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Mr. and Mrs. F. Beale and Marilyn.
Mrs. Beale is our most recent missionary mother.

THE MINISTRIES OF OUR

WOMEN

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

Problems Facing the Missionary Mother and Her Children

Mrs. Colin Thomas, Vic.

A glimpse into life as it is lived by children of missionary parents may help us all to share some of the problems peculiar to mothers in missionary service. One of the first things that enters our minds, as we think of a new little life coming into a missionary home, is the care of the baby's body, and this brings us to medical help, should this be necessary. It is here that we, who have lived in India, feel that the missionary mother living in the New Hebrides has the harder part. In India, should an emergency arise, transport, by either train or motor vehicle, direct to our mission hospital, is almost always procurable. In the New Hebrides this is not so. The Islands work is carried on at outposts, each mission station being separated from the mainland by a strip of sea, which serves to isolate the missionary and her children from some of the amenities of civilisation. This is particularly noticeable when any urgent help may be necessary. It is possible to get to a doctor after some hours on the sea — that is, providing there is a craft available, and the sea is not too rough.

And so the child born into the missionary home, begins to grow, and before long to toddle about. It is here that we feel that sometimes, particularly when the missionary's work has taken the family to camp for a while in tents, outside some of

the "out-back" villages, difficulties have arisen. The Indian folk have a great love for children, and to them a little child from another country has been an attraction. My heart has been anxious at times as I have seen an old woman from "out-village," a woman whom we have sought to tell about the love of God, come to the tent door and want to take our little girl on her knee. I have thought of the germs that may be carried, for she has looked so dirty, and has had little or no opportunity to learn to be otherwise. One of our little girls, particularly, responds readily to any overtures of affection, and would be quite willing to be embraced by any who would take her.

Often, in the early childhood of the boy or girl in the missionary home, the mother must make a decision as to whether it is right to leave one's child in the care of a native woman, while she does missionary work outside the home. She sees the need of entering into any outside service that would help the young church to know more about living for Christ, and yet is reluctant to leave her child in the care of a native woman, who, no matter how much she loves the child, would not discipline her as she herself would. A mother from another Mission, who felt, during the pre-school years of her only daughter, that the right thing for her to do was to go out daily, teaching, told me how the lack of discipline on the part of the Indian helper who was caring for her little girl, had had very difficult repercussions. Often, so often, the question arises — should the chil-

dren come first, or the needs of a work which the missionary mother would dearly love to do.

School days arrive, and for the missionary in India this almost always means that the parents and children must be parted when the child is six years or a little older. As the situation is in India today, with climate and facilities for education taken into consideration, the child travels 900 miles to the school that he or she must attend. The early days in school are hard for the little ones, but as time goes on, and through the Christian influence of consecrated teachers, the children learn to appreciate things that go to make up boarding school life. Nevertheless, there are those times, perhaps especially in cases of sickness, when the child longs to be with the mother, and the mother with the child. The missionary mother in the New Hebrides has perhaps a more difficult situation here, too. Because of lack of educational facilities where she is, she must either leave her children in Australia, or carry on with correspondence lessons. Supervising these lessons takes a great deal of time, and the child frequently lacks the opportunity of mixing and working with other children. A very real problem is to decide when the child should be left in Australia, and with whom he should be left.

School days finish in India, and then the children must be brought home to fit into what is to them almost a foreign country. They have learnt to love India. Now they must begin learning the ways of teenagers in their own country. Some very big adjustments, in both thinking and ways of life, must be made, as they eventually choose and embark upon careers here in Australia.



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N.S.W. Ministers' Refresher

The N.S.W. Ministers' Annual Refresher Course was held at the Dunmore Boys' Home, Pendle Hill, Sept. 1-6. There were 14 preachers in full-time residence, but numbers were augmented daily by visiting preachers, with 25 sharing altogether.

The spirit of fellowship and unity of concern and purpose were of high order, and speak well for the future of the work in this State.

All sessions were under the chairmanship of the president, D. Wakeley. Discussions were led by A. B. Clark, H. C. Bischoff, D. Wakeley, W. J. Crossman, L. Dewberry, R. J. Anderson, R. W. Beadle and I. A. Paternoster. Subjects discussed included the following. The Place of the Ministry in the Church of Today, The Plea—Is It Any Longer Valid?, What Hinders Our Progress?, The Circuit System and United Promotion of New Causes, Our Attitude Toward Social Evils, Deepening the Spiritual Life of the Church, and How to Capture the Spirit of Brotherliness Evidenced in the "Declaration and Address." One session of great benefit was Conversation on the Work of God—a confidential discussion on particular problems in the ministry.

There was a Question Box for questions and suggestions—the answers and discussion being particularly helpful. So helpful were the periods that almost each one was extended, and all free time scheduled was taken and used for further sessions. An inspirational rally was held at Hornsby on the Wednesday evening, with J. McKenzie as speaker, the district churches co-operating. H. C. Bischoff screened slides on New Zealand. V. G. Dallinger led the meeting. The preachers were the guests of the Hornsby church for tea. Daily devotional sessions were of high order. Table devotions were led by N. Hodgekiss. The services of the secretary, J. Wylie, were highly commended. Special thanks were expressed to Mrs. Hutchinson and Mr. Walton, of the Home, for the services they rendered during the sessions.—H. C. Bischoff.

Three hundred young people attended "Youths' Own" in the Y.W.C.A., Melbourne, on Sept. 14. The programme included musical comedy, presented by K. Morris and friends, an interview with League footballer, Doug. Beasy, and "The Call of Christ," by T. T. Robinson. This monthly programme is presented by the Victorian Young People's Department.

S.A. Conference Reaches New Heights

E. P. C. Hollard.

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity" was the unconscious slogan of the 83rd Annual Conference of the churches in South Australia. The theme, **The Increasing Fellowship**, found expression in a multitude of ways through the week Sept. 11 to 18.

Features

Figures tell a story of increasing worth in the churches. Additions to membership numbered 1,040 from all sources, making a gain of 448. The membership now stands at 8,305, the highest for many years. In the additions 589 were added by faith and baptism, 234 over last year.

On the youth front, additions to schools numbered 927, with a total enrolment of 8,004, an increase of almost 700 over last year. In every group of youth, activity gains are most obvious. This reflects credit upon our Youth Department's virile programme of Christian Education.

Giving reached a new level as £105,512 was given for all purposes, an increase of over £9,000 on the previous year. Property values have soared to £457,850. An active building programme has contributed to this.

The preaching strength of the churches is now 50 men in full-time service, 7 part-time, and others assisting. Tribute was paid to two veterans, J. E. Shipway (Hospital Chaplain), who has served with distinction through a life-time, and S. L. Patching, who has served in two States. They now join the ranks of our esteemed "retired" men, whose presence is always a benediction.

One wise move was the setting aside of H. R. Taylor to write a history of the churches of Christ in South Australia. In commissioning him to the task all facilities are at his disposal.

A long-felt want is the need for a Brotherhood Centre, where offices and Book Room may be centralised. The General Executive has been empowered to take this matter up, and act in the name of Conference. At present the possibilities of meeting this need are very bright, and we look to a near time when our own building will be available.

A wise move was to set aside a panel of advisers to churches and Departments who would always be available when matters of finance are concerned. We have a group of men of exceptional ability, highly placed in industry and commerce, who will form this Advisory Panel.

Meetings

Under the gracious chairmanship of A. A. Glastonbury, attendances reached phenomenal proportions. The opening night of President's Reception saw Grote-st. chapel packed to the doors, and succeeding meetings in the mother church were all the same. On two occasions the Adelaide Town Hall had to be closed, and

they are. To give extracts would be to leave out as good as one could put in!

Canberra church was well to the fore as Mr. Stirling told the thrilling story, and enlisted the support of the churches for this major effort.

Hcn. J. J. Dedman was the featured speaker at the Social Service Rally, and his moving account of the refugee problem thrust the challenge to the church.

