloists have been Mrs. K. G. Smith and Mrs. H. M. Alderton. First phase of Operation Increase has been completed. Winter sicknesses have affected attendances in recent weeks.

Margaret-st., Launceston (C. H. J. Wright, B.A.). — July aver., morning 112; evening 76; communion 122. F.M. offering now exceeds £115. Electric strip heating has been installed in chapel. 25 men from C.M.S. went on tour of inspection of new Trevallyn Power Scheme for their July meeting. C.Y.F. executive conducted social on July 19, and also conducted afternoon service at City Mission Church on 28th. Y.W.F. forwarded £20 to Bethany. Guest speaker at their recent meeting spoke on Child Psychology. Youth Club is active; recent meetings have included a debate and sports night. In spite of much sickness, B.S. attendances increased in July. Car trial competition is causing great interest among scholars. 90 scholars attended annual mid-winter tea, at which presentations were made to G. Foot and Mrs. Harrison for their services to school. C.W.F. have been holding their meetings in homes of members. On 10th, Sis. M. Ray (Nurses' Christian Movement) told of her work in Tas. On 24th, Mrs. Allen spoke of her work at Norseman Mission and showed photographs. Cartoon of sewing and knitting done by ladies of both women's groups has been sent to Norseman. Minister visited Camberwell church as guest speaker for a week in July. During his absence, services were conducted by E. P. Byard and R. M. Wilson.

Several members have been sick, including the following in hospital: Mrs. Gee, Mrs. M. Brown, Mrs. Lloyd, Mrs. M. J. Edwards and J. Byard.

## Queensland

Ann-st., Brisbane (C. G. Flood). — Three B.S. girls have made their decisions and been baptised. Y.W.F. has been formed, with Mrs. J. Smith, pres., Mrs. E. Davis, sec; Mrs. R. Tinney, treas; Miss T. Bamford, supper convener. Mr. and Mrs. J. Files succeed Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Howard as J.C.E. leaders. Mr. Flood addressed Men's Fellowship on church architecture. Abnormal amount of sickness among members has reduced attendances at services. Mrs. E. Berlin has been kept at home by hip injury suffered in fall. Many southern visitors continue to share in services.

Mackay (D. H. Paddon). — During month, Ladies' Fellowship sent an "Exchange Meeting" programme to Ladies' Fellowship at Canberra. Church appreciated visit of Mr. and Mrs. Burdeu during weekend of July 13-14. Special welcome service was held on Sat. evening. On Sunday, Mr. Burdeu addressed both services. On Sunday afternoon, a combined meeting of B. & F. B. S. was held in chapel, conducted by Mr. Burdeu and addressed by Mrs. Burdeu, both of whom were official representatives of the Society. On Monday, Mr. and Mrs. Paddon took Mr. and Mrs. Burdeu for visit to Bulk Sugar Installations. Profitable annual business meeting was held on 20th, when following deacons were elected: E. W. Nielson (also re-elected sec.), B. Nielson (also re-elected treas.), Messrs. Brock, E. Lambert, A. Boettcher. Miss Eunice Nielson was re-elected church organist and C.Y.F. leader. On 27th, successful anniversary tea was held in chapel, feature being responses given by various auxiliaries of church. Attendances at morning services are very encouraging. Visitors for month include Mrs. Tanzer, Mrs. Jordan, Mrs. Greenwood (Toowoomba).

Toowoomba (R. C. McKenzie, B.A.). — Boys' Brigade held social and film evening on July 20, and also recently held a jumble stall as a special effort for Boys' Brigade Week. On 20th, choir journeyed to Gatton to assist 2nd anniversary services of church there. C.M.S. held minstrel concert on 27th, proceeds being devoted to their Projector Fund. At gospel service on 28th, one young man reconsecrated his life to the Lord. Mrs. Horace Christensen is meeting with church again after many weeks' absence through illness. Two older members were also wel-



comed back — Mrs. Marriage, after surgery in Brisbane, and Miss Sarah Bailey, after an accident.

