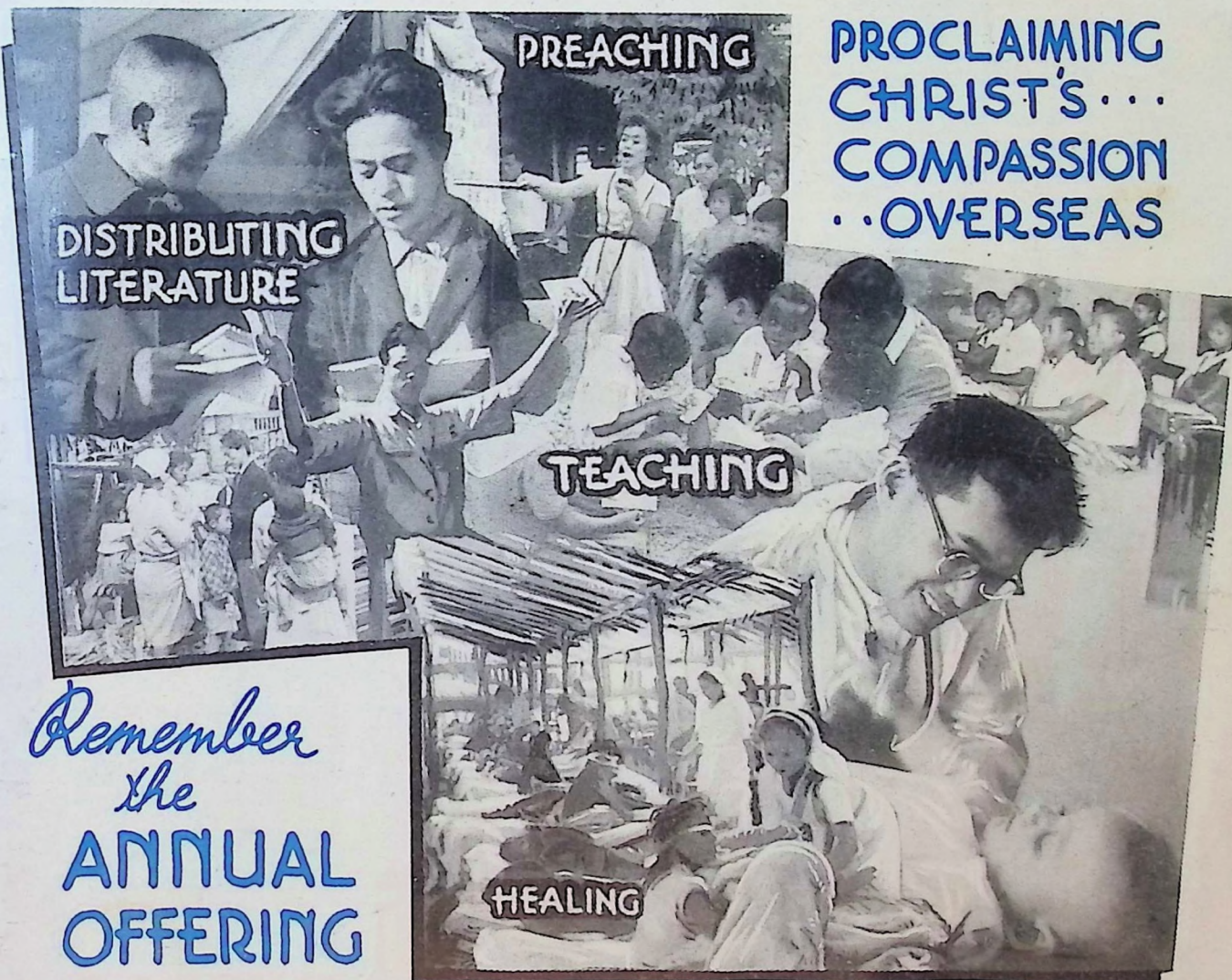


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— Proclaiming Christ's Compassion Overseas —

R. S. A. McLean.

As once again we approach our Annual Offering, the Federal Overseas Mission Board appeals to the brotherhood to assist in the great task of proclaiming Christ's compassion overseas.

On our three Mission fields our missionaries and national workers proclaim the love of Christ as they minister in five hospitals, eleven schools, three children's homes, in addition to encouraging young Christians and contacting large non-Christian communities.

Progress is being made on every field. We sometimes refer to the ancient country of India as "New India" because of the rapid changes that are taking place. As a result of the Second Five-Year Plan which was to be completed in 1961, emphasis has been given to the rapid industrialisation of the country, with special attention to basic and heavy industries. Transport and communications are vitally important and are receiving top priority.



A Mobile Dispensary, valued at £1,600, has been ordered for Medical Work in out-lying villages in India.

Missions are allowed to witness in India unhindered, and the common people of India can never forget the loving service of the missionaries. In our Mission area requests have come from large Hindu communities to establish schools and hospitals. In "New India" we have numerous opportunities to witness for Jesus Christ, and to proclaim his compassion. May we not stand condemned before God because we lacked the vision and the zeal to send forth his Word.

In the New Hebrides new hospitals and schools are being erected. Seven new workers will go to this field

this year, bringing the total number of workers in the New Hebrides to eighteen. Our hardest task is "Christianising" the evangelised, that is, to help the people realise what it really means to be disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ.

New areas continue to open up in New Guinea, and our main concern at present is to establish the work at Chungribu, Bunapas and Asau. Alan and Margaret Fletcher, who arrived in New Guinea in February, will set up schools and medical work at Chungribu. Dr. John and Loreen Stanhope will establish the base hospital at Bunapas, which is on the Ramu River, about seven miles from Tung. David and Lynn Hammer will pioneer the new work at Asau, which is located on the Ramu between Bunapas and Chungribu. The people amongst whom we are working are illiterate and backward. Most of them have little or no knowledge of Christ. It is our privilege to convey to them the message of redemption.

We thank God for the wonderful way our brotherhood has responded to the challenge of the Mission overseas. Every State reports record offerings, and generous giving by a concerned brotherhood enables us to answer the constant appeals from the fields to send out more workers and more equipment. We realise how much our expenditure has increased when we note that in *The Australian Christian*, July 28, 1959, it was reported "that expenditure over the past year, was past all records in that the General Fund expenditure was £34,000, not including New Guinea." During the first nine months of the present financial year the expenditure from the General Fund was £36,000, New Guinea excluded. Expenditure on New Guinea for the same period was £7,660. It should be noted that these amounts do not include Capital Expenditure, such as buildings and equipment.

We thank God for those who constantly remember the work in prayer, and for those who arrange gatherings where people meet to pray for Missions. Several periods were set aside at the recent Missionary Conference at Macclesfield, when people earnestly prayed for our work overseas. It was suggested, however, that even more time at such gatherings should be devoted to prayer. Our brethren in the "younger churches" in India and the New Hebrides constantly pray for the "sending churches" in Australia. We must remember them in our prayers.

This year sixteen new missionaries have been appointed. They are willing to leave home and loved ones in order to proclaim Christ's compassion overseas. They go believing that we as a brotherhood will be standing behind them, supporting them in prayer and in giving, so that they will be able to perform their work adequately. Nothing is more disappointing to a missionary than to come home on furlough and realise that many people did not even know he was on the field. Such admissions indicate that many on whom they were counting for prayer support had failed them.

May God strengthen us to go forward, proclaiming Christ's compassion to needy men and women in lands across the sea.

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THE MISSIONARY MOTIVE

This is a most important year in our missionary story. With reinforcements appointed to all three fields of India, New Hebrides and New Guinea; with a doctor in each of the Missions, for the first time; with our Federal Overseas Mission Secretary visiting first in India (late 1961), then New Guinea, to supplement his own expert knowledge of the New Hebrides work — the year since the last Missionary Appeal to our churches has been brimful of creative planning, dedicated self-giving and forward moves.

Now the Overseas Mission Board comes to us with an offering slogan that emphasises the motive behind all true missionary effort — the compassion of Christ. At first glance, the slogan might seem to have about it something of the alleged arrogance of the "bad old days" of missionary enterprise, when consciously superior missionaries moved in pity to the aid of their weaker brethren. But the word "compassion" means much more than "pity"; its origin lies in two Latin words, meaning "a suffering with." Campbell Morgan has pointed out the nature of the Greek word used in the Matt. 9: 36 reference to our Lord being "moved with compassion" — a word which implies that he was "moved to the agony of the physical by the pain of the spiritual," and then goes on to define compassion as "feeling with, pain with, comradeship in sorrow, fellowship in agony." "Jesus came so intimately into comradeship and sympathy with human pain," he adds, "that its pain was his pain . . . You can pity people and see them die in misery; but he bare with them, he identified himself with the very issue of their pain, the very issue of their sin. That is compassion."

In the truest sense, then, "compassion" is the right word to describe the spirit in which today's missionaries go to their task, seeking to identify themselves with those they wish to serve, in the love of Christ. There is nothing new in this approach, however; after all, as we have seen, it was the Master's own way of reaching people. It was also the Apostle Paul's, as is evident from many of the deeply personal things that first great missionary wrote to his converts, and the kind of experiences he shared both with them and for them. "I am among you as one that serveth" has always been the spirit of a true missionary. If today it means in some cases serving under nationals of the Mission countries, Christ's missionary rejoices in advances made, and

seeks to play a worthy part as a beloved and trusted fellow-worker in building up a strong indigenous Church. If the situation in less developed areas calls for strong leadership on the missionary's part, then that, too, must be offered in humble compassion.

This places heavy demands on the missionary, which is why only those whose dedication and training are both of the highest quality should ever be sent to the Mission field. Read carefully the articles in this issue written by some of our own missionaries, and also some of our Indian Christian leaders, and judge for yourself their Christian calibre and earnest devotion to their task. Notice the occasional hint of how much the support of the home churches means to them — in prayer and personal interest, as well as in money gifts. If today's situation places heavy demands on missionaries, then we must face up to heavier demands on *ourselves*, to a costlier sharing with them of what it means to proclaim Christ's compassion overseas. How deep goes our sense of compassion?

