

SOCIAL SERVICE

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Helping Hand in Our Brotherhood



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THEOLOGY OF SOCIAL SERVICE

The gospel of God, proclaimed by the Church, meets men on the level of their deepest need, and the salvation offered within the communion of the Church is addressed to men to use the words of a modern French philosopher - "in the totality of their human pretence." This means in practice that the Church is as concerned with "bodies" as with "souls," as much with the social environment of personal life as with the spiritual destiny of individual human beings. The cardinal Christian belief in the Incarnation, Cross and Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ engaged the faith of Christian men in the stern realities of our human experience. In offering a creative understanding of these realities, the Faith challenges men and women to respond with love to the manifold urgencies of need present in all personal and social life, and seeks to encourage them to further the frontiers of God's Kingdom by claiming back, under his sover-eignty, all that which, without him, is sick and sinful and lost. The very existence of the need is a call to

Christian action, because the love which the Christian seeks to imitate and embody in his activity is one which transcends all barriers, answering the challenge of the situation to which it is addressed by identifying itself with it, and thus transforming it from within.

Many social problems emerge as the outworking of disordered mental and moral conditions, which are themselves indications, in Christian teaching, of the separation of man from God into a state of spiritual rebellion. Selfcentred interests of the few may obviously lead to conditions of frustra-tion, poverty, or starvation among many. In countries professedly Christian, this form of social irresponsibility represents a repudiation in practice of the gospel of God. Again, in societies enjoying a high standard of living, the disruptive force of sin tends to operate in more subtle ways by creating artificial needs, which are then exploited by an a-moral commercialism. States of anxiety, of fear, of personal and social insecurity, or a blindly complacent materialism, are frequently found among such peoples (e.g., United States of America, or Australia). Alcoholism, child delinquency, sexual crimes and deviationism, the collapse of family life and loyalties, often occur among persons whose material needs are adequately met.

The love of God, recorded in the Bible, active in the Church, seeks to embrace all men, although it shows a special bias towards the handicapped, the helpless, the needy. The present concern of men to secure right relations and right attitudes between themselves in our modern technological civilisation is an encouraging witness to the attempt to include industrialised society within the plan of God's redemption purpose. With this background of belief and thought and aspiration, the Church commits itself to the ministry of social service as to a vital and inescapable mission: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me" (Matt.

A Tribute to Will H. Clay, M.B.E., J.P.

Will H. Clay, former Director of the Federal Social Services and Homes Board and Victorian Department, retired in April last, and the following addendum was added to the State Conference Report.

"After 36 years of outstanding leadership and devoted service to this Department, Will H. Clay has intimated that he does not intend to accept nomination as a member of the Department. This decision has been received with deep regret, but also with sympathetic understanding. The years to which Mr. Clay has been privileged to attain demand a period of retirement and relaxation which may be enjoyed by Mrs. Clay and himself. The retirement is tempered by Mr. Clay's assurance that his interest and prayers will continue with the Department and its work.

"Warm tribute is paid to Mr. Clay's work, as a result of which the Department has developed from small beginnings to one of the most important and effective Departments of Conference. Mr. Clay's vision, singleness of purpose and zeal have been most successfully dedicated to the task of developing the social conscience of the brotherhood, and arousing a con-



cern for the needy and unfortunate in our midst. His dauntless spirit has triumphed over opposition, difficulties and set-backs, and lifted the Department to heights of accomplishment and service which have glorified our Lord and commended him and his Church to men, and which have won for Mr. Clay the esteem and gratitude of the brotherhood."

Further tribute to the life and work of Mr. Clay was paid at 1962 Victorian-Tasmanian Conference, when a suitable minute of recognition was recorded.

We thank God for Mr. Clay's life and work, and pray that his retirement will mean, for Mrs. Clay and himself, refreshment of spirit, well earned rest from labor, and an even closer walk with the Christ who called him into his service and empowered and greatly used him therein.

"Withhold not good from them
to whom it is due,
When it is in the power of
thine HAND to do it"
(Prov. 3: 27).

