

# SOUTH AUSTRALIAN NEWSLETTER

BODY PASSES. — For many years the Council of Churches in Adelaide played a prominent part in expressing the opinions of the member Churches on many social matters, but in more recent years it has languished for want of support from the Churches, and now has gone out of existence. Our own people have supplied presidents for this body on many occasions.

NEW CONFERENCE. — The churches on the Upper Murray have formed themselves into a Conference, as the Berri, Barmera, Loxton and Moorook churches are gathering for planning and fellowship. These Conferences within the State do a great deal in cementing fellowship and working together for future development within their areas. Many of our more recent churches can be traced to this kind of co-operation.

CONFERENCES. — The 83rd Annual State Conference is almost upon us, and from Sept. 11 to 18 the brethren will be enjoying the usual round of good preaching, planning and fellowship. Our guest this year will be G. R. Stirling, of Canberra, who comes "home" for a visit. The brotherhood has had an exceptionally blessed year, as reports will indicate when the Conference records are submitted.

With Federal Conference just ayear away we are facing grave difficulties in securing a central gathering place of sufficient size to handle the expected influx of visitors. The Adelaide Town Hall is out of the question owing to prior claims by the AB.C. The Executive is now making other plans which should offset

the problem. In any case, we hope that interstate brethren are already planning to come to Adelaide next year.



G. R. Stirling, B.A., Guest Speaker, 1957 S.A. Conference.

MOVEMENTS. — As reported, L. E. Jones is to complete his work at Mile End in January and will move to N.S.W. as State Evangelist. A. B. Titter, of the West Coast creuit, will also complete his ministry with these churches in January. His movements are not known as yet.

The church at Brighton Gardens has called A. Cant, of Glen Iris, to move into the field upon graduation. The church is now building a manse to house the new minister and his wife.

OLD LANDMARK. — What memories crowd around the name, "Chapel Street, Norwood." The monumental ministry of the late A. C. Rankine is still fresh to many. Now the old tabernacle has been sold, and the remnants will continue their witness in the adjacent school hall. The old chapel at Norwood was a landmark in the city, and from this great mother sprang the churches of the Eastern suburbs. However, the mother is not dead, for with the help of A. E. Cremin she will continue.

BUILDINGS. — The building programme which has developed through recent years is still being maintained. Ascot Park has unveiled the foundation stone of a modern chapel, and looks to an early entry. The mother of this baby, Edwardstown, is also to erect a new chapel in the near future.

Four churches, at Torrensville, Clovelly Park, Broken Hill and Gawler are either opening or building new halls to meet the demands of rapidly growing youth work. Now one of the new churches, Hampstead Gardens, is ready to commence work on a new building, after working in a temporary affair for about two years.

A NEW WITNESS. — The first services in Mt. Gambier have been held, making a centre for members from both sides of the Border. Like so many of our recent churches, the Table is set up in a home, and pioneering work will begin. This city of 12,000 people has long been a challenge to the brotherhood, and the challenge has never been accepted until now. The Naracoorte church has sponsored the move and will give some oversight until the future begins to take shape.—E. P. C. Hollard.



H. Ball, for many years an evangelist in our brotherhood, passed away at Castlemaine, Vic., on August 23. Mr. Ball, although blind and suffering physical disability from First World War injuries, served Christ and the brotherhood conscientiously through his ministry. Another devoted servant of the gospel, Mr. Yeung, minister of the Chinese Church, Carlton, Vic., for five years until retirement through ill-health early this year, was also called Home in the same week. Mr. Yeung came to Australia six years ago and had a successful ministry at Queensberryst. Mrs. Yeung was visiting her husband's former mission station at Hong Kong when he passed away.



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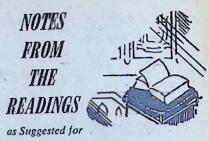
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Sunday, Sept. 15

NUMBERS 32: 1-19.

The tribes of Reuben and Gad ask permission of Moses to settle in the lands of Jazer and Gilead, pastorally rich lands on the east of the Jor-dan. Moses at first refuses, thinking of the possible disastrous consequences if they do not enter the Promised Land with the others. But they pledge their readiness to go, and not to return until the others' territory is won.

"the Lord's anger was kindled" (v. 10). — Moses reminds the two tribes of the way God had con-demned Israel to forty years' wandering, following on the action of those who had previously "discouraged the heart of the children of Israel" (v. 9).

### COLOSSIANS 3: 12-25.

Paul follows up some positive teaching on the life of the individual believer with some specific injunctions concerning Christian home relationships.

"Put on, therefore . . ." (v. 12) .-As the sin to which the Christian has died has been sufficiently characterised by a short list of typical vices, so here the life of virtue to which he is risen is characterised by a brief allusion to certain typical virtues. As on the negative side special stress was laid on anti-social sins, so here the most prominent virtues are those which have a direct social value" (Dodd).

"put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness" (v. 14). - "Put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony" (R.S.V.). "Love, in its binding power, gives perfectness, or completeness, to the other virtues in combination" (Vine).

"psalms and hymns and spiritual songs" (v. 16). - "The triple phrase affords a striking indication of the richness of Christian worship at this early time, if a small provincial congregation, without distinguished leadership, could have such diversity in its music" (Beare).

"be not bitter" (v. 19). be harsh with them" (R.S.V.). This verse and the next suggest that Paul was concerned about too severe a discipline in the home.

ROBERT MACKIE, Chairman, Executive Committee, the Tell Scotland Movement, describes . .

# KIRK WEEK IN ABERDEEN-

thin cross hanging from the girders in the railway station, and a flag with a design of the crown of thorns overlaid by a royal crown flying from above the Music Hall. More than eleven hundred laymen and women were gathering from all over Scot-land for a week's meeting. Indeed, a banner with "Kirk Week in Aberdeen" upon it had been strung across the main thoroughfare. One end was attached to an insurance office, which had cannily noted that any damage to its building must be paid by the promoters!

This was not the kind of meeting likely to be very profitable for Aberdeen — especially at the height of the holiday season. But the Lord Provost of the city, a keen Christian layman, took the initiative in supporting the event from its first beginnings; and the principal of the ancient university, Sir Thomas Taylor, was its enthusiastic chairman. So the citizens opened their hearts to the people of all ages and occupations who wore the little lemoncolored badges in their lapels. By the end of the week Aberdonians were perhaps a little proud that, if a new thing had to happen in Scotland, it should happen in their handsome northern, and most authentically Scottish, city.

And Kirk Week was a new thing. In the last five years the Tell Scotland Movement has inaugurated, not only new methods of evangelism, but a new attitude on the part of church people to their fellow countrymen. Visitation campaigns by members of local congregations have aroused a sense of mission. Indeed, one of the basic principles of Tell Scotland has been that "the place of the layman is decisive." But no one has ever been clear how it should be decisive. Kirk Week was an effort to find out, think out, and try out the function of the layman in the witness of the Church in the world.

In all the preparations for Kirk Week the flow of the ecumenical tide was obvious. Martin Niemoeller, fresh from the Frankfurt Kirchentag, had taken Aberdeen by storm on a flying visit in February. Now Klaus von Bismarck, an active leader of the laymen's movement in Germany, came to open Kirk Week, and stayed to see it close. Holland, India and Nigeria provided speakers, and more

than twenty nationalities were present among the visitors.