Overseas Night brought our own Bruce and Pat Coventry to bring a message on **India Today**. This was followed by **Wings Over New Guinea**, from A. Anderson. A pleasing item was a fine color movie on New Guinea, presented by John Blakeley (Woolwich).

The Preachers' Session, always a highlight of fellowship, was addressed by Principal Burleigh, of the Baptist College. His down-to-earth approach to the ministry was stimulating.

Operation Increase was discussed at a tea-time session, when the writer presented the campaign, and reports and submissions from churches were given.

Ray Ewers was featured to speak for the **Aborigines Department**, and his address was prefaced by slides of the work.

A panel of speakers presented the **Christian Unity programme**. This year more time was given for this report.

The Conference Tea, unique among our people, was greater than ever. Over 900 shared, and although it was planned to seat all at one sitting, the second sitting was inevitable. Once more the catering ladies, under Mrs. W. Ferris, did a magnificent work. The flower arrangements in the Town Hall were a work of art, and reflected credit upon L. R. Parker and his team, who worked from early Sunday morning.

Each year, for many years, the pioneers have been honored. This is an afternoon session at which all who have been in membership for over 40 years get together and reminisce. Usually held in Grote-st., it, too, spilled over and the Town Hall was taken. The Women's Executive manage this, and did it with the usual grace and efficiency.

Business sessions on the Saturday and Monday were attended as never before. On both days numbers of delegates and others mounted up to almost 100 per cent. increase on the previous year.

(Further decisions and highlights of this memorable Conference will be featured in next week's issue.)



E. P. C. Hollard,
Newly-elected S.A. Conf. President.

hundreds turned away. How to account for this is still giving room for thought. Possibly the presence of the Stirlings from Canberra had something to do with it; then, the wonderful spirit in the brotherhood; but above all, the ceaseless zeal of Mr. and Mrs. Glastonbury counted in a very remarkable manner. It is interesting to note that 100 years ago an Albert Glastonbury was active in our churches, and here a century later his kinsman of the same name has been our President.

The Conference Sermon was delivered by G. R. Stirling. **The Increasing Fellowship**. What for? was the usual inimitable utterance by one who has something to say and knows how to say it. His addresses at the Youth Demonstration on Smart Fellows and Wise Guys, and at the Home Mission Demonstration on The Church at Hell Corner, left no one in doubt as to what they stood for, and who

JOHN BISHOP tells the fascinating story of William Carey

THE PLODDING PIONEER

The period through which William Carey lived is recognised today as one of the most important in the history of the world. It marked the transition from the outlook of the 18th century to that of the 19th, with all the change this brought to civilisation. It has been rightly claimed that Carey "set the missionary enterprise with its lively concern for the good of the native in the heart of the Protestant Church." The result of this enterprise was that the 19th century saw the spread of the gospel over a greater area of the world's surface than in all the centuries of Christianity that had preceded it.

Boyhood and Conversion

It was a man of obscure family, largely self-taught, and blessed with little of this world's goods, whom God chose to be the pioneer of missionary expansion. William Carey was born in 1761 in the village of Paulers Pury in Northamptonshire, the eldest of five children whose father was the village schoolmaster and parish clerk. An incident from his boyhood shows that from the earliest days he was full of the zest of living. In a tall chestnut-tree he saw a bird's nest which he coveted. Three times he climbed the tree, and three times he fell, and the third time he broke his leg. A few weeks later, while the leg was still bandaged, his mother left him for a while, and when she returned he was sitting in his chair, flushed and excited, with the bird's nest on his knees. To his mother's remonstrance he replied: "I couldn't help it, mother. If I begin a thing, I must go through with it." That was a characteristic word, which sums up his whole life. Years later, writing to a nephew, he said: "I can plod. That is my only genius. I can persevere in any pursuit. To this I owe everything."

On February 10, 1779, he went to hear Thomas Chater, a Congregationalist lay preacher, whose text was: "Let us therefore go out into the world without the camp, bearing his reproach" (Hebrews 13: 13). Young Carey interpreted this as a challenge to him to join the Dissenters. Thus at 18 he took the decisive step on the way of vital personal religion. It was not until four years later that he was baptised by John Ryland, who was later to become one of the secretaries of the Missionary Society that Carey founded, and a lifelong supporter of his work. Like

Bunyan and Wesley, Carey passed through three stages in his religious experience: a period of disquiet, troubled by the knowledge of sin; a definite moment of decision; and finally peace in the service of the Kingdom.

A Dream Realised

Once converted, it was inevitable that a man like Carey should start preaching. In 1785 he removed to the village of Moulton, where he went to establish a school. He found a very weak Baptist church which he quickly revived, and the members asked him to be their minister. In August, 1786, he was ordained there, and two years later he moved to Leicester to become minister of the Harvey-lane church, where he remained until he sailed for India in 1793. During his two pastorates he was busy educating himself, for he had an insatiable thirst for knowledge and a remarkable aptitude for learning languages. Just as Livingstone had his Latin grammar fixed on his weaving loom, so Carey had an open book before him at his cobbler's bench. Opposite the bench was a large map of the world, made of leather and brown paper, which he studied until he knew even the small islands of the sea. But his main interest was the people — their number and their condition. Had not Jesus said: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature"? It was in fulfilment of that command that Carey resolved to found a missionary society. The first step towards this was the publication of a book, entitled *An Enquiry into the Obligation of Christians to Use Means for the Conversion of the Heathen*. As a consequence he was invited to preach at the Baptist Association Meeting in Nottingham in May, 1792. His text was taken from Isaiah 54: 2, 3. "Enlarge the place of thy tent; stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations. Lengthen thy cords and strengthen thy stakes. For thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left. And thy seed shall inherit the Gentiles and make the desolate cities to be inhabited." One sentence of that sermon has become famous: "Expect great things from God: attempt great things for God."

When Carey saw the people quietly dispersing after the service, he seized Andrew Fuller's hand and said: "Are we not going to do anything? Oh, Fuller, call them back, call them back. We dare not separate without

doing anything." As a result of that passionate plea a missionary society was formed, and William Carey offered himself as its first missionary. Dr. Boreham has pointed out that "of all the striking coincidences of history none is more suggestive than the fact that it was on November 11, 1793 — the very day on which the French Revolution tore the Cross from Notre Dame, smashed it on the streets, and abjured Christianity — that William Carey sailed up the Hooghli, landed at Calcutta, and claimed a new continent for Christ."

Hard Toil — Then Success

He secured work as overseer of an indigo factory, and the regular salary which this provided put an end to worry about money. The job itself was an admirable preparation for his missionary work, as it brought him into close contact with the natives. He steadily worked at languages, not only to enable him to preach but for the even greater work of translating the Scriptures. As he came more and more to grips with his task he began to realise the difficulties in the way. After six years there was not a single convert among the natives, but he refreshed his soul in God and his Word. "When I reflect on how God has stirred me up to the work and wrought wonders to prepare my way, I can trust his promises and be at peace."

In 1799 colleagues came from England to join Carey, but having openly entered themselves on the passenger list as missionaries, they were not allowed to land at Calcutta. They took boat to Serampore, then under Danish rule, hoping to move up country and join Carey. This they were not allowed to do, but being urged to settle in Serampore with complete freedom to do their work, and the privilege of working a press, they agreed to do so. Carey joined them there in 1800, and remained in Serampore until his death thirty-four years later. That year the first leaf of the Bengali New Testament was pulled off the press, and the first Hindu convert was baptised.

Later Carey became Professor of Bengali, Sanscrit and Marathi at Fort William College, which had been founded by the Governor-General, Lord Wellesley. It was a testimony to the place Carey had won in the minds of the most influential Englishmen in Calcutta that he, a mis-

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Independence Day Celebrations

Miss Edna Vawser, of Shrigonda, writes an interesting letter concerning some special celebrations in her town. Here is what she has to say:

"The Indian mutiny is considered to be the first attempt to gain national independence, and this year commemorates the centenary of that event. On this account, 1957 is a very important year in the annals of Indian history. It is also ten years since India was granted independence. Aug. 15, 1947, in that respect, is the great day to be remembered and celebrated. This week on the 15th the school children had their usual holiday, and an extra day was also given for the celebrations.