## New South Wales

**Dareton.** — Worship and gospel services have been well attended during July, local brethren preaching. Annual business meeting of church was held on 24th, when those elected were: elders, R. Fechner and B. Waters; deacons, W. Waters, A. Cooke, J. Ker-rider, P. Waters, J. Waters; sec., B. Waters; treas., A. Cooke; B.S. supt., K. Fechner. Reports showed that there are 119 scholars on B.S. roll and 13 teachers. Ruth Hagen and Mrs. Henderson were visitors on 28th. Kinder. room has been painted by working bees. A kitchen has been added to property.

**Mosman** (E. W. Roffey - interim). — On July 18, men of church combined in special Men's Meeting at Enmore Tabernacle, to assist in formation of C.M.S. in N.S.W. On 28th, J. Boswell (Lane Cove) spoke at morning meeting on behalf of Social Service Dept. Committee. In afternoon, a number of scholars took part in annual B.S. examination. At evening service, Y.P. of C.E. took gospel meeting, with Pat. Dale (soloiste) and C.E. choir assisting. J. Hunter (C.E. pres., pro tem) gave address. Mr. Roffey was ill and unable to attend.

**Georgetown** (F. L. Leivesley). — During last few weeks, 13 have been received into fellowship. F.M. offering has reached £80. B. Coventry's visit to Newcastle churches was greatly appreciated. Combined meetings were held at Hamilton and Georgetown. C. J. Mackenzie presented Mr. Coventry with a travelling rug and £10 was forwarded to F.M. sec. Miss Helps (P.I.U.M.) visited church during week, July 20-27.

**Beverly Hills** (R. W. Beadle). — Church is grateful to Messrs. Stephenson and French for taking morning and evening services on July 21, in absence of minister who, like many of congregation, was down with "flu." B.S. exam. was held on 28th, 35 scholars presenting themselves for examination.

**Hamilton** (C. J. Mackenzie). — Miss Corrie ten Boom, a member of the American Revival Fellowship Team, addressed meeting of ladies of district. July being F.M. month, short messages were given by 4 men during worship service each Sunday. Messages were given by A. Tregloan, D. Brown, N. Fraser and C. Fraser. Special feature on 14th was Overseas Mission rally, when A. Betteridge (Hamilton Baptist church) was guest speaker. D. Jefferson and D. Brown were soloists and tea was provided. Film, *Martyred Men*, was screened. An enjoyable travel talk, arranged by

Sis. Menson, was given by T. Blunden on 12th. Combined brotherhood rally was held on 27th, speaker being B. Coventry (India). H. Bunton (Congregational church) was guest speaker on 28th. Evening service was broadcast over 2KO, R. Fraser (Georgetown) being soloist. Sick folk are gradually recovering and coming back into fellowship.

**Hornsby** (V. S. Dallinger). — There were 2 decisions at gospel service on July 14, and 1 on 28th. Meeting of ladies on 25th, took form of Aborigine Mission meeting, at which was displayed work ladies had done for our aborigines. Asquith ladies were present, and Mrs. Larcombe (North Sydney) was special speaker. Monthly fellowship tea was held on 28th, and Mr. Bradshaw (Social Service Com.) was guest speaker. Recent soloists have been Mrs. Dallinger and Mr. Barr. Number of members have been on sick list, but attendances have been well maintained. F.M. offering was £17/9/6. Number of B.S. scholars sat for annual B.S. examination. New church sign enhances chapel grounds.

**Chatswood** (I. A. Paternoster - inter.). — Meetings have been good over past weeks. Aug. 4 was observed throughout the State as Education Sunday. In morning, D. J. A. Verco (Assistant to the Director of Education) addressed church and welcomed a member into fellowship. In the evening the service was conducted by B.S., the supt. R. O. Pentelow, presiding. Y.P. choir and members of school provided items and W. Cooper was guest soloist. Address was given by I. A. Paternoster. At the close of the service supper was enjoyed and many contacts made. A young lady has made her confession and been baptised into Christ.