But this was an ecumenical meeting in a more immediate sense. Kirk Week began on Sunday, August 4, with a service of dedication for the seventy group leaders in the old Town Church of West St. Nicholas. The two lessons were read by an Episcopalian and a Congregationalist minister, which does not happen every day in dominantly Presbyterian Scot-land. Kirk Week was sponsored by the seven separate churches which are behind Tell Scotland, and the number of delegates from outside the Church of Scotland was distinctly higher than the national proportion of church membership. The new voice in Scotland, the most galvanic speaker, who took three morning Bible studies, was an Anglican, Canon J. E. Fison, from the farthest point in Great Britain, Truro in Cornwall. Denominational self-consciousness was markedly absent. And that was in itself a useful contribution to Scotland in 1957, when correspondence in the press on the so-called "bishops' controversy" has blurred the issue of Christian unity.

The heart of Kirk Week was in the groups - more than seventy of them, consisting of ten to fourteen delegates with a lay leader. These groups followed the Bible study presentation each morning, but their discussion ranged freely. They merited Reinold von Thadden's description of "friendly circles," in which it was possible to discuss "the tormenting problems of our present generation." Indeed, they achieved far more than was expected of them. In five days of fixed meetings, common meals, and casual encounters, a sense of fellow-ship was created, which can only be described as astonishing. Traditional Scottish reserve collapsed; a deep longing for brotherhood in Christ came to the surface. The simple device of breaking up a mass of people into controversial units became the vehicle of the Holy Spirit. This was by far the most notable achievement of Kirk Week.

The danger of such fellowship is that it remains inward-looking. Other factors in the programme sought to counteract this tendency. Bible stud-les in the unfamiliar Books of Exodus and Daniel brought the dele-

The grey-granite city of Aberdeen looked a little surprised on August 5, 1957, when it woke to find a tall Israel to "go out" was echoed by Dr. MacLeod and Canon Ernest Southcott, as they spoke with fire and vision of the Church in its human weakness and divine mission. It is not easy in Scotland to see the Christian revelation operating outside the accepted framework of church life. Two leading laymen, W. S. Robertson, Secretary of the Scottish Council. cil for Development and Industry, and Sir Thomas Taylor, whose outstanding gifts are always at the service of his country, spoke to the meeting on the Future of Scotland. The scientific background of the one, and the legal background of the other, gave tremendous force to their frank statements on the unlimited power now available for the development of an industrialised society, and the powerlessness of a human society which had lost its hold on moral values. A Dutch layman, Dr. Charles van Ufford, made a noble and reasoned plea for stronger, more consistent participation by Britain in European unity. M. J. Sargunam, a headmaster from India, illuminated the strong and weak points of our national character. We were stretched by these addresses far beyond the capacity of our Christian thinking, and tended in response to fall back upon the safer, better known, ground of the good life. But some shafts got home to trouble us in the days and weeks

Culture was another avenue cautiously explored. Courses on literature and music, and an art exhibition played a part in the programme, which was greatly appreciated. Volunteers from country towns around Aberdeen came to swell a three hundred and fifty voice choir, and sang Handel's Messiah, all the more effective because it was a rapidly rehearsed community expression.

But the key place where Kirk Week sought to discover the function of the laity was in three vocational groups on Industry, Rural Life and Education. At the final open session, Industry reported that in its group managers had begun to criticise management, and trade unionists to criticise the trade unions - a step in the right direction! Rural Life suggested that the blacksmith, who had not learned to be a mechanic, might look sympathetically at the church

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P. R. THICKINS, an Australian ministering at First Church of Christ, Whiting, Indiana, U.S.A., writes of . . . .

# P. H. WELSHIMER - An Appreciation

Members of our American brotherhood sorrow at the passing of a great leader. P. H. Welshimer passed from this life on Aug. 16, in his 85th year. His wife had preceded him by just a few months. She was called Home early in April of this same year, in her 83rd year.

Dr. Welshimer, called in this country "the Dean of Christian ministers," was minister of the largest Church of Christ in the world. Since January 1, 1902, he had been minister of the church at Canton, Ohio, where he had seen the congregation grow to become a world influence, and the membership to pass the 6,000 mark. He helped organise and direct the largest Sunday School in our brotherhood. The weekly attendance averages over 2,000. He was loved and honored by all who knew him, and the city of Canton made him a special presentation on his 50th anniversary as minister of the Church of Christ in that city.

It would be impossible to evaluate the influence for good that this great Christian man had on his generation. But it must be said that he was a devoted, completely dedicated preacher of New Testament Christianity, who proclaimed the Word of Truth without fear or favor. P. H. Welshimer stood firmly for the purity and power of the Word of Christ, and would have no part in the subtle denominationalism that pervades much of American religion. He lived by the gospel, he preached the gospel, and he died in full confidence of the gospel.

Just recently, his church paper came to the desk of this writer, and in it Dr. Welshimer had written: "There was a time when we as individuals were not. Then we came into existence. Again we know, that with the passing of time, an hour will come when the world will know us no more. It is no more difficult to believe that we shall live then, as to believe that we shall live then, as to believe that we are alive now. Life is a gift of God. He who placed life in these mortal bodies certainly has power to continue that life in another body. It is true that all life is a mystery, but with God all mysteries can be explained. With God

back of it, we believe all things are possible, even life everlasting."

Such a confession of faith, from such a man, must be a continuing inspiration, and is surely a rich comfort to the surviving members of his family.

We have lost a great Christian leader here in America, and sorrow at the loss. But we sorrow "not as those who have no hope." P. H. Welshimer has received his promotion. He now looks into the face of the Lord whom he preached so faithfully for so long.

No words of men could better express appreciation and certainty concerning the late P. H. Welshimer than those of an unknown writer, entitled A Good Man Passes On.

Out of the midnight darkness of mankind,

Out of the strife,

Into the rest that waits for faithful men,

A splendid soul goes through the final gate—

To light and life!



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

### J. E. ALLAN

The passing of this stalwart of Overseas Missions calls for some word to be written from those who were in close touch with him for over forty years. As secretary of the Victorian State F.M. Committee hegave loyal leadership and service, and his help and encouragement to the Federal Board were always notable features of this service.

Missionaries on furlough and on the field were strengthened and cheered by his co-operation and practical help.

For a period, during his stay in South Australia, he was a member of the Federal -Board.

The Federal Board, and all missionaries who served during his long association with the work, thank God for his loyal and loving service for Christ.

### MRS. FLORA ESCOTT

A further link was broken in our early work in India when Mrs. Escott passed away in Sydney, on Aug. 7. With her late husband she came into our work in 1919, and for most of the period, until retirement in 1945, they worked at Bhigvan (then Diksal). Mr. Munro, in his current article, tells of the present progress of this work begun by Mr. and Mrs. Escott.

Our late sister belonged to the old school of missionaries, who in their day did such effective work in the Indian villages. Their name is still respected and loved in those areas, and best of all, work is still being built upon the foundations laid in the early years.

### CHRIST MADE KNOWN AT BHIGVAN

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Munro, again located at Bhigvan since their return to India, tell of interesting features of their work at this place, and at

across the road — the only other element in the countryside which had not adapted itself to wholly new agricultural conditions! Education confessed that it had drawn up a list of fifty-nine questions for which it had no answers, and immediately decided it must carry on the discussion during the winter!

Kirk Week might be summed up as "the end of the beginning." The Tell Scotland Movement, largely led by ministers, provided this opportunity for laymen. A new committee, with laymen in the majority, was literally thrown up during Kirk Week, and pledged itself to get to work before the month was out. Professor J. S. Stewart took as the closing Bible study, The Road to Emmaus. Certainly our hearts burned within us at Kirk Week. But we have still to begin the formidable task of discovering how faith in a Risen Lord can be lived out in the home, the office, the factory, the farm, and in national policy. The Presbyterian system prides itself on the place given to the laity, but the laity has been frozen into the system. It needs new freedom of action. "The place of the laity is decisive." In what sense decisive? Kirk Week has given us the impetus to get on with the job.

