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"JESUS SAW MUCH
PEOPLE AND WAS
MOVED WITH..
..COMPASSION
TOWARD THEM"
MARK 6:34

"I HAVE
COMPASSION
ON THE
...MULTITUDE"
MARK 8:2



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"THEIR PLEA—OUR RESPONSIBILITY"

R. S. A. McLean, Federal Secretary.

As a small ship approaches land in the Pacific, a conch shell is blown to signify that help is needed. The sound goes out across the sea with ever-increasing volume as the ship nears the shore. All who are safe on the land hear the call, but all do not respond; many shrug their shoulders and refuse to assist. Others gladly answer. It is indeed a tragedy when a plea for help is ignored.

An editorial, "Ignoring Pleas," in I.F.M.A. News, brings home this truth. "A few weeks ago newspapers in New York recorded an amazing story. Three young boys rushed up to a man near Bronx Park and shouted, 'Please help us. Our friend fell through the ice. He's drowning.' But without a word the man turned his back and walked away. And little ten-year-old Michael Vena drowned.

Ignoring the plea of frantic youth, and indifferent to impending tragedy, the heartless man turned aside. Afraid to get his clothes wet? Fearful of the cost? Or just completely indifferent to a cry for help? The reason matters not; the truth remains he turned a deaf ear to a frantic cry. Callous, you say. Yes, so true! But a frantic plea comes from every corner of the earth. Men and women sink in the mire of sin, utterly helpless and without hope, and they die without spiritual help. It is so easy to sing, 'There's a call comes ringing o'er the restless wave', but we often just sing it and remain indifferent to its truth.

"To the child of God the call continues to come in ever-increasing volume, 'Help us in our need.' Shall our answer be a glad response, or shall it be the answer of that heartless man to a little boy's cry — a shrug of the shoulders, an indifferent toss of the head, leaving the dying to struggle on into the gloom of endless night?

"What a dreadful responsibility is the lot of the child of God! We will neglect it at our spiritual peril."

How to Answer the Call

When the sound of the conch shell reaches the shore, those who answer do so in two ways. Some go down to the sea and assist, others respond by staying at home and preparing a welcome meal for the travellers. Those who went to the beach and those who stayed at home to prepare have both actively responded to the call.

Our response to the frantic plea to send the gospel to other lands can be active, even if we cannot go. Many of our brethren are experiencing blessing as they share in a very real way the call that comes from overseas, by serving from home. One young person was anxious to do missionary service, but at the end of her training she was unable to go, so she sent another to take her place, by fully supporting financially a lady missionary.

An elderly brother wrote a cheque for £10 but when he had written his covering letter he added a P.S., stating that he had destroyed his cheque as he thought his giving was too small, and he was sending a cheque for £20.

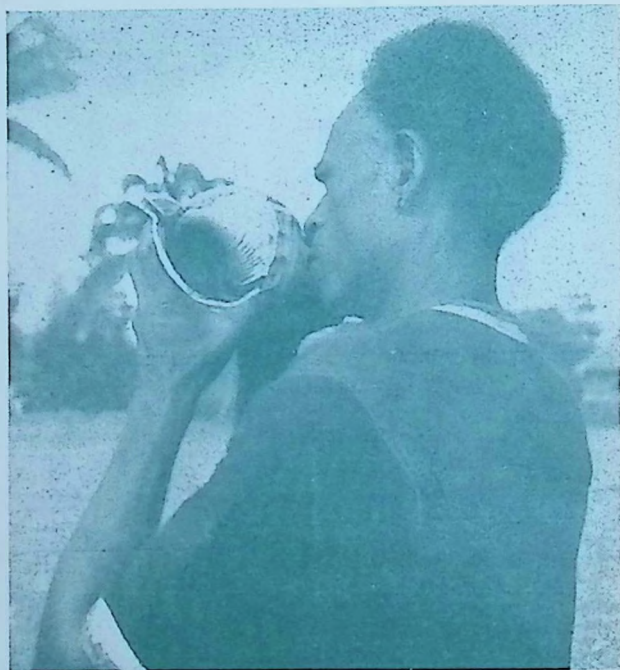
An elderly sister, now in her eighties, raises over £50 a month for Missions by making and selling small articles such as kettle holders, shoe bags, toilet bags, etc.

Several brethren have set aside portions of their properties, and from the acres set aside give the proceeds of the harvest to our missionary work.

Convinced that he was spending money in frivolous ways, one young man decided to set aside the money for the Lord, and discovered he was able to give £100 a year for overseas Missions.

One man supported a student, but when he was called to Higher service his mother continued the support until the student graduated as a surgeon.

One of our preachers prayed every day for every missionary on the field.



A call for assistance is sounded on a conch shell.

You can make a response to the missionary call by making your home a home centred around missionary interests. In family devotions, pray for missionaries. Have a display board with pictures of missionaries and the lands in which they are working so that you are constantly reminded of the overseas witness. In addition to giving to Missions in a general way, have a specific project. Your family may support an orphan in India, or a student or teacher in the New Hebrides. Some families support their own missionary worker on the field; in some cases the worker is a native evangelist, in others a European nurse or teacher.

It is the responsibility of every Christian to make an active response to the missionary call, either to go or, as equally important, to remain at home and support.



"FACE YOUR WORLD"

Its people are hungry; who will feed them?
Its people are sick; who will heal them?
Its people are naked; who will clothe them?
Its people are illiterate; who will teach them?
Its people are confused; who will guide them?
Its people are sorrowful; who will comfort them?
Its people are pagan; who will redeem them?
Only the gospel of Christ is adequate.

—Courtesy U.C.M.S.

"THIS IS BIG BUSINESS"

A. Anderson.

During the Overseas business session of Federal Conference, 1944, one of our well known preachers, W. R. Hibburt, drew attention to several items in the report, and exclaimed excitedly, "Brethren, this is big business!" For this period (war years) it was big business.

A contrast between that year 1944, and the report to Federal Conference, 1960, proves illuminating.

CONTRAST

Year, 1944—Total missionaries on all Fields, 19.
Total income from all sources, £14,306.
Amounts sent to the Fields:
India (£8,135); New Hebrides (£1,220);
China (£277); total, £9,632.

Year, 1960 — Total missionaries on all Fields, 35.
(This total should exceed 40 during coming year).
Total income from all sources, £46,786.
(Excluding special £5,000 for Schools and Hospital Buildings, New Guinea).

Amounts sent to the Fields:
India (£20,674); New Hebrides (£16,638);
New Guinea (£7,798); totals, £45,110.

COMING YEAR VITAL

Based on present estimates, for financial year ending June 30, 1961, it is very evident that expenditure will exceed income by a few thousand pounds. Expenditure has been high because of increased budgets, travel to and from the Fields, plus deputations in Australia. Freights and Customs have also reached large figures. The more missionaries we have on the Fields, the more these costs will increase.

Confronted with all this we must face up to the challenge of the future. Here is the Challenge:

INDIA:

Maintain the whole of the present work.

See that our large staff of Indian workers are adequately compensated.

Establish on a firm basis the work at Bombay.

NEW HEBRIDES:

New homes are required.

New hospital buildings.

New school buildings.

(Government is taking an active interest in hospital and school buildings, some of which are on a subsidy basis, but the Mission must put up its quota.)

NEW GUINEA:

New hospital on the Ramu and aid posts to be established.

Jeep required for the Field.