Think about these words written to one Indian Mission 66 years ago: "We desire affectionately and above all things to commend to you, as our missionaries have often done, the Lord Jesus Christ . . . We have no better claim to him than you have. We possess nothing so precious — we value nothing so much — we have no source of good so full, fruitful and enduring — we have nothing to compare with the Lord Jesus Christ. To him we must bear witness." Therein lies the missionary imperative.



Miss Dorothy Geyer and students, Baramati, India.

Telling India The Good News

Bible Correspondence Course

Miss Hazel Skuce.

During the years we have made many contacts as we have gone out to the village bazaars and Jutras preaching, and it has always worried me that, after we leave the place, then we lose all contact with the people, especially those who have bought Gospels from us. I have felt that we should have a follow-up programme for these people. With this idea in mind, I began the Bible Correspondence Course—one that is being used by another Mission, but I am hoping that within the next few months we will have our own course going.

It is just a month since this course was started here and already we have sixty-five students doing the course. One student has completed the course and a number of others are on the last set of lessons. In speaking with others who are engaged in this ministry, I find they all say the same; they just cannot keep up with the demand for new study courses. You will find that the more educated people will gladly sit down for a few hours in study for their lessons, as they can do this without anyone else knowing what they are doing, but they would not be prepared to stand for very long listening to a preacher, just in case others thought that they were interested. This is a great field of evangelism that has been opened up to us, and a very effective way of getting the printed word in the homes of the Hindus and others.

There is also a personal touch that we have with the students as frequently we receive letters from them. Here are a few extracts from one of the letters:

"Dear Sir, (What a shock when they find that it is not a Sir, but a Miss). Just now I am doing your lessons 3 and 4, my student number is E.4. Before this my mother and father would not let me carry on with the lessons, but now they are both interested themselves, so will

you kindly send lessons 1 and 2 to my mother in Marathi and lessons 1 and 2 in English to my father." The young man who wrote this letter is a college student of 19 years.

In another student's papers which I received yesterday, he had written to say that he now believed on the Lord Jesus Christ. He comes from the village of Larurna, where we have a Friendship Centre, so I have written to him of the need of making a public acceptance of Christ as his own Saviour, and a copy of the letter has also gone to Gurud Master, who is in charge of the Centre, for him to contact him and give him more teaching. As these students study the written Word our prayer is that the Holy Spirit will bring them to the place of accepting Christ as their own Saviour.

With lessons 1 and 2 that are sent out we enclose a Gospel of John, tracts, and when needed, other literature. I am hoping that it will be possible to give a New Testament at the completion of the course.

The cost of the course will be roughly 3/6 if a New Testament is given to each student at the completion of the course.

In Isaiah 55: 11 we read, "My word shall not return unto Me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I send it." The Lord in his time will bring forth the fruits of the seeds that have been sown in the hearts of the young men and women as they do the Bible Correspondence Course. Will you also have a share in this work for the Master?

Baptisms at Shrigonda

Miss E. Vawser.

On Sunday morning, April 15, at Shrigonda, the wife of one of the employees was baptised. The husband has not been a Christian for many years and now his wife, a fine young woman, has accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord. To take this step from Hinduism is very difficult for many, but to join her husband in establishing a Christian home is fine. We are all delighted.

There were 15 younger girls who confessed their faith in the Lord Jesus and were baptised. They come from Christian backgrounds, and their parents were very willing for them to take this step forward in their Christian walk.

Another girl had gone to her village 12 miles away after her Government examinations, and hoped to be back on Sunday. Sickness prevented her, and she is hoping to come in one other weekend for this purpose. Please pray that God's rich blessings will rest upon this fine group and that they may be "kept" in the love of God always.

Baptism at Baramati

Miss H. Skuce.

On Sunday morning, Dr. Sofie Pereira and six of our club girls are to follow their Lord through the waters of baptism. We have planned the service for Sunday, but it will depend on whether we can get the water. The water is practically finished in the boarding well. Randive Master was going up to see the municipality to ask if their fire truck could cart water for us. They did it once before, and I feel sure that they will do it again.

Prayer Meetings at Baramati

H. Waghmode.

The growing responsibilities here have kept me very busy. Since last week, along with Mr. Bairagi, Dr. Kolhatkar and the pastor, I have been visiting every home in the station colony and conducted prayer meetings till late at night up to 11 p.m., doing as many homes as possible in the night from 8 to 11 p.m. I think the feelings of those people are much better now than before. This has been more worthwhile for my ministry than going up to Poona for studies. And now we are observing a week of witness, and going to surrounding places every night with a band of church people.

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HOW I FOUND MY LORD

V. Y. Gaikwad, Indapur.

I came from a small village called Karati, a few miles away from Baramati. My father was a kind of religious leader among our small community there. He used to read and expound the Hindu Scriptures to the illiterate and ignorant people in our village. We were not rich, but lived upon the little earnings from our fields and from the religious service we rendered to the people of the villages. As I grew up, I also took up the same trade as my father of reading and expounding the Hindu Scriptures to the Hindus. Although we did all this and even visited the sacred places and took holy bathes, we had no peace in our heart.

When I was a small school boy, I saw Christian missionaries come to our village and preach about the Lord Jesus Christ. But in those days people used to tease these missionaries and look down upon them, and even trouble them in many ways. People told us that these missionaries eat our sacred cow and also unclean animals. They catch people and spit into their mouth and defile them. And if we listen to their preaching we will become mad. Therefore we must not go near them. All such kind of teaching was given to us by our leaders and elderly people. So, in those days we kept away from Christ and the Christians.

But, later on, times changed. After

my father's death my brother and I left the village and went to Bombay and Poona. Finally I came to Baramati. I knew carpentry and was working with my hands, as well as I was expounding the Hindu Scriptures to my people. There I found many people of my own community caught in criminal activities, kept in a barbed-wire fenced settlement under the care of our Australian missionaries, with H. R. Coventry in charge of these people. Then for two years I opposed Christian preachers (evangelists) and I argued and even abused them. But while I was doing this I had no peace in my heart. Finally I surrendered to the Lord Jesus Christ and accepted him as my Saviour and Lord. I was baptised in 1926. Now I began to study the Bible more earnestly to be able to expound the new Scriptures to my people. Knowing my desire to serve the Lord Jesus in this way, Mr. Coventry very kindly arranged for my Bible training in a Bible School at Bodhwad in Khandesh district. There I completed my training and earned my diploma in November, 1930.

After returning from my Bible School training I began to serve the Lord and witness for him among my

own people in the Criminal Tribe Settlement. While at Baramati I preached with the help of magic lantern and "Bhajans" and "Kirtans." Just at this time our churches organised themselves into a conference and I was chosen to be their first minister now to go out into the villages and preach the gospel to many thousands with the help of "Bhajans" and "Kirtans." In this way now I have served the Lord through this Conference and the Australian Mission for the last 35 years. In my ministry I took the gospel of our Lord to many "Jutras" and sacred places where thousands of Hindus come together to worship their gods. While doing this many a time we were beaten and even stoned. But the Lord has been kind and gracious enough to keep me all through that. Now I am working with Mr. Hiwale at Indapur. But even here we have to suffer for the Lord and Master.

Some times I am given opportunity to go to Baramati and serve among my own people along with Mr. Waghmode. I am happy to say that out of my community there are over 300 souls that have come to Christ. I praise the Lord for all things and thank him always for his kindness to me and my people. And I am also thankful to my people. My humble request to you is, please remember me and my people in your prayers.

HAPPY RETURN HOME

Dr. S. S. Patil.



B. V. Coventry and Pastor Dongre selling literature during a book tour.

Not mine of course, but of a patient in the hospital. In the early morning of Jan. 27, a woman, Dwarkaba Garesb, Bvanminby caste, aged 70, was brought to hospital at 2 a.m. She was very badly beaten while in sleep in a house in a village about 10 miles from Dhond, by a gang of robbers. She had bled much before coming into hospital. She had four lacerated wounds on the scalp — average 3 to 4 inches long, and about 1/2 in. deep, just short of a fracture of skull bones. One of her fingers was fractured. The wounds were treated and the finger amputated. She was such a nice and good patient that she bore her pains and agony without complaining. She always had a pleasant smile whenever we went to her room. She was all right after a fortnight's stay and could have gone home safely, but she preferred to stay longer and stayed two weeks extra, thus completing a month's stay. She happily returned back home to the village yesterday, Feb. 26. She very much appreciated the service we could do for her, and there was happiness, joyful smiles on her face to have been completely well to go home. Please pray that the Staff in the hospital be always willing and ready to serve for service, to all and always.

Impressions of Our Indian Mission

C. H. J. Wright.

It was my good fortune to have the opportunity of visiting our Mission field in India on my way home from the Third Assembly of the World Council of Churches. My impressions may be summarised in a few words. I was appalled, impressed and inspired.

I did not see all there was to be seen, and my opinion may not be worth much because I only had one week with the missionaries. However, I spent a month in India and saw enough to be appalled at the magnitude of the Christian task. In the next 365 days the number of Indians born will equal the number of Christians now in India after 300 years of missionary endeavor. The Church is still numerically weak. Christians represent 2 per cent of the total population, and half of that 2 per cent is Roman Catholic. Of the 400,000,000 population, 300,000,000 are Hindus. This situation calls for tremendous missionary effort. It also calls urgently for a greater co-opera-

tion and unity between the different Churches and Missions in order that the challenge may be met. Our Indian Conference must face this issue because the proposed United Church of North India will take in our area.

The poverty and need of the people is appalling, too. Perhaps this was accentuated because drought conditions prevailed at the time I visited the villages. But at every turn one is confronted with human need. You can imagine how I felt when I stood in Dhond Hospital's neat little operating theatre, knowing the hospital had no surgeon to use the equipment. I left Dhond with the words ringing in my ears, "Please urge them in Australia to send us a doctor!"