Indapur. Mr. Munro has the oversight of Indapur since Hari Waghmodi left for Kolhapur for postgraduate studies.

"There are more things we ought to give thanks for than just the food we eat.' So said Charles Lamb, and truly we have much to give thanks for, for after one of the most trying years of our life we have safely in our home, and in her little bamboo cot, our new little girl, Darlene Ruth. She is both well and beautiful, as a girl should be. We liked the first name, and it will please at least one of our supporters who has the same name. The name Ruth is rather a hopeful name. The nurse who helped Billie Jean in the hospital when Darlene was born is called Ruth. Ruth is a young Australian girl who lives very near to God. She does the evangelistic work in connection with our Mission Hospital at Dhond. Though she has an inheritance which would allow her to live rather graciously in her own country, she has turned that which is material into the hands of God, and uses her income to pay her own salary here on the Field. This woman has other traits equally remarkable. In the home of this family they have no need for a Bible at family worship, for the passage is usually known by heart. I asked Ruth one day, after hearing her quote one complete book of the New Testament, how it was that she could quote the New Testament so, and she replied, 'As I scrubbed the floors at home I pushed a small New Testament before me, and as I rode the horse to Sunday School over the outback I held before me God's Word and I learned it.' We pray that our Darlene Ruth will have as deep a love for his Word and his work as the one after whom she is named. Darlene was born on June 25.

"The next piece of news is about the work — actually it is more work, and perhaps more work than we can do. We will now find the value of the jeep, for the area of the work that I have now been given is three times larger than we had before, and increases our responsibility more than threefold. We took this work by faith — faith in God to give the increase, and faith in you to help with responsibilities.

"Last night at Indapur, one of the stations we have taken over, we had to lock the doors, so great was the crowd, and only two of them were Christians. This new section is like

a frontier section, and needs much pioneer work. The section has no large Christian groups, and we must work among non-Christians. While the work that we do is ploneering in its nature, it is here that we have had some most remarkable converts in the past. One, a man befriended by a missionary, had been released from prison after being charged with murder, which he did not deny. To-day his son is probably the finest Christian we have in all the Mission. This son is now a missionary on equal salary and standing with the Australian and American missionaries, and it is to his work that I add my present work. The week they took him from his father's village (the father was Head man of the village) both his brother and sister died of a mysterious fever. Hari believes they were poisoned so that they would not become Christians. When finally this lad's father became a Christian, so did fifteen others, but under great duress and pressure and economical boycott they surrendered, and returned to the Hindu fold. That was twenty years ago, and now we seed the field again that will become white unto the harvest, and we are waiting a new crop."-Bruce and Billie Jean

### THE MINISTRIES OF OUR



### Programme for October

Mrs. R. Sandells, Victoria.

### MEDITATION.

"And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name these whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are" (John 17: 11).

#### HYMN.

No. 368, "Abide among us with thy

### PRAYER.

Our Heavenly Father, make us conscious of thy nearness at this time. We know that in thee we live and move and have our being; but we are so easily cast down, and lose the experience of thy Presence within us. Fit us for service, and make us pure with Christ's purity, loving and lovable with his love. Amen.

### READING.

2 Cor. 6: 14-7: 1.

#### DEVOTIONAL.

In his wonderful prayer, as recorded in the 17th chapter of John,

Jesus prays for his people's spiritual safety. He knew that Satan would utilise every device to try to get the Lord's people to grow weak in their allegiance to God. We are in the world, but not of the world. "The world is beckoning on every side," and we must constantly be on our guard to avoid Satan getting a foothold in our defences. How frequently is temptation placed in our way when our fellow-workers in the city mart or countryside conduct a raffle upon a football game, or upon a horse race — with the alluring statement, "Take a ticket, you won't miss the money." Sometimes a worthy object is used as a reason, to aid a hospital, or some other local charity. This way of giving is not honoring God. A deep warning note is sounded in our reading when we are seeking companions or making friends. Many a promising life has been lost to Christ's service or rendered less efficient by the making of a wrong choice here.

In the New Hebrides, our native brethren endeavor to live according to the knowledge of Christ that is theirs. They seek every opportunity to extend that knowledge. They will not absent themselves from the frequent services of the church, unless compelled to do so by sickness or other unavoidable cause. Their daily lives reflect their understanding of God's word and their love for him in their heart.

"Ye are the temple of the living God." What a glorious revelation is here, that the Almighty God has chosen us, weak and sinful as we are, to be his temple. What a tremendous privilege and responsibility is ours, to make our temple fit for his Presence. All our senses must be trained to reject all that is not in accord with the will of God and to accept and store in our memory only that which is good and pure. We are to reflect the glory of God, and this is only possible by living daily in his Presence. As the glory of the Lord caused the face of Moses to shine when he returned to the Children of Israel after communing with God in the Mount, so our whole life will reflect his glory and grace as we walk with him.

### HYMN.

No 373. "Beloved Saviour, Friend unseen."

### BUSINESS.

ADDRESS.

### HYMN.

No. 475, "Lie still, and let him mould thee."

BENEDICTION.



### Monday, Sept. 16

Psalm 34: 8-22.

Thought Text: "O taste and see that the Lord is good! Happy is the man who takes refuge in him" (v.8).

David, well aware himself of the goodness of God, urges men to sample it for themselves. Why should there be any need to urge men to taste the goodness of God? Wholesome foods need no attractive advertising to a starving man! Humanity in all ages, however, is very much like the well-fed child passing the enticingly arranged shop windows, in which are displayed sweets and confectionery to attract the eye and please the palate. Allow the child to satiate himself with sweets, and he will have no appetite for wholesome body-building foods.

The world can make a very attractive display, enticing us to ways of life full of promises; promises that can never be fulfilled. All too often we discover too late the emptiness of the promises. The goodness of God is not an advertisement but a discovery. Sometimes, indeed, one is repulsed by the goodness of God, as were many of Jesus' early disciples, who "drew back, and no longer went about with him." The everlasting truth about the goodness of God is that it stands the tests of time and eternity. "Many are the afflictions . . . but the Lord delivers . . ."

Our heavenly Father, we thank thee for thy goodness to us. Grant to us wisdom, patience and courage to enjoy thee ourselves, and by our enjoyment to attract others to thyself. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

-Stan. Neighbour, S.A.

### Tuesday, Sept. 17

Psalm 37: 1-16.

Thought Text: "Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity. For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb" (vv. 1, 2).

In Old Testament times, material blessing was seen as the hallmark of

# WHEN SOARS the SOUL

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

goodness, whilst adversity was regarded as an indictment of sin. Now and then the deeper insight of Job would prevail, but in general the less penetrating view persisted. This view is the theme of our psalm today, the keynote of which is sounded in the first two verses.

Although these words may not be true in the material realm, they are true in the moral and spiritual world. The laws of God cannot be flouted, nor can the justice of God be thwarted.

An even more pertinent message may lie in the Psalmist's use of the words "fret" and "envious," which both have the same root meaning. Are there occasions when we envy the material prosperity of the godless, and almost regret that we cannot enjoy life as they seem to do? Are there times wherr our very denunciation of sin is motivated by that envy? If so, we must renew our faith in God, for he is debtor to no man, and what he gives is greater by far than anything he ever takes. Or, as the concluding verse of our reading has it, "A little that a righteous man hath, is better by far than the riches of many wicked."

Give us clean hearts, O God, and purify our thoughts, that we may truly set our affections upon the things of thy Kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

-J. E. Gough, W.A.

### Wednesday, Sept. 18

Psalm 118: 1-14.

Thought Text: "The Lord is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me?" (v. 6).