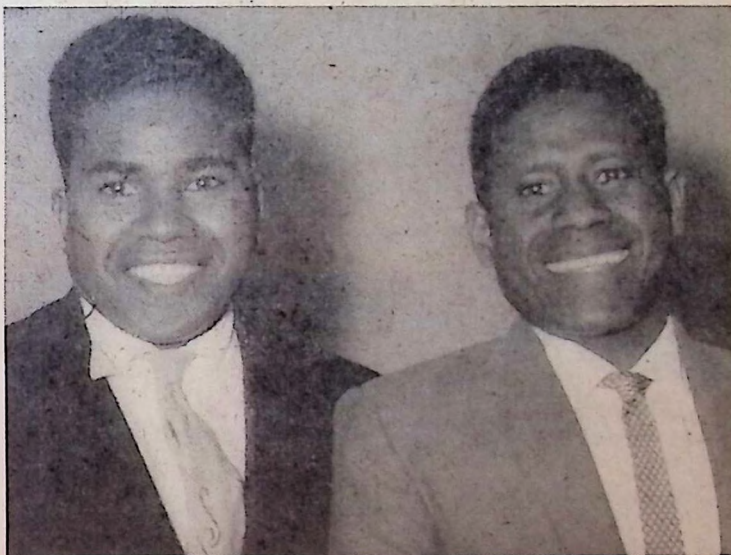
New area at Chungribu must be established, homes, schools, etc., as well as staff.

BRETHREN, THIS IS BIG BUSINESS.

THIS IS YOUR BUSINESS. ✓

THIS IS THE KING'S BUSINESS.

"THE KING'S BUSINESS
REQUIRETH HASTE."



Samuel Buli and Japheth Karai, New Hebridean students, entered Woolwich Bible College this year to equip themselves for service amongst their own people.

THE HEALING MINISTRY

Dr. S. S. Patil, Dhond Hospital.

During the past few months the hospital work has been quite busy and satisfactory. There have been many general cases, among them seven burning accidents. Burn cases are usually difficult to treat for reasons of shock in the early stages, and toxæmia in the latter stages.

A married couple were brought in for treatment, after they had been severely burned. The woman was cooking a meal, in the usual way, by the side of an open fire, and her sari caught alight. Her husband, hearing her scream, rushed to her aid and extinguished the fire. He was more severely burnt than she was. Whilst the woman's burns were on the lower limbs, the man received burns over the whole of the body, as well as on the head. It was a very pitiable sight to look at him.

We did all we could in the initial stage because of the shock he had received. It was marvellous how he finally got over it. He suffered a great deal, and was very restless, but we spared no effort or expense that the best might be done for him.

It was a joy to see him recover side by side with his wife, who, in the adjoining female ward, was making good recovery without any complications.

The Lord indeed blessed this couple with complete recovery and they went back home cheerfully, after twenty-seven days in the hospital.

Please continue to remember the hospital, its work and the staff, in your prayers.

Our Medical Workers Stress Need for Evangelism on Mission Field

Early Missionaries were Evangelists

Sister D. M. Smith - New Hebrides.

Over the years we have seen many changes in the work and the people in the New Hebrides. These changes are not all for the better.



Mrs. Dorothy Smith, Pentecost.

There is a world-wide trend towards materialism, and the New Hebrides have not escaped.

When we first came to Pentecost, we established a new station in virgin bush. The lapse of time between missionaries had caused a stagnation of the work. The people had little or no medical care. At that time, or rather prior to our coming, there were only three missionaries from the whole of the work in the New Hebrides. What an impossible task! But how glad the people were to see a missionary, and how they longed for missionaries of their own.

When it became possible for the Pentecost people to have their own missionaries, they welcomed us with open arms and did everything possible to help. It was essential that these people have medical care; they were all physically unfit, suffering from anaemia and malaria. Huge ulcers covered their limbs and in many cases whole bodies. Most pathetic was the plight of the women; many, many young mothers had died in childbirth, many more were permanently injured as a result of malpractices, many were afraid to have children and were taking native leaf, often resulting in sterility.

Yet, in the midst of all this suffering, we found the Church. True, it was a weak group of believers, much teaching was (and still is) needed,

but the seed had been sown. Thank God for those early sowers, both black and white. The seed had taken root firmly, and though often choked with weeds and vines, little shoots were peeping through. After clearing away many of the weeds we found that the gospel had been truly planted in the hearts of the people.

How thankful we are today, as we see the growth of materialism, that those early missionaries were evangelists. At the time of our arrival on Pentecost we were inclined to be critical, asking such questions as, "Why had not more attention been given to the health of these people?" "How can they be expected to listen to the gospel amidst such suffering?" Now we know that if those early missionaries had not concentrated on evangelism, the Church would have been lost.

Had they been medical workers and teachers, only specialising in those fields, there would have been no Church today. The people came to know Christ and accept him first, in spite of the suffering and illiteracy. Thank God for the faithfulness of those early workers! Over the years we have seen the fast-moving trend towards material things.

In the beginning we found willing workers; now we find the people not so willing to work sacrificially for the gospel. It is difficult to get boys and girls to train for medical work; they prefer teaching because teachers have more regular hours and do not have the disagreeable tasks so essential in the care of the sick.

Please pray for a change of heart among the people; a clearer vision of the need for service.

Fighting Spiritual and Physical Darkness

Sister Jan. Hunting - New Guinea.

Superstition and fears of evil spirits and many things are very prevalent among the New Guinea people. Recently some "talk" arose between the people of Tung and those of the next village of Giri. In a matter of three months, three women from various nearby villages had died during childbirth or following it. We have been working very hard to have these women come into us and have

their babies in hospital, but so far with no success. At Christmas time an old man from Sepen, another of the villages on this ridge, warned the headman at Giri that he thought someone in Tung was working an "oil belong a sanguma," a "sanguma" being an evil spirit that can kill a man. Then a woman from Giri died, so the talk flew. The dispute was brought to us and we were able to settle it and the "talk" died.

Feelings run high over a matter like this, and the people have great fear of these evil spirits. Should a person think that a "poison," or as we would more likely say a "spell," has been worked on him, no matter what we do we are powerless to save that person. Frequently someone will become sick. It is "sick belong place." No word is brought to us and if we go to the village the sickness is hidden; we are white people and according to these people we do not understand these sicknesses, so we cannot do anything.

Very frequently if the people would only have brought their sick folk we would have been able to give them very real help. We think we have overcome a lot, then someone slips back, so we are continually fighting spiritual and physical darkness. We continue to ask your prayers so that God in all his might may work in the hearts of these people, and your support that we may be able to reach out to still more who so desperately need our help.



Sister Janet Hunting.

SUNSHINE AND SHADOW

Edna D. Vawser - Shrigonda.

Good Friday had passed, and we were looking forward to a very happy Easter. Fifteen of the girls from the Home had been prepared for baptism by the aid of special classes after they had made the Good Confession. Three of the girls had not received parental permission, but the other twelve were very happily waiting for Easter Sunday morning.

Good Friday was a very hot day and our service was in the heat of the afternoon. Later, one of the twelve felt somewhat off color, but an aspirin seemed to fix that up alright.

On Saturday morning, however, at 6.15, I was told that this same girl was unable to get up. I went over immediately and found that she really needed attention. Her fingers and toes were blue and cold, and we sent post haste for the doctor, but unfortunately he was out on a visit. We sent a man to sit and wait for the return of the doctor so that we could be advised immediately.

Meanwhile we applied hot water bottles, and when the doctor was available we took her by car, but she collapsed and died on his doorstep.

Whilst waiting for the doctor at home she kept praying, "Dear God, do not let me get sick, I do want to be baptised tomorrow." Then she would say, "Why is auntie calling the doctor? I must not be sick, for I want to be baptised tomorrow." She seemed to have no pain until just before she died. These pains were in the region of the heart. She was never robust, but on the other hand she was never sick.

I had the sad task of taking the body to Bara-mati so that the parents could be advised. What a terrible shock it was for them! Healthy and strong one day, and the next day taken from us. Esther was their eldest child, and greatly beloved.