**North Sydney** (A. R. Norling). — Church enjoyed fellowship with former sec. (F. Horsey, Jerrawa) at a special business meeting. 5 have been welcomed into fellowship by transfer and baptism. Miss K. Armstrong and Mr. Norling are suffering from illnesses. B.S. attendances have increased. Sympathy of church is extended to Mrs. Wallace in loss of her daughter, Joan.

## South Australia

**Hawthorn** (A. A. McRoberts). — Church has suffered severe loss in Home call of W. Gloyd who, over many years served faithfully in various positions. A. A. McRoberts was morning speaker on Aug. 4. Mr. and Mrs. Lu (Chinese Evangelistic Crusade) were speakers at gospel service.

**Bordertown** (F. Langford). — Aver. for July were 80 a.m., 63 p.m. Many members and their families are sick. W.M.B. held annual meeting and Mrs. Langford is pres., Mrs. A. Tilley, sec.,

Mrs. P. Barnett, treas. C.M.S. had interesting night when they were shown over P.M.G.'s Repeater Station. J.C.E. displayed work which they had made for Norseman Mission, articles of clothing and scribbling pads. I.C.E., at their last meeting, had a broadcasting programme, using equipment with idea of leadership training. Mr. Barnett (B.S. supt.) has been given leave of absence for 8 weeks and Mr. Manning will carry on leadership temporarily. Senior B.S. scholar made her decision. Circuit Youth Club entertained Kaniva C.Y.F. at their recent fellowship, also at Padthaway Circuit. Youth had fellowship with Naracoorte C.Y.F.

**Wampony** (B. Crowden) — Officers decided to take up matter of **Operation Increase**. Prizes were offered in circuit for Poster Competition, which caused some enthusiasm. Board has decided to have fellowship tea and ask all auxiliaries of church to bring along suggestions for developing of plan on local level. Church has communion service in the afternoon, but evening service, held on third Sunday each month, leaves much to be desired. On July 21, an honor tea was held to recognise the work of two B.S. teachers, Mrs. H. Jacobs and Mrs. A. J. Hunt. R. Dinning presented each of them with a Bible. At evening service, all enjoyed song service and film; Mrs. Fehring and son gave an item of song, and Mr. Crowden gave message. 3 made their decision.

**Fullarton** (A. W. Morris). — B.S. has recommenced series of B.S. rallies. A. J. Rosewarne was in charge of programme conducted as a fancy dress evening. J. Benier was guest artist. Minister was speaker at morning service on Aug. 4. A. Glastonbury (Conf. Pres.) preached gospel message, and at conclusion of the service showed colored slides of S.A. churches. Fellowship hour was enjoyed.

**Kilburn** (E. F. G. McIlhagger, B.A.). — Church tendered welcome social to 23 converts and 6 transfers recently added to local fellowship. L. Milne was chairman, and R. J. Peacock warmly welcomed new members, many of whom were B.S. scholars. Neil Page took charge of games and C.W.F. ladies served supper. About 70 attended and spent a time of fellowship. Mrs. Stas was pianiste. Good Companions and Young Explorers held church parade on evening of Aug. 4. Mrs. Kirby gave devotional talk and minister used flannelgraph for message. A B.S. scholar confessed Christ. The Harvey family were visitors for day. Solos by Mrs. Kelly are appreciated.

**Long Plains - Owen - Avon** (M. A. Coombs). — Circuit Men's Society held annual meeting recently, and drew up syllabus. Men, in working bee of



two days, cut approx. 30 tons of wood for manse. Ladies of circuit shared in Northern District Women's Conference recently, to which Owen ladies were host. Mrs. H. B. Freebairn (Owen) is Women's Conf. Pres. Circuit offering to Overseas Mission is £135 to date. All churches in circuit recently enjoyed visits from B. and F. B. S. deputationist (Mr. Haynes) and N.D.C. pres., K. Russack. At Long Plains annual meeting, C. Bailey and B. Carter were added to list of deacons. Treas. reported income for year as £1,500. New heater has been purchased for use in chapel. Owen congregation is grateful to Ladies' Guild for new furnishings in chapel, which include velvet drapes, pulpit cushion and hand-made communion cloth. Half-yearly business meeting instructed deacons to prepare Constitution for presentation to church at annual meeting. New lights have been installed in chapel. Avon B.S. has commenced practice for anniversary. Church is happy to welcome back Mr. and Mrs. Williams after trip to South Seas. Attendances at all services remain stable.