CHALLENGE ON
SUNDAY, AUGUST 19



SOMETHING IN YOUR HANDS

Long ago, the writer of Ecclesiastes urged: "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might" (9: 10). He saw men with folded hands wasting their short-lived opportunity, little heeding death's swift advance. To have lived, and not done something with your hands with all your might, was to have failed in the test of real living. Jesus himself felt a similar urgency when he cried, "We must work the works of him that sent me while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work" (Jn. 9: 1). So did Paul, with his repeated warnings about "redeeming the time" or "buying up the opportunities" (Eph. 5: 16; Col. 4: 5). But Jesus and his disciples were urged on by something more than the fear of approaching death. As Paul put it to the Colossians: "Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus . . . whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men" (3: 17, 23). It was the love of their Lord that set Christian hands working, doing such humble, sacrificial things that wondering people said of them, "See how these Christians love one another." John reminded his fellow-Christians of the real incentive for all they sought to do: "We love, because he first loved us" (1 Jn. 4: 19). Because Jesus meant so much to them, there was an extra something in their hands as they ministered to the needy — a warmth of love that made their Social Service truly Christian.

Dr. Temple Fay, one of this century's brilliant brain surgeons, often told his hospital students about the hands of a charwoman whom he met in his own days as a young resident doctor. He first saw her when he was on duty at a desk near the entrance to a ward. She passed by his desk and began to go from bed to bed, taking the hand of each patient between her two hands, and standing with closed eyes for a moment or two before moving on to the next. He strongly disapproved of such irregular behaviour, but when he complained to the man in the first bed, the patient said, "But, doctor, she helps us. She has something in her hands." When he told this story, Dr. Fay would say to his students, "If, when you leave this hospital, you do not have that 'something' in your hands, you will not have enough, for you will not have all that you should have and may have." The woman's hands were rough and hard, but her heart was warm with a loving concern — so her hands had something precious to give.

In the early Church, when a woman called Dorcas died in Joppa, do you think people wept because she would never again make for them the dresses and cloaks on which her busy fingers

had spent so many hours? It was her loss they mourned — the tender-hearted woman concerning whom Luke wrote that she "filled her days with acts of kindness and charity" (Acts 9: 36, N.E.B.). She stitched something of herself — her love, her concern — into every one of the garments fashioned by her nimble fingers, and when the mourners held up the clothes for Peter to see, they were saying in effect, "Her love beautified every gift she made; we cannot live without a love like that."

It is still true that the Church can never live as she is meant to live without a love like that inspiring every gift she makes. That's why Christian Social Service is so essentially a personal thing. The social welfare State may be efficient, but it cannot help being also impersonal. Something is missing. - like meat without salt. "The gift without the giver is bare." This is not to deny that some who serve the State put something of their own concern into what they do for others through social service. But at the same time, none can do it like the Christian who knows with Paul the force of Christ's overmastering love in his own life. The Christian has "something in his hands" something extra besides the food, clothes or money he gives. His hands can impart comradeship, courage, faith, hope, love - the "extras" which are essentials to real living.

Our own Social Service Departments try to work in this way, and there are many to testify how well they have done it. In all ranks of their service you can find men and women, cheerfully putting themselves into all they do. What matrons, nurses and helpers in the Homes have done to give the "extras" of Christian love, few, apart from those most vitally helped, will ever know. What the word and prayer of a hospital chaplain, and the pressure of his hand in parting, have meant to patients is something no man can estimate. What has been accomplished by secretaries and office staffs, committees and auxiliaries, caterers and needlewomen, hospital visitors and letter-writers is beyond calculation.

But this is the kind of ministry in which we can all share. When we gladly make our money gifts to the Social Service offering on Sunday, Aug. 19, let us give that something extra as well — maybe a letter or a visit to someone in our Homes, or an encouraging word to a Social Service leader. But to have something in your hands, and give it, can be a costly ministry. Look at how men tried to stop our Master's hands by driving nails through them — but they couldn't do it. His hands still reach out in helpful love to others. Do ours?

RALPH V. AMOS — a Vice-President of the Federal Social Questions and Services Board — writes on

The Brotherhood of the Helping Hand

We are living in a world in which there are always many people in need. In a situation like that the Church of Jesus Christ is God's agent, doing his work, and fulfilling his will. To do this the Church has, in so many ways, to offer the hand of friendship to all sorts of people.