Mr. and Mrs. Washmodi were wonderful; they

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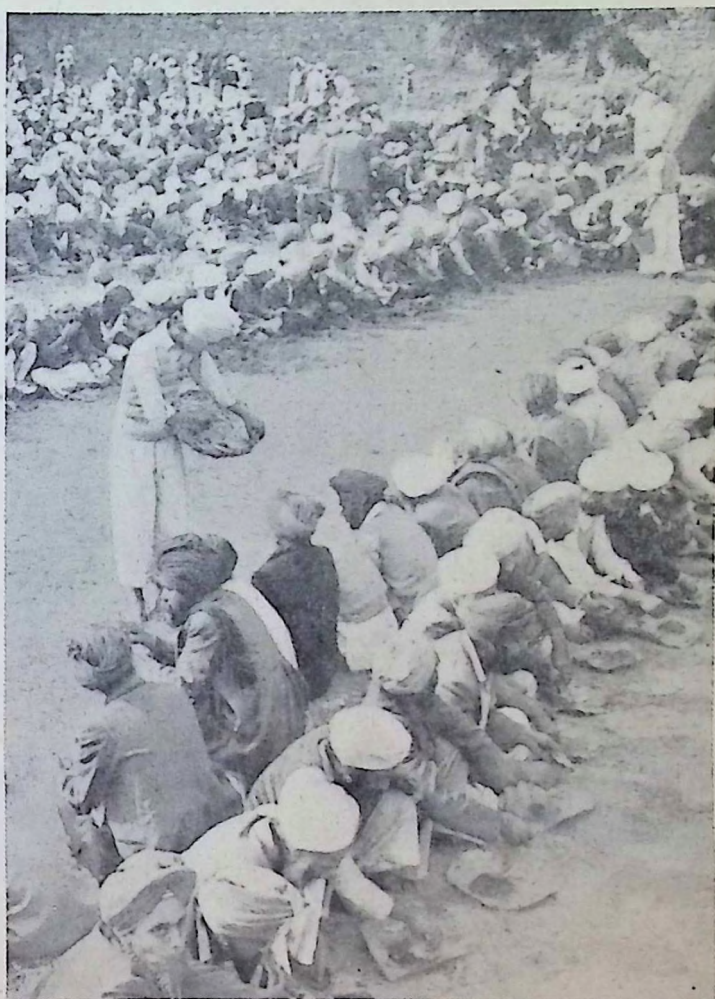
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from the hospital to
graceful figure in a
white sari at the front door. Someone had arrived from Poona by bus. Who could it be, I thought, never quite knowing who might drop in to spend the night or have a meal with me. Imagine my joy when I found it to be none other than our own Shantabai.

I had not met her since returning to India, and this was a pleasant surprise. She had just completed her exams. at the Poona Theological College, and was now to have a month's holiday with her parents at Kedgaon. She had by-passed Kedgaon in order to spend the night and part of the next day at Dhond. It was a joy and real blessing to have this time of fellowship with her again.

Her most pressing enquiries were about her many friends in Australia. She asked after very many by name, and told of blessings and happy experiences she had shared with all. She was delighted as I told her of various ones I had met en route to India, and of messages sent to her.



A Sikh Festival. — When the masses in India gather for festivals and religious ceremonies, our evangelists mingle with the people and tell them of the Saviour.

I wish you all could have her talk again of the assurance of God's call to her, to be a co-worker with him in the task at the Girls' Home at Shrigonda. She goes into this work knowing that the way will not be easy, but with a sure knowledge that it is God's work for her, and that he will be with her, helping in every detail.

She will commence to share this task from June 1. How we need to uphold her in prayer! She is counting on us, and our share can be that of a prayer partner; we dare not fail the Lord or her in this fellowship of sharing.

"Not always in a radiance of splendor,

The brilliant dazzling of the noonday sun,

But in an atmosphere serene and tender,

His mighty miracles are daily done."

May they then be done through Shantabai's ministry as we all share in constantly upholding her before our miracle-performing God.

DARE WE SAY "NO!"

A. J. Ingham.

May, 1958 — Our churches had been told that an area of New Guinea was open to them. Should we go in? The answer was "Yes." Frank Beale and Harold Finger responded to our invitation and commenced the Mission at Tung, and the whole brotherhood rejoiced greatly and praised God.

By the end of the same year Mrs. Beale, with the two children, had joined her husband. Mr. and Mrs. Rex Chamberlain had also arrived at Tung to take charge of the school in that village.

June, 1959 — We learned that the people of Pir, at the southern end of the ridge, five hours' walk away, were urging that a teacher be sent to them to begin a school and commence services. We felt that this was an unexpectedly sudden expansion. We had seriously to ask ourselves, Are we ready for it? Shall we go in? Again the answer, expressed through increased giving, was an emphatic "Yes!"

Miss Aileen Draney, teacher, and Sister Janet Hunting, nurse, went to Tung, and Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlain transferred to the new centre at Pir, and soon a call came for a second teacher to help him, and Miss

Dorothy Howden went to take charge of the school for the small children.

June, 1960 — Now came news of repeated, urgent requests for a school and place of worship to be built at Chungribu, about 100 miles up the Ramu River. The rapid succession of challenges seemed likely to become a really heavy financial burden to carry. The demands were reaching new high peaks, and already the £32,000 for the year had been passed. Could we — dare we — add to that probably £3,000 or so in capital and maintenance costs to enter Chungribu? Federal Conference gave a clear "Yes!" to the question. Barrie Richards was sent out to be the carpenter and builder to push on the expanding building programme.

1961 — This year saw the commencement of buildings at Chungribu, and the arrival on the Field of Sister Betty Anderson to strengthen the medical work, and Dr. John Stanhope, with his wife and babe, went to prepare for the establishment of a hospital near Tung. The response of the brotherhood was a very feeble "Yes!" and while giving increased a little, it was not enough

to keep abreast of the increased costs. The present result is a deficiency of several thousands of pounds (nearly £4,000) in the New Guinea Field account.

Now, 1962 — Two more groups of villages are calling for help! They lie between the Tung-Pir area and Chungribu. They are aware of the settled work being done to the north of Tung, and they know that we have gone to help the people of Chungribu to the south. Why should they not expect us to set up schools and churches in their villages also? What reason can we give them for not doing so? If we fail them, they will turn to the Roman Catholics or Seventh Day Adventists for help. If we say "Yes!" to them, it will probably mean lifting the total budget for 1961-62 to the level of £40,000. It will mean a really tremendous sacrifice for the July offering — and for each week of the year. Are we prepared to go to these villages, and to make the necessary financial increase? Unless we do, the answer must be, for the first time, "No!" to their call.

But — DARE WE SAY "NO!"

How shall we face the Master if we do?

SOLUTION IN OUR HANDS

F. W. Beale - New Guinea.

At the moment I am sitting in a comfortable chair in a pleasant house. I have had a good meal of bacon and eggs and am warmly clothed, for the weather is colder than I have been used to.

I am enjoying my furlough and appreciate the conditions in Australia. I have also enjoyed moving among the churches in deputation work. Having Christian fellowship has been wonderful.

To be able to stand with like-minded Christians in pleasant worshipful buildings, and sing well loved hymns, has been an enriching experience.

Soon, now, I will be leaving this and going back to New Guinea — going back to a people who live in leaf houses, whose kitchen is the

ground, and whose food is sago, twice a day, every day. Here there is no worship, but a certain fear of spirits, ever present, and all potentially dangerous. It will be good to be back among them again, and to be bringing to them Christ's healing touch.

But there is a big question mark in my mind. Before I returned to Australia for furlough, some people from Arau, across the Ramu, came and asked for our Mission to locate a teacher in their midst. They are still asking this question, and have definitely said they do not want Roman Catholics or Seventh Day

Adventists among them. They want us.

Other villages have also asked us to locate amongst them. What am I to say to these people when I go back?



Shall we ADVANCE or RETREAT in New Guinea?

Miss Dorothy Howden, in a challenging article, states that we must decide NOW whether we are going to continue our New Guinea advance or retreat.

There seems to be widespread interest in the brotherhood's venture into New Guinea. It must be fairly widely known what is being done and what is planned for the near future, but are you as aware of the dangers, the problems of this work, as you are of the little we have accomplished?

The Mission has not long been established. In that time two Mission stations have been set up. At both these places are schools which, though only housed in native-type buildings, with dirt floors, do seek to maintain Government standards in education. At Tung we have a hospital, which, like the schools, is unelaborate; nevertheless, skilled medical assistance is offered. In addition, the buildings of a new Mission station are being erected. There are plans for the erection of a hospital using European material, and very shortly we shall have a doctor here so that the medical services we shall be able to offer will be as good as can be obtained anywhere.