**Hindmarsh (H. E. Greenwood).** — Members enjoyed splendid message and slides on New Hebrides brought by R. McLean, at midweek service, and attended brotherhood farewell at Cowandilla. On evening of July 28, fellowship was enjoyed with Girls' Life Brigade from Elizabeth. Messages have been given by Messrs. Paddick (Temperance Alliance) and A. Jones (Social Service Dept.). Film, *Dust or Destiny*, was screened to a large congregation on evening of Aug. 4. Functions have been organised to raise funds for lighting of tennis courts.

## Victoria

**West Preston (T. T. Robinson).** — Many improvements have recently been made to church building — new notice board, illuminated sign, heating system (which was installed by two young men of church), and toilet facilities. Following evening service of July 21, time was taken to honor two Y.P. shortly to become married. In morning service of same day, two were welcomed into fellowship by transfer. Y.P.S.C.E. programme took form of play-reading on 29th.

**St. Arnaud.** — Church is happy and thankful for effort being made by District Conference churches in seeking to maintain regular services by supplying a speaker each Lord's Day morning and releasing a preacher each first weekend of the month to do visitation and conduct morning and evening services. Start was made when four car-loads undertook house-to-house canvass and distributed folders informing people of forward move and Youth Rally each quarter. York-st., Ballarat, conducted first Youth Rally and C. Jackel did extensive visi-

tation and conducted two services. Speakers from Maryborough, Dawson-st. and York-st., Ballarat, and Horsham have also served. F. Hunting served the church well, took two services and did some visiting. Attendances have been up to 29, and it is believed that interest is growing. Some have been present on two occasions from Donald, 25 miles distant. Though church appreciates voluntary services of men travelling, most times, great distances, it feels that the real answer to St. Arnaud's need is brotherhood prayers, a month's mission later on and a resident man in the field. Heaters have been installed in chapel. Sister E. Baldwin is in hospital.

**Bentleigh (J. Wiltshire).** — W. W. Saunders has visited in interests of C.F.A. at midweek meeting on July 31. F. Manning screened film and spoke about activities of Mission to Lepers. Mutual Improvement Society visited Altona Refinery and spent profitable evening. Much information was given and hospitality enjoyed as guests of Standard Vacuum Co. B.S. and church service attendances have not been greatly affected by prevailing sickness. Sympathy has been expressed to Mrs. Pearce and Mrs. Corrigan in sad bereavements. Misses Joan and Margaret Wells were successful in Final General Nursing Examination. Miss Jean Milne was soloiste at gospel service on 28th.

**Brighton (S. H. Wilson).** — Attendances for July have been excellent, considering number of families hit by sickness. Ladies' Fellowship raised £85 at Jumble Sale and Sale of Work. This Fellowship conducted gospel service on 21st, and Mrs. R. Forbes was speaker. Mrs. Forbes' granddaughter, Jill Sanguinetti, made her decision. On 27th, Church School held Parents' Night, at which Dr. Coates (Wesley College) spoke on *Should I Teach My Child Religion?* At gospel service on 28th film, *Dust or Destiny*, was screened.

**Essendon (M. Roberts).** — Average attendances for July were: a.m. 77; p.m. 45; communicants 82. In absence of minister at Pascoe Vale, Rod. Tippet spoke at morning service on July 14. Mr. Marsden (W.A.), who is en route to Lebanon for missionary work, was speaker at gospel service on 21st. On 27th, Capt. Pedersen (Salvation Army "Flying Padre") screened films and spoke of his work in N.T. The evening was sponsored by Explorer Club in aid of combined project to complete furnishings at aboriginal chapel, Mooroopna. C.Y.F. visited Ascot Vale on evening of 31st and conducted meeting. Church was saddened at recent passing of H. Batstone and E. Lovell. Sympathy is expressed to the bereaved families.