So far as we are concerned, as Churches of Christ, we have a big part in this vital programme. To assist in this work we have set up a Social Service Department (and associated with this is the Christian Fellowship Association), to specialise in this field. In the light of this it would not be wrong to refer to this Department as "the Brotherhood of the Helping Hand."

When we do that we are simply following the lead given by the example of Jesus himself. There is one most interesting verse about our Master which magnificently summarises his work. It is a verse we find in an unlikely place. After searching through the Gospels we finally come upon it in Acts 10: 38. It forms part of the address which Peter, the Big Fisherman, gave in the home of Cornelids. He said, very simply, just this—"He went about doing good" (R.S.V.). There we have it! That is the divine basis upon which we work. The brotherhood has set apart the Social Service Department to follow in the steps of the Master who "went about doing good." This, therefore, is his work, not a mere man-made idea, and it is always to be used for his glory.

In the light of this, let me suggest to you three reasons why, as concerned Christians, we ought to give our very best support to this part of our church life, which we may rightly call, "The Brotherhood of the Helping Hand."

A Christian Cares Because Jesus Cares

All the way through his earthly ministry we are told about Jesus that he was "moved with compassion" (e.g., Matt. 9: 36). It was his deep concern for people which made such an impact upon men and women. There is something in the human heart which responds to a display of interest and love. The people of those days felt the impact of his compassion in a very real way. Today, as Christians, we ought to care for people, in trouble and in need, because we are the servants of him who always carried a great concern in his heart for people who were finding the battle of life hard. And he is still

moved with compassion for people in need today.

A little while ago I read these words, "It is the most characteristic mark of the real Christian that he cares about other people; that he is truly interested in their concerns, and not merely obsessed by his own; that he is not always driving ruthlesssly towards his own goals, no matter who may fall by the wayside in the process. The true follower of Christ is prepared to put himself out to do the friendly thing, and seeks to serve and not merely to gain. This is supremely exemplified in the life of Christ, and his death on the cross declares that he could not care more. His concern for all of us is an abiding fact and gives life its meaning and purpose."

A Christian Shares Because Jesus Shares

What light streams from those words of Peter in the home of the Roman Centurion! In those six words—"He went about doing good"—there is something of eternal significance. They were said about the Son of God. Now, if they had been said about an ordinary man it might not have surprised us, for there are many folk in the world who go about doing good. A great many people gladly lend a helping hand to those in need. There are lots of folk who are moved with concern for others.

But these words were not just about an ordinary person. They dealt directly with him whom the Scriptures declare to be "Lord of lords, and King of kings." That is amazing! It is amazing that he should love us. It is amazing that he should visit us. It is amazing that he should die for us. But to think that whilst here on earth, in the days of his flesh, he went about doing kindly, and friendly, and simple little acts, to make the load of life a little lighter for men and women, this is something which leaves us "lost in wonder, love and praise." He shared with folk all the good things of God. He kept nothing for himself. Yes, "he went about doing good."

We must follow his example, and we must share what we have, because we are disciples of the One who gave the best that he had for fallen mankind

Christ helps men to live triumphantly because he shares the presence of God with them. Wallace Chappell tells of a great American footballer who was stricken with polio. During the days of his treatment in hospital, he had a great deal of time to think

about the mystery of pain and suffering, and the meaning of life. What kept him going? The presence of God, which the Master made real to him. He said, "I could never have stood it without Christ. I can't make it now without him." As Christians we must share that same sense of comfort with people. To do it with so many, whom we shall never meet personally, we have set up in our Social Service Department "the Brotherhood of the Helping Hand." Thus we share because Jesus shares.

A Christian Dares Because Jesus Dares

As one reads through the Gospels it becomes obvious that, in the most thrilling way, Jesus "took risks" on people. And they turned out well. He saw the ideal in the hearts of men. He saw them as they were, and then he saw them again as they could become. As Dr. W. E. Sangster said, "Jesus Christ has double vision." As a result of this he dared to do the unusual, the unexpected, the unlikely thing. We have a Redeemer who dared to the most wonderful things.