"The day commenced with a procession of school children and others through the town. We were asked to have all our girls at the Boys' School at 7 a.m. We had to walk well over a mile to reach the school, and it is hardly daylight at 6 a.m. Many of the little children cannot walk quickly, so it meant a very early start from here. Fortunately,

sionary and a Nonconformist, should have been given such an appointment. The crowning achievement of his career was the founding of Serampore College, which was opened in 1821, and remains to this day a centre of light and learning in India.

Just before Carey died, Alexander Duff arrived in India and came to see the veteran missionary, and told him of his admiration for the wonderful work he had done. As the visitor was about to leave, Carey beckoned to him. "Mr. Duff," he said, "you have been speaking about Dr. Carey. When I am gone, say nothing about Dr. Carey — speak only of Dr. Carey's Saviour." By his own instruction nothing was put over his grave save his name, the date of his birth and death, and two lines of Isaac Watts' hymn:

A wretched, poor and helpless
worm,

On thy kind arms I fall.

—Christian World.

I insisted that all eat their usual breakfast before leaving, because often these early affairs spread out till mid-day. After the procession, all gathered at the Government offices for the Flag Raising Ceremony at 8.30 a.m. Quite contrary to the usual casual way of the people, the chief Government official had his watch out, waiting for the exact second for the raising of the flag. Our girls were asked to sing the National Anthem. Certainly they sing well.

"Following this ceremony all the school children went to the Government Boys' School for a similar ceremony, which was followed by all four schools giving an exhibition of drilling; the High School, Government Boys' School, Government Girls' School and the Mission School. The High School was very well prepared, and all the boys were in uniform. Our girls sang while they did their exercises, and this was most attractive and appreciated. It helped with the timing, of course, and that made a great deal of difference. The precision was good.

"In the afternoon, the school children had been asked to give five items from each school, for the entertainment of the village people. This is usually the time when all the women and babies have one grand time making themselves heard, and this was no exception. Although many items were well rendered the words were inaudible, because of the chattering of the women and crying and yelling of the small children. Our children are well known for their singing, and each time our girls gave their items there was quietness. This was decidedly marked, but not so well appreciated by other teachers, who had put so much time into their items. Speaking was not so attractive to the people as singing. We know this from old, but because the teachers in the Government schools change so often they forget to warn the new teachers.

"We did not take part in the evening programme. Our children were too tired, and in any case the village people know by now that I do not allow the girls to go to the village at night. The last time they went for a function they arrived home at 1 a.m., so I told the village people that that was the last time that would happen. There was a function, but I cannot write about that.

"On Friday morning the proceedings started at 8 a.m. For the school children there were races of all kinds, and in the afternoon organised sports of various kinds. Our girls seem to be able to take many of the prizes. I was astonished this morning when they brought the cash prizes to me to bank for them. There was £12/- for the whole school, and many girls won personal prizes of 2/-. Our children are quite sturdy, and this is remarked upon by all at such times, when all the children of the village are gathered together. I am glad, because it certainly shows that we are building strong healthy bodies for the future. There is so much T.B. in India, and also in our community, that we find it necessary to take every precaution. The girls have plenty of good, plain wholesome food, and it tells distinctly when they stand with others of their own age in competitive sports."

Victorian C.E. Projects

Owing to the interest and liberality of the Victorian Endeavorers the Aoban lighting plant is probably now being assembled. The original scheme became a more ambitious one, but the final result will be a far better investment.

In addition to the lighting plant, this same C.E. group is now endeavoring to raise sufficient funds to purchase a motor cycle for Ron McLean, of Londua Training School. About half the necessary money was in hand when Mr. McLean left in July, but the Foreign Mission Board agreed to advance the funds, so that the machine could be purchased before he left Australia. The cycle will be of great help in the visitation of distant places. Most of these villages are in the highlands, and often the weather is hot and sticky, making ordinary travel unpleasant and tiring.

Our congratulations and appreciation are offered these young people.

Annual Offering

No vital information is yet available regarding the Annual Offering. Some States have yet to report on progress figures. Two of our States report an upward trend, but the main result should be evident this coming month.

Many evidences of quickened interest have come to our knowledge, and for this we are grateful, and encouraged.

We are deeply grateful to an anonymous donor of N.S. Wales for a gift of £250, to help in the expenses of sending forward the two new couples to the New Hebrides.



Monday, Oct. 7

Psalm 147.

Thought Text: "Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise thy God, O Zion" (v. 12).

This psalm is one of the group known as the Hallelujah Psalms, because they each begin and end with a word which means "praise ye the Lord." The psalmist here expresses the joy of the exiles who have returned to their own land. He praises God for his mercy in restoring Jerusalem, and in helping those who were cast down.

What a grand picture is presented to us as we read the inspired words! Jerusalem is described as a city of peace and prosperity. The outcasts of Israel have been brought back. The gateways of the city have been fortified, and there is peace within her borders. Jerusalem is now under the government of God. Wickedness and material strength could do nothing for the restoration of the people, but spiritual forces have been triumphant.

Let us call to mind the great truth that the restoring activity of God is at work in our own souls. The God who restored Jerusalem will also heal the broken-hearted, and will bind up their wounds. He will bring peace to the anxious, relief to the afflicted, and salvation to the sinful. "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits; who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases."

Heavenly Father, give us grace that we may surrender ourselves more fully to thee. Open our eyes and cause us to see the glory of our eternal home. Amen.

—A. Baker, N.S.W.

Tuesday, Oct. 8

Malachi 4.

Thought Text: "But for you, my worshippers, the saving Sun shall rise with healing in his rays" (v. 2, Moffatt).

The healing powers of the sun's rays are known and used today along with rest, fresh air, good food and

WHEN SOARS the SOUL

A Week of Daily Devotions, Based on Readings
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medicines for the treatment and cure of physical diseases. The only power that can heal our sins, all our spiritual maladies and ills, is Jesus, the Sun of righteousness. We would have his power to be so known and used to-day that all the world might be healed.

Just as sunshine is also essential to maintain good health, so the light of Jesus is indispensable in maintaining that spiritual health which we have regained through him.

The maintenance of spiritual health should not be an accident or a luxury, but the definite purpose of our daily lives. Jesus said, "He who does what is true, comes to the light, that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been wrought in God."

May we desire Jesus like Francis Henry Lyte, when he wove the thought of our text into his hymn:

"Come not in terrors, as the King of Kings,

But kind and good, with healing in thy wings;

Tears for all woes, a heart for every plea,

Come, friend of sinners, thus abide with me."

Heavenly Father, help us to expose our lives, in all sincerity, to the teaching, spirit and example of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. "Shine on our path, dear Lord, and guard the way, Lest our poor hearts, forgetting go astray." Amen.

—J. C. Cunningham, Vic.

Wednesday, Oct. 9

Matthew 8: 1-17.

Thought Text: "And Jesus said unto him, I will come and heal him" (v. 7).

During his earthly ministry our Lord was confronted with many bodily sick people. The cures he wrought were signs and parables of the work he came to do as the Great Physician of the soul.

The leper and the centurion alike found the truth which Peter expressed when he said, "Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life." He not only had the words of life, he was and is life. The leper represented the very depths of misery. He realised there was no earthly cure, but when Jesus said, "I will, be thou clean," he was made "perfectly whole."

The centurion who came to Jesus was a "foreigner" to the Jews. He was outside the realm of "the chosen people," but not beyond the reach of Christ just because he was a Roman.

"In every nation he that feareth God and worketh righteousness is accepted with him" (Acts 10: 35). There is no sphere into which God cannot come, and no place where his light cannot shine.

It was not enough that Jesus should attract the multitude to the mountain-top, but he came "down the mountain," to mingle with the sick and suffering, and there to let his power be seen and felt.