We have accomplished something, but we still have no cause to become puffed up over what has been accomplished. Until recently there was little active opposition, but now a real struggle has begun against the powers of darkness.

When the Mission first started, in fact till only a few months ago, we were doing more than the other Missions. It now appears probable, if not absolutely certain, that the R.C. Mission, which for decades has been amongst these people, is rousing itself from inactivity. Yet it is an injustice to say they have been doing nothing. For years they have been running schools. It is true that these schools didn't teach English. They simply taught children to read and write Pidgin English and the F catechism. They were doing a little but they had stagnated. Having made a claim on the people, they did cater for the needs of the people. These people are gradually moving towards self-government, and if New Guineans are to become a united people they must have an adequate and uniform language. Therefore, there is a necessity for every school to teach English. We can't be proud of the fact that we teach English. It is more than we ought to do, and we don't doubt the R.C. Missions start teaching it now they see that doing so may cost them their following.

From now on I believe that the R.C. Missions will be striving as much, if not more, than we for the physical well-being of

people. For many years, the R.C. Missions have been instructing these people in the R.C. faith.

What do we more than these others? We can't boast or glory in what we have done, or in what we plan to do, as it is no more than we should be doing, and not really as much as we ought to be doing.

It may surprise you to know that these people whom you regard as heathen get just as offended as you would if they are called heathens. They consider themselves Christians, although Jesus is no more than a name to them. In fact, they know nothing about Jesus or our Heavenly Father from their previous associations with Missions. In our schools we strive to give the children a knowledge of Jesus that they may accept him intelligently, and be saved.

What do we more than these? If the R.C. and S.D.A. Missions continue starting new stations at the rate they are, we'll be doing considerably less than all these others in the near future. By the near future I mean within a few months.

If we are to do more than these we shall have to have builders, teachers and nurses ready to go within the matter of a few weeks of receiving a new invitation. These people will accept any Mission that offers them the material things they desire and need. We must teach them the truth. It is only the truth that will make these people free from the confusion of beliefs taught them by the

We have to be our accusers in the

hands. Let us glorify him by accepting the challenge his work in this place offers, and make bold plans for the future.

In Perils of the Sea

Barrie Richards - New Guinea.

Recently I spent a few anxious moments when travelling in the Mission launch, the John K. We were heading out to sea through the mouth of the Ramu River, but when we were about half-way out the pump started to make intermittent noises. I wasn't sure what I should do. I thought that if I could reach Awar, if anything was wrong I could get the part out from there to be fixed and I would be nearer to help if I had to be towed. Then, just as we were making for the open sea, there was a terrific back-fire and the pump started to scream, while the engine raced like fury.

I told the man who was steering to turn back while I tried to keep the motor going. Just before all this happened I was unsure what I should do, whether to go on or go back, so I took it to the Lord in prayer. I thank the Lord for the definite answer I received. If that pump had not broken down there, I hate to think where we might have been floating now. We might not have been floating at all! I was able to get back and around the first bend to a safe, deep place and tie up before the motor cut out completely.

The next day some men from that area said that they would walk with us along the coast and show us the

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FIRST FEW MONTHS ON "BALI HI"

Those who have seen the musical, *South Pacific*, may be surprised to know that the "Bali Hi" of the book (not of the film!) was none other than our island of Aoba. However, adjusting to life on this island as a missionary teacher is not just as you might imagine from the film. In this article I would like to share with you some thoughts about settling down in our new home at Londua Training School.

Keith Ludgater.

Then as we settled in to our main task of teaching about thirty boys each, Shirley and I had to get used to a new curriculum. Fortunately, this has been fairly easy because of improvements to the syllabus over recent years. Many of our missionaries in the past have had to work out a course of study and even basic materials for the children to use.

yet. We need your prayers, especially in this work.

Getting used to our co-workers has been one of the most pleasant experiences so far. We are very grateful to them for their part in introducing us to our new life out here. They have left little to be desired in helpfulness and friendliness, and we look forward to many years of fellowship with them in the service of Christ and these people in the New Hebrides.



Over seventy boys and girls attend the Ranwadi school where Mr. and Mrs. Edwards have resumed after a long.

The first thing which "forces itself on us" is the climate, and of course, there is no escape from that. It has been a real in-

First Impressions

Peter and Muriel Damm.

Mr. and Mrs. Damm left Sydney in February, and for the time being are located on Pentecost. Peter is a carpenter and will find plenty of work to keep him occupied for a time. Among his early jobs will be a new roof for the Mission bungalow, and the building of a new hospital ward. Muriel is a trained nurse, and will be of valuable assistance to Sister Smith in the expanding medical work on Pentecost.

We had a fast trip by plane from Sydney, staying overnight at Noumea, and thence to Santo the next day. We (including the Ludgaters) were met by Jack Smith, from Ranmawat, Pentecost.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Ludgater left by small boat for Ndui-Ndui, Aoba, the next day, but we had to wait for a further two days because of bad flying weather. We arrived safely at Ranmawat by Mr. Thevinin's plane.

Three Mission boys met us at Thevinin's, and we were taken by launch to the Mission. Here we were met by the Mission boys and girls and Mrs. Smith. We were given a welcome by the people on the 1st Sunday, and items of singing sounded very lovely as they sang from the hearts of our Saviour.

We are now settling in at Ranmawat, and continue to praise God for His guidance and care for us.



We are doing more for our New Hebridean brethren than ever before, and they are still very much in need of our help. They themselves have willingly given of their substance and they have heard of needy people doing their best to send teachers to those on neighboring islands. We have called for help in the gospel. Let us take every opportunity to prepare them for effective Christian leadership. Let us treat them as urgent in our prayerful financial support.—Phyllis McLean.

Sacrifice Not Measured in Terms of Money

R. C. Combridge, Maewo, New Hebrides.

It is easy for someone to talk about sacrifice, and perhaps those who talk most on this subject know the least about it. It is not as we look at ourselves that we can determine what sacrifice means, but as we look at others. Of course, the supreme example is that of our exalted Lord.

Many who have taken up the cross of Christ have learned how a Christian must sacrifice and drink of this cup which the Lord offers.

On the Mission field single work-

ers often must pay a high price in loneliness. I think at this time of two who have walked this road with Christ.

Sister Florrie Kennedy is one who over the years has served so well. She has had to drink of this cup, as she has dedicated her life to the lost sheep in the Islands.

Think also of Sister Pauline Jones, who has for the last six months been the only white person on the Island of Maewo. She has certainly

served her Lord in loneliness and isolation. Sister Pauline, too, has learnt to drink of this cup.

Yet the Lord is still calling for two more double or triple-certificated nurses for this work in the Islands, and the call has remained unanswered.

If you cannot answer the call of God to the task, and with these qualifications, then join hands with us as we pray God to raise up workers to lay hands of healing upon his people, and to minister to them with the Word of God.



This fine new building was erected by the people at Bytora on Maewo. Bytora is not a big village, but they contributed over £1,000 to erect the church building.

A Changing Pattern

Sister A. F. Kennedy, Maewo.

As Sister Pauline Jones had been four months over here, and needed a change, she came to Ndui-Ndui by launch to look after the hospital work, and I returned by the same launch to Maewo to look after the medical side of the work there. It was just after dark when we neared the Maewo coast. We were met by many folk with lanterns and torches, and there were many willing hands (hand-shakes), both old and young, to greet me when I scrambled out of the little canoe that had been used to land us.

That was nearly a month ago, and for me it has been a wonderful change. Abel Rasa, our dresser, has been coping with most of their cuts and sores, as well as their fevers, with only an occasional call through to me for help.

Recently I had two pending mothers down with pneumonia. They needed care and attention, and this week their two babies were born on the same day. Therefore there are times, too, when one is kept busy.

Easter on Maewo has been a real joy. These people are growing spiritually, and really seem to enjoy worship. Our dawn service on the beach, with the moon throwing its silver light across the water and later the rising sun throwing its golden gleam

up over the mountain and across to the Aoban Island, was a good start to a day packed with praise to God for his goodness in giving Christ to die as our Saviour.