A writer has said that "anxiety is the most prominent mental characteristic of occidental civilisation." Fear of the atom's destructive power, of communism, a feeling of insecurity in employment, of inadequacy in social and home life, tend to burden folk. But if we would really trust God, discover the meaning of prayer, and give ourselves to his service, our problems would be solved. We read that God is love and that perfect love casteth out fear. God has shown his love for us through his Son Jesus. And if God is worthy of our love, he is worthy of our trust.

If we worry over matters we waste our resources of mind, spirit and body; for then we are trying to go it alone, when all the time God is ready to go with us. It is an act of distrust to God. The New Testament tells us, "Cast all your cares on him, for he careth for you."

Just as a fittle child trusts his parents with a complete faith, so should we trust God. Then tranquility of mind and serenity of soul would be ours, in the midst of the turmoil and confusion of our day.

Speak to our hearts, O Lord, and bring a greater measure of serenity to our souls. Forgive our weakness, that so often we lose our grip on thee and allow worries and fears to crowd in on us. Thou hast met all our fears and conquered them. Help us to trust thee completely. Amen.

-Dora Nankivell, Vic.

### Thursday, Sept. 19

Isaiah 12.

Thought Text: "Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid" (v. 2).

As such a paean was possible over 700 years before he came, of whom the previous chapter prophesied, and before the "Ensign of the people" was "lifted up" in crucifixion "to draw all men" unto him, how much more should we be able to rejoice in trustful confidence, who live after the fulfilment of his coming, who so shook the earth that time recommenced from the date of his birth?

Some Old Testament characters shame us, who know of victories of salvation in and through Christ. Thousands of years before his advent, Job could say of God, "Though he slay me, yet will I trust him."

Even God's frowns must not prevent our praise — for "he is faithful and just to forgive" on confession. Think how much he has done to call forth our confidence.

He loved and gave his Son to save ---

To die 'twixt thieves on Cal-

Nail'd to a cross for you -

We, possessors of pardon, peace, protection and power, rejoicing in salvation, should be proclaiming the unsearchable riches of Christ, to the exaltation of his Name.

May we all "live in him" that he, in all his fulness, may "live in us."

We give thee thanks, our Father, for the gift of thy Son. Grant that his Spirit may dwell in us, that, showing his grace in our living, we may

magnify his name, through whom we make petition. Amen.

-Josiah Park, Vic.

### Friday, Sept. 20

Isaiah 26: 1-13.

Thought Text: "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee" (v. 3).

In this "song of trust" there are two significant words — "peace" and "trust." These words are like twin brothers in the Bible. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart . . . and he will make straight your paths" (Prov. 3: 5). "He who trusts in the Lord is safe" (Prov. 29: 25, R.S.V.). "Peace" and "trust," however, are more than mere words; they are written into the very fibre of life. They are essential to our existence as persons.

Man cannot live without "trust" or "faith" in someone or something. Whether we recognise it or not, we live by trust. The fact of our "trusting" does not mean that peace automatically follows. It is the object upon which, or upon whom, we put our trust that determines the result.

Isaiah recognises this in his song. The children of Israel could not put their trust in their prowess as a military force. Their "hope" was in God, who alone could defeat the enemy. Their trust was not in conventional moral standards, but in the justice and righteousness of God. "Perfect peace" comes when we place our trust in him who is unchanging and dependable.

O God, thou in whom there is no change or changing, on whom we can depend, save us from trusting in material possessions, social conventions or ourselves. May we stake our lives upon the certainty of thy goodness, mercy and love, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

-R. H. Hillier, Vic.

### Saturday, Sept. 21

Luke 18: 1-14.

Thought Text: "I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself shall be exalted" (v. 14).

This simple parable of our Lord has a natural appeal to all of us. Two men come to worship God, one with a high opinion of his religious endeavors, the other with a strong sense of his weakness and failure. How easy it is for all of us to grow a little self-righteous as we develop in the Christian way. The very fact that we can realise we have grown and can, as it were, compare ourselves with others, tends to develop this rather exalted opinion.

There is a constant need to remind ourselves that we are what we are by the saving grace of the

Lord Jesus Christ. Whenever we tend to think too highly of our ourselves it is a good thing to take stock, and ask the question, "What would I have been like had not Jesus Christ come into my life?" Then we would say with the tax-collector, "God be merciful to me, a sinner," but thanks to our Heavenly Father, it is now a sinner "saved by grace."

"Nought have I gotten but what I received.

Grace hath bestowed it since I had believed;

Boasting excluded, pride I abase, I'm only a sinner, saved by grace."

Heavenly Father, keep us ever mindful of the fact that we have been saved by thy grace. Help us never to feel better than our fellow man, but rather realise our need for help, to live worthy of the Light you have given us in Jesus Christ. Amen.

-Percy R. Whitmore, S.A.

### Sunday, Sept. 22

. 2 Timothy 1: 1-12.

Thought Text: "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).

What a wonderful message of trustfulness to be passed on from the aged evangelist to his younger successor! From his last imprisonment in Rome, Paul is writing to Timothy, to leave him some important instructions for carrying on the task that Paul was leaving. Lest Timothy should be daunted by the magnitude of the task and the responsibility of his office, Paul speaks of his own confidence in God: "I know him whom I have trusted, and am sure that he is able."

Paul had entrusted himself completely to the keeping of his Heavenly Father, and through all the changing experiences of his life—his ordeals, his trials, his joys—he was confident in the care and protection of God.

Life has little meaning for us unless we can place our trust in those with whom we live. May we realise and experience the security to be found when life itself is entrusted to God, in whom "we live and move and have our being."

"Oh for a faith that will not shrink,

Though pressed by every foe; That will not tremble on the brink

Of any earthly woe."

Almighty Father, who hast made us for thyself, forgive us that we have been afraid to trust ourselves to thee. Strengthen our faith in thee that we may commit ourselves and our work into thy keeping. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

-H. E. R. Steele, Vic.

### Here and There

The church at Ringwood, Vic., announces that J. H. Cain, Camberwell, has accepted a unanimous call to succeed W. F. Nankivell as minister early in 1958.

The Vic.-Tas. C.E. Committee held an enjoyable squash night at Coburg chapel on' Aug. 31, when approx. 80 members of representative societies attended. The evening, arranged by P. Pitts and Miss L. Thomson, included brief personal life stories from Doug. Beasy and Noel Voigt (Carlton and Hawthorn footballers), discussion panel with members of South Yarra Society and the two footballers participating, musical items by Sis. Helen Kelly (Footscray Hospital) and C.E. Quartet, and address by L. E. Snow. Supper was served by Coburg ladies.

M. C. Leask, who has been serving the church at Asquith, N.S.W. in a part-time capacity, has accepted a call to a full-time ministry as from January, 1958.

An Evangelical Alliance of Australia, under the presidency of Dr. H. W. K. Mowll of Sydney, has been formed to encourage evangelism in the churches, and to help in preparations for the Billy Graham Crusade in Australia. State Committees have been elected in Sydney and Melbourne, and the Alliance aims to unite evangelical Christians in a fellowship of prayer for the spread of the gospel and the maintenance of the faith. It will be affiliated with the World Evangelical Fellowship, which has member organisations in 24 countries. Any person in sympathy with the aims and doctrinal basis of the Alliance may become an Associate. The Honorary Sec., A. T. Kerr, P.O., Box 18, Carlton, Vic., will be glad to supply details.

P. R. Baker conducted a "Back to the Bible" tent mission at Wangaratta, Vic., Aug. 4-Sept. 1. About 9,000 "Back to the Bible" tracts were printed and distributed, together with 12,000 handbills. A daily advertisement was put over 3NE. During the campaign, ten decisions were made for Christ in the tent, three people coming with Roman Catholic backgrounds. There were also three decisions at the Sunday afternoon services at Whitfield (30 miles away), where Mr. Baker also spoke. On two nights there were baptisms in the tent, and more baptisms the following Sunday night in the building. Mr. Baker has gone on to Merbein, and thence to Robinvale. "We know him as one who is loyal and true to the Word of God," writes Bruce A. Roberts, preacher at Wangaratta. "The day of tent missions is not past. It still is one of the best, if not the best way of reaching the people."