It is an understatement to say I was impressed with the work of the schools, and the boys' and girls' Homes. It thrilled me. For example, to see the contrast in the demeanor and appearance of the youngsters in

the villages and the girls in the Shrigonda Home is really to see the difference Christ makes. The concert those 120 charming girls gave, with me as their sole audience, was an experience I will never forget. The happy, joyous atmosphere of the Home is a great tribute to those who create it, and a tremendous blessing to those who share it.

Most moving of all is the devotion of the missionaries. Having seen with my own eyes the conditions under which they live and work, I regard them as heroes. When I was minister at Margaret-st., Launceston, Miss Walker had a responsible post in the modern, splendidly equipped Launceston General Hospital. How different the conditions under which she works in India! The dedication which makes such service possible and carries people like Miss Vawser, Mr. and Mrs. B. V. Coventry, and others, through long years of missionary endeavor is an inspiration.

PUTTING FIRST THINGS FIRST

Rex Chamberlain.

"You will be able to take one third of a charter. That's 190 lbs." 190 lbs! That meant that after my weight was subtracted, I had 33 lbs. for luggage.

We were in Madang. It was felt that it would be wise if Elaine stayed in Madang until Dr. and Mrs. Stanhope returned to Tung. All that I could do in Madang was to be with Elaine, so it was agreed that she stay and I return to Pir and carry on with the school and be with the children. A one third of a Cessna charter to Awar was available, so it was accepted.

Those at Tung had requested special supplies over the transceiver, so that was extra to the luggage we already had. Sister Jan Hunting had left some medical supplies that needed to be returned to Tung, so they needed to go, too.

33 lbs. allowed! There were clothing, medical supplies and food, which totalled in all 51 lbs. So what was to be taken, and the other left to come on later? The real question to decide the issue was, "What was essential, and what wasn't?" So the essentials were taken, and non-essentials left.

This situation is typical of decisions that everybody of necessity must make every day. Otherwise we become submerged in a mass of non-essential details, and so find that we have no time for the things that are essential. It grieves our hearts each day to see the people here in New Guinea giving their attention to things which the "self" loves, and yet leaving undone the things of the Spirit.

Yet this is the ultimate choice that we all must make! Whether to ac-

cept Christ, or give our allegiance to lesser things. But how many of us, after taking that step of acceptance do not face up to the calling of Christ, and put his essentials first in vocation, thinking, personal relationships, leisure, and all the facets of daily living?

Take vocation: Christian witness is urgently required in all levels of vocation, both in Australia and overseas. What about your vocation? Are you putting your energies and time into something that Christ may eventually say was really unessential? Limiting ourselves just to the needs of overseas fields, we find urgent calls for evangelists, teachers, nurses and carpenters. Yet the reply is often given the field overseas, "No one has applied." Have you put other things first, with the result that Christ's call is unheeded, and his work suffers?

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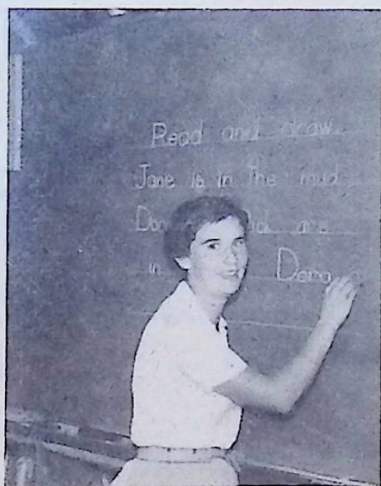
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Proclaiming Christ's Compassion Through Teaching — In Search of Education

A. Fletcher.

Two schoolrooms, two teachers, three classes for a population of over 200; and still a pair of faces spend hours watching with wistful eyes the fascinating activities of the classroom. They are both fourteen; too old by law for admittance to school. A lost generation, aware of that which others have and they have not. Yet they walk three miles to school each morning with the other children to spend an hour a day "sitting in" on the English and Arithmetic lessons.

We came with the promise of education to these people. We can honor part of this promise, but there are always some who are "too old." Their opportunity is lost.



Miss D. Howden
teaches at Pir, New Guinea,
with Mr. R. Chamberlain.

In the Chungribu district there are over 1,000 people. There are eighty-four children between the ages of eleven and fourteen, whose only opportunity to learn "new ways" will be through extra adult classes. Should any prove ready, apt and able pupils they will be considered for enrolment together with the classes already planned. There are waiting now over 100 children of school age, of whom over 30 will be enrolled in the first class. A second class of over 30 will be enrolled immediately another teacher arrives. Is there one who is ready and willing to accept this challenge? As the average birth rate in the immediately surrounding district has been over 20 children per year (without adequate medical care and facilities) then by 1965 it will be

necessary to have a 3-4 teacher school, with a total enrolment of 129 children. By 1967 the total enrolment will be 144 children, of whom by necessity 49 boys and 46 girls will need to be accommodated on the Mission property. These are minimum figures, not including children from districts further away, for whom enquiries have been made from time to time.

Accommodation is the second problem. There are at present 9 villages who have signified their desire for our Mission to be established, some of them up to 3 hours' walk from Chungribu. It is essential that we provide "boarding" facilities for the children of these outlying villagers. Initially children will require billeting in Chungribu itself, unsatisfactory, yet necessary. By the time a second class is enrolled, boarding facilities for the 20 boys and 18 girls will be essential. These will include dormitories, toilet and washing facilities, kitchen, eating room and store facilities.

The Mission at Chungribu will be big, the school will be big, the needs are big. These people have asked for a Mission, school and medical facilities. Even now there is a lost generation. Can we afford to lose any more of these of the Lord's children? Can we fulfil our obligation as his servants in this place?

Can He Count on Us?

Miss Aileen Draney.

If you could pop into the school at Tung any day of the week you would see a scene like this. There are twenty-seven youngsters in the school, from the ages of 16 down to 6. Some of these children have been at school for nearly 4 years, while others have been at school for 1 year. Age does not determine the class, as the oldest boy is still in the first class. They all come from the same environment — that of village life where there has been very little discipline from their parents and time has been their own, and it did not matter when the task was finished.

School has given them an interest and something to do, and so most of them are keen to come each day — twenty-seven faces which may be clean or often covered with saksak (their sago) or yam, and you can still see the sleep in their eyes. Most of them have combed their curly hair, but others did not get out of bed early enough. The day starts with a hymn and prayer and we ask God to help us each one to follow Jesus during the day. They know what this means but — Satan also

New Guinea

knows and he has had them for so long that he is loath to let them go.

The normal routine of English, numbers, writing and reading, with all the extras, fills up the day. Three classes, and so the older ones have to work on their own for most of the morning. The teacher is busy helping one of the younger ones to count or write, and so the others have a conversation in their local language. All know the answer and then another one is finished his work, and he decides to have a fight with someone. Everyone then joins in. Often someone ends up crying. They cry very easily, and they do not know how to cry softly. So the day proceeds.



Ngute, a student from Pir, with
a turtle he has captured.

Typical of any class room. True, but we are up here in your name and in the Name of Jesus. Many signs are pointing to the fact that our time could easily be limited in reaching these people for Christ. What is to be our answer when other villages ask the Mission to go and work amongst them? Will they have to say "No" because we do not have the money or the workers? Christ died for each one of these children in New Guinea, and how will we answer him when we see him face to face if these children are lost because we have neglected to go out to them with the answer of Life Eternal? Have you and I been faithful to Christ in this last year — faithful in prayer-life, time- and money? Christ and we know the answer. This is what Christ needs in New Guinea to reach the children mentioned above, and others and the older folk, too —

MORE WORKERS, MORE PRAYERS, MORE MONEY.
Christ is calling on you and me to share. Can he count on us?

CHANGES IN NEW GUINEA

Sister Jan Hunting.

It is no new thing to talk of the progress that has been made in the world during this century. Even in the past 20 years which are most vivid to the recollection of we younger people the changes are really staggering. We don't always realise these changes also come in the missionary world. I can remember my early Bible School days when we thought of missionaries in terms of doctors, nurses and evangelists. Now we are asking for trained teachers, carpenters, and the need arises for many other specialised skills on the Mission fields. Even in primitive countries such as New Guinea we are inevitably caught up in the advance towards living conditions, and advance in every field. As Christians this is what we want to see, but we are aware, too, of the evil which is coming with the good, in the form of materialism, cargo cults, liquor and other satanic wiles.

We come to a people who themselves have changed in the last 20 years. There has been a gradual dying of the old spirit-worship, and the blank is filled only with materialism. Spiritual appreciation is often completely dead. We seek to commence a Mission station, obeying Christ's command to "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel," but often we have first to establish a

school. The people know they are poverty-stricken and realise the advantages of education. Sometimes they imagine their poverty will be miraculously relieved with the coming of a white man, so they ask us to come and work among them.

Here at Tung and Pir we have built a chapel, schools and commenced medical work. Our first concern to proclaim Christ is only a very secondary consideration with them. But the gospel is preached and it is the "power of God unto salvation," and we have had the joy of seeing the first spiritual response. An initial belief in Jesus Christ as the Son of God deepens, he starts to become a reality in their lives, and in turn they seek to please him according to their understanding. Satan is not permitting this to go on unchallenged, and the temptations that face these young Christians are great. The victory is only going to be won as all of us realise our responsibilities and are committed to fight the ruler of this world in prayer.

This is but the beginning. Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher are ready to commence work at Chungribu as soon as the house is completed. Asau is waiting, and as we regularly go there we continually hear of villages around Asau who are greatly interested in our

work. Houses, schools, chapels, a hospital must be built and there is only one trained carpenter, our two full-time evangelists, to do this work with the help of very unskilled native labor. Our evangelists cannot commence pastor-training, visit interested villages and spend the time training and teaching that is necessary for the formation of an indigenous church among these people. Villages up and down the inland from the Ramu are asking for Infant Welfare patrols, because they realise their babies are dying and we can give them help. Children at Chungribu, Asau and other villages are pleading for schooling, and the new enlarged and enriched lives the Tung and Pir children now enjoy.