**Hamilton (R. W. Saunders).** — Church is implementing Operation Increase campaign. Visitation of active mem-

bers, in progress, is preceding planned "every member present" meeting, which will open the campaign. I. Collingwood (U.F.M.) gave gospel message on July 21, when a young woman made the good confession. C.W.F., C.M.S., W.M.B. and I.C.E. have recently held church parades. Mr. Padey (C.M.S.) visited on 20th, to inspect possible sites for proposed new kinder. hall.

**Middle Park (F. Sumpton).** — At close of gospel address on July 14, a lad made the good confession. Social evening was held on 12th to re-open school hall, which had been renovated. £100 for Church Maintenance Fund has been received from executors of the late Sis. Johnstone's estate.

**Pascoe Vale (P. Shannon).** — Meetings have been well attended, despite much sickness all round. Church appreciates services of its student preacher. Attendances and offerings have increased since 2 meetings are held on Sunday. C.W.F. held 7th birthday on July 10, when Mrs. Nance-Kivell was guest speaker. C.W.F. held election of officers on 24th: Mrs. Donaldson (pres.); Mrs. Milligan (vice-pres.); Mrs. Lauder (treas.), and Mrs. Robertson (sec.). Good Companions' Club has commenced on Friday nights under Mrs. Dyson's leadership. On 28th, Gospel Harmonists, under leadership of M. Woff, conducted evangelistic meetings with spirited singing and message. 62 were present. A young lady was baptised on Aug. 4.

**Shepparton (D. A. V. Thomas).** — Teachers' and pupils' quarterly tea, held on July 7, proved time of happy fellowship. At gospel service following, a B.S. girl made her decision and 4 other girls were immersed. After well attended gospel meeting of 14th, a married woman made her decision. Ladies' Guild enjoyed afternoon when Sis. Betty Clydesdale screened films and spoke of her work at Fitzroy River mission. Illness has curtailed her work. Combined Ladies' Fellowship day meeting was held on 31st in chapel, several taking part. At morning service of 28th, several were received into fellowship, 4 by transfer. Church was saddened by passing of much-loved Sis. Jean McCallum. Boys' Brigade is assisting in bottle drive for funds to assist with seats for Mooroopna chapel. F.M. offering was £25.

**South Yarra (L. E. Snow, B.A., Dip. Ed.).** — Attendances during past month have suffered due to prevailing illnesses. Visitors have been welcomed at recent services, including Conference President (V. L. Gole) and Mrs. Gole, Mrs. Walters, snr., Mr. and Mrs. J. McKerron. Y.P.C.E. honored Miss (Auntie Rita) Roberts and R. J. Walters with presentation in recognition of their untiring service to local church, on July 31, at home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Brown. Miss



Roberts' had already been honored by Conference Y.P. Dept. on July 30. Good Companions came third with Brighton in finals of Indoor Sports Competition at North Fitzroy. Practices have commenced for B.S. anniversary.

**Kyneton (N. Sleep).** — Mrs. T. Price is recovering from illness in Melb., and Miss J. Goudie from accident. Mr. Burrowes (Cong.) spoke at gospel service on July 28. F.M. offering is over £23. Pres. Vic.-Tas. Conf. (V. L. Gole) and Mrs. Gole, Mrs. W. Thomson (State Pres. Women's Conf.) and soloists Miss D. Gray, returning from District Conference, were welcome visitors on night of Aug. 4. Address was given by Mr. Gole and solos by Miss Gray.