Is there a lesson in this for us? Do we, sometimes, become a little too contented, so that we lose our spirit of daring? As Thomas W. Thomas has said, "The ease' with which even well-meaning people can slip into preoccupation with their own concerns has had a long-run corrosive effect on the nation's life." When we are no longer interested in the needs of others, when we no longer follow, with care, him "who went about doing good," it is not likely that we will attempt to do anything daring for the Kingdom of God.

In the work of the "Brotherhood of the Helping Hand," the ultimate is not just a little bit of material assistance, but a deep, life-changing spiritual experience. It is the aim of our Social Service Department, whilst it lifts material needs, to bring people face to face with the living Christ. This in itself is always a daring thing to do, for there is nothing more revolutionary than for a person to have face-to-face interview with the Master.

Perhaps this sums up what I have in mind! A little girl was lost in one of London's crowded streets. A number of people tried to help her. One asked if she lived near Westminster, another asked if her home was near the House of Parliament, and question after question was asked. Finally someone said perhaps she lived near

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Helping Hands Extend Nation-Wide And Beyond

In community life a growing awareness for social services is developing to meet the complex problems and needs of society, with the resultant extension of statutory social service organisations. Some forty-five countries throughout the world have developed such services to their respective communities.

In our modern society the words of Jesus Christ, "Go thou and do likewise," as enunciated in the parable of the Good Samaritan, present a greater challenge to Christians. Many opportunities for personal witness and service are presented to us. These may be in our choice of occupations and professions, also in the extent to which we exercise our stewardship in support of our brotherhood Departments of Social Service.

The Church is a Brotherhood of Helping Hands, and your Social Service Departments in all States of the Commonwealth are hands reaching out to all men in this ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ

Within a limited space, we provide just a glimpse of this nation-wide work

Western Australia

The Christian Rest Home for Aged Folk, at Joondanna Heights, provides accommodation for 20 aged persons under the care of Matron E. Youd. The Home was commenced in October, 1954, and plans are in hand for extensions and alterations to the existing building. Plans are also in hand for self-contained cottages, and it is anticipated that the first block of cottages will be completed by October.

Charing Cross. "Oh yes," she said, "take me to the Cross — I can get home from there."

That's exactly what we are trying to do. Through material help, and personal advice, we are striving all the time to get folk through to the Cross. If we do that, they'll get home from there alright.

To do this we must put our hands into the hand of him "who went about doing good," and we must go where he leads. And this is our closing prayer,

"That we may care, as thou hast cared.

For sick and maimed, for lame and blind,

And freely share as thou hast shared

In all the woe of all mankind."

Bethesda Hospital, situated on the Swan River at Claremont, was established in 1944, and accommodates 39 medical and surgical patients. All who pass through this hospital are cared for within a splendid Christian atmos-

Welfare Service. Development in this phase of the work reveals that many are being helped by the services of a deaconess, and a shop has been opened in Perth which supplies clothing at very reasonable cost, thus helping those who are unable to purchase new garments. Help and guidance are given to many who seek assistance through the Department.

South Australia

The Christian Rest Home, situated at St. Georges, was opened in April, There have been added the southern and eastern wings, the Ellen Mosman Cottage, four cottages, a missionary cottage, staff quarters, laundry and store room. Sixty aged persons are accommodated. Future plans are to develop two acres at Black Forest to accommodate another 86 persons.

The Board of Management and Social Service Department are amalgamated in the conduct of the Home.

Students' Hostel. In February, 1962, the Social Service Department opened the Hostel, situated close to the University, to accommodate 23 girls.

Welfare Service. Constant service is being rendered to many in their needs: it includes counselling and assistance with problems, supplying food and clothing, and regular visits to prison by the Secretary, A. R. Jones, who is also prison Chaplain.

Victoria

Christian Guest Home. This Home, the first, established in 1938, is situated at Oakleigh and accommodates 60 elderly men and women in a community section and cottages. A lovely garden setting helps to make this truly "Home." Matron E. Gall serves as matron.

Emmaus Rest Home. A stately building set in a lovely garden, with additional modern flatettes and linked with a property opening to another street, is the "Home" for 47 elderly ladies. This Home was opened in 1952 in the suburb of Murrumbeena. Miss E. Head has recently become matron.

Opposite Emmaus, four self-contained units have been built to accommodate couples in the earlier stages

of old age, who are capable of caring for themselves.