# HERE AND THERE

At a well attended half-yearly business meeting of the church at Unley, S.A., it was unanimously decided to invite I. J. Chivell to accept a further term of engagement from March, 1958, to the end of Jan., 1961.

Harold Gross, B.A., Youth Director of our New Zealand churches, is at present visiting family and friends in Melbourne, following important youth conferences at "Gilbulla," N.S.W.

Allen G. Elliott, M.A., B.Sc., Dip. Ed., Vice-Principal of the N.S.W. Bible College, Woolwich, is having a very busy time while on leave in Great Britain. In a fortnight's time we plan to include an article from him concerning a brief visit to Egypt and the Middle East. His work at University College, London, and the British Museum, in connection with Translation Background Materials is nearly completed, though he has further studies to complete in Cambridge. He reports "a grand weekend" recently with Mr. and Mrs. Eric Hart at Leicester, and a meeting with Mr. and Mrs. Keith Skillicorn at the British Churches' Conference at Glasgow.

We draw attention to an advertisement elsewhere in this issue calling for applications from Christian young men or women to fill the positions of Hon. Sec. and Hon. Treas. of the Vic. State C.E. Union.

Lloyd E. Jones, whose appointment as H.M. organiser for the N.S.W. churches was announced recently, will complete his present ministry at Mile End, S.A., at the end of this year, and commence his N.S.W. appointment at the 1958 Conference in March. Mr. Jones will hold a mission with the church at Merewether, Newcastle, N.S.W., Oct. 4-Nov. 9. In the interval between his Mile End ministry and the N.S.W. appointment, he will hold missions at Naracoorte, S.A. (Feb. 9 - March 2) and Geelong, Vic. (March 9-23). Mr. Jones would appreciate the prayer support of the brotherhood for these special efforts.

During the second week of their Aug. holidays, children at Leichhardt, Qld. were well catered for at a Vacation Bible School, held daily 9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. Total attendance was 607, with an average daily attendance of 121. There were 217 children enrolled, representing 106 families, from 7 different churches. Organiser of the effort was Mrs. J. Wiltshire, assisted by Keith Ludgater (Warwick)

and an average of 12 helpers daily from the church at East Ipswich, E. Reeve assisting in transport. The programme included singing, flannel-graph, colored films and competitions, with approximately 80 prizes donated by Miss M. Jenner and Mrs. Wiltshire, Paula Stanley gaining first place for highest total of points. A different Bible theme was presented daily, and overall emphasis was placed on daily prayer and church attendance. The local paper gave good publicity, and among the results. are 16 new Youth Fellowship members, 4 new B.S. scholars, revival of the Y.W.L. and inquiries re church membership and possible duplication of the scheme

elsewhere. Despite inclement weather, prevalent sickness, and a juvenile Eisteddfod in the same week, the organiser and helpers felt the blessing of God throughout the effort.

Since the inaugural meeting of the church at Robinvale, Vic., was held on June 30, with 42 present (including 13 from Boundary Bend) and two making decision for Christ, the work has shown encouraging signs. A Bible school has been begun, with over 30 attending. A block of land has been purchased in a good position, and a P. R. Baker tent mission will commence on Oct. 6. The Aborigines of Robinvale have approached Mr. and Mrs. Dodd, asking if they would begin a Bible school at their camp. The following have been elected to office: J. Dodd and E. G. Chislett (elders); W. G. Chislett, G. Williams, A. Lawson and D. J. Chisquelt (deacons); sisters R. Knight, J. Dodd and E. G. Chislett (deaconesses); Jeff. Cameron (sec.-treas.).

# Tribute to Mrs. E. E. Trew ("Cookie")

Thousands of persons who have shared in Victorian Youth Camp life over the past twenty-five years will pause in gratitude for the life of service of "Cookie" Trew, who died on Sept. 1, at Monbulk, Vic., after an illness lasting only twenty-four hours.

She was born at Trowbridge, England, sixty years ago, the daughter of a blacksmith. She loved to tell of her vigorous youth, how she played foot-



Mrs. E. E. Trew.

ball, and later of her work in a munition factory during the first world war. After the war she married an Australian soldier, Ted Trew, and came to make her home in Australia. There are four children in their family—Ellen, Tom, George and John. They resided in the Warracknabeal district for a number of years, and later at Ballarat.

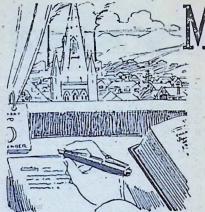
"Cookie" was first drawn into camp cooking at Dimboola. H. J. Patterson tells how she immediately fitted into the life of the camp. In the twenty-five years that have passed since then, Mrs. Trew has been very much more than a camp cook. She was a woman of great physical strength, and could work long hours and remain cheerful day after day. She had a gift of discernment, and knew how and when to help young people. She took a special interest in "wild" boys. She knew how to deal with them, and how to make them useful.

Completely unselfish, she lived to serve others, whether in camps, in the local community or in her own home. W. R. Hibburt paid a fine tribute to Mrs. Trew when he said, "She was a great lover. She loved life, she loved her home, she loved people and she loved to serve."

A large crowd of church people attended the funeral services on Tues. Sept. 3, at Ferntree Gully, and there was an extravagance of floral tributes. Her life and work were commended by H. J. Patterson, W. R. Hibburt and L. A. Trezise.

In faith we laid her body to rest on the mountain-side at Ferntree Gully, cherishing memories that are forever sacred.

To Mr. Trew and the family we offer our deepest sympathy.—L.A.T.



# MINISTER'S MUSINGS teers — and to the conscientious dedication to their jobs by men like Mr.

hardly the best preparation for our monthly officers' meeting. However, there were so many things to talk over that, absorbed in the decisions which had to be made, I hardly realised till I was home again that the headache was gone. Happy the preacher who can leave his headache behind him at an officers' meeting, instead of bringing one home with him!

WEDNESDAY.—Alison enjoyed her visit to Scots Church this afternoon for the British and Foreign Bible Society rally, at which Young Bin Im, the Korean General Secretary, was the speaker. He told the story which he has doubtless been telling around Australia, of his experiences during and after the Korean conflict. It is certainly a story worth telling, as he is a man worth meeting, for without his persistent courage and faith in the midst of repeated calamities there would never have been such a story. Two evacuations from Seoul, the second as by a miracle; the complete destruction by the Communists of the Seoul Bible House, with stocks and paper equivalent to 500,000 Scriptures; the arrival of himself and family in Pusan, to try to carry on the work there, knowing that five of his ninemember Board of Directors had either been carried off by the Communists or were known to be dead; various strategies to safeguard precious translation documents; a heartbreaking fire in 1953, destroying Bibles, paper, etc. so thoroughly that the work had to begin again, practically from nothing; the return to Seoul at the end of 1954, under fearfully cramped conditions, before it was possible to commence rebuilding the Bible House - no wonder the man often found himself "dis-tressed and saddened by failure," near the end of his tether. But he won through, with the help of many people whose concern surprised him. From a trip to Britain, just after the terrible blow of the fire, he received such practical help that he said, "My shrinking vision was re-expanded . . . I was able to collect living evidence that my faith in Christian fellowship was not false, but an actual reality." How much all Christian leaders owe to the un-numbered legion of the "sons of encouragement"!