Eternal Father, thou hast been our help in ages past; thou hast wrought wonders among thy people. Look down in mercy upon us today. Fill our hearts with gratitude, and help us to show the wonders of thy love. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

—Eva G. Hughes, S.A.

Thursday, Oct. 10

Matthew 12: 1-13.

Thought Text: "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath day?" (v. 10).

Healing, as a part of the Saviour's ministry, always filled a very deep and personal need of the people of his day.

As we think of the ministry of healing I am sure we will recall many instances recorded in our New Testament of the Saviour healing. The man with the withered hand, the woman with the issue of blood, the ten lepers of whom only one returned to thank the Master — these and many other cases come to mind when we consider this aspect of the Saviour's ministry.

The man suffering from palsy, and borne by his four friends to the very presence of the Master, reveals how the Saviour honors those who, in the time of their personal need of healing, display the same attributes and are rewarded according to his will.

Again, let us see the victory of faith in the ministry of healing when the leper came to the Saviour, saying, "Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me whole." Thus, honoring the faith of the leper, the Saviour said, "I will, be thou clean."

The Lord is willing to be identified with his people even in the ministry of healing today, and thus the Scriptures enjoin, "Is any among you sick, let him pray."

Gracious Lord, although we cannot explain the reason for sickness and suffering through which people are passing, we pray that thou wilt help us, not so much to question as to entrust all things to thy gracious care and love, being assured that the promises of thy Word are for our

acceptance and the entering into their truth. For Christ's sake. Amen.

—L. E. Wylie, N.S.W.

Friday, Oct. 11

Luke 5: 16-26.

Thought Text: "And he withdrew himself into the wilderness, and prayed" (v. 16).

Even if only man, there is the secret of his power! If Son of God, there also is his power! And as he was both, to know his secret and to decline to share it — makes us fools indeed. Fools indeed to have read so often the story of the Master of Men, who renewed himself constantly in the quietness of prayer, yet to ignore the discipline of prayer.

What (you will ask), you mean to say that I have got time to go out to a wilderness to pray? Well, yes, I do. For instance, have you ever tried stopping your car as you drive to work — somewhere where the traffic is not so thick — and there opening your soul to the Eternal?

Busy housewife! Try to seize those moments after the children go to school, and have them enriched by God's presence. If only we would resort to that wilderness more often! Surely we would find, as in Biblical days, — "The power of the Lord was present to heal."

O God, forgive our mad way of living. Help us to discipline our life to the rhythm of thine eternal heartbeat, and so find peace. Amen.

—L. Cooke, W.A.

Saturday, Oct. 12

Luke 17: 1-19.

Thought Text: "And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine?" (v. 17).

It happened on a road leading into an unnamed village between Samaria and Galilee; but it is also happening on every road today. In response to the heart-moving cry of ten lepers, Jesus took the petition of their hearts into his own great heart, and healed them all. But they became so absorbed in enjoying what they had received that all, save one, forgot to be grateful.

Have we acted the same way toward God? We have not hesitated to pray to him for healing in time of sickness; we have asked him to see us through some difficult situation; we have sought his blessings for our daily material needs, and to prosper our business ventures. Then when he has heard and answered our prayer, perhaps nine times out of ten we have been guilty of the sin of ingratitude. When God's blessing has come to us through the agency of someone else, and a burden has been lifted, or a heartbreak eased, do we always express our gratitude to that person as well as to God? Does our response to a man's goodness strengthen his faith in human nature,

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and encourage him to go on shooting rays of sunshine into other lives?

Let us practise the habit of appreciating the "little unremembered acts of kindness and of love", and learn the art of saying "Thank you" to God and man.

Our Father, we give thee thanks for the blessings of each new day. Help us also, we pray, to appreciate more and more the joys that others bring into our lives, and may our own lives be filled with deeds of kindness and love. Amen.

—V. Quayle, Vic.

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

Sunday, Oct. 13

1 Corinthians 12: 1-12.

Thought Text: — "Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant. . . But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. . . To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit. . . But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will" (vv. 1, 7, 9, 11).

One of the great mistakes some Christians make is trying to do something which God does not want them to do. Many wonder why they cannot do the wonderful miracles which the early Apostles did in the post — Pentecostal days. The gift of healing, which the Spirit alone has the prerogative to give to the one whom he has chosen, engages the minds of many. We have the tendency to overlook the fact that he divides to every man severally as he will.

There is one thing certain, that healing is performed today, whether by faith of the operation of the Spirit, or by the God-given talents of doctors and nurses. Jesus Christ healed; the Apostles definitely healed; and the crowning feature was, and still is, the glory is given to God.

Paul is here focussing attention on the healing by faith which is a gift of the Holy Spirit. People are healed by faith today. Let us remember this is done not to glorify the flesh, but God and his Son Jesus Christ. Another point to bear in mind is that, in all these things, it is for the building up of the Body of Christ, the Church, and for the edification of the Church.

O God, for thy Son, Jesus Christ, we give thee thanks. For thy Holy Spirit we thank thee. We thank thee that thy Spirit chooses to work in human beings to bring honor and glory to thyself. Amen.

—P. French, Qld.

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as Suggested for



Sunday, Oct. 6

ISAIAH 35.

This joyous Psalm sings of "the manifestation of God in his power and glory as the deliverer of his helpless people," and of "the joyful return of his people to Zion over an open highway, prepared by God through what has been an arid and trackless desert" (Scott).

"the solitary place" (v. 1). — "The parched land" (Gordon). "The words suggest the trackless Syrian desert, which lay between the exiles and their homeland" (Scott).

"as the rose" (v. 1). — "The rose is probably the autumn crocus" (Roggers).

"Lebanon . . . Carmel . . . Sharon" (v. 2). — All were well known for rich vegetation.

"parched ground" (v. 7). — Some commentators have suggested that the word used here means mirage, thus giving to the verse the interpretation that even the mirage shall turn to real water. But others reject the idea; R.S.V. simply translates "burning sand."

"habitation of dragons" (v. 7). — Better, "the haunt of jackals."

1 JOHN 2: 1-15.

Here John emphasises obedience to God's commandments, of which the highest is that of love, and follows up with direct appeals to both young and old among his readers.

"we have an advocate with the Father" (v. 1). — "Advocate means 'pleader.' The term is primarily legal, but it means more, as Brooke suggests, 'the help of anyone who 'lends his presence' to his friend'" (Hcon).

"the propitiation for our sins" (v. 2). — "He himself is an atoning sacrifice for our sins" (Goodspeed); "the One who made personal atonement for our sins" (Phillips).

"he that saith, I know him, and keepeth not" (v. 4). — "The basic issue here is evidently that between a knowledge that turns to pride, and love as it exhibits itself in keeping with his word; i.e., in living out the gospel and the commandments that go with it" (Wilder).

HERE AND THERE

Albert Anderson, Federal President and Overseas Missions Secretary, made a special trip to Melbourne to address the Women's Missionary Rally at Lygon-st. chapel on Wed., Sept. 25. He thrilled his audience with a message on the prospects of new missionary work in New Guinea.

The next meeting of the Victorian Ministers' Association will be held in the Swanston-st. lecture hall on Monday, Oct. 7, at 2 p.m. Dr. Raynor Johnson will speak on *Towards a Philosophy of Man*. All preachers are asked to make a special effort to attend. There will not be any luncheon on this day.

Following the opening of the new brick building at Taree, N.S.W., on Sept. 7, a special evangelistic and "Happy Hour" campaign has been conducted by R. Greenhalgh, N.S.W. Youth Director. This proved to be of great blessing and encouragement to the church, concluding on the 22nd, with eight decisions. Supporting films were screened each evening, and the meetings were splendidly supported, not only by the regular congregation, but by an entirely new group of people that the church reached with the messages. At the conclusion of the worship service on the 22nd, the minister, M. H. A. Pieper, made a presentation to Mr. Greenhalgh, of a travel bag, and expressed the thanks of the congregation for a campaign ably and faithfully led.—A.W.B.