**Wangaratta (B. A. Roberts).** — Several visitors have been welcomed in recent weeks, including Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher (Newcastle), Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Banks (Drumcondra), Mrs. Carter, Miss Wicking, Ian Carter (Footscray). A man was baptised on July 21. 7 a.m. prayer meetings for mission had average attendance of 12. Combined youth groups held gospel film night on 31st, when film, *The Unfinished Task*, was screened. Mrs. Dagger, Mrs. Judd, Mr. Kleineg and Mr. Peet have been inmates of hospital. Sis. Betty Anderson is nursing at Wangaratta Base Hospital.

**Castlemaine (G. W. Barnett).** — 3 new scholars at B.S. on Aug. 4. School is practising for anniversary. Miss M. Batty has been added to kinder. staff. Once a fortnight, at Good Companions meeting, girls hold cooking session under direction of Mrs. C. Hall, and cook their own supper. They are also working for Manse Fund by making and selling sweets at barbecue socials. C.M.S. had basket tea on July 28, with Police Sgt. Comrie as guest speaker. Attendance at evening service has improved. Combined Harcourt and Castlemaine churches have purchased a new manse. Film, *Jungle Doctor*, was screened to a large congregation. Number of members attended the Northern District Conference at Harcourt. V. L. Gole (Conference President) was speaker at morning service of Aug. 4, and Miss Gray was soloiste. Number of other visitors were present. Sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. H. Peeler at death of a brother. Ladies attended Church of England Mother's Union on July 23.

**Stawell.** — N. Livett conducted baptismal service on July 7. B.S. has commenced practice for anniversary. Ladies' Guild spent afternoon with Methodist ladies. Miss Taffs, (Egypt, General Mission) showed slides of the work at a meeting held in home of Mr. and Mrs. Marshman on July 25. J.O.E. had social party with the Ararat C.E. at Ararat school hall.

**Swan Hill (A. A. Avery).** — B. J. Combridge was guest speaker for Temple-day services on July 28, when he launched *Operation Increase* in the two district churches. Prior to gospel service Mr. Combridge addressed Men's Fellowship. Attendances at all services continue to maintain high averages, especially gospel meeting with an average exceeding 80 over past four weeks. Monthly Fellowship was held at the home of Mrs. King on Aug. 3, with good attendance.

**Warrnambool (K. W. Barton, L.Th., Dip.R.E.).** — Weekly Home Fellowship meetings are popular, being attended by up to 20 members. Prayer and Bible study are vital part of meetings. Study of "Revelation" has been commenced. C.W.F. entertained church to evening as gesture to celebrate 40th anniversary of ladies' auxiliary work. Items, competitions and other entertainment provided enjoyable evening. July was featured as "Month with the Favorites" when gospel services were based on members' favorite hymns and texts, etc. C.E. societies combined for visit to offices and printing dept. of local daily newspaper. Hall Committee is furthering plans and preparations for proposed Youth Hall.

**Frankston (E. S. Sanders).** — Minister preached at both services on Aug. 4. Help of P. Andrews (C.O.B.) has been appreciated for several weeks during Mr. Sanders' illness. Two lads and two young men from B.S. confessed Christ.

**Gardiner (F. A. Youens).** — Each Wednesday in July the focus was on Overseas Missions. Five different societies screened films of their work. B.S. gave each £2 from its Missionary Fund. Mr. and Mrs. L. Wilson entertained 45 of recent campers and screened films of the camp. Aug. 4 began Family Month when several parents went back to B.S. R. Hillbrick gave church his first exhortation at morning service, and film depicting *Family Worship* was screened in evening. A. Rowe (T.V. artist) had tea and talked with Youth Group. Large congregations were present at all services.

**Swanston-st., Melbourne (K. A. Macnaughtan).** — Five were welcomed into membership during July, three having been baptised the previous month, and two by transfer. Sunday evening attendances were appreciably increased during last month's special sermon series on *Divine Prophecy*. On Aug. 4 an excellent attendance marked commencement of a new series of addresses. On July 26, a good company of men took part in fellowship tea and film night. Consistent support of many friends and visitors is appreciated. There has been much illness but we are glad to report that Mrs. H. Lyall, Mr. and Mrs. Coe and others are improving in health.