Dear old Isaiah, the elder, in his Pidgin said, "Yes, you help Jesus, Jesus he help you," and his heart was so full that he did not seem as if he could come to an end. Many groups sang of Calvary and lifted burdens. I was really thrilled and blessed with it all.

"Their Plea — Our Responsibility"



Scene on Maewo when Mr. Combridge installed a new engine in the "Grace." Such a task required skill and hard work. Maewo people were willing helpers.

OUR RESPONSIBILITY

Loreen Stanhope.

"Na Jisas i tokin (talk) em I spik (speak), Mi yet mi rot (road), na mi kaikai bilong trupela tok (truth), na mi as bilong laip (life). Sapos man i no I kam (come) long mi, em i no inap (he is not fit) i go long Papa (God)." So reads a New Guinea Pidgin English translation of John 14: 6.

Whether in more "civilised" Port Moresby, or in the beautiful, tropical north coast of New Guinea, there is one outstanding impression of these fuzzy-wuzzy brown-skinned people for whom Christ gave his life. So many New Guinea folk mostly just sit or stand around all day (and half the night) — although some are



The education of women and girls is being accelerated in the Pacific. Island women are proving to be capable teachers and nurses.

busy at times with food-growing or preparation for meals, and at times there are bursts of activity regarding house-building, trading or working (e.g., vehicle-driving in the towns).

Some of the people have been given lifts along the 8-mile road from Madang to Yagaum. A few hours later, these same people can be seen on the road again walking back to Madang. In other words, they haven't anywhere to go, or anything to do in particular! Surely it is our responsibility to point them to Christ, who alone is the Way, the Truth and the Life — not only eternally, but here and now.

Dugaspaen (pronounced Doo-gas-pine), our "house-girl," is an example of one who has found the Lord Jesus Christ to be real in her life, and what a contrast she is to so many of her kinsfolk. What a joy it is to hear those groups of folk who have found the reality of God in their own lives, holding their own group evening devotionals in various buildings, or in the wards with the patients. You, who read this, have a very real part in this work by your specific praying.

"Spare Time Job?"

Jack Smith - Pentecost.

Mail arrived this week from Australia, and in it was a letter from the Board with this request: "Please send two articles from each of you for the July Issues of *The Australian Christian* and *Goodly Pearls*. The deadline is April 1."

After fifteen years out here it gets progressively harder to write articles and not to repeat what has been written previously. However, we do our best, and hope that the readers get both enjoyment and an increase in knowledge from these articles.

It is often said to us, "What do you do in your spare time?" My usual reply is, "What's that?" There never seems to be enough time to carry out all the necessary jobs without having any spare time.

Today for instance, in the middle of breakfast, we are called away to speak to a man whose wife is going home. We return to our meal and then the dresser comes down with the cards to make up the accounts, back again, then the phone rings.

Our meal finished, Dorothy begins to take Miriam for her school lessons and I try again to wake the Muse and get on with

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these articles. About three lines are finished and, "Mr. Smith"; another caller is at the back door.

In a few moments it will be time for the radio "sched" with Vila, when we get the latest weather information, and there may be messages for us. Every time we look out of the door we see more work piling up, new admissions to the hospital, do a round, check on new buildings going up, have a talk with Job, the young T.B. patient for whom we are building a separate room; back to this typewriter again, at the same time thinking of all the other jobs needing attention.

The throttle wire on the motor-bike needs renewing, a new plug in the engine for the circular saw, and the mixtures need to be made up in the dispensary (the staff have a habit of letting the stock run completely out and then come down with a big smile, saying, "E finish.") So the day goes on; there are two women very close to the time of their delivery; we must remember to send for them or they will wait too long.

Letters come from different ones to be posted to Samuel and Willie Anson; the need of stamps often has to be explained. As frustrating as things may be at times we never cease to praise God for the joy we have in serving him amongst these dear people.

"THEIR PLEA — OUR RESPONSIBILITY"



Theme for the Week:
"THE FIERY PROPHET"

Sunday, June 25

1 Kings 17: 1-6.

Thought Text: "After a while the brook dried up" (v. 7).

God had promised Elijah water in the midst of the drought, and for a while, as the ravens dropped him food and the water of Brook Cherith sparkled in the sun, he must have been well content. How good it was to be free of men — especially evil men like Ahab! Then came the unexpected — the brook dried up. Had God failed him? No — it was God's way of gently pushing him back to the world of men, where a desperate widow and her son needed the help he could give.

God knows his servants' need of occasional rest and quiet. It was his Son who said, "Come ye apart and rest awhile." But he has his own way (sometimes as puzzling as the drying up of Elijah's brook) to urge us back to the hard and difficult places where men need him.

O God, we thank thee for thy never-failing resources, all the more precious when shared with others in their need. Amen.

Monday, June 26

1 Kings 18: 1-16.

Thought Text: "Obadiah took a hundred prophets . . . hid them . . . fed them" (v. 4).

Not many men dared stand up against a woman like Jezebel — even the fiery Elijah himself was later to run for his life when she threatened. But Obadiah, court official, has this claim to greatness; he risked his life to defy Jezebel's edict that the prophets of the Lord should be killed. A hundred men owed their lives to the fact that one man went on believing in God in the place where it must have been hard to keep on believing in anything.

How do we measure up to what has been called "the test of being good in bad places" — of doing good at the worst times?

WHEN SOARS the SOUL

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

We pray, Lord, for courage for all thy servants who must make a choice between self-interest, and standing for what they know is right. Amen.

Tuesday, June 27

1 Kings 18: 17-29.

Thought Text: "How long will you hobble on this faith and that?" (v. 21, Moffatt).

Elijah draws a vivid picture of the people's indecision — mentally "hopping from one leg to another" to avoid choosing between the one true God of the prophets and the pagan gods of the nations around them. That kind of mental gymnastics is always fatal to any real faith. Elijah was right in demanding that Israel must make up its mind.

We still have people amongst us restlessly "shopping around" for religion, without ever being prepared to pay the full price; flitting from this candle flame of religious excitement to the next, and never staying in one place long enough to light anyone else's candle. God still wants committed men and women!

Let the witness we make for thee, O Lord, be clear and decisive, confronting others with a Christ who lives in us. Amen.

Wednesday, June 28

1 Kings 18: 30-39.

Thought Text: "He repaired the altar of the Lord that was broken down" (v. 30).

Nothing could have been less spectacular as a prelude to the dramatic moment when sudden fire burnt up the water-soaked sacrifices. It must have seemed in strange contrast, too, to the frenzied leaping of Baal's prophets which preceded it. But Elijah was never more surely God's prophet than when he took the time, in that tense situation, to repair an ancient altar.

Who knows what mighty moments come to birth when we take the time to build up the broken altar in somebody else's life?

Lord, we pray for those who have slipped away from the Church's fellowship, their altar of faith in ruins. Give us the understanding and love to help them rebuild. Amen.

Thursday, June 29

1 Kings 18: 41-46.

Thought Text: "There is a sound of abundance of rain" (v. 41).

Of course, at that time, there was no such sound; it was all in Elijah's faith. That faith was not without its testing times, when, six times over, his servant reported no sign of com-

ing rain. It was not until the seventh time that he saw "a little cloud . . . like a man's hand;" that was enough for Elijah. He knew.

James was thinking of this incident when he wrote, "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (Jas. 5: 16). In our spiritual lives, have we the faith to go on believing, even in the midst of difficult, drought-like experiences, in the "sound of abundance of rain"?

Lord, increase our faith. Help us always to remember that "all things are possible to him that believeth."

Friday, June 30

1 Kings 19: 1-16.

Thought Text: "I, even I only, am left" (v. 10).

There spoke a discouraged, beaten man — a man who knew how to cope with the great decisive hours, like that at Mt. Carmel, but not with the desolate mood of depression and defeat. He had to learn that it was only then, when wind, earthquake and fire had gone, that the still, small Voice could reach him with its great assurance that he was not alone. Not only was God with him with his untold, spiritual resources, but also there were 7,000 other loyal believers.