We ask your prayer committal. Fighting the evil one, winning precious victory in the lives of these people and solving what sometimes seem insurmountable difficulties is doing God's work. We need dedicated young men and women to do the work of building, teaching and nursing, enabling the love and light of Christ to be shed abroad in the midst of this heathen darkness. We need financial support that we may go further afield, that even these people may have the opportunity to hear for themselves the glorious news of the gospel of Christ.

Church Parade in New Guinea

Dr. J. Stanhope.



Dr. J. Stanhope, Sisters Betty Anderson and Jan Hunting, with medical staff wearing new uniform.

On Apr. 1 we had a church parade of the medical staff to mark the commencement of formal training programmes for the boys. The service was held in the chapel at Tung. The boys wore their new uniform — khaki laplap with blue cross and border, and black belt. Also prominent was our nurse, Kovam, very giggly, as women keep rather in the background as a rule.

Frank Beale opened the service and led in a dedicatory prayer, after which I gave an address based on 2 Cor. 12: 7-9. Photographs were taken outside amid a happy atmosphere.

Mention was made of Mrs. Beale's part in commencing the medical work four years ago, and of increasing contacts through Sister Hunting and Sister Anderson's patrols.

Next day, being Monday, lectures got under way. Our sisters are responsible for the practical nursing training, which of course has always been a feature of their work. Loreen is teaching English and Arithmetic. I am teaching Bible study, Anatomy and Hygiene. This is at least a start. They are going to find the going hard with not much background of schooling, but so far the first few weeks have brought some satisfaction.

Proclaiming Christ's Compassion Through Healing — Great is Thy Faithfulness

Mrs. D. Smith.

The Lord is good unto them that wait for him. It is good that we wait quietly and hope in the Lord.

How often have we prayed for more medical workers on the field? We have prayed almost without hope as we have waited long years, seeing the need and the almost impossible tasks which we have undertaken. Now we know it is good for us to wait quietly, trusting in his great faithfulness. How ashamed we are of our faithlessness. May we learn a lesson in faithfulness.

Now we see how truly great is God's faithfulness. He is not only sending a doctor, but three nursing Sisters. It is with a thankful heart that I pen these lines in the hope that, as you read, your faithfulness will be increased.

We face our tasks now with lighter hearts, knowing that soon the burden will be lightened.

Last night we were just settling down to write a few letters, make out medical reports, write articles, after having put our two noisy youngsters to bed (we care for two native children in our home), when Menana came to tell me Minnie's baby was ready to be born, and we went up to the hospital. In less than an hour a lovely baby boy was born; the mother had been so patient, not a sound did she utter the whole time. When it was over she looked at me with loving eyes and squeezed my hand and said, "Thank you."

That mother is typical of these gentle women — who for so long have had to suffer without help of any kind. They are the burden-bearers — the workers. In the past they have borne their children in shocking conditions. Now with increased staff we can reach many more of these women. May the "Thank you" of that little woman reach your hearts, so that you, too, will help to ease their burdens.

Today, while still trying to do reports, etc., we gave triple antigen injections and supervised Miriam's lessons, arrested a haemorrhage in a cut hand — the patient collapsing in our arms as we attended to him — and among all this we attend to household tasks and such things as preparing meals, washing, etc. Whilst my husband supervises building opera-

tions, mends engines, sees to generators, etc., and gives a few injections to patients for good measure!

As well as all this we have a new orphan baby boy, Peter — 5 months' old, whose mother died a week ago. He will draw on the milk fund which is available for needy children.

Medical Work, Past and Future

Sister F. Kennedy.

In early days of medical work in the islands, ways and means were rather primitive, no means of hospitalisation, and many weary hours of walking. Tropical diseases were rife, yaws, malaria, parasitical infestation, skin diseases, and tuberculosis. In the intervening years a lot of these diseases have had severe set-backs. Mission sisters have co-operated with W.H.O. in dealing with yaws, this with a complete survey, re-surveys and checks; the disease has now almost been completely wiped out. Can you imagine just what this means to the workers who for years and years have weekly given scores of intravenous injections of N.A.B. or some of the other drugs to treat this disease, and have daily dressed huge smelly sores, and ulcers, and have continually pleaded with the people to come consistently for this treatment.

Malaria has also had a nasty knock with treatment, prophylactic drugs, combined with cleaner villages in the jungle. The anopheles mosquito must have damp, dark spots to breed, and if the native people clean an area around their villages, this is a great protection, but they have to have much training in all this. We are thankful for all the lives saved from malaria by the use of drugs, and thankful, too, that even this dread disease is losing its grip.

Gallons of medicine and hosts of tablets have been given out to groups of school children, who line up at the dispensary counter, and also to others who come in from villages, to combat hookworm, round worm, etc., and people who are beginning to know what killers these tiny parasites can be.

With the advent of soap, water, and improved diet, at the instigation of the trained workers, skin diseases, too, are becoming less general. Tuberculosis has only been slightly touched.

New Hebrides

Much remains to be done here because of the lack of T.B. wards and the expense of the drugs. Lives have been saved, but T.B. stands to be reckoned with, and spreads because of the disregard of all isolation methods.

In 1948 we were thrilled to open up a small 20-bed hospital, after being used to a tiny room and a medicine house. Nursing has been hampered because of the lack of infectious wards — often men, women and children have been nursed together. Very sick people and T.B. patients have had to be treated the same as all others. Having served in the old hospital for a while, I would now stress the need for a bigger and better building which would include an operating theatre, sterilising room, and more divided wards; the older wards may still serve as T.B. wards, as their position right by the sea should be a most suitable one.

We have never had any Government grants, apart from one special appeal for drugs for 6 T.B. cases, but we do feel that this may be changed in the future, and we trust that help may be forthcoming in the erection of our new hospital. We know that our own native people will give freely for this, as they have in the past given their thousands to help in works outside their own islands.

During deputation work, keen interest has been shown by some groups of people and generous giving by others. Some Sunday School or Endeavor groups have challenging projects on the go already. Such projects can be the support of native nurses or dressers, at £3 a month for nurses, and £4 a month for dressers, or the new hospital building for equipment.

The coming of our new doctor is going to mean a great deal to our witness for Christ in our three islands. These islands are connected by tele-radio and a fast launch, and our doctor's general practice is going to be vastly different from any he would ever be able to find in the home land, but if we at home can just help in getting a modern hospital erected and equipped quickly, it will be a very great help in his work. May God give us a vision of preaching his gospel and healing souls, through this work of healing bodies.

Remember, Annual Offering, July 1st

Ranwadi School Continues to Grow

W. J. Edwards.

On Jan. 24 the Grace arrived with the missionaries from Maewo and Aoba for a brief Field Council meeting. They left next morning, but the Ludgaters stayed as our guests. Their intended 8-day stay lasted one month, as high seas and trouble with the Grace delayed their departure until Feb. 19. While Keith was here I was able to take him north and south to visit some of our villages. We just managed to return from our south visit before the high seas and the wind began. As it was, we had a very rough trip back to Ranwadi in the dinghy and outboard. During their stay Keith and Shirley helped to make teaching aids for our schools.

We had not intended to send any Ranwadi boys to Londua or Nasawa this year, but because of an influx of 30 new students we asked Keith if he could take 8 boys from Grade 4 to Londua, as we just haven't enough teachers to cope. As it is

now, I have had to bring Zacchaeus, the village teacher from Ranmawat, to Ranwadi, and another teacher has been recruited from the village to teach Grade 1 at Ranmawat. George Tabi, the one who has helped us at Ranwadi for two years, went on a drinking spree over Christmas and is not repentant, and at the moment is still out of fellowship with the Church because of his unrepentance. He has, of course, disqualified himself from teaching until he changes his attitude. We have 90 boys and girls at school now in 3 grades. Last year we had 70. This year we have 56 boarders, compared with 45 last year. Zacchaeus teaches Grade 2 and 10 boys from Grade 3. I have the other 40 who are in Grade 3, plus 20 who have almost finished Grade 3. So we have two teachers for 90 pupils. Mrs. Edwards is responsible for teaching the girls sewing. The new native material dormitory which was built last year is now full of

girls, and can no longer be used as a sewing room. The sewing classes are now held in our house until we are able to build the sewing room. Several churches have given generously to enable us to build a proper building for a sewing room, come all purpose room, but more money is still required.

I am teaching 60 children in two grades in a 30 ft. x 18 ft. native material school room, which is in very bad repair. We will need a new school room to replace the present one, plus another to accommodate the new scholars for 1963.

If the school continues to grow each year as we feel sure it will, a new missionary teacher will be required to enable the girls to complete their primary education. The boys graduate to Nasawa or Londua upon their completion of Grade 4. Next year the first of our girls will begin Grade 5, thus making an extra grade to be taught.

- YOU AND YOUR MISSION -

J. Smith.



Children in New Hebrides enjoy hymns played on a record-player.

Have you ever thought how much your Mission needs you. "Oh," you say, "I do my part, I pray for our missionaries every day. When the offering comes around, I give more than my fair share; what else can I do?"

But when you pray, can you pray really intelligently, mentioning the missionaries by name, making mention of where they are stationed and their particular problems?

In order to do this you must take a great interest in the things of the Mission, learn of the stations and their layout, the climatic conditions your missionaries have to face; their modes of travel, etc. Do you know the correct address for their letters, if they have moved from one station to another, the fields in relation one to another?

As we move around on deputation work we are amazed at times at the questions we are asked, and the remarks passed. I have heard one person say the New Hebrides was near New Zealand! I have been asked to remember a person to someone on the field in India! And so it goes on.