**North Richmond (C. H. Dow).** — Ladies visited Emmaus Rest Home on July 9. L. Cunningham (Burnley) presided at morning service on 14th when speaker was V. Longthorp (Surrey Hills). E. L. Williams was speaker at gospel service. Miss Lucy Griffiths (Cheltenham) has taken over leadership of Good Companions' Club from Anne Lawson and M. Wallbridge is new B.S. sec. Minister recently gave a series of addresses on *Healing*. Tennis team is still undefeated in Winter Competition. Two B.S. scholars are home again after a time in hospital. Sickness amongst members has reduced attendances over recent weeks.

**Parkdale (P. Perry).** — Half-yearly business meeting of church was held on July 31. It disclosed attendances and finance in good order. Members decided to hold a gospel service in new Youth Hall at East Parkdale one Sunday morning in each month. Good Companions Club has been formed and meet in this hall under leadership of two sisters, Mrs. Flavin and Miss Rita Cemm. B.S. Aux. held fancy dress social for scholars and parents, proceeds for Building Fund. Explorers held a boys' church service on Aug. 2 in conjunction with club members of bayside churches. A. R. Lloyd of (Carnegie) was guest speaker. Ladies' Snowball meeting was held in home of Mrs. Talent. A visitor from Holland was speaker. T.V. afternoon was arranged at home of Mrs. Cunningham (Beaumaris).

**Coburg (J. A. Luff).** — Very successful youth tea organised by Youth Council was held, A. E. White (Nth. Essendon) being guest speaker. K.S.P. club visited Lewis Berger's paint plant. C.M.S. saw 9 speakers on *My Job* endure a heckle session on July 28, and, at same time, say some really interesting things. Sympathy of church is extended to relatives of late Mrs. Crisp and Mrs. O. Cornish.

**Cheltenham (R. C. Bolduan).** — Speakers during recent weeks have been B. J. Combridge who introduced *Operation Increase*, E. L. Williams, K. A. Jones and V. C. Stafford. C.Y.F. entertained officers at Youth Banquet on July 19 and arranged screening of *Martin Luther* on 26th, proceeds for Rebuilding Fund.

#### IN MEMORIAM

**QUIRK.** — In loving memory of my beloved husband and our loving father, William Edward, who was called Home on August 13, 1956.

—Inserted by his loving wife and family.

**TUTTON.** — In loving memory of my dear wife, Alice, who passed away, August 18, 1956.

"In memory, I see you just the same,  
As long as I live I will treasure  
your name."

—Inserted by her loving husband.



## Glory be to Jesus!

(A Suggestion for August — No. 868)

(As the recently published supplement to the **Churches of Christ Hymn Book** makes 37 additional hymns available to churches, some articles of this series plan to bring these to the notice of readers. The Hymn Book Committee also hopes to publicise them in other ways.)

One of the hymns of the supplementary list will be new to most, but to a few it comes as a restoration from **Psalms and Hymns**, so well loved a half-century back.

In two ways "Glory be to Jesus" is almost unique — firstly, through sharing with "Immortal, Invisible, God only wise," the honor of being the only two hymns "called out of retirement" after 26 years; and secondly, in being probably the only commonly used English hymn coming from the Italian. It is not therefore surprising either that it had a Roman Catholic origin, or that the translator was Edward Caswall.

While Rome finds little or no place in the services of the Church for hymn-singing, or for languages other than Latin, several prelates have encouraged those who "practise this pious exercise with a contrite heart." In addition to direct value, they find that it "hinders the singing of dangerous profane songs." Some may be better able than the present writer to judge what is involved in indulgences of 100 days granted by Pius VII to all the faithful who sing or say this particular hymn!