Will H. Clay Nursing Home. Situated also in Murrumbeena and opened in October, 1951, this Home, which is really a hospital, was named in honor of Will H. Clay, former Director of the Department, who this year retired after serving the brotherhood and those in need for well over 30 years. Twenty-five patients of either sex are cared for here by Matron J. Button and her staff. Every effort is made to take patients into spacious sunrooms to enjoy the gardens surrounding the Home.

Occupational therapy is a feature in all of the Homes.

Welfare Work. Counselling and assisting people with varied problems occupies some time. Every effort is made to assist with material relief. and in some cases sleeping accommodation and food are provided for single men. The needs of single men are a tremendous problem in society. Affiliation with varied social service agencies helps us to share social welfare problems with others.

Tasmania

Bethany Boys' Home. At Lindisfarne, Mr. and Mrs. R. Morffew care for eleven boys in "Bethany," where the first stage of extensions and alterations has been completed in the new service wing.

New South Wales

Will Roffey Community Centre. Situated at Pendle Hill, this Home provides accommodation for 25 elderly people in the main building and in self-contained units. Plans for future development will increase the accommodation.

Bingley Hall. This Home for aged men is situated at Hornsby, and extensions are contemplated.

Guest Home. A property at Croydon was purchased for a guest home, which, when altered and self-contained units are added, will accommodate 21 elderly men and women.

At Austral, land is held to establish a village-type settlement.

Welfare Work. Opportunities continually come and the Department serves many by way of counselling. comforting and supplying of material relief. Prison visitation is organised by the Secretary, C. Cole, who is a Chaplain General for Prisons in

Boys' Home, "Dunmore House," situated at Pendle Hill, was purchased in 1935, and 25 boys are cared for

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Ashwood House, also at Pendle Hill, was opened 1938, and accommodates 17 elderly guests and staff. A committee of the Christian Women's Fellowship manages this Home.

Queensland

Burdeu House. Purchased in 1950, and situated in Brisbane, this Home was named in honor of Mr. and Mrs. C. Burdeu, and accommodates 35 aged persons, including those in a twelvebed infirmary. As in other States, plans for extension are in hand.

Mylo House. Situated at Toowoomba, this Home provides accommodation for 13 elderly persons. In March last, the foundation stone was laid for another 12 rooms.

Youth Hostels. At Kedron, 25 girls are accommodated in ideal surroundings suitable for educational and employment purposes, and at Annerley a Hostel for 18 boys who require to reside in the city is established.

The Committee has in mind other types of institutions to cover needs not now being provided.

S. Chalmers is now full-time Secretary of the Department.

Service Beyond Our Shores

During the last two years, the Inter-Church Aid programme of the World Council of Churches benefited by £3.030 and £8,173, from South Australia and Victoria respectively. Also 17,414 garments and 1,534 pairs of footwear were sent overseas. The Australian programme for 1962 requires £100,000, of which £32,275 may be spent in Asia.

Migration is an area of activity in which social service is engaged in its many facets. Some of our ministers have served on migrant ships as chaplains. C. M. Hogben (W.A.) and A. R. Jones (S.A.) represented our churches at the Commonwealth Government's Citizenship Conventions in 1961 and 1962; others have served over previous years.

Social Questions

Departments in all States are conscious of many grave social problems in the community life. Space is limited, hence we may remind our members that in all areas of questions such as War, Temperance, Church Schools, Marriage Guidance, Gambling, Film Censorship, as well as others, the Departments are active in these fields.

Christian Fellowship Association

The Silent Service of the brotherhood — silent because in its operation some church members contribute regularly into a common fund in each State for the purpose of quietly helping their brethren in need. On the other hand, those who receive help do not want their problems to be made known. C.F.A. members cooperate in practising the command, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." Since 1935, C.F.A. has distributed £80,636 in loans and relief; surely this is a challenge to each church member to become a contributor.

Chaplaincy

In all States the words of Jesus, "I was sick and you visited me; I was in prison, and you came unto me," are a real challenge — hence the ministry of our chaplains to hospitals and prisons is carried out.

By this continued ministry in all phases of Social Service we do seek to show our faith in Jesus Christ by these works done to his glory.

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STANTON H. WILSON — Federal Secretary of Churches of Christ in Australia — introduces . . .