Morning service at Wangaratta church, Vic., will be broadcast from 3NE Wangaratta, at 11 a.m., on Oct. 13.

A large crowd gathered on Sat., Sept. 21 to share with the church at Dandenong, Vic., in the joy of opening a fine new set of buildings on a new site. The chapel has many fine and worshipful features, and splendid provision has been made in adjoining halls for a well equipped B.S. and youth work. The chapel seats were made by the men of the church, and are a credit to them. We hope to publish a fuller report of the opening service and buffet tea, and of the mission being conducted by A. B. Clark, of Rockdale, N.S.W.

The Victorian Churches of Christ Choral Society, under the baton of Valentine Woff, with Miss Winifred Lee at the piano, presented a delightful concert in the Malvern-Caulfield chapel on Thurs., Sept. 19. The supporting artistes were Miss Lynette Dudley, soprano, Miss Margot Jones,

oboiste, and Mrs. C. V. Webster, elocutioniste. The preacher of Malvern, in expressing the thanks of the church to the choir, said that if nothing else had been achieved, the wholesome delight which such a concert gave was well worth while. The choir's number, O! What a Day, was not only encored, but requests have been made for recordings of it. Supper was provided by the ladies of the church. Platform arrangements were in the hands of Mr. Whibley. Thanks of the choir were expressed by V. Woff, V. C. Stafford (pres.) and N. Cartmel.

On Sunday, Sept. 8, past members of the church at Merbein, Vic., took charge of the morning service of the church anniversary, G. Chislett addressing a congregation of 93. A very enjoyable lunch was served in the hall. At the P.S.A., Cr. A. R. Mansell

was speaker, and items were also enjoyed. Almost 150 were present for the tea, and stayed for the gospel rally, first in a fortnight's series of special meetings being conducted by P. R. Baker. A young lady was baptised during this service. The annual Temple Day offering totalled £140, almost liquidating the debt on the hall. A wonderful day of fellowship was enjoyed by all present.

Dudley Hyde, the newly-appointed Director of the Victorian Council for Christian Education in Schools, spoke to members of the Vic. Churches of Christ University Association on Sept. 17. His subject, *New Horizons in Christian Education*, dealt in particular with the appointment of full-time chaplains to secondary schools. The Churches of Christ annual quota of £62/10/- to the maintenance of a chaplain at the Melbourne University has been raised by the Association.

We are glad to learn that L. A. Trezise, B.A., Vic.-Tas. Youth Director, is making steady, if slow, recovery from an attack of pneumonia, following on Asian flu.

S.A. Launches New Canberra Programme— £2,550 PLEDGED

After the most inspiring State Conference ever held in South Australia, 120 brethren and sisters, representing city, suburban and nearer country churches, accepted the invitation of Albert Anderson, Federal President, to a dinner on the occasion of the launching of the new Canberra Building Programme in this State, on Thursday, Sept. 19.

In a delightful floral setting at the Epworth Restaurant, guests were received by A. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Stirling, Keith A. Jones, and Dr. and Mrs. T. Turner, host and hostess, who graciously provided the dinner.

Guests included members of State Conference Executive, Women's Conference, Federal Conference Officers, many who had been to Canberra, other key workers in the brotherhood, and some with keen interest in brotherhood projects. It was regretted that only a limited number could be invited to participate. The dining hall was packed to capacity.

A fine solo from Will Philp (preacher of Strathalbyn church), and appreciated pianoforte selections by Lawrence Hughes contributed greatly to the spirit of the evening.

Dr. Turner presented the thought that often in Christian history, small groups, sometimes scattered groups of Christians, fired with devotion to Christ, had achieved outstanding and

worthwhile results. He challenged those present to be such a group, dedicated to the task of supporting and commending the witness we seek to make as a brotherhood in Canberra, the Capital city of our Nation.

As the "Canberra Story" was unfolded by Gordon Stirling, the progress already made by our Canberra brethren, and their courageous plans for the future, left a deep impression on all present. An opportunity was given for all to make gifts or promises in support of the project to erect a new church building, to augment the already too-small school hall being used by our Canberra brethren. A request was made that our gifts be "second mile" gifts, after we had faced our responsibilities to urgent State enterprises.

It was with a great deal of pleasure that A. Anderson announced that £1,775 had been pledged and given at the dinner. Keith Jones expressed the thanks of the Federal Executive, and in a closing thought helped all to realise again that if we—

"Live for self, we live in vain,
Live for Christ, we live again."

Within a few days, gifts and promises have grown to £2,550, which includes a generous promise of £450 from Bordertown Circuit members, who met Mr. and Mrs. Stirling on their way through to the South Australian Conference.—D. K. Beiler.



Discipleship

Mrs. J. Jacks, Mrs. M. Cave, Edwardstown, S.A.

Florence Groves, Warrnambool, Vic.

John Broadfoot, Ian and Lincoln Davies, Kevin Wood, Daryl Rosenberg, Trevor Doyle, Doug. Johnson, Port Pirie, S.A.

Membership

Mr. and Mrs. Rees, from Wales, U.K., to Kaniva, Vic.

Mrs. Hodder, from Pascoe Vale North, to Pascoe Vale, Vic.

Mr. and Mrs. J. McNicol, from Brooklyn Park, S.A., Les. Axnel, from Stawell, Vic., to Port Pirie, S.A.

Marriage

Marjorie Poole to Owen Neumann, Ma Ma Creek, Qld.

June Alderton, Invermay, Tas., to Kevin Sutton, Edwardstown, S.A.

Fallen Asleep

Mrs. L. Edwards, North Perth, W.A.

W. E. Wright, Balwyn, Vic.

Mrs. M. Rose, Kadina, S.A.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Subiaco (A. W. C. Candy). — Church anniversary attendances on Sept. 8 were 159 and 125, with R. Raymond as speaker, and some members of previous days assisting in service. B.S. is attracting many new scholars. Anniversary practice is in progress. Mr. and Mrs. Candy led junior girls' camp at Waterman's Bay. Girls' club team won grand final of basketball. Men's A team won basketball grand final, going through season undefeated. Lauris Taylor was chosen as best and fairest in the Association. Four were received into fellowship on Sept. 15, three by faith and baptism and one previously baptised. At gospel service seven Y.P. were baptised,

five being from B.S. I.C.E. provided P.S.A. to aged people of district on 15th, and included members of Christian Guest Home. Many visitors have attended the services—Mr. and Mrs. C. Jackel with son Graham (Vic.), Mrs. Stacey and Mrs. Gwynne (S.A.), Mrs. Wharton, and Mr. and Mrs. Livingstone (Vic.).

Inglewood (R. W. Marshall). — Averages for past month, despite much sickness, were: communicants, 93; gospel services 83. B.S. attendances have been good. Y.P.S.C.E. continues to enjoy profitable meetings. At men's tea on Sept. 1, over 30 members and friends enjoyed inspirational talk from J. K. Robinson. Choral Society presented sacred concert on 13th, proceeds going towards piano for Christian Guest Home. A number of interstate visitors were present on 15th. Youth tea was also held, after which two splendid films were screened prior to gospel service.

Cottesloe (G. W. Smith). — Use of valuable shop-window has been secured in main highway to display Christian messages. B. & F.B.S. and temperance work drew much comment and interest from community. Temperance display will be used in Royal Show. Another shop-window beautifully outlines Mission meetings. Minister continues to give regular devotional services over the A.B.C. Lift Up Your Hearts session. Over 100 Fellowship Flag letters are posted monthly to Y.P. in district. These letters relate highlights of past and future activities. Basketball clubs finalised year with social on 7th, at which a scheme was launched to raise £150 to surface the court. Men's tea on 1st commenced C.M.S.