hear Laurel at the piano, trying to amuse herself (how soon the holiday feeling begins to pall!) by playing and singing a song which apparently requires a whistling chorus. In an earlier generation I suppose it would have been my duty to remind her that young ladies don't whistle, but I must confess to a liking for the cheerful sound, and there aren't so many cheerful sounds in today's world that we can afford to silence any of them! Besides, I like to recall two stories about whistling. The first goes back to the Boxer rebellion in China at the turn of the century, when much of the missionary work of Hudson Taylor was being destroyed. At the time he was sick in hospital in Europe, and the friend who came to break the news hardly knew how to tell him. She was startled by his reaction — the sick man began to whistle softly. But as she listened she understood — it was the tune of a well-known hymn about resting in God. That was his faith. The other story also concerns China, but the China of more recent days. Olin Stockwell, facing his second Christmas in solitary confinement in a Chinese jail, was greatly encouraged when, on Christmas Eve, he heard a fellow-prisoner begin to sing arias from the Messiah, as well as Christmas carols, in a rich baritone voice. A home-made Christmas card was pushed under his door the next day. A few days later he was told to pack up, but he longed to get a message through to his unknown friend. Suddenly, he began to whistle "God be with you till we meet again." Back came the same hymn sung in Chinese. As Floyd Shacklock puts it, "He faced the unknown future in Christian fellowship."

THURSDAY.-From my study I can

FRIDAY.-At the end of a hectic day I joined Ben Huntsman (Victorian C.M.S. President) in watching a preview of some new religious films, sponsored by the Australian Religious Film Society. With themes like stewardship, temperance, and the loving outreach of God, films like these are real preaching, and it is good to see advances being made in their quality.

SATURDAY.—Carlyle said that the man he honored above all was "him who is seen toiling for the spiritually indispensable, not daily bread but the bread of life." Brother Carlyle, "toiling" was certainly the right word! But the labor is well worth-whilefrom the moment when the gleam comes suddenly in the midst of the study's striving, to that more precious moment when someone admits that your word has reached home, to challenge and help.

SUNDAY.—Father's Day — with its "surprises" and simple gifts, and, best of all, the look in the family's faces as they sang "Happy Father's Day to you!" That's something which can't be commercialised. It has been a happy day, even remembering the sceptical grins which the family exchanged during tonight's service when I crossed from the pulpit to join the special men's choir for the anthem. For I felt it was a Father's Day in the fullest sense this morning, as I welcomed a group of young people into the church's fellowship. They all come from church homes, and I told them they were a very fortunate group because of that; they won't realise it fully yet, any more than I did at their age, but the older I get the more it means to me that I grew up in a home where I saw the Christian Faith at work. Alison and I feel that one of our biggest jobs is to give that kind of a heritage to Laurel and Catherine. It's not easy, with the multiple claims that come on us both, as in every church manse. But whatever are the gifts of a minister and his wife, and the plaudits they win; whatever the claims that pull them this way and that way, to the helping of others — if they fail their own children in their own home, they are nothing!

MONDAY.—The combination of a glorious spring day, and the first of the school holidays, gave us the chance to slip up into the hills for a family picnic lunch before going on to the Waterman Memorial Camp to see some old friends - as well as bringing ourselves up-to-date with what the Youth Department is doing to extend its facilities. The new dormitory hut (80 feet long) should be a great acquisi-tion—even if caretaker Wally Fielder (who is doing such a magnificent job around the property) does occasionally have some headaches with the more high-spirited of the volunteers who come from suburban churches to help in completing the hut. Yet what a lot our brotherhood properties owe to the ready help of such volunFleider. There are many unsung heroes in our midst. And heroines! Not least of these was "Cookie" Trew, the kitchen heroine of so many camps, of whose sudden passing we learnt during our visit. TUESDAY.-It has been a full day, and a nagging headache tonight was



# Discipleship

Alan Gordon, Maylands, S.A. Mr. and Mrs. C. Webb. Albert Park. S.A.

Eric McCormick, East Ipswich, Qld. Mr. and Mrs. W. Larter, Mrs. McDonald, Gloria Stewart, Keith Way, Lloyd Way, Leslie Smith, Barry Smith, Murwillumbah, N.S.W.

Janet Koop, Marj. Way, Unley, S.A. John Price, Peter Wood, Forestville, S.A.

### Membership

David Creeper, from Port Lincoln to Fullarton, S.A.

A. Brown, from Gardiner to Wattle Park, Vic.

Mrs. L. Simpson, from Cheltenham to Carnegie, Vic.

Miss R. Fagan, from Dareton, N.S.W., to South Yarra, Vic.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Sonsie, from Box Hill to Ringwood, Vic.

# Marriage

Margot Anderson, Maylands, S.A., to Ron Oldfield, Balwyn, Vic. Marilyn Beard to Ron Wilson, Forestville, S.A.

### Fallen Asleep

S. Brittain, D. Hammond, Mrs. L. Mauger, Maylands, S.A. E. Fisher, Bordertown, S.A. Mrs. M. Tremewan, Carnegie, Vic.

### **AUST. CAPITAL TERRITORY**

Canberra (G. R. Stirling, B.A.). -C.W.F. held meeting on Aug. 28, when B. Coventry (India) spoke and showed slides of Mission work. Mr. Coventry was speaker for day on Sept. 1, and gave illustrated talk to B.S. 130 attended gospel service, including 60 members of youth auxiliaries. Y.P. were well represented at an inter-church Youth Conference.

### **QUEENSLAND**

Mackay (D. H. Paddon).—Minister assisted in leadership of Youth ter assisted in leadership of Youth Camp at Magnetic Island during Aug. school holidays. Five others attended the camp from Mackay. C.Y.F. invited C.M.S. to lead their meeting on 31st. C.E. held Mock Court at their meeting. They are making toys for missions. C.W.F. held social evening on 30th. S. Pedler (Tropycomba) was visitor on ler (Toowoomba) was visitor en route from Magnetic Island. C.M.S. recently had demonstration on French polishing. The church is preparing to launch Operation Increase in earnest. Feature of campaign will be weekly "Revival Fellowship," which will include Bible Course for study, with discussion. C.M.S. is holding working bees on manse repairs.

East Ipswich. - On Aug. 18, J. Wiltshire opened local phase of Operation Increase, when pledge cards were distributed. Same evening at C.M.S. he screened films depicting projected programme for the Operation during Sept. to Nov. Film evening was arranged on 23rd for church, when Our Protestant Heritage was shown and discussed. C.Y.F. was active during month in house to house visitation, and on 21st paid visit to Aged Christians' Home in Brisbane. Preachers during month included Messrs. Burkhart (Wyn-num), Nowitske (Maryborough), Feldahn, Pieper and Wiltshire. Ron Heitman also assisted at Leichhardt. A young man was received into fellowship following his baptism into Christ at Sunnybank church.

### NEW SOUTH WALES

Warrawong (N. Flint). — Visiting speakers have been B. Coventry, and a B. & F.B.S. representative. Fellow-ship was enjoyed, despite recent decreased attendances caused by prevalent illness. Daily Vacation B.S. has commenced, and it is hoped that many contacts will be made and established. Two ladies have made decisions for Christ in gospel services. Church has taken over B.S. at Berkeley Hostel, and now more Y.P. and older members are being used and trained in Christian service.

Asquith (M. C. Leask). - Attendances are continually improving,

C.Y.F. had fellowship tea on Aug. 25 and later led gospel service. Various items were given, and C. Way was soloist. Monthly church paper has been commenced.

Georgetown (F. L. Leivesley). All auxiliaries are seeking to be used more effectively as soul-seeking agencies. Presence of 18 members at last week's prayer meeting indicates increasing desire to support work of the ministry with prayer. At a Junior-Inter. Camp, conducted at Bolton Point, 21 members of the group responded to the gospel invi-tation. 5 other young folk made fresh surrender to Christ.