"The Other Dimension"

The survey, in this journal, of the Social Service work of our churches throughout Australia is, as it claims to be, "just a glimpse of this nationwide work." It nevertheless makes exciting reading, especially when it is remembered that "in all these things" there is another dimension which defies description — the dimension of the heart.

This is a survey of that which is distinctly Christian Social Service. Those who engage in it are ever conscious of the line in the prayer which says: "Our hands might toil in vain, did not we lift our hearts to thee."

The distinctive quality in the service which our churches render the community, and their characteristic approach to pressing public problems, is that of "empathy." This is the ability to help from within — the ability to be involved in a situation without being overpowered by it; to be in the problem and yet be, by God's grace, its solution.

All true Christian service contains this spiritual quality which is so hard to define, yet which is so readily recognisable when it is present. The Churches have no interest in good works as an end in themselves, but only as that which men may see, and give glory to our Father in Heaven — acknowledging his goodness by a life of commitment to Jesus Christ, His Son, our Saviour.

Commonwealth Pensions, Aged, Invalid and Widows.

Are you eligible for one of these? If so, Social Service is prepared to help you complete your application.

Forms may be obtained at any Post Office, or from our Departments.

MRS. V. C. STAFFORD — President of Christian Women's Fellowship of Victoria and Tasmania — lifts our thinking to . . .

"The One Whose Hands Served"

Durer's picture, "Praying Hands," is one that is very familiar to us all. But are we so familiar with the story that lies behind the painting of it?

Two artist friends were unable to make a living by their art. One renounced his calling to go out and work to support them both. Later, Durer was inspired to paint the gnarled, work-scarred hands of his friend, raised in the attitude of prayer.

As we look at this picture we see the hands of Christ, not only raised in prayer, but stretched out in blessing and healing on the heads of the sick in body and mind, the hungry and the troubled. We see them, too, stretched down to raise the weary and the fallen.

Can we, his modern-day followers, fold our hands or put them behind our backs, as we look upon the needy world, even round our own door?

The hand of help must be stretched down, and out, for

"Christ has no hands but our hands

To do his work today."

Prayer is not enough. It must be translated into positive action—loving and giving and serving, as he loved and gave and served. As Bertha Duncan expresses it in one verse of our World Christian Women's Fellowship hymn—

"And may the hands upraised in prayer

Reach out to those in need."

Only in this way can we be true witnesses of the one who said.

"I came not to be ministered unto, but to minister."

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SOCIAL SERVICE A HELPING HAND IN OUR BROTHERHOOD.

This is the theme of our Social Service Appeal for 1962.

WHILE THERE ARE—
UNWANTED or neglected children,
FRIENDLESS and lonely people who
need a friend.

HOMELESS people who need shelter, BREAKING or BROKEN family relationships.

DESERTED mothers who need advice and help.

PEOPLE who suffer in body and mind,

AGED persons who need loving care and homes,

THE CHURCH MUST REACH OUT A HELPING HAND.

Fifty Years Ago

From "The Australian Christian" of Aug. 1, 1912.

Editor: F. G. Dunn.

Death of Former Lygon-st. Evangelist. - We regret to hear of the death of G. L. Surber, formerly evangelist for the church at Lygon-st., Carlton, Vic. Bro. Surber arrived in Melbourne in 1867, in company with T. J. Gore, the former taking up the work with the church at Lygon-st., and the latter with the church at Grote-st., Adelaide. Bro. Surber did splendid work for Lygon-st. church, and the writer has a vivid recollection of his earnestness as a preacher, and his magnetic power over his audience. He was one of the American preachers who did so much to help on the cause in Victoria.

Welcome to Thomas Hagger. — A welcome meeting was given to Thos. Hagger, State evangelist for Victoria. on Monday night last, in the Christian chapel, Swanston-st. There was a good attendance to welcome Bro.. Hagger back after his seven years' absence in New South Wales, where he had done good work as State evangelist. H. Kingsbury, the President of the Victorian Conference, occupied the chair, and welcomed Bro. and Sister Hagger back to Victoria. A. R. Main, after giving a welcome to Bro. and Sister Hagger, announced the topic which was to be the theme of the evening, namely, the Unity of the Spirit, as set forth in the fourth chap-ter of Ephesians. The speeches were limited to five minutes each, and were Baker, H. Knott, P. D. McCallum, A. C. Rankine, P. J. Pond, J. C. F. Pittman and F. G. Dunn. Bro. Hagger expressed his thanks.