North Perth (E. C. L. Ots). — Youth Council meeting has been held. Men's Fellowship met and elected following officers: Mr. Summers, pres., Lou Brigatti, vice-pres., G. How, sec. Men took part in gospel service on Father's Day. Ladies held cottage meeting at home of Mrs. Henderson, and proceeds of gift table are to be used for curtains for Waterman's Bay Camp site. C.W.F. also held social on recent Saturday night. Visitors have included Miss McCorkindale (World Vice-President of W.C.T.U.) and Mrs. Nichols (Melb.), Mrs. Matheson (Brisbane), Mrs. F. Lewis (Vic.). Mr. and Mrs. Sewell and family were welcome visitors at recent communion service. Y.P.C.E. invited North Perth Methodist Endeavorers to their meeting. There was a large attendance. They also had visit from Mr. Sexton

(Unevangelized Fields Mission), when some beautiful slides were shown of work in New Guinea. Youth service, centred on Drama of the Cross, was held on Sept. 15, with large congregation present. Girls' basketball team won premiership. Sympathy is extended to relatives of late Mrs. L. Edwards.

Narembeen (G. C. Powell). — On Aug. 28, K. Jones showed slides and gave helpful talk on work of C.O.B. On Sept. 1, 55 were present at gospel service, when one lad was baptised into Christ, and one young man made his confession. Film, *Martin Luther*, was screened, in conjunction with other churches, on 6th, to very interested and appreciative audience. Miss K. Taylor told in word and picture of work of missionaries in India, when she visited church on 11th. Good number attended gospel service on 15th, at which one young man obeyed his Lord in baptism. Attendances continue to be good at C.E. Church is pleased to see recovery of Dayman family after recent illness.

QUEENSLAND

Toowoomba (R. C. McKenzie, B.A.). — 25 junior Y.P., with leaders, enjoyed camp at Shannon Park during recent school vacation. Campers were from Chinchilla and Toowoomba B.S. R. J. Hill has been elected as deacon, filling vacancy made by departure of C. Bell-Booth, with wife and family, to Gatton. Harlaxton C.Y.F. recently conducted meeting at Margaret-st., and afterwards joined in fancy dress social. Margaret-st. Y.P.F. also held cottage meeting at home of Mrs. Truman. Harlaxton Ladies' Fellowship conducted Spring Fair on Aug. 31, proceeds of over £60 being devoted to kitchen improvements at Harlaxton.

Boonah (R. Combridge). — Church attendances were affected by flu epidemic. The very ill include H. Muller and J. Warwick. G. Gibson was guest speaker at B.S. anniversary on Sept. 15. Several visitors were present. Successful social was held at Miss E. Grimsey's on 6th. Miss Grimsey opened her home and stocked a stall. Proceeds (£13) go to Ladies' Guild.

Gladstone. — Owing to seasonal working in district, several members have temporarily left and transferred to other centres. Youth club is still strong and great fellowship is ex-

perienced each week. Recently sec. (A. C. Male) for 2 years, was transferred to Toowoomba. Bundaberg, 147 miles away, is expected to take part in forthcoming services, by sending a "Flying Squad" of 4 men to assist.

Ma Ma Creek (K. Draney). — Lockyer C.E. Rally was held in Laidley Baptist chapel on Aug. 30. R. Dewar (Bundaberg) presided and exhorted at recent morning service. Kitchen tea was tendered to honor Marjorie Poole and Owen Neumann. Sis. Rosenberg is recovering after spending considerable time in Toowoomba General Hospital. A. Larsen has improved after serious illness. Sis. Roberts was a visitor on Sept. 15. Large box of gifts has been sent to Aborigines Mission by C.W.F. B.S. in circuit are enthusiastic in Efficiency Campaign.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Mosman (E. W. Roffey - interim). — Church has been preparing for introduction of Operation Increase, and a planning committee has been formed. E. W. Roffey's interim ministry is appreciated. A young man made his decision in gospel service of Sept. 15. Mr. Murray was soloist.

Georgetown (F. L. Leivesley). — Church has been blessed by testimony of visiting men and women from various Mission groups during last few weeks. Most recent visitor was Mr. Jackson (New Tribes Mission), who told of a daring work among headhunters of Philippines. Students from Woolwich visited church and presented claims of Christ. One young lady made the good confession. C.W.F. enjoyed fellowship in pleasant afternoon at the home of Sis. Garnham.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Croydon (W. N. Bartlett). — To enable members to become acquainted with folk whom church is helping at Elizabeth, a tea was held, with happy fellowship. After gospel service, film, *Three Minutes to Twelve*, was screened. On 20th, clubs sponsored concert by Choral Association Choir. Mr. Dunkerton brought gospel message on 25th, in absence of minister. Time of prayer and praise was held on 28th. Church congratulates both girls' and boys' basketball teams.

Grote-st., Adelaide (H. G. Norris). — With warmer weather, attendances are improving. Members on sick list continue to improve. Mrs. Monks recently attending after prolonged absence. All auxiliaries are in excellent heart. C.Y.F. work under

leadership of A. Mercer, is progressing well. Table tennis team concluded successful season by winning premiership. Choir of 50 voices from Cowandilla, Mile End and Grote-st. combined to bring glorious singing in chapel for Foreign Missions night of Conference, under baton of W. Watson. On Sept. 15, B. Burt conducted morning service, and K. Jones (C.O.B.) took gospel service. Mr. Jones also showed color slides of the College, and its surroundings, and gave an interesting report on students' work. Preparations are in hand for church anniversary.

Berri-Winkle (J. Manallack). — Minister has rendered 9 years of service to the church and community and has accepted further service on annual basis. Berri and Barmera churches combined for a fellowship tea, when opportunity was taken to say farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Allah Clark, Margaret and Rex, who are now residing at Enfield Heights. During absence of minister at State Conference, services were conducted by D. Hunt and D. Rebek (Loxton).

Edwardstown (H. Cave). — D. J. Lawrie, H. Stevens and A. Braddock have addressed recent services. P. Popp (Children's Welfare Dept.) spoke on *Juvenile Delinquency* at youth tea on Sept. 1. A. Glastonbury (Chief Probation Officer) addressed Y.W.F. Shell Coy. provided programme of films for C.E. on 12th, to assist Building Fund. Tennis club had official opening on 14th. Two married women were baptised on 8th. Tenders for new building are now being considered.

Fullarton (A. W. Morris). — Minister is away at Berri leading mission there. J. E. Shipway was preacher at both services on Sept. 22. 109 communed for the day. A number of visitors, including F. Redden (Prairie), were present during day.

Kadina. — Annual meeting of church was held and reports revealed healthy position. Temple Day resulted in very fine offering of £430, which will remove debt on building improvements. Church anniversary services were well attended; W. Philp gave inspiring messages and choir gave fine assistance. Attendances have suffered through sickness, many members being stricken. R. Watson suffered broken leg and is now recovering. Elder (S. Trenwith) is in Adelaide Hospital with eye condition. Aged Mrs. M. Rose has passed away.

Kilburn (E. F. G. McIlhagger, B.A.). — Church congratulates B.S. for winning Efficiency Campaign again this year, as result of good team work and drive of Morris Peacock (Campaign Director). J.C.E. had 28 present on 22nd, when I. Nixon (Port Lincoln) was speaker. Geo. Payne (supt.) is doing excellent work in

this field. Senior C.Y.F. club also had good meeting, with Mr. Nixon as speaker. Recent visitors included Mr. and Mrs. Hollett (W.A.), Mrs. Brock and Jean (Tumby Bay), Mrs. Jolly (Mallala). Visit of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Ingham was a joy. Junior club, supervised by Mrs. Kirby, took part in Conference Youth Night. Solos by Mrs. Kelly and Mr. Gower are appreciated.

Port Pirie (G. D. Rose). — Minister, who was laid aside through serious eye infection, is back in work with his enthusiasm unabated and, as a result, work is still showing progress. Two recently baptised converts were received into fellowship on Sept. 8. Youth auxiliaries are still going along well, though Boys' Brigade has received setback in loss of John Tregloan, who came from Whyalla, and has now been transferred elsewhere. Church was grateful to brethren who helped with services during illness of minister. B.S. is working hard for forthcoming anniversary. At gospel service on 15th, film, *Give Thanks Always*, was screened. Attendance was not good, as many members were away for Show and Conference.