Hornsby (V. S. Dallinger). - The monthly fellowship tea was held on Aug. 25, when B. Coventry (India) showed slides. Minister conducted gospel service, Mrs. and Nelda Dallinger rendered duet and B. Coventry gave address. Mr. Bowser (Epping) spoke at morning service. Minister attended Preachers' Refresher Course. On 4th, sisters of church prepared tea for ministers, who later held meeting in chapel. Service was conducted by V. S. Dallinger, and Mr. MacKenzie gave address.

Kurri Kurri (B. Nowitzke). —Attendances have been affected by sickness and cold weather. Those sick are improving, with exception of T. Wotherspoon, who is in hospital. Minister is on holiday. Speakers during his absence have been Messrs. Beavis and Stanhope, from Woolwich College. Sis. G. Hunter has been soloiste. Another visitor has been D. Lonergan (Blacksmiths). Bible Class is meeting every Thursday night. C.W.F. met on Sept. 4, when Sis. I. Wotherspoon and D. Willetts spoke on Christian Unity.

Murwillumbah. — Good attendances have marked services since official opening of chapel, with some local folk showing interest. During College vacation, Geo. Davis (Woolwich) conducted meetings for two weekends, with a man and wife making the good confession at his last service. These were baptised by R. F. Goode on Sept. 1, when W. Bagley (Bexley North) addressed church. Assistance afforded by Messrs. Davis and Bagley is appreciated. Other visitors in recent weeks included Mr. and Mrs. R. McKenzie (Toowoomba), Mr. and Mrs. G. Davies, senr. (Lismore), and Miss M. Goode and Robt. Goode

Kingsford (P. Kavanagh). — C.W.F. held Missionary Night on Aug. 23; work for Aboriginal Missions was displayed, and G. E. Knight showed slides of Carnarvon and Norseman stations. Girls' Club is doing well, now using new basketball court at rear of chapel. Bible Class enjoyed picnic to Wallacia on 31st. Church plans Visitation Evangelism campaign for Sept. to introduce Operation Increase. Recent visitors, Mrs. L. Murray, Judith and Bernice (Taree), Mr. and Mrs. H. Easton, Tony and Pam (Footscray). Mr. Bradshaw (Social Service Com.) spoke at morning service in Aug. A young man decided for Christ on Sept. 1.

### SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Grote-St., Adelaide (H. G. Norris).

— Good attendance of Y.P. were present at B.S. tea on Sept. 1. H. A. Brown (C.S.S.M.) was speaker at the tea and at gospel service. Miss West attended worship service after prolonged illness through accident. Interstate visitors have been Mr. and Mrs. Jones (Bendigo) and Mrs. and Miss Canterbury (Oakleigh). A. Norris (C.O.B.) has been home on vacation. Pre-gospel song service, conducted by W. Watson, is popular.

Bordertown (F. Langford). — B.S. has resumed after break through flu epidemic, and services are on improve. Film, Martin Luther, was screened at C.Y.F., also D. Nicholls was present and spoke to Y.P. There were good representative groups from Naracoorte and Kaniva present. Whilst minister was helping at Murray Bridge with B.S. anniversary services, L. S. Riches (M.P.) conducted both services on Aug. 25. At C.M.S., Mr. Riches spoke on Parliamentary Procedure and showed slides. E. Fisher, who was associated with Bordertown church for over 50 years, has been called Home.

Albert Park (R. G. Deane). — On Aug. 28, ladies conducted programme at Christian Rest Home. I.C.E. has decided to adopt a child from Aborigines Mission. One of girls' basketball teams reached finals in its first year. On Sept. 1, speakers were D. Young and A. Glastonbury (Conf. Pres.). There was one decision. Afterwards, Mr. Glastonbury showed slides of work in S.A.

Fullarton (A. W. Morris). — With return of fine weather, attendances have improved, but there are still some members ill. Sympathy is extended to G. Dayman in loss of his mother. Minister addressed both services on Sept. 1. R. Hooper and Mrs. J. Deuter sang duet at gospel service. A young man has been welcomed into fellowship by transfer.

Kilburn (E. F. G. McIlhagger, B.A.).

Kinder. dept. emphasised Spring by holding flower day on Sept. 1, when children brought many floral gifts for sick people. Church rejoiced to have D. Hamilton (C.O.B.) present on vacation, and appreciated his message at morning service. Good representation of men had tea together during afternoon and decided to form a C.M.S. L. Milne was appointed pres., T. Penhearow (vicepres.), J. Ovess (sec.-treas.). These, together with minister and 3 others, are to constitute an Executive Com. Men also sang at gospel service. Mrs. F. Collins was remembered by flowers and visits on her 89th birthday. Past ministry of Mr. and Mrs. F. Collins was of vital importance to progress of church at Kilburn.

Maylands (G. M. Mathieson). - Dr. Oldfield and J. Luff have addressed church. A. Glastonbury (Conference Pres.) addressed C.M.S. Alan Gordon (R.A.A.F.) has been transferred to Point Cook. Mrs. Read has left hospital; Mrs. E. R. Henning, Mr. Wilkenson and Mrs. Biggs have somewhat improved and A. Hudd has recovered from operation. Interesting pictures of Mission fields in New Guinea were shown by Mr. Buckman at district gathering, and information given of B. & F.B.S. activities. After many years of faithful service Mrs. Blanden has resigned; church is fortunate to have Mrs. Chamberlain succeed her. Half-yearly business meeting was well attended.

Naracoorte (M. D. Williams). — Number of Y.P. and older members visited Bordertown on Aug. 17 for Border Christian Youth Fellowship rally. Programme took the form of mystery hike, followed by tea and a meeting at 7 p.m. Mr. Hughes, representing C.T.A., visited church on 18th and spoke at gospel service. A married woman made the good confession. Young members tendered surprise birthday party to Doug. Jenkins at his home at Edenhope on 24th.

Unley (I. J. Chivell). — Visitation of members to each other's homes has resulted in larger attendances and better spirit of fellowship. Now nonmembers are being invited to homes of members. This visitation has been a part of Operation Increase, and has encouraged many to greater activity in church. On Aug. 25, L. Buckman (B. & F.B.S. sec.) was morning speaker, and in the evening Dr. Trevor Turner conducted the service. Minister was attending first Conference of river churches, held at Loxton.

Forestville. — Work has been well maintained, despite sickness. B. and F.B.S. deputationist spoke on Society's work. Y.P.S.C.E. recently visited Goodwood Baptist Y.P. society, For-

estville providing programme. I.C.E, under leadership of Lloyd Lovell, visited some "shut-ins" and appreciative reports have come to hand. Kitchen evening was tendered Marilyn Beard, faithful B.S. worker, prior to her marriage. Two senior B.S. scholars have been welcomed by faith and baptism. Successful B.S. anniversary was held on Aug. 25 and Sept. 1, when theme was The Light of the World. Scholars sang well, under leadership of Geo. Thomas (general supt.), Mrs. McKennay (primary) and Miss E. Taylor (kinder.), with Mrs. Thomas at the organ, and Jennifer Ball and Trevor Taylor at the piano. Appreciative messages were given by Albert Jones, W. Bartlett, K. Horne and N. Moore. Overseas offering was approx. £90. W. R. James has returned to morning service after eight weeks' illness with flu.

### VICTORIA

Red Hill (R. P. Veal). — Weekly prayer meetings continue to be held in members' homes. Minister exchanged with A. Cant. (Tootgarook) for morning service of Aug. 18. Girls' Club conducted evening service. Ladies visited Tootgarook for combined meeting on 21st. Mr. and Mrs. Westmore were visitors on 25th. C.M.S. held meeting on 26th.