Your missionaries have a hard enough battle at the best of times, but when we feel that the support at home is getting weak (I do not mean financially), it makes the fight all the harder. We cannot all be in the front line, but we can all be in support groups.

Proclaiming Christ's Compassion Overseas —

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Fifty Years Ago

From "The Australian Christian"
of June 13, 1912.

Editor: F. G. Dunn.

Baptists - Churches of Christ. — It is gratifying to note the friendly spirit manifested by our Baptist brethren to us; and no matter what the outcome may be of overtures for union, there ought to be, and we believe there will be, a closer fraternal bond between both bodies than has hitherto existed. Formerly there has been a certain amount of aloofness, owing to misunderstanding of the positions held by each in regard to certain doctrinal matters — a misunderstanding that would be removed by friendly discussion.

Scoville Mission in Melbourne. — Up to Sunday night, the 9th, as a result of the simultaneous missions and the Hippodrome meetings, a total of 417 decisions is reported. The attendance at the Hippodrome on Sunday evening last was 4,500. This includes the overflow meeting held in the Skating Rink. A great meeting of 4,500 people attending a mission which has for its purpose the spiritual uplift of the people is not deemed worthy of notice by our Melbourne morning dailies. A prize fight would be given ample space!

Baptistery for St. Paul's Cathedral. — A paragraph appears in the Age of the 11th, which is very significant. It tells of the fact that a baptistery is being constructed in St. Paul's Cathedral, Melb., and is "designed for the baptism of adults by immersion, and is based on the most ancient examples." Of late years, the Age informs us, "many adults from other denominations have sought admission into the church, and have expressed a conscientious desire to be baptised by immersion." This advance is something to be thankful for. Perhaps some day the whole Church will realise that baptism is immersion, and that it is inappropriate to speak of being immersed by immersion.

Footscray (Vic.) Chapel Opened. — The first Sunday evening service held in the new Footscray chapel was most successful. The building was packed to the doors. W. D. More preached, and as a result nine confessions were recorded. The Footscray brethren regard their new chapel as second to none among our chapels for architectural beauty.

News Briefs. — An Adult Bible Class, with Bro. Scambler as teacher, organised on May 26 with 18 charter members, now meet in their own room, which has been specially prepared for them in the church grounds, Kalgoorlie, W. A. . . . A farewell dinner was tendered by the business and public men of Sydney to G. T. Walden, prior to his leaving for S.A.

QUESTING

A. E. White.

What good is the Church?

The Church is good for witnessing. Jesus told the nucleus of the Church, "You shall be my witnesses." It is the Church which declares the good news of Christ. Of course, the witness of the Church is not only through the spoken word. The Church does not go underground between Sundays, it is out witnessing. The Church is, to be seen sweeping the front path, selling shoes, making dresses, driving trams, typing letters. The Church witnesses through persons, and though we may talk about our personal testimony and the influence of the personal life, we make our witness as a part of the Church. Our Lord has made no provision for witnessing apart from his Church.

The Church is good for worshipping. To worship God is our first obligation and we discharge it as a member of a believing community. Even though I shut myself in the secret place for prayer and meditation, I do it as a part of his Church. Apart from the Church I cannot know true worship. I can know God in solitude only because I have found him in the fellowship of the Church. The Church teaches us how to worship, and in its corporate fellowship provides us with our richest worship experiences.

The Church is good for working. We may become self-critical at times, and it will do us good, but let us not forget that the Church gets things done. It teaches children, nurtures adults, provides homes for orphans and unwanted children, builds hospitals, visits the sick, gives hope to the bereaved, helps refugees, feeds the hungry, defends the innocent, redeems the guilty, cares for the victims of famine, fire, and flood, works for peace and goodwill, gives liberally to every good cause, seeks justice for the worker, respects the employer, defends the rights of little people, speaks out against evil and oppression wherever they are, exalts the home, helps divided families, assists in good government, and acts as the conscience of the community.

What is the Church good for? It is good for you and me. It seemed good for God, too. He paid a mighty big price for it. Let the Church be the Church that Christ intended.

Next Week: Girls who giggle.

(Send Questions to the Editor.)

Musings

A Conference President's Week.

SUN., JUNE 3. — Amelia and I shared this morning in the anniversary service at Thornbury, where a successful Planned Giving campaign was recently led by Allan Avery. It was good to sense the enthusiasm for the work ahead. At Wesley Church this afternoon I spoke at the P.S.A., broadcast over 3DB. Dr. Benson told me prior to the service that, in one form or another, the Wesley P.S.A. has been in existence for about 55 years. He thought history was being made in an address being given by a Churches of Christ President. I appreciated the opportunity and enjoyed the experience, but was tired enough afterwards to be glad I was just one of the congregation at Doncaster at night.

MON., JUNE 4. — We celebrated Queen's Birthday holiday with a two-family outing to Kinglake National Park, passing through much of the country that was ravaged by bush-fires earlier this year. The marks of destruction are still there, but there is new life everywhere, and the fresh greens of trees and shrubs were breath-takingly beautiful in some areas. "God of beauty" is surely a fit name for the Creator and Healer of all this!

TUES., JUNE 5. — I spent an interesting, but exhausting, time at ABV-2 studios this afternoon. A floor manager was waiting to greet me, get me changed into a grey shirt (looks white on TV), then hand me over to the makeup experts — after which we were ready to begin the first of two rehearsals, with cameras and full staff, of the talk I had prepared on the suggested theme, *If God be God!* The two rehearsals took about 90 minutes, after which we had a short break, before doing the actual tele-recording between 3.45 and 4 p.m. All this for a 15-minute session! TV is certainly a demanding — yet fascinating — medium.

WED., JUNE 6. — Letters continue to arrive concerning Sunday's broadcast, following on some kindly phone calls earlier. One of the first of the letters came from W. R. Hibburt. I have never known this man to miss an opportunity to speak or write an encouraging word. He must have helped countless folk in a life lived to the full for his Master.

THURS., JUNE 7. — Today's quote on the date pad is worth thinking about — and acting on: "Distrust that man who tells you to distrust" (Ella Wheeler Wilcox).

FRI., JUNE 8. — Just work!

SAT., JUNE 9. — We were the teenagers' guests at Club Four tonight — one of the different experiences of a President's year!

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On Sunday, June 24, over 4QS and Qld. national network, morning service will be broadcast from Toowoomba Church of Christ, commencing at 11 a.m. H. J. Finger will be the preacher.

The South Australian Department of Christian Education has invited preachers within the State to be their guests at a Conference and lunch at the Cowandilla Church of Christ at 10.30 a.m. on June 25. The speaker will be Alan Baxter, on "The Church in the Community."

The church at Malvern-Caulfield, Vic., is commencing an intensive seven weeks' Church Education Programme from June 17 on the theme *Know Your Brotherhood*. C. G. Taylor, B.A. (Vic.-Tas. Conf. Pres.) will introduce the series by speaking on the subject, *Growing a Fellowship*. The Conference President will be followed on succeeding Sundays by leaders of Conference Departments. Additionally, the Departments will feature in porch displays and wide use of the local church paper.

Morning service from the Grote-st. Church of Christ, Adelaide (L. E. Jones, minister) will be telecast over ABS-2 on Sun., June 17, commencing at 11 a.m. (S.A. time). Also on June 17, Melbourne viewers may see C. G. Taylor (Doncaster) on ABV-2, at 10.30 p.m., presenting a 15-minute programme on the theme, "If God Be God!"

Church members in Victoria and Tasmania are asked to note that Conference Sunday, 1963, will be April 7. The cooperation of churches in avoiding the planning of other special meetings on this day would be appreciated.

"A Biblical Approach to Church Unity" was the theme chosen by E. L. Williams (Principal, Fed. C.O.B.) for a series of lectures held in the chapel at Hamilton, N.S.W., May 19-27. Delegations from sister churches attended all meetings, which were most interesting and inspiring. Mr. Williams was officially welcomed to Newcastle, at a rally on Sat., May 19, by the Mayor (Ald. Purdue), A. Smith (Pres., Northern United Churches) and Mr. Barrett (Aid to Refugees), after which he brought highlights of his trip to New Delhi for the Third Assembly. At a P.S.A., he spoke of his visits to Communist countries in 1959. Mr. Williams was guest speaker at the gospel service on the 27th. At the completion of

his message, "The Christ of the Creed," there were two decisions for Christ. H. Robson (Mayfield) was song leader for all services, at which messages in song were rendered by brethren of all the Newcastle churches. Work on the second stage of the beautification of the chapel has been completed with the remodelling and modernising of the church pews.

D. Croot will commence a part-time ministry with the church at Kalamunda, W.A., on June 3. A. Hutson, the present minister, is retiring after 9 years' service with the church.

In memory of the late Emrys Baker, who was for many years in fellowship with the church at Malvern, Vic., his widow, Mrs. Baker, presented to the church a set of four platform chairs and a flower pedestal. At a dedicatory service on June 3, J. Holloway (elder), on behalf of the church, accepted the gift and referred to the dedicated life of the late Emrys Baker. The chairs and pedestal are toned to fit in with the screen around the platform, donated to the church many years ago by the late S. Flatman. To complete the harmony of the platform, the church has purchased a carved communion table in the same wood tonings.

Two more Pacific church bodies have been affiliated with the proposed Central Theological College in Suva. They are the Anglican Diocese of New Guinea and the Nauruan Protestant Church. This adds one of the largest church bodies and one of the smallest churches in the Pacific to the list of churches already affiliated. Sixteen church bodies have now affiliated, as evidence of their interest in the proposals. They include Anglican, Congregational, Methodist, Lutheran, Presbyterian and Reformed Churches. A provisional College Council is to be called, which will draft a constitution for the College and submit it to the participating churches for approval, so that the College Council may be formally constituted.