The seven verses of the original "Viva! viva! Gesu, Che per mion bene" are probably not much more than a century old. Just why Rome sees fit to entitle it a "Hymn to the Precious Blood" is no harder or more necessary to explain than other determinations of that Church! Most of the verses are in simple praise to Jesus for the shedding of his blood on the cross. One, probably having in mind Hebrews 12: 24, reads "Abel's blood for vengeance pleaded to the skies, but the blood of Jesus for our pardon cries." Aptly enough, some arrangements show, in the form of a chorus to be sung after each verse, those lines we print as verse 4: "Lift ye then your voices."—F.J.F. ~

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### CARNARVON CONVENTION

By the time these notes are read, the Carnarvon Convention will be over. In future reports we shall outline the results achieved. At the time of writing, there was every indication that it would be a very significant event in the annual calendar of the Mission. T. D. Maiden, minister of Geraldton church, was the visiting speaker for the week's meetings, and special efforts were made to secure the attendance of the girls and boys who were once in the Mission, and who are now out in employment.

### BIRTH

DAFF (Staggard). — On August 8, 1957, to Shirley and George, a daughter — Janet Patricia. Sister for Andrew and Talana.

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**DALE.** — On July 29, Florence Ann, loved daughter of the late Newburn and Eliza, loved sister of Hannah (Mrs. B. J. Ball), Sarah (Mrs. H. R. Bowman), Fred., Perc. (all deceased), Lillian (Mrs. S. Barkla) and Leslie. "Asleep in Jesus."

**HARRISON.** — On July 26, at Swan Hill, Christiana Bessie, beloved wife of William Ross, loved mother of Ada (Mrs. J. Malone), Mavis (Mrs. L. G. Hughes), and Ross (dec.), loved Ma of Max, Marie, Brenda, Alison, Brian and Lois. "Forever with the Lord."

**LAUNDER.** — On August 6, 1957, Graham David, the dearly beloved son of Arthur and Dorothy Launder, 64 St. Hellier-st., W. Heidelberg, loved brother of Malcolm and Joy (Mrs. Lusk). Aged 20 years.

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Early in the afternoon of July 27, Mrs. Ann Elizabeth Chipperfield went quietly to her Lord. She had served him faithfully for many years. For a time her membership was at North Richmond, Vic., where she first made her stand. Then for more than 30 years she was an esteemed member of the church at Gardiner. Our late sister will be long remembered for her work among the women — especially in the Sewing Circle. Her diligence and bright spirit greatly endeared her to all who knew her. The very large gathering in the Gardiner chapel was a tribute to a kind and faithful soul. The service in the building, and later at Box Hill Cemetery was conducted by the writer, and J. J. Patterson, M.A. We mourn a loyal servant of the King, and warmly commend her loved ones to his care — Fred. A. Youens.

Mrs. Harrison.

In the passing of Mrs. Harrison, of Ultima, Vic., at the age of 73, on July 26, the Swan Hill district lost one of its oldest residents. Mrs. Harrison will ever be remembered for the quiet help and strength she has been to the work for many years. Coming from South Australia in her early teens, she joined the Ultima church during the ministry of the late D. A. Cockroft, just after the first world war, in the days when the church met in the home of Gilbert Goudie. Mrs. Harrison took her place in the Sunday school and women's work, and was very loyal in whatever she did. She was also engaged in community activities, such as the R.S.L., C.W.A. and the School Mothers' Club. She is survived by her husband and two daughters, Mrs. Malone of Ultima, and Mrs. Hughes of Bendigo, having lost a son, Ross, during the last war. Mrs. Harrison was known to all for her generosity, her patient endurance in the last years and her unshakeable hope and assurance in her Saviour. A funeral service was held in the Swan Hill chapel, at which a large number of friends and relatives were present — after which she was laid to rest in the Swan Hill Cemetery. Sincere sympathy is extended to her family. — A. A. Avery.

Mrs. Goodman.

The passing of Mrs. Goodman on July 26, after a long, painful illness, removes from our fellowship a faithful servant of Christ. Our late sister had been in membership for 20 years at Bambra-rd., Caulfield, Vic. She was deeply interested in all church activities. Since childhood, our sister served the Saviour with a deep devotion. She was a kind, consistent Christian, and the quality of her life won her many friends. She was a true help-mate of her husband (a deacon of the church) and was always

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