Ascot Vale (J. Edwards - G. Moyes).

— Combined meeting of Ascot Vale and Newmarket was well attended. Y.P. of both churches produced religious play, The Blind Man. Great credit is due to producers and caste for the reverent manner in which the play was presented. Sympathy of the church goes to the Reid family in the Home call of their mother. Preachers and officers visit shut-in every month and have communion with them; this service is greatly appreciated. Aged Mrs. Patterson is much improved in health and is now able to get out for a brief spell.

Bentleigh (J. Wiltshire). — Leaders of youth auxiliaries are alert to provide good and interesting programmes; this ministry is having good effect. At regular intervals at midweek service, study period is devoted to various phases of B.S. work. Ladies' Fellowship had profitable afternoon on Aug. 28, when a representative from Archaeological Society was speaker. L. Warren gave message at 11 a.m. on 18th. Occasionally minister changes with morning president, giving men of church opportunity to speak. Mrs. F. Manning is making steady progress after surgical treatment at Bethesda.

Brighton (S. H. Wilson). — August avers. were: a.m., 159; p.m., 122; communicants, 153. Boys' gymnasium held most successful Parents' and Friends' Night. S. R. Baker (B. and F.B.S.) spoke at worship service on 24th. 67 attended Father and Son tea on Fathers' Day, catered for by Ladies' Fellowship; R. N. Gilmore was speaker. At gospel service following, E. R. Price presided and B. Huntsman and D. Bismire were speakers. Church has donated Kingship of Christ to Brighton Public Library.

Ormond (D. W. Mansell). — A young lady made the good confession at gospel service on Sept. 1. Attendances have dropped slightly in morning but have increased at night. Many visitors are attending gospel services. Minister has busy time in his visitation campaign. Mr. Thompson is home after serious illness. B.S. is planning model set of classes for demonstration night. P.B.P. basketball team won semi-final match on Aug. 31. N. Skews and J. Coffey are holidaying in S.A.

Wattle Park (H. A. G. Clark, M.A., B.D., Dip.Ed.). — Aver. attendances of over 80 marked week of special meetings at which R. V. Amos brought inspiring messages. Bright singing under J. Machin was enjoyed by all, and musical items from Blackburn quartette, Mrs. G. McCredden, Mrs. F. -Willing, Hartwell Youth Choir, Mrs. W. Hacker, Miss A. Blakely and H. Williams, were appreciated. Church was grateful for support from local sister churches; special thanks go to Blackburn for releasing their minister for the mission week. B.S. senior scholars recently raised over £50 towards Hall Building Fund. Preparation for anniversary services is well advanced. Church expresses sympathy to Miss Reeves in passing of her sister.

Carnegie (A. R. Lloyd). — Working bee has commenced in cleaning up chapel grounds, sponsored by CM.S., who have plans to appoint one man each week to keep grounds in order. Sympathy of church is extended to Tremewan family in recent passing of their mother. 5 Young Explorers attended camp at Monbulk. Monthly parade of all auxiliaries was held at gospel service on Sept. 1, when R. P. Morris (Brighton) was speaker, minister being at Glen Waverley church anniversary.

Parkdale (P. Perry). — Gospel service was held for the first time in new Youth Hall at East Parkdale on Sept. 1, at 10.45 a.m. after B.S. This was followed by communion service. Attendance was very gratifying, as several parents of B.S. scholars living in the area, who otherwise do not attend, availed themselves of this opportunity to worship. It is planned to hold this service the first Sunday in each month for a trial period. Ladies' monthly Snowball meeting was held in home of Mrs. Coleman, guest speaker being Mrs. Lloyd (Carnegie). Explorer Boys held

TV night, proceeds for Mooroopna Aboriginal Church Furnishing Appeal. Four members are attending Explorer camp at Monbulk. 2 tennis teams (A and B) reached semi-finals in inter-church matches. Ladies of B.S. auxiliary are preparing for All Day Fair, with proceeds for Building Fund at East Parkdale.

South Yarra (L. E. Snow, B.A., Dip.Ed.). — Y.P.C.E. has been very active over past few weeks. On Aug. 13, Y.P. of Russian Baptist Church of Melbourne visited and a very friendly, happy evening was had by all. On 24th, Y.P. attended a "squash night" at Coburg and several participated in panel discussion At consecration night on Sept. 3, B. Snoxall (C.O.B.) was speaker. Mr. and Mrs. Eaton and Mrs. Lewis are holidaying in W.A. Education was theme of evening service on Aug. 25, when almost one third of congregation was in uniform. Many fathers were honored at Fellowship Hour held after evening service on Father's Day, Sept. 1.

Ringwood (W. F. Nankivell, B.A., B.D.). — Attendances at communion have been well maintained, despite much sickness. Aver. attendance represents approx. 70 to 75 per cent. of membership. Members are being urged to greater loyalty to gospel meeting, as aver. attendance is less than 50 per cent. Continued activity and progress are being maintained in B.S. Y.P. auxiliaries are in healthy state. C.M.S. is engaged in progressive programme of study groups endeavoring to embrace most men of church, meeting in homes and bringing findings to monthly meeting. Leadership is also being received from representative speakers. New budget system of finance, after 6 months' period, reveals drift of 5

per cent. from members' commitments. Youth Council recently sponsored film, Martin Luther. Negotiations have been completed in connection with purchase of residence for new minister.

#### DEATH

SINDREY. — On Aug. 30 (suddenly) at 19 Belgravia-ave., Box Hill North, Vic., Elizabeth, loved wife of the late James, loved mother of Arthur (dec.), Vera (Mrs. Hall), mother-in-law of Tom and Lorna, dear nana of Loris, Donald, Malcolm, Shirley and Dennis, great-grandmother of Susan, Rhonda, Deirdre and Peter.

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### LATE NEWS - SOUTH AUST.

Enfield Heights (Albert E. Brown).

— All services are well attended. Women's Guild and Young Women's Fellowship both had successful anniversary meetings. Bible School anniversary taxed the building to capacity. Girls' basketball club held a film night as a windup for the season. There has been much sickness among the members. Mrs. Thompson, senr., is in hospital. Two have been welcomed from Berri.

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Homiletics I.: R. Hilbrick, D. Hughes, A. Norris, D. Thoday; ten others

Homiletics II.: C. Dow, G. Mathieson, K. Milne; one other passed.

Homiletics III.: A. Cant, J. Edwards, B. McIntosh; one other passed.

Old Testament: Miss M. Creed, C. Dow, D. Hamilton, A. Norris, P. Shannon, A. Williams; thirteen others passed.

New Testament: J. Bangsund, Miss M. Creed, C. Dow, D. Hamilton, D. Hull, K. Milne, A. Norris, P. Shannon; eleven others passed.

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Greek History: R. Elbourne; six others passed.

Economics: O. Clark, R. Elbourne, N. Sleep, R. Tippett; four others passed.

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Mrs. Scudds.

The recent death of Mrs. Scudds; at the age of 76 years, removed another of the early links with the church at Stirling East, S.A. She was baptised there 58 years ago, and with her late husband gave much service to the church, though in latter years her failing health pre-vented even her attendance at the services. Her memory was quick to recall events and episodes which, for her, helped to make the church and its fellowship a joy to be remem-bered. She lived to see the children of the fourth generation, and was proud of the fact that her descendants have followed her in the church and its activities. W. Greenwood, preacher of the church at Beverley, is a grandson, while her son, S. Scudds and his son Mervyn, of Queenstown church, are doing ex-cellent preaching service. Though the word "death" closes the records on the church roll, "life" is the first word in the records above. - Ross Graham.

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