VICTORIA

Bendigo (R. V. Holmes). — E. Sanders (Frankston) was morning speaker on Sept. 8. Audio-visual, *Mirror to Thyself*, was featured at evening youth service, when Y.P. took part. J. Henley (Box Hill) was guest speaker at afternoon session of B.S. anniversary on Sept. 15, and R. Holmes at evening service. Celebration was continued with tea, prize distribution and concert on 18th. Appreciation of loyal service rendered church over many years was expressed to Mr. and Mrs. W. Symes on eve of their departure for metropolitan area. A. Bennet (Christian Christmas Com.) addressed Sept. C.M.S. meeting.

East Kew (L. F. Barker). — At annual business meeting, following officers were elected for 2 years: F. Elliott, M. Farmer, J. Pope, C. R. Prince, A. Snibson, W. Stephenson, R. Trompf and C. Waters. Those elected to board of deaconesses were: Sis. Barker, Bright, Davis, Elliott, Harding, Hurford, James and Trompf. Minister has recently completed series on stewardship at worship services, and on second coming of Christ at gospel services. A young lady made her decision on Sept. 15. Prayer meeting continues to grow steadily.

Footscray (A. E. Hurren). — As result of public meeting sponsored by church to honor D. Nicholls, M.B.E., a cheque for £55 will be forwarded to Aborigines Welfare

Association. R. Geyer was guest speaker at C.M.S. monthly meeting. Deacons attended District Officers' meeting at North Williamstown. Work on new manse is progressing favorably. At conclusion of gospel service on Sept. 1, a B.S. scholar confessed her faith in Jesus as Saviour. Jumble sale, conducted by Women's Fellowship, realised £16. C.W.F. visited Oakleigh Guest Home on 11th. Cricket club met on 10th. F. Emerson is again meeting with church after prolonged illness. Sis. I. Carter is home again after operation in Footscray Hospital. Mrs. Hurren is also well again after illness. Plans for mission in Nov. are well in hand. D. Kelland was elected to Officers' Board at annual meeting.

Moreland (C. M. Dunse). — Good attendances and increased offerings are very gratifying after stewardship campaign. Special features have been auxiliary parade, with P.B.P. taking part: Father and Son night, with Dr. Kemp as guest speaker. Men's tea was arranged to commence C.M.S., with Mr. Preston (Coburg) as speaker. C.W.F. Mission Band group held successful birthday meeting; 100 ladies present enjoyed programme and listened with interest to Mr. Morrison (chap., Brunswick Technical School). Samples of schoolboys' work were excellent proof of success of his ministry in school. At conclusion of Family Service, 3 young women made their decision for Christ. 35 Y.P. meet at close of each evening service for hymn singing and topical discussions with minister. P.B.P., basketball and tennis club teams have competed in finals.

Northcote (A. B. Withers). — B.S. anniversary commenced on Sept. 15, when children sang excellently under leadership of J. McDonald. Mr. Bond (Glenbervie Baptist) was special speaker; cradle roll cards were also presented. At 7 p.m. service, W. Gale was speaker. Attendances were up to previous year.

Yarrowonga (D. Morley). — Aged Mrs. Wright was visited by minister and members, and enjoyed fellowship. Library of over 300 books has been stocked by members loaning their Christian books. Encouragement is given to both young and old to avail themselves of this free service. F.M. offering was £92. Film, *Martin Luther*, was screened by O.A.C. Two carloads journeyed to Mooropna for opening of Native chapel.

Pascoe Vale (P. Shannon). — B.S. held fellowship tea on Sept. 1. Average B.S. attendances are slightly down, owing to sickness. On 1st, at evening service, *The Martinaires*, male vocal group, rendered special singing to crowded chapel. C.E. held fancy dress evening on 7th. C.W.F. visited Moreland Birthday on 11th. Com-

bined prayer meeting with Essendon and Nth. Essendon churches was held in chapel on 4th. Mrs. Robertson has been in hospital, and Mrs. Wenzel and Mrs. Lander missed through illness, but all are back in service again. A. Donaldson has undergone operation in R.M.H., and is now progressing. Recent visiting speakers were A. E. White and R. Geyer.

Portland (V. Quayle). — There has been much sickness amongst members; sec., D. Griffiths, is recovering from surgery. B.S. participated in combined Sunday Schools' demonstration in Aug. On 25th, film, *This Way to Heaven*, was screened. Church is grateful to members who occupy pulpit Sunday mornings, also to K. Smith (Hamilton), J. Finch (Baptist), and especially to H. Mountjoy (Hamilton) for his assistance in monthly film service, and also for screening of film and recorded music on C.W.F. birthday afternoon on Sept. 11. Brian Rivett and Peter Wills were added to morning service plan during past quarter.

Wangaratta (B. A. Roberts). — B.S. anniversary was held on Sept. 15 and 22. B. Roberts gave illustrated talks at two sessions. K. Christensen (Wagga) spoke afternoon and evening of 22nd. At close of evening service, two B.S. boys made good confession. In absence of minister at Shepparton B.S. anniversary, S. Bell preached at 11 a.m.; I. Jackel at Benalla, 11 a.m., and Aub. Jackel at Whitfield, 3 p.m. Singing and action choruses under leadership of Mrs. R. Thomas, with Stewart Jackel at piano and Glenice Campbell at organ, was excellent. Congregations were large at all sessions and voiced appreciation of singing and floral decorations. Kinder. singing, under leadership of Mrs. McIntosh, was feature of both afternoons. Visitors for day were Mr. and Mrs. Skewes and family and Miss Gwen Swindley (Ormond), Mr. and Mrs. Christensen (Wagga), Mr. and Mrs. Chalmers (Wedderburn). Several Y.P. have entered for inter-church Eisteddfod.

Warrnambool (K. W. Barton, L.Th., Dip.R.E.). — In absence of minister on holiday, services on Sept. 1 were taken by J. H. Ulyat and E. Houston. Gospel meeting on 8th was conducted by C.M.S. Eighty-second church anniversary celebrations commenced on 13th, with social gathering. R. Banks (Drumcondra) brought encouragement to local proposal of constructing hall, with illustrated talk on building of hall at Norlane. Cook family (Portland) contributed vocal items. Services on 15th, when Temple Day was observed as part of the anniversary, were rich experiences. Good attendances, splendid addresses by minister, baptism at night, and an exceptionally large thanksgiving offering of £333 were features. Objective was Hall Fund. Home Fellowship

gatherings continue well attended, creating spiritual uplift. Recognition for services rendered was made in gifts to Mr. and Mrs. Max Crocker, prior to their departure to Drummond, also to Miss Eileen Owen, who is making trip to England; all have actively participated in work. All auxiliaries are co-operating in Operation Increase.

Preston (J. E. Searle). — In recent weeks two B.S. scholars have been welcomed into fellowship after baptism. At conclusion of film service on Sept. 8, Mr. Pope screened film showing plight of Aborigines. On 15th, in absence of minister on holidays, speakers were F. Combridge and Mr. Baird (C.M.S. speakers' panel). Mrs. Baird and R. Gunston sang duet to their own accompaniment on piano accordion and guitar; Mr. Gunston was also soloist. At fellowship and training class, slides have been shown on work at Carnarvon and Norseman Missions, and a discussion held on Sunday observance. Preston W.C.T.U. held open meeting, with J. Robinson as guest speaker. Some members are still absent through illness.

Cheltenham (R. C. Bolduan). — J. J. Dedman (Resettlement Dept.) spoke at Aug. Men's Society service, and afterwards at evening service. Church appreciated assistance of W. White, B. J. Combridge, V. C. Stafford and H. Gross (N.Z. Youth Director) during minister's recent convalescence. Church school staff has completed painting of school hall, and C.M.S. the laying-out of garden around church buildings. Centenary is being prepared for prayerfully.