Discouragement can so easily blind us to all but our own disappointments. In despondent hours, get yourself out of the centre of the picture. Put Jesus there! You are never alone!

Lord, in thy love lift up the fallen, cheer the desolate, strengthen the weak. Amen.

Saturday, July 1

2 Kings 2: 1-15.

Thought Text: "Let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me" (v. 9).

This was a picturesque way of asking for the right to succeed Elijah as leader of the prophets. That task involved great responsibilities as well as privileges, and he knew how much he would need the same kind of strength as God had given Elijah.

In that moment of truth when he knew he must lose his loved leader, Elisha knew that nothing else could mean as much to him as the spirit of his master in his own life's work. For the Christian, nothing matters as much as having the Master's Spirit living in him. It made all the difference to Jesus' disciples when the living Lord breathed on them, saying, "Receive ye the Holy Spirit."

How much of Jesus' Spirit do men see at work in my life?

"Holy Spirit, dwell with me; I myself would holy be." Amen.

HERE AND THERE

Missionary material for this special issue was supplied by R. S. A. McLean, Overseas Mission Sec. The theme of "Their Plea — Our Responsibility" challenges us all to new conceptions of sacrificial giving to an urgent and demanding work on all three Fields — India, New Hebrides and New Guinea.

The morning worship service of the church at Latrobe-terr., Geelong, Vic., will be broadcast over 3GL on Sunday, June 18. Arnold C. Caldicott will be the preacher.

Owing to Queen's Birthday holiday on June 12, this issue was finalised for the press on Thurs., June 8, one day earlier than usual. News and advertisements received after that date will be included in our next issue.

D. G. Beanland (Shepperton-rd., W.A.) has accepted a call from the churches of the Swan Hill and Woorinen Circuit and will commence a ministry there in Feb., 1962.

The sympathy of the brotherhood goes out to Miss H. Skuce, missionary on furlough from India, in the sudden passing of her father in Adelaide.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Gavros were welcomed into fellowship with the church at Forestville, S.A., on May 21, at the commencement of Mr. Gavros' ministry. They were welcomed informally during after-church fellowship, when Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Brown were farewelled after a fruitful interim ministry. D. K. Beller (S.A. Conf. Pres.) welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Gavros back to the S.A. brotherhood. During the evening, opportunity was taken to farewell Mr. and Mrs. W. Lovell on the eve of a three-months' visit to U.S.A.

Following a fortnight in which visitation evangelism was undertaken by a team of earnest workers, the church at Croydon, S.A., conducted its Golden Jubilee mission in perfect weather. C. E. Watson (Hobart) was the missionary and S. Bosworth, local choir conductor, was song-leader, with Mrs. S. Hoskin at piano or organ. L. Jeffries provided music on his tape-recorder for folk, both inside and outside the church building, prior to each meeting. He also taped the mission services for future use in homes and at church meetings. The local choir and male quartet party rendered items. Mesd. J. Sanders, J. Hoskin, M. Skewes, A. Simpson, B. Dennis; Misses C. Samp-

son, E. Lees, P. Hoskin, M. Bartlett and G. Jones; R. Pearce and R. Angove favored with solos and duets. Many churches sent representatives. Large numbers attended all meetings. More than 270 were present on the closing night of the fortnight's mission. There were nine primary decisions. A past member of a sister church came back into fellowship. A present member who had come from an immersionist body constrained us to baptise him. Six others rededicated their lives to Christ. Follow-up work promises an additional harvest. Farewell words were spoken and a presentation was made on behalf of the church to Mr. and Mrs. Watson by H. K. Brand, senior elder. A thankoffering of £97 was received. The whole church has been stirred and greatly encouraged.—W. N. Bartlett.

August, 1962, is the date the Geoff. Whitings have their hearts set on for a return from U.S.A. to their Australian homeland. Mr. Whiting, formerly Youth Director for our South Australian churches, completed his Master of Religious Education degree in Aug., 1960, graduating with honors from Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis. He is now hard at work for a Doctor of Education degree, majoring in adult education at the Indiana University. At the same time, he is minister of Christian Education in the First Christian Church, Bedford, Indiana, which has a membership of about 1,100. Present address of Mr. and Mrs. Whiting, David and Margaret, is First Christian Church, 15th and "K" Streets, Bedford, Indiana, U.S.A.

At a special meeting on May 22, the church at Invermay, Tas., decided on a three-stage objective for church building: (1) pay off manse debt; (2) build new chapel; (3) complete master plan.

The British and Foreign Bible Society is working with well over one thousand translators in all parts of the world on 328 different projects. Of these, 55 are complete Bibles in new languages, all of which should come into circulation during the next 10 or 12 years. In addition, 37 Bibles are undergoing revision, 42 New Testaments are being translated for the first time and 61 New Testaments are being revised. In no fewer than 82 new languages some portion of Scripture is being translated for the first time, and in 51 additional languages further books are being added to those already produced,

without there being, as yet, any commitment to a full New Testament or a whole Bible. This great programme is undergirding the missionary labors of 58 different Societies. They represent no fewer than 40 different nationalities.

Inter-Church Aid is seeking old nylons for Korea Church World Service Nylon Weaving Projects. All stockings should be freshly washed, and sent to the Inter-Church Aid Depot, 125 Leicester-st., Fitzroy, N.G., Vic.; or parcelled by rail, marked "For Relief," to Spencer-st. Station, Vic.

New Conference Secretary

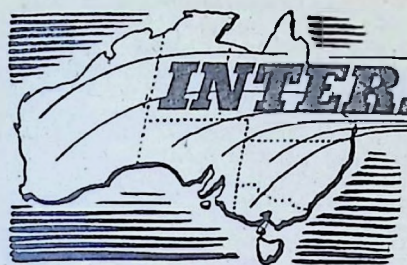
Vic.-Tas. Conference.

The President of the Victoria-Tasmania Conference of Churches of Christ (W. A. Thompson) is happy to announce that W. W. Saunders has accepted the invitation to become full-time Secretary of the Conference.



Mr. Saunders will succeed Miss F. Haines, who has accepted another appointment with the Church Extension Department (Properties Corporation) of the Conference, after having served as Conference Secretary since 1953, and as Asst. Sec. prior to that. It is expected that the change-over will be made in September, by which time it is hoped Mr. Saunders will be free to vacate his present position as Secretary of the Victorian Temperance Alliance, in which capacity his leadership among the churches has been greatly appreciated.

Mr. Saunders will come to his new office already well versed in the workings of Conference. He was Conference President, 1952-53, and has been Associate Secretary since 1956.



INTERSTATE CHURCH NEWS

NEW SOUTH WALES

Inverell (G. H. Earle). — Church recently purchased Holden for minister's work. Commonwealth Youth Sunday observed May 28, when Y.P.C.E. assisted in services. Combined meeting held in Town Hall after evening service, with Dr. Mitchell, visiting evangelist. Week of combined meetings during his visit well attended; songleader, R. Shipway.

Mosman - North Balgowlah (L. E. Wylie - R. Holt). — Work under oversight of Mosman and leadership of L. Wylie, with R. Holt, asst. Mothers' Day at Mosman, Ladies' Aid took p.m. service; Mrs. Wylie gave message. Offering taken for N.S.W. Benevolent Society. At North Balgowlah, R. Holt led service and gave address. On 28th, R. Holt gave gospel address at Mosman. Evening services at North Balgowlah held once a month. June 4, N. Matthews gave a.m. address on behalf of Chapel Extension Committee. Both B.S.'s. sharing Increase Campaign, with one new scholar to date.

Narraweena (D. A. Beavis). — Rapid development last six months, since building completed and first full-time ministry began. On May 7, church held dedication service for newly-purchased manse; Prin. A. W. Stephenson speaker.