A welcome was extended by the church at Dandenong, Vic., to Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Lloyd and Mrs. Lloyd, senr., at a social evening on Fri., June 1. Visitors present included representatives from local and neighboring churches. Speeches of welcome and greeting were given by C. G. Taylor (Vic.-Tas. Conf. Pres.), Mr. McMillan (Ministers' Fraternal), J. Shaw (Springvale), K. Mason (Berwick), C. Pitcher (local church) and Mrs. Reveleigh (C.W.F.). Flowers were

presented to the ladies. Both Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd responded. G. Price was soloist for the evening. Principal E. L. Williams conducted the induction service on June 3, giving a charge to both church and minister. Large congregations attended both services, and the church is looking forward to a happy and profitable ministry.

Book Review

THE SUBURBAN CAPTIVITY OF THE CHURCHES (Dr. Gibson Winter). Doubleday & Co. 216 pages. 37/3. From Austral.

The title of Dr. Winter's book indicates his thesis: that the Protestant Church is running away from rural and inner suburban areas in an exodus to the captivity of the lush, middleclass, outer-suburban areas. His findings are American, but are applicable to Australian conditions where 80 per cent of our total population — almost nine million people — now live in our major cities.

Yet the Churches are deserting the inner parts of these major cities. Our present developments are confined to outer suburban and satellite areas, leaving the inner areas, in spite of their rapidly increasing populations. "The programmes of Church extensions have strengthened the major denominations in outer suburban and satellite areas, but at the risk of losing touch with the heart of the metropolis." As Dr. Osman has said, "Religion has abandoned the city and has left its redemption to business and industry."

But it is this inner city area that faces our greatest personal and social needs. And to them the Church has only given an irrelevant and defeatist gospel, spread by inadequate programmes and ministries. We realise the dilemma faced by brotherhood leaders who have only limited resources, which are naturally spent in high potential areas, but how can exclusive socio-economic middle-class mediate an inclusive gospel to the areas they have left behind?

Dr. Winter suggests some practical programmes for overcoming this exodus, and for renewing the Mission of the Church to the inner suburban area. One suggestion is a co-operative shared ministry between several local churches that have submerged their individualism into a co-operative community-based programme. This writer has previously suggested that in these pages. This book is an imperative for brotherhood leaders and churches caught in the metropolitan ferment. Unless the gospel is soon presented as relevant to the inner city, the redemptive voice of the Church will soon fade away here altogether!—Gordon Moyes, Federal Literature Committee.



INTERSTATE CHURCH NEWS

Val Hunter to Warren Harris, Dandenong, Vic.

Memorial service to late Mrs. F. Burden on Nubeena. S. Greatbatch gave testimony and appreciation.

Discipleship

Miss M. Blenkiron, Hartwell, Vic.
Mr. and Mrs. Simmons, Hamilton, N.S.W.

Kaye Cinnamon, Ivan Webb, Stewart Debnam, Mrs. D. McKenzie, Launceston, Tas.

Miss Heather Kellor, Bet Bet, Vic.
Lesley Douglas, Drumcondra, Vic.
Cristeen Clark, Stanley Williams, Kaniwa, Vic.

Misses M. Ackland, Glynnis Milne, Jennifer Prees, Epping, N.S.W.

Bevan Nosworthy, Camp Hill, Qld.
Maralyn Harwood, Maree Nichols, Nubeena, Tas.

Ricki Sinclair, Robyn Croft, Pat, Shirley and Betty Kinch, Harold and Ruth Brown, Boronia, Vic.

Membership

Mr. and Mrs. Blenkiron, Box Hill to Hartwell, Vic.

D. McKenzie, to Launceston, Tas.

Mrs. Adamson, Subiaco to Kalamunda, W.A.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Clark, Wolseley, S.A. to Kaniwa, Vic.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Maxwell, from Camberwell; Mr. and Mrs. McDonald, from Hartwell to Blackburn, Vic.

W. Wisby, Highcroft to Hobart, Tas.

Miss H. Brooks, from Gardenvale; G. Murray, from Cheltenham, to Caulfield, Vic.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Hoffman, Balwyn to Boronia, Vic.

Marriage

Roslyn Buckley to Arthur Pickles, Bankstown, N.S.W.

Julie Knee to Geoffrey Griffiths; Wilma Watt to Russell Marriott, Ormond, Vic.

Val Pharo to Dick Baker, Epping, N.S.W.

Dorothy Young to Douglas Duffield; Wendy Till to Colin Wormald; Betty Bray to Dennis Fisher, Semaphore, S.A.

Fallen Asleep

H. Freeman, Drumcondra, Vic.

Mrs. Rokesky, Horsham, Vic.

R. E. Gumley, Brighton, Vic.

Miss Niven, Boronia, Vic.

Mrs. A. Smith, Mrs. Ritchie, Mrs. R. Cantwell, Mrs. J. Cosson, Dandenong, Vic.

TASMANIA

Devonport (E. W. Taylor). — Mrs. De Vries (Reformed Church) guest speaker at C.W.F., May 10. On 13th, a Mother's Day tea, provided by Y.P.; special services, items, etc., much enjoyed. Mrs. Staniford (W.E.C.), missionary from Ivory Coast, Sth. Africa, showed slides and gave commentary on work there. Guest speaker, 20th, was R. Head, who screened film, *Unsheathed* — based on work of Wycliffe Translation activities. Two decisions for Christ. On June 2, Mr. Dinnen (W.E.C. Bible College) conducted "Deeper Life" Convention. Guest speakers, 3rd, were B. Golder (State Conf. Pres.) and G. Francis (Y.F.C.). Three re-consecrations.

Margaret-st., Launceston (C. J. Robinson). — May averages: a.m., 148; p.m., 110; communion, 145. A.m. service, May 13, broadcast over 7NT, p.m. service conducted by C.W.E.F. L. A. Trezise speaker a.m., May 20. H. J. Patterson commenced mission, 27th. Three decisions that evening. Mission had been preceded by Visitation Evangelism. Ladies held "Getting to know you" afternoon, at which ladies from Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian groups were guests. J.C.E. provided programme for junior rally at State C.E. Convention. Programme, following Jesus Step by Step, very ably presented and credit to all taking part. C.W.E.F. held annual Mother's Night, when over 60 visitors were entertained. May meeting of C.M.S. took form of Father and Son gathering, with panel discussion re father and son relationships.

Nubeena - Highcroft (E. K. Morrison). — Commonwealth Youth service in Assembly Hall, Tasman Area school, scouts and cubs paraded; Warden, local Scoutmaster and minister led service. C.E. discussed problem of suffering. A. Wallace (B.&F.B.S.) visited, 27th to 29th, screening films of India at Nubeena and Highcroft.

QUEENSLAND

Townsville (R. N. Gilmore, B.A.). — Minister led C.E. group at camp on Magnetic Island; 24 Y.P. present. At Easter Family Camp, 40 present, led by Mr. and Mrs. S. Vanham (Mackay). Mackay church invited Mr. and Mrs. Vanham to stay on, enjoy a few days' rest and be present at welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Gilmore. Presence of visitors appreciated.

Dalby (P. C. Woolford). — Three members attended Design for Development camp. Special prayer meetings being held by church and Ladies' Fellowship for mission in Sept. Adult Bible Class held first of monthly meetings. At church 12th anniversary, May 20, A. C. Thurrowgood (Toowoomba) special speaker for day. Toowoomba choir presented P.S.A. and special items at evening service. Annual business meeting, 27th, all elders re-elected. A. Barden and R. Miller added to deacons. Meetings continue with fairly high average attendances.

Camp Hill (K. J. Harvey). — Young man baptised May 20. Special services conducted, May 13. Worship service at 9 a.m. took form of Cradle Roll enrolment service: 7 babies welcomed and enrolled. R. Cardew (elder) led in prayer of dedication. Gospel service conducted as mothers' service, when some mothers participated; 2 decisions. B.S. picnic at Lota, 19th, with attendance of 130. Visitors have included C. Dredge (home from Glen Iris on vacation) and K. A. Jones (C.O.B. Sec.), p.m. speaker on 20th. Mrs. Hayne and family, recently transferred from Mackay, have been meeting with church. Y.W.F. had educational evening 21st, when they visited ABC-TV studios. C.W.F. participated in special day of prayer for Woman to Woman evangelism on 24th at Ann-st. Minister speaker at anniversary at Toowoomba church, 27th. In his absence, M. Pieper (Albion) spoke a.m., and gospel service taken by Y.P., Des. Collins being speaker. D. Lithgow (Wycliffe Bible

Translators) and F. Manning (Mission to Lepers) recent speakers at Wednesday evening fellowship meetings. Av. attendances May: a.m., 71; p.m., 56.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Kalamunda (A. Hutson). — Monthly youth tea held, May 17, with Mr. Lithgow as guest speaker. Evening service was assisted by several Y.P. Seven Y.P. made their decision. Mr. Way home again after surgery. Lady welcomed by transfer.

Perth (M. J. Savage). — Nearly 300 attended first of series of 6 P.S.A.'s, held May 13. Guest organist was Bruce Naylor (St. Georges Cathedral) and Cathedral Choir, under his direction, sang. R. Cleaver, M.H.R., was speaker. Misses A. and J. Anderson have left on extended overseas tour. Minister recently visited Carnarvon for Mission B.S. anniversary and A.W. Morris and D. Croot spoke in his absence. Special youth services held in May, when Y.P. shared in both services. **Operation Outreach** launched May 20, when church was challenged to reach out into community in new avenues of service. Beaufort boys' club formed for boys aged 9 to 16, living in locality of Christian Centre.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Gilgandra (N. Flint). — On May 12, K. Craig (Ethiopia) screened film on his work. Visitors present from Balladoran; Mr. Caddy (A.I.M.), W. Naden and V. Shaw brought item, *In Times Like These*. Y.P. and men gave mothers special Mother's Day tea. Men conducted gospel service, speaking on mothers of the Bible. Brian Hill sang at a gospel service. Y.P. conducted gospel service, 27th, when 7 spoke on *The Seven Downward Steps* that Peter Took.