Newmarket (D. W. Hibbert, B.A., B.Ed.). — Y.P. participated in Sunday evening presentation of a religious play, and in handcraft exhibition on Sept. 21. *Under His Wings* was screened jointly with Ascot Vale on 15th. Combined officers' meeting with Ascot Vale unanimously agreed to recommend that co-operation of both congregations should be extended to Dec. 1958.

Kaniva (G. A. Grainger). — Church appreciated visit of D. Nicholls, also J. J. Dedman, who spoke at united service in chapel. Morning meetings are being held at Nhll in home of Mr. and Mrs. L. Scott. Speaker and helpers go from Kaniva each Sunday. Social evening was held to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Rees and family from Wales. They were welcomed into fellowship of church on Sept. 1, when W. Wigney was speaker. Evening was held at Yearlinga to farewell Mr. and Mrs. E. Grouch and family, who have gone to Sea Lake. Mrs. Grainger is able to attend meetings again after illness. Eleven Explorer boys attended camp at Hall's Gap. E. Richards (Open Air Campaigners) and Gwenneth Williams spoke at recent Y.P.S.C.E. meetings.

OPEN FORUM

A SOCIAL MENACE

The warning against compromise with the liquor traffic (A.C., 30/7/57) leads us to consider facts concerning the desirability or otherwise of the custom of "the toast" in the church life. It may be said, the practice will "do no harm," but the educational factor remains.

We are giving experience and preparing youth, so that in later life they may confidently take their place in the "revellings and such like" of which Paul warns (Gal. 5: 21). If this is not the case, then we may understand that by some means a law of nature (which is much valued and relied upon in every other branch of education) has been suspended. This law is "a basic truth, a principle of life, an influence to be reckoned with in the life of man." Suspension of a law of nature can only come about through a greater or contrary power; the power of magnetism in relation to the force of gravity, and the power of the Lord Jesus in relation to the life of man.

Can we be sure that every life we educate in this way will be "strong in the Lord and in the power of his might" in the hour of temptation?

Has not the force of habit, which is established through education, a strong influence for good or evil in the weak moments which come in the lives of the strongest men?

And what of hereditary weakness, which may be present where we do not suspect it?

"An alcoholic begins on the downward way with his first glass." Then it is not the place of the Christian Church to educate youth, to make the taking of that glass easier.

This practice may be spoken of as "a small thing" in comparison with the flood-tide of alcoholism that is sweeping our land; but, if we fail to stay the flood-tide of the river, is there not more reason that we should divert it at its source? —E. Jeffery, Tresco, Vic.



The Melbourne "Age" (27/9/57) advises that "Mr. and Mrs. R. J. McPherson, of Hamilton, Vic., have been accepted by the Federal Aborigines Mission Board of the Churches of Christ for a two-year term at Norseman, W.A. Mr. McPherson went there previously to build dormitories, but he and his wife will now be on the permanent staff."

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Christian Doctrine: K. Crawford, B. Nowitzke, Miss V. Piper, F. Reynolds, J. Stanhope; six others passed.

Comparative Religion: D. A. Beavis, D. J. Eagling, G. R. Ellis, D. Holmes, D. Norling, D. Oldfield, Miss V. Piper, H. Sargent; four others passed.

Church History: K. Crawford, G. Owins, F. Reynolds.

Old Testament: G. R. Ellis, D. Norling, Miss V. Piper, H. Sargent; seven others passed.

Religious Education: Miss Piper, H. Sargent; nine others passed.

Hermeneutics and Exegesis: B. Nowitzke, F. Reynolds; one other passed.

Hermeneutics I: D. A. Beavis, D. Norling, D. Oldfield, H. Sargent; three others passed.

Homiletics II: J. Blankley, K. Crawford, D. J. Eagling, Miss J. Garrett, D. Holmes; three others passed.

Homiletics III: F. Reynolds, K. Crawford.

Essays: J. Blankley, K. Crawford, G. Davis, Miss J. Garrett, B. Nowitzke, F. Reynolds, D. Willis.

Greek I: G. R. Ellis, D. Norling; one other passed.

Greek II: D. J. Eagling.

Ancient History: D. Norling; five others passed.

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BIRTH

BRITAIN (nee Griffiths). — To Lorraine and Bob, on Sept. 17, at Woodside W.A., a daughter — Andrea Bronwyn.

DEATHS

WATERS.—Lucy, Sara, at Warra-gul (Vic.), Sept. 23, 1957; beloved wife of late Edwin Joseph Waters, dearly loved mother of Cyril, Wilfred, Fred. (dec.), Ted. (dec.), Stan, Dora (Mrs. Harris), Noel, Betty (Mrs. Owers). Aged 74 years. "Forever with the Lord."

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WATTLE PARK (Vic.) TEMPLE DAY and CHURCH ANNIVERSARY, Oct. 6: 11 a.m., Communion Service; 7 p.m., Gospel Service. Speaker: H. Steele.

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BALWYN (Vic.) CHURCH HOME-COMING SERVICES, Oct. 20. 11 a.m., J. E. Brooke; 3 p.m., Musical Programme and film, The Secret of the Gift; 5 p.m., Fellowship and tea. Speaker, C. G. Taylor; 7 p.m., H. J. Patterson.

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Tuesday, 15th—7.45 p.m., Bible School Demonstration.

Wednesday, 16th—7.45 p.m., Golden Jubilee Prayer Meeting. Speaker: J. G. Shaw, N.S.W. Conference President.

Saturday, 19th—7.30 p.m., St. George District Youth Rally (to be held in Presbyterian Hall, McMahon-st., Hurstville).

Sunday, 20th—Golden Jubilee Services. 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Speaker: C. G. Flood. (Jubilee offering will be received on this day).

Tuesday, 22nd—7.45 p.m., Combined Ladies' Guild and C.W.F. Jubilee Service.

Wednesday, 23rd—7.45 p.m., Memories Night.

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arranged in different collections, all
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lines which follow, these words are
assumed to complete the half-verse.

The original source was German,
possibly parts of several hymns of
early last century, and the naming
of the translator as Edward Caswall
warrants the correct assumption of
a Roman Catholic origin. (Strangely
enough, it was quite accidental that
this article follows one relating to a
Caswall translation from the Italian.)
Even "the sacred minster bell" might
have escaped notice as distinctly
Romish until a check on the dic-
tionary showed a minster as "the
church of a monastery." Bells are
so foreign to our practice that the
verse is one we omit, while others
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Cent. Northern Dist. Conference, Vic.

The Half-yearly Conference was held in the A.N.A. Hall at Harcourt early in August, under the presidency of G. Barnett (Castlemaine). Church reports showed good progress. Castlemaine has purchased a new manse. It was decided to continue Friendly Word broadcast over 3BO, at 4.45 p.m. on Wednesday, the best time available.

Prominence was given to the fact that it is 21 years since the first Conference was held in 1936 at Bendigo. Delightful solos were rendered by Miss Dulcie Gray (Melbourne) and Miss F. Verco (Bendigo). Miss J. Goudie presided over the Women's Session in the afternoon when the guest speaker was Mrs. W. J. Thomson (President of Vic.-Tas. C.W.F.). £5 was donated to Ludbrook House.

V. L. Gole (Vic.-Tas. Conf. Pres.) spoke at the Men's Meeting on Freedom and the Individual. At night he gave an excellent resume of the work of the Conference departments. Harcourt ladies provided appetising meals.—G.G.

OBITUARY

W. F. Westmore, Senr.

The church at Ringwood, Vic., has lost one of its oldest members in the passing of W. F. Westmore. Over fifty years ago he became a member of the church at Emerald. Later, removing to the Lilydale area, he conducted a Sunday School in his own home. In later years he was associated with Bayswater, Parkdale and Ringwood congregations. He served the church faithfully as a deacon. Owing to failing health, Mr. Westmore was unable to attend services for several years. But his love for, and interest in, the church were constant. It was his later joy to

see his sons and grandchildren actively interested in the work of Christ and the Church. Those who mourn his passing are consoled by the blessed hope of the gospel.—W. F. Nankivell.

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