Broken Hill (W. H. Greenwood). — B.S. anniversary, May 21, 28. S. E. Matthews (Henley Beach, S.A.) special speaker on last Sunday. Scholars' tea and prizegiving night very successful. June 3-5, church received visit from Christian Women's Education Com. Welcoming social evening held, 3rd. Members of committee took part in Sunday services and State Pres. of Women's Conf. (Mrs. Wharton, Unley) addressed evening service. Film, *Faith Triumphant*, screened, p.m., for inter. scholars. June 5, women of church held all-day conference with C.W.E.C. Minister has been in hospital, but now improving.

Earlwood (G. Sloman). — Splendid gospel meeting, June 4; Mrs. Gilbert, soloist, and Brian Holmewood assisted minister. Church attended Lane Cove mission, also combined prayer meeting at Marrickville. Under leadership of Miss Weston, four young champions competed in Scripture Union quiz. Y.P.F. organised evening for all ages and screened *Wine*

nard to train in Melb. as air hostess; Brian Storey to attend course in mapping. Ron Leys (Belmore, N.S.W.) welcomed. Ladies made curtains for junior school rooms. Attendance, 28th, 160 a.m.; 84 p.m.; 143 communion; June 4, 170 a.m.; 172 p.m.; 163 communion.

TASMANIA

Collins-st., Hobart (C. E. Watson). — Owing to school holidays, etc., May averages down to a.m., 143; p.m., 93; communion, 153; offering, £59/3/3. During month one decision, one re-consecration; 2 young men received into fellowship following baptism. Minister conducted mission at Croydon, S.A. During his absence services conducted by members of Preachers' Panel: B. J. Golder, J. Park, W. Rushton, A. E. Heard, M. Davis, E. W. Knight. Mrs. Golder returned to services following major surgery. Members of Judo club gave demonstration on T.V., also successfully competed against members from Victoria at City Hall during month.

Margaret-st., Launceston (C. J. Robinson). — May averages: a.m., 125; p.m., 90; communion, 128. Midweek meetings now studying *The Light of the World*. M. R. Wilson appointed B.S. supt. C. J. Robinson and A. W. Gilbertson giving series of short talks over TLA each morning for month. C.W.E.F. very active; took charge p.m., May 14, with Keith Spaulding and Mrs. K. Younger as joint speakers; entertained their mothers to social evening, 8th. Successful evening in aid of C.W.E.F. project held, Misses D. Allen and B. Gullidge giving travel talk on World Convention visit; school hall packed. C.M.S. addressed by Dr. Gollan on work of St. John Ambulance Brigade. C.W.F. fortnightly meetings continue, plus special afternoons in members' homes in aid of Carpet Fund. Excellent progress made with extensions, thanks to weekly Saturday working bees.

Invermay (P. R. Baker - interim). — Attendances well maintained. Several members still in hospital — Mrs. S. Clements, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Evans, W. Peters; Jennifer Corner returned home. Sympathy to Mr. Baker in loss of brother. Women's Auxiliary and C.E. combined film evening; offering towards new communion table. Clubs' combined picnic, Scout Island. Visitors welcomed during month.

Discipleship

Ross Barnden, North Williamstown, Vic.

Miss P. Trott, Forestville, S.A.

Ray Butterworth, Barry Kelleher, Collins-st., Hobart, Tas.

Susan Young, Christine Brand, Marilyn Lovelock, Stephanie Young, Ascot Park, S.A.

Kay Burchell, Cheryle Burton, Maryborough, Vic.

M. Williams, Coburg, Vic.

Membership

Mrs. J. McCabe, from Paddington; Mrs. Watkins, from Brethren to Narraweena, N.S.W.

Mrs. G. Harris, Blackwood to Forestville, S.A.

G. J. Alderton, Invermay to Margaret-st., Launceston, Tas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Searle, from Berri, S.A., Miss P. Searle, from Dulwich, S.A., to The Patch, Vic.

Ian Barclay, to Oakleigh, Vic.

Miss E. Fraser, Hamilton to Grote-st., Adelaide, S.A.

Marriage

Margery Collings to Leendert Notenboom, Oakleigh, Vic.

Fallen Asleep

William Tutton, Oakleigh, Vic.

Albert Rushby, Chatswood, N.S.W.

AUST. CAPITAL TERRITORY

Canberra (G. R. Stirling, B.A.). — Recent drive brought 35 new B.S. scholars; record attendance of 235, May 28. Services, 28th, conducted by Ross Rugendyke and Ray Bolduan, minister being with Hornsby (N.S.W.) church. G.L.B. paraded p.m., June 4; 3 girls made decision. Gwen Moig-

of Morning, recently. Foundation members look back with gratitude on help given by late Wilfred Evans, and sympathise with Beverly Hills church in loss sustained.

Chatswood (L. K. Green, B.A., B.D.). — Large gathering attended 41st anniversary, C.W.F., June 6; guest speaker, Mrs. Leland Wang, told of lifetime of missionary service. C.W.E.F. met, 5th; guest speaker, J. Henderson, told of work in rehabilitation of delinquent Y.P. Speaker at p.m., May 23, was Kyaw Than (Burma), Sec. East Asian Christian Council. D. Croot addressed special youth service, 4th; youth choir assisted. Mr. and Mrs. C. Graham have gone to U.S.A. for visit.

Marrickville (P. E. Thomas - int.). — Family dinner, June 2, with 89 present. Praise given to God for progress in prayer powered programme of church. Under leadership of Dennis Foletta, Y.P. are active, undertaking training and participating in open air evangelism, also meeting for special prayer prior to gospel services. C.W.F. met, a.m., May 30, and B. & F. B. S. meeting, in afternoon, with Miss Dillon (former missionary, China) as speaker. G.L.B. and newly formed boys' club enthusiastic. Men's and women's societies contacting non-church goers through alternate fortnightly indoor bowls. Mrs. P. E. Thomas continuing to make good progress.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Grote-st., Adelaide (L. E. Jones, B.A.). — Church welcomes return of minister, after successful mission at Boronia, Vic., and expresses thanks to Messrs. Mathieson and Kingston for services. Excellent attendances at all services. 250 attended gospel service on June 4, when a young man and a young lady made decision for Christ. C.Y.F. continues to flourish, with L. Hearndom, leader. C.W.F. held 10th annual birthday, with Matron McMenemie (Vaughan House) guest speaker; 130 present. Increased numbers attending midweek Bible study. One addition by transfer.

Forestville (N. Gavros). — Av. communicants, 116. Ladies prominent in conducting special Mother's Day services. C.M.S. visited Osborne Powerhouse. C.W.F. met in Aborigines Hostel, Millswood. J. Halbert, guest speaker, youth tea. **God's Word in Man's Language** screened at Y.P.C.E. meeting; R. McLean (Overseas Mission Sec.) also gave illustrated address. Dorcas held birthday meeting.

Mundalla (F. Langford). — Church is giving All-Age B.S. trial of one month in July. B.S. continues in-

terest in car trial competition. Film, **Teenage Conflict**, screened May 28 to good attendance. Circuit B.S. teachers held tea and discussion in Bordertown, 31st. Visitors welcomed to services.

North Adelaide (B. W. Manning). — D. K. Beiler (Conf. Pres.), May 28, visited church. Miss Janet Hume, immersed 74 years ago in same building, also visited; 40 attended monthly gospel service, 21st. Recently reference made to passing of Reg. H. Lamphire.

Ascot Park (R. H. Sercombe). — B.S. attendance, 182, June 4. Morning worship well attended. At night, C.E. took charge of meeting and provided a choir; Y.P. took part. G.L.B. was on parade. Speaker was D. K. Beiler (Conf. Pres.). At conclusion of address 4 young girls made decision. Malcolm McDonald back at worship after surgery, also John Edgar after accident.

QUEENSLAND

Dalby (P. C. Woolford). — Recently-formed C.Y.F. commenced meetings with visitors from Kingaroy, Chinchilla and Toowoomba in attendance. Sub-junior C.Y.F. commenced after school. Annual meeting, June 4, elected: elders, C. V. Deacon, Dr. R. L. Green, P. C. Woolford; deacons: H. Chilcott, J. Lunn, D. Pedler, F. Pedler, Geo. Pedler, Grah. Pedler, W. Rogers. Special committee formed to go into matter of new building. Mission also proposed.