Mosman - North Balgowlah (L. E. Wylie - R. Davidson). — Men assembled and varnished new seating which was dedicated at special Mother's Day evening service, May 13. Ladies conducted meeting and Mrs. Wylie was speaker. R. Greenhalgh (Director, Dept. Christian Ed.) spoke a.m., 6th. Church combined with C. of E., p.m., to view screening of *Shadow of the Boomerang*. Speakers, 27th, were P. Verco (Chatswood) and R. Davidson. Visitor, M. Murray (Vic.) has been welcomed. Speakers at North Balgowlah included R. Greenhalgh and C. Sorby (Pres.-elect, N.S.W. Conference).

Wagga Wagga (W. J. O. Todd). — Splendid services church anniversary and Temple Day, May 27. Conference President, L. Wylie, spoke and also addressed G.L.B., Friday, and C.Y.F., Saturday. Five Y.P. welcomed into

membership. Baptist minister, M. Smith, spoke at anniversary fellowship tea. G.L.B. leaders and members attended parade, Sydney Town Hall, 13th. C.W.F. donated £50 to Building Fund, liquidating the overdraft on manse. C.Y.F. entered 2 teams in Youth for Christ quiz contest. No. 1 team successful in 1st round. Combined monthly midweek meetings with Baptists commenced, Baptist chapel, 30th, with Mr. Todd as speaker.

Bankstown (S. C. Rogers). — Church thanks College men who took services on 27th, owing to minister's sudden illness. Cleaning up chapel grounds turned into successful barbecue, 26th. C.W.F. visited District Hospital, 23rd. Padstow C.W.F. brought thought-provoking programme, June 7. Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Rogerson have "Good News" clubs in their homes, doing good work among young folk. Messrs. Scott and Clark explained work and aims of Gideon's International, June 3.

Tamworth (F. D. Craig). — Kinder. presented special programme on Mother's Day; Mrs. Goodall speaker. C.W.F. held "Mother and Daughter" evening, May 14. B.S. annual meeting, May 8, elected supt., A. Hannah; dep. supt., V. Muir; kinder. supt., Mrs. South; sec., Mrs. Eagleton; pianist, Mrs. Harman; kinder. pianist, Alan Cann; mission supt., Mrs. Goodall; Cradle Roll supt., Mrs. Norris. Church annual business meeting held, 16th. Deacons elected: D. Crawford, B. Cann, R. Eagleton, N. Goodall, K. Harman, L. Norris and W. Russell; organists, D. Crawford, Mrs. Harman, Miss R. Harling, Alan Cann; reporter, Mrs. South. "Circle of Friendship" campaign introduced by minister, May 20. A.m. attendances very good. Number visitors welcomed.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Nailsworth (A. M. Norris, B.A.). — 43rd anniversary services, June 3, well attended. Temple Day thankoffering taken for a missionary project. Church will provide self-contained Portable Anaesthetic Apparatus for use of Dr. Coulter in hospital to be set up in New Hebrides. Amount contributed stands at £116. Church "get-together," May 30, happy occasion. Members of Windsor Gardens church were present, and important matters affecting future were placed before congregation.

Koongarra Park (H. G. Norris). — Church undertaking home visitation campaign to enthuse and encourage members not regular in attendance. This year 5 teams entered basketball Association. Women's Auxiliary conducted evening, *Around the World in 80 Minutes*, at which national costumes of many countries were mod-

elled. B.S. record attendance recently of 200; total enrolment, 270.

Mt. Compass (R. W. Saunders). — Successful B.S. anniversary; good attendances of parents and visitors. Two teenage lads made confession, May 27. Miss Judith Boundy joined staff of Escourt House and Miss Margaret Jacobs goes on staff of Brighton Babies' Home. Men held working bee to help on property of father of some C.E. members. Good contingent of C.E.'s went to State C.E. Convention. Teenage lads visited youth hostel with minister and mowed lawn. Monthly Bible study and prayer meetings with minister commenced with good attendance. These are in addition to those held weekly in Mrs. E. Jacob's home, with R. Bishop as leader.

VICTORIA

Berwick (K. A. Mason). — During Family Week, Dr. N. L. Stephenson (Anglican) was evening speaker. One young man confessed his faith at this service. On May 26, H. Walmsley (Mission to Lepers) screened *A Life in My Hands* and *Uplifted Hands*, after which an offering was received for Mission work. On 27th, after p.m. service, a time of fellowship was preceded by presentation to Miss Josie Falla, who has entered nursing career. Ladies prepared and packed large parcel of clothing for Social Service, at home of Mrs. Edebohls. On 30th, social evening was held, proceeds of which were sent to help Monbulk Building Fund. Youth tea, June 3, followed by message and screening of colored films of work in New Guinea by J. Dow (C.O.B.).

Malvern (G. J. Crossman). — Average for May: B.B., 66; p.m. 38. Visitors have included Mr. and Mrs. Lewis (Prospect, S.A.). Working bee, May 19, did a good job improving the surroundings of building. E. J. Miles (Oakleigh) exchanged with minister, May 20. Literature Week table sold £25 worth of books. Soloists for month: Mrs. D. Burrows, I. Gardiner, Mrs. Gullidge.

Blackburn (R. V. Amos). — Speakers during minister's holidays were R. V. Longthorp, D. Smith, K. Jones, J. Wise (C.O.B.), E. Sanders (sec., Vic. Temp. Alliance). C.W.E.F. held mother's night, May 21. 35 attended C.Y.F. camp at Mt. Eliza, weekend 27th, and on returning, campers conducted gospel service. C.W.A.F. held musical afternoon in home of Mrs. Joyce, 31st.

Kaniva (J. Way, B.Sc.). — Explorer club reports good attendances. Monthly family church school still maintaining high interest. Many young folk attended camps at Hall's Gap. Serviceton church celebrated 31st anniversary.

Chelsea (C. G. V. Thomas). — Attendances May 27: a.m., 78; p.m., 62; B.S., 110. Good Companions attended Arts Festival at Cheltenham, 31st. Explorers paraded a.m., June 3. Young woman made her decision, p.m. 26 Y.P. journeyed to Cheltenham for opening of new hall and enjoyed talk and slides by E. Heard. J.C.E. being formed and will be held 11.15 to 12.15 Sundays, under Mrs. J. Holt. Old C.E. will become Inter. and will meet Friday evenings, with Mr. Prescott, supt.. Vespers introduced after a.m. and p.m. services. C.W.E.F. met, 6th, to commence work on goods for church bazaar.

Brighton (S. H. Wilson). — Penitence, Pardon and Peace performed by choir and conducted by H. Plummer, well received by large congregation. Christian Literature Sunday very successful, a fine display being set out in School Hall, featuring church library, B. and F. B. S. literature and latest publications of Dept. of Christian Education. 46 attended C.S.F. camp at Berwick, led by N. R. Arnott. 20 attended Inter. camp at Parkdale, led by Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Wilson. Recent speakers have included W. R. Hibburt, K. Heath, D. H. Smith, F. T. Morgan, J. Plummer. 40 C.M.S. men and wives spent evening looking over G.M.H. factory. Newly-formed C.W.E.F. has 25 members. Church farewelled Mrs. M. Davey, prior to her spending 6 months' vacation in U.S.A. Church saddened by loss of R. E. Gumley.

Drumcondra (R. A. Banks). — Basketball team attended p.m., May 20, some taking part in service. C.M.S. fellowship tea held at Belmont chapel, 27th. Guest speaker was L. Winckel (Baptist), who spoke on own conversion, *From the Police to the Pulpit*. Sympathy of church extended to Mrs. Freeman and family on passing of husband and father. Stewardship campaign has commenced, under the leadership of A. Avery (H.M. Dept.). B.S. scholar made her decision, 27th. Sunday afternoon prayer meetings commenced and will continue over next few weeks. Men taking part in working bees on new church site. W.M.B. visited patients at Grace McKellar Home for Elderly Folk, 30th.

Carnegie. — Speakers, May 20, were W. Hibburt and W. W. Saunders. L. Chapman conducting interim ministry until arrival of new minister, R. Hillbrich. Temple Day held May 26. Ladies provided tea for 60. Evening programme provided by Churches of Christ Choral Society. Presentations made to Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd and Mrs. Lloyd, sen., prior to them commencing a ministry at Dandenong. Homecoming services, 27th. Former members assisted at a.m. service. C. G. Taylor (Vic.-Tas. Conf. Pres.) brought greetings to church p.m., and Mrs. C. G. Taylor was guest soloist. A. R. Lloyd preached at both services.

BIRTHS

CROSSMAN. — To Heather and Geoff., at the Margaret Coles Hospital, Melbourne, on May 26, a son — Geoffrey Lindsay.

PASCOE (Murnane). — On May 23, at Warragul, Vic., to Pat and Bill, a daughter — Janet Ruth.

DEATH

BAKER. — On May 17, Gladys Ansley, 46 Antibes-st., Parkdale, Vic., dearly loved sister of Emrys (dec.), Claudia (Mrs. Fielder) and Evelyn (Mrs. Ellis); loved aunt of Dawn, Graham, Max, Dixon, Geoff., Barry and Beverly.

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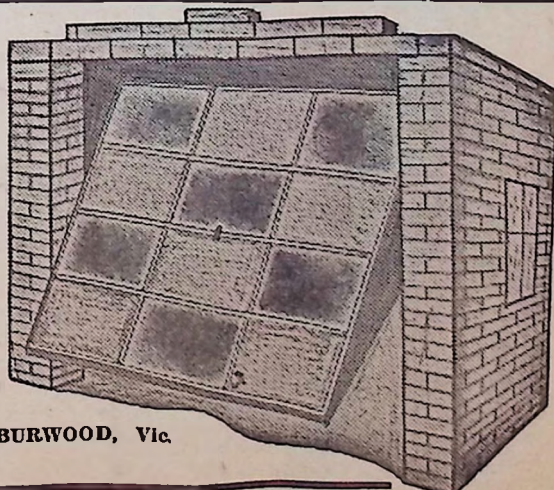
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OBITUARY

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Mrs. Ada Evelyn Smith.

Towards the close of a happy afternoon's play in the church hall at Short-st., Bendigo, Vic., one of the loyal and beloved members of the Women's Bowls Fellowship, Mrs. Ada Evelyn Smith, suddenly and peacefully passed to be with the Lord. The whole church fraternity has a sense of great loss. Mrs. Smith, formerly Ada Prior, was a child at Faraday, and became a church member at Harcourt as a young girl. After her marriage to Gary Smith, she and her husband resided at Castlemaine and Kerang, before coming to Bendigo, where they have both been devoted members of Short-st. church for many years. Mrs. Smith's unobtrusive helpfulness has endeared her to a host of her relatives and friends, who crowded the chapel for the funeral service and gathered at the grave in Quarry Hill Cemetery. At Short-st. chapel, on June 3, an electric clock for the church hall was given by the family, and dedicated to the memory of Mrs. Smith. Loving sympathy is extended to Gary Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Smith, Mr. and

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(A Hymn for June - No. 509, June 17)

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The other name associated with the hymn is the more familiar one of George Cole Stebbins — a remarkable man by many standards of measurement. Born in 1846, he shared in the Moody-Sankey missions, song-leading, writing music for "Saved by grace," "I've found a friend," "Jesus is tenderly calling thee home," "Have thine own way, Lord," as well as our present hymn and a host of others, and sharing in compiling and publishing Gospel Hymns.

His Christian work continued as he lived on — and on! — and his service as a composer would never be forgotten while his hymns were sung. His home church — a Methodist church in New York State — planned while he was still amongst them (!) to commemorate the 100th anniversary of his birth by installing a peal of bells on which his hymns and other suitable music could call to worship. But his hearing failed — he would never hear the bells; his sight failed — he would never see them; finally, 4½ months before the notable anniversary, the long day closed and George Cole Stebbins, at 99 years 7½ months, went to join in the songs about the throne.

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We often think of our time in Australia, of how it was so very worthwhile. We needed most of all a good rest, and that was one thing we had for sure. Then, of course, meeting our loved ones again and seeing our many friends. We found that deputation work wasn't nearly so terrifying as we thought it would be, but it was a most satisfying experience.

So back to New Guinea again. This time, at the end of our walk, instead of 1 woman and 3 men to meet us, there were 6 women and 4 men; instead of skeletons of buildings — established houses, an influential school, a thriving medical work and a church central in the village. Children didn't run away screaming this

time, but gathered around excitedly to greet us. Mosquitoes were noticeable by their absence, compared to memories of three years ago, when the Tung Mission station was surrounded closely by bush. This time, instead of settling down at Tung, we knew we had a further walk to go to Pir next day, for the influence and work of the Mission had expanded so much.

That is why the Fletchers travelled with us from Australia, and why the Hammers were at Tung to greet us. These people are missionaries appointed to Chungribu and Asau.

Tung — Pir — Chungribu — Asau; this is the physical change we've seen in three years. Now, what about the spiritual change — is there any, you ask? At Tung there seems to be an inner core of people interested; this is very encouraging. Here at Pir at one time we feel that a certain person is interested, and then another time it's someone else, but none consistently.

We seek your prayers, that the main reason for our coming and returning (that is, evangelism) may be rewarded, with the establishment of an indigenous Church through the fulfilment of God's promise that his Word will not be sown in vain, and will not return to him without increase.

A Word from Shantabai

Miss Vawser translates the following article written in Marathi by Shantabai:

"The Girls' School at Shrigonda has been blessed by God, and we are happy to report progress. There are over 125 children who attend regularly, 114 of whom live in the Girls' Home. The Annual Examination has just been completed, and nearly all the girls have passed with good marks. Most of the girls come from small villages with not much educational background. Attention is given to Scripture instruction, Sunday School, Christian Endeavor and camps for the spiritual uplift of the children. Several of our girls attended the Junior and the Senior Girls' Camps and Christian Endeavor Convention. They received much blessing. Several girls have accepted Jesus Christ and 16 have asked for baptism; 15 of them were baptised last Sunday. We do praise God for these young lives.

"Most of the girls have left this week for their summer vacation, and the school will re-open early in June. There may be some new girls and they will necessarily be needy, and so we ask your prayers that the neediest will be admitted. We thank you all for what you have done and are doing for us. We remember you in our prayers and ask you to pray for us."

Shantabai wishes you to know that she has been very encouraged and made very happy when friends from Australia have written and told her that they are still her prayer partners. The work has its difficulties, but with the help of the Master difficulties disappear, and in their place there is joy.

"Victorious Lion"

E. W. Heard.

His name was Vijaysingh. His parents were separated. His grandmother had looked after him and his two younger brothers. He was uncontrollable! So he was brought to the Churches of Christ Boys' Home at Baramati. But he was easily the worst boy I had ever handled. He got into more strife in a week than the other 160 boys put together.

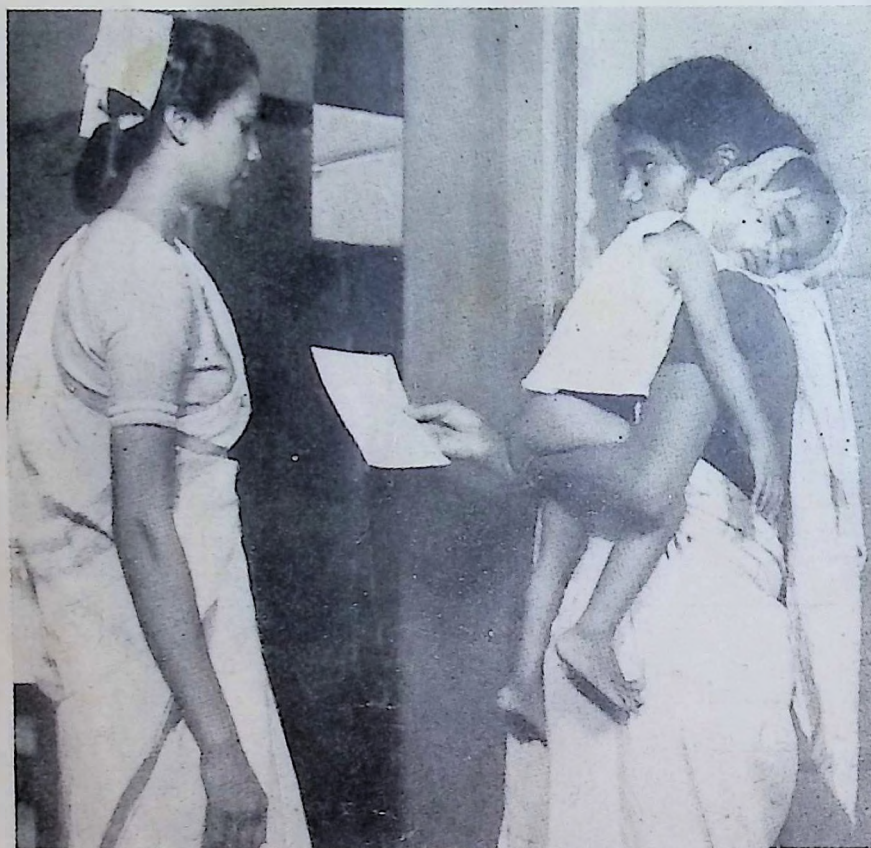
He pushed a boy into a well. He pulled sugar cane from a moving truck. One day he went up onto the canal. The boys were swimming in it, diving off the rail of the foot-bridge. I was sleeping during the afternoon heat. As the boys dived, they called to Vijaysingh to climb up and dive in, too. Vijaysingh stood balanced on the hand-rail and plunged into the water — "a belly-flopper." He could not swim. He had never dived before. He was carried away by the fast flowing muddy water.

Someone dragged him out. We got the water out of him. First we got him out of the water, and then we got the water out of him. So it is with Christ's ones — first get them out of the world, and then get the world out of them. Vijay has been in the Boys' Home at Baramati for 2 years. His name means "Victorious Lion, Son of the King." Last year a young woman came to Baramati. She was a Muslim convert from Kashmir. As she told the story of Jesus on the Cross, Vijay gave his heart to the Lord.

The Sunday School at Cottesloe has adopted Vijaysingh, and the children each week bring their shillings to support him.

Adopt a boy or girl in India. It costs only 10/- per week.

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Woman with sick child.

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Our Gratitude Towards the Australian Brotherhood

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At the end of another year's service our hearts are filled with gratitude towards our brethren in Australia, who have helped us lovingly and loyally to make our ministry a success in this year.

We thank them for their continued prayers for us and for our ministry in India.

We thank them for sending more missionaries into India to help us in our ministry for the Lord.

We thank them for their generous and cheerful giving of their material goods and sacrificial support that has kept us and kept the Lord's work going and growing.

We especially thank them for opening up the new work in Bombay to meet the spiritual needs of our people there.

We thank them for sending Mr. McLean, the new Secretary of the Overseas Mission Board, who gave us

inspiring messages and encouraged us in our work on the field.

We thank them for many encouraging letters we have received from churches, Endeavor Societies, Sunday Schools, ladies' Guilds, committees and many individuals.

We are thankful for our brethren, E. L. Williams, C. H. J. Wright, Lyle Jackel and others, who visited us and saw the work from closer distance on behalf of the brotherhood.

We thank you one and all for your every little share that has contributed in making us what we are and helping us in what we are doing for the Lord.

And above all we are thankful to our Lord and Master, more than we can express, for while we were yet sinners he died for us.

As we count our blessings, our hearts are filled with gratitude to him from whom all blessings flow.