Murgon (H. C. Wheat). — Cause commenced year ago with help of Kingaroy, and church received into fellowship at recent Qld. Conf. B.S. and adult B.C. functioning well. Church pays tribute to help received from Kingaroy. R. Johnson elected sec., and Mrs. H. Seng, treas.

VICTORIA

Geelong (A. C. Caldicott). — Two lads made decision. Splendid attendances, June 4, when Y.M.C.A. Vikings held church parade, and the film, **Oiltown - U.S.A.**, screened.

Kaniva (G. A. Grainger). — Miss Hazel Skuce (India) gave illustrated talk of work there. Combined evening service, with Salvation Army, May 28; speaker, D. Robinson (Sec., Vic. Council of Churches). 15 ministers met with Mr. Robinson, 29th, for discussions on unity. Over 50 at after-church sing-song at home of C. S. Crouch. Jennifer Brooks, Alan Williams returned home from N.Z. after C.E. promotion tour.

Morwell - Newborough (L. G. Armstrong). — Annual meeting, C.W.F. elected: pres., Mrs. Fletcher; vice-pres., Mrs. Armstrong; sec., Mrs. Sullivan; treas., Mrs. Scriven. C.W.E.F. continues with well-attended meetings and keen enthusiasm. Service on morning, June 4, conducted by Mr. Jones (Newborough). Visitor at service, Mrs. Marshall (Moreland). Delegates for newly-formed Council of Churches in Morwell include minister, Messrs. Little, Ludbrook, Wakefield. Formation of this Council in Morwell is step toward inter-church relationships and more united witness in community.

Swan Hill (A. A. Avery). — Graeme Harrison (C.O.B.) commenced student interim ministry, June 4. Fellowship on 3rd had large attendance; Envoy Deighton (Salvation Army) speaker. C.Y.F. joined Robinvale Y.P. in barbecue at Boundary Bend, 10th. Combined C.M.S. had 46 present.

The Patch (T. Laurie). — Y.P. recently entertained at tea, assisted in gospel service. Ladies conducted evening meeting, Mother's Day, with Mrs. E. L. Williams, guest speaker, and Mrs. S. Davey, soloist. Fancy dress parade, sponsored by youth club, 26th. Items presented by Sonny Graham, and colored film, **Antarctic Crossing**, screened. C.W.F. birthday meeting, 31st. Large gathering listened to message from Mrs. Lloyd, and enjoyed afternoon tea and musical programme provided by Mesd. Ferris and Taylor.

Chelsea (K. Hank - K. Hill). — Enjoyable time had by 104 children and 35 adults, at Zoo, June 3, for B.S. picnic. Another three welcomed into church fellowship; two ladies by transfer and lad by baptism. Church parade well attended by Good Companions and Explorers.

Maryborough (R. E. Pritchard). — Baptismal service, May 28, when two Y.P. were baptised. Married man re-consecrated his life for Christ, June 4. Av. attendances, May: 86 a.m.; 68 p.m. Church news to be printed every week, with Beverley Drake as editor. Y.P. travelled to Bendigo for Midland youth rally, 3rd. Choir continued to render items at both services. W.M.B. conducted a "rag drive" to raise funds for their work. Special collection, 4th, for Bombay appeal. Helen Sewell now out of hospital; much sickness prevails amongst members.

Coburg (F. Rees). — Services of K. Jones, G. Stetsman (C.O.B.) and K. J. Clinton much appreciated while preacher assisted in mission, Brooklyn Park, S.A. Attendances well maintained; many visitors present. Church shared with Pascoe Vale North in service on June 4, when two young women were baptised. B. Marriott preached, and one young woman confessed Christ.

NOTES FROM THE READINGS

As Suggested for

Sunday, June 25

MICAH 4: 1-7.

The prophet presents a vision of Jerusalem as "the religious capital of the world, fountain of justice and peace . . . The passage is not an idealist's dream; it is full of practical insight, suggesting as it does the way to world peace. To secure this, there must be (1) a hatred and horror of war — the nations recognise that arbitration is 'a more excellent way' than war; (2) a tribunal (here Zion) which the nations can trust; (3) nations willing to submit their case to arbitration and to abide by the result; (4) unquenchable hope — 'it shall come to pass'." (McFadyen).

"established in the top of the mountains" (v. 1). — "A phrase to symbolise its spiritual elevation" (McFadyen).

"swords into plowshares" (v. 3). — "The first brilliant call for disarmament in the history of the world's thought" (Wolfe).

"all people will walk" (v. 5). — "He could not see a real peace . . . which did not bring some sort of truce amid the warring religions of the day" (Bosley).

"I will gather" (v. 6). — This seems to be the figure of the good shepherd, reassembling his mutilated and scattered flock" (Wolfe).

EPHESIANS 6: 10-24.

Paul describes the Christian's constant warfare, and the weapons with which to meet it, and after asking for their prayers, commends his messenger to them, and closes with a blessing.

"the whole armor of God" (v. 11). — "All the armor which God provides" (N.E.B.).

"spiritual wickedness in high places" (v. 12). — "The superhuman forces of evil in the heavens" (N.E.B.). "A comprehensive designation for all the classes of hostile spirits with whom the Christian must contend" (Beare). "The ancient people believed that the air was filled with evil spirits, all determined to work men harm" (Barclay).

"your loins girt" (v. 14). — "Buckle on the belt of truth" (N.E.B.).

"watching with all perseverance" (v. 18). — "The soldier must never allow himself to be caught off guard. The unsleeping alertness of the Christian is to be shown especially in persevering intercession" (Beare).

"comfort your hearts" (v. 22). — "Put fresh heart into you" (N.E.B.).

The Growing Christ

(A Hymn for June - No. 495, June 25).

Johann Casper Lavater was a German-speaking Swiss pastor of the Lutheran Church, a popular preacher and so lovable a man that he was described as being in his later years "the object of almost incredible veneration." A copious hymnwriter, his output was, in all, about 700 hymns, many of them marked by fine devotion and sincerity. These fitted the spacious days when the praises of the Lord were sung at length, the dozen or more we have found in the German averaging something like 56 lines each.

One of them, based on John 3: 30, "He must increase, but I must decrease," was annotated as having been written on New Year's Day, 1780. Lavater survived after writing this hymn for 21 years — and, strangely enough, one day.

The translator whose version we use is Elizabeth Lee Smith (nee Allen), a woman whose life was spent in scholarly surroundings — daughter of a President of Dartmouth College, himself a hymnwriter; wife of a New York theological professor. Only eight of Lavater's ten verses seem to be available these days in her 100-year-old translation (commencing "O, Jesus Christ, grow thou in me"), but every one of them worthily suggests the aspirations of a humble Christian man, deeply devoted to his Lord and prepared to diminish as his own life is renewed and revitalised by the life of his Lord.

Whether the ruggedness and robustness of German hymns comes from the language itself or from the faith of the writers, they seem in a class apart for these characteristics. The fact that verses of the calibre of the two with which we close could be amongst the rejected ones would seem to confirm this: "Daily more filled with thee my heart, Daily from self more free; Thou, to Whom prayer did strength impart, Of my prayer hearer be. Let faith in thee and in thy might My every motive move, Be thou alone my soul's delight, My passion and my love."—F.J.F.

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Mrs. Louisa Streader.

With the passing away of Mrs. Louisa Streader, the church at Swanton-st., Melbourne, lost a beloved member, the mother of their esteemed minister's wife, Mrs. K. A. Macnaughtan. The funeral services were held at Bendigo, where Mrs. Streader had been born and where, as a girl, she had given her heart to Christ Jesus the Lord. Large gatherings of relatives and friends in the Short-st. chapel, and at the graveside in the Quarry Hills Cemetery, paid loving tribute, and recalled the years when Mrs. Streader ministered as the loyal wife and helpmeet of A. E. Streader, whose devoted service as church secretary is still remembered with love and gratitude. The sympathies of their many friends are with the sorrowing daughters and son, and their loved ones. —G. J. Andrews.

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