Scoville Perth Mission .- H. J. Banks, of W.A., wires: "Mission closed vesterday. Three hundred ninety confessions. Crowded meetings." C. R. L. Vawter, asst. evangelist of the Scoville party, will continue the work for another week. On Saturday night there were 36 confessions at Fremantle.

Items of Interest. - As most of the members of the church at Sydney are living in the suburbs, tea is provided for those attending the afternoon services, for which convenience a charge of 3d per head is made . . . At last Sunday morning's meeting at Prahran, Vic., Bro. Chas. Young, a College of the Bible student from Qld., spoke very acceptably . . . At a special meeting of the church at Prospect, S.A., held last Wed. night, it was decided to adopt the individual cups . . . The church at Brunswick, Vic., is purchasing a piece of land, 70 ft. by 100 ft., in Glenlyon-rd., with a view to erecting a new chapel . . . Last Sunday, the Century Bible Class at Lygon-st., Vic., had 182 present — a grand total of 405 in the school.

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If there is a hell, why don't ministers preach about It?

Many in the churches have abandoned the idea of hell which means non-stop physical torture. Much of the traditional view of hell as a place of everlasting conscious torment owes more to Dante and Milton rather than the Bible. The main reason for such an abandonment seems to be that continuing suffering would be pointless if the saved are safe and the wicked have no hope. Somehow. belief in the Fatherhood and love of God makes the thought of unending pain intolerable for many.

There is a hell, of course. There is no doubt that the Bible teaches it. But surely we are not required to take literally the physical descriptions of hell: outer darkness, eternal fire, weeping and gnashing of teeth, lake of fire! These are material terms and they were given to physical beings, but hell is not for physical beings. We cannot carry these material images over into the spiritual realm of eter-

We have the same trouble when we try to depict heaven. Because adequate word pictures of eternal spiritual fellowship with God cannot be conveyed to finite minds, we are content to say that heaven is to be with God. The Bible words describing either place (or state) are surely not intended to be taken literally.

If ministers do not preach much about hell it is largely because of the crude literalism that seemed to take away so much of God's love and mercy.

Hell represents the final banishment from God's presence of those who have finally rejected him. I don't know any of our ministers who fail to voice constant warnings of the emptiness and eternal loss of those who do not listen to God and obey him. On the other hand, I do not know of any minister who uses the idea of hell to threaten people.

We preach Christ crucified and we call upon men and women to confess hi mas Lord, not for fear of punishment in hell, not for the promise of the rewards of heaven, but in response to God's offer of himself in love.

To be with God is heaven, to be separated from God is hell enough.

Next Week: State aid for private schools.

(Send Questions to the Editor).

Musings

A Conference President's Week.

SUN., JULY 22. — There was a happy spirit in the 28th church anniversary services at Reservoir today. Amelia and I shared in morning and afternoon services, and appreciated the warm welcome and hospitality. I was interested in the experimental use of recorded music during the morning service — the ministry of a man eager to make his hobby helpful to the church. Back at Doncaster tonight we had an after-church farewell to Dr. and Mrs. Williams and family before their departure for Dhond. Mrs. Williams' parents are with us, and already the church feels a strong bond with the new missionaries.

MON., JULY 23. - Continuing my reading on Martin Niemoller, I chuck-led over the way his pastor-father dealt with a welcoming speech, in which his young bride had been carefully informed of all the rewarding work awaiting her. "Gentlemen," said the young minister resolutely, "happy as she will be to do all and more than is asked of her, I would have you remember that she is my wife not yours!"

TUES., JULY 24. - In between coping with a visit to the office and some visitation, I've been interested in Lin D. Cartwright's new book, The Great Commitment. I first met Dr. Cartwright when he visited Melbourne ten years ago for the World Conven-tion. He was then Editor of The Christian-Evangelist (now The Christian) and gave a fine Convention address on evangelism. I met him again at St. Louis and Toronto in 1955, and all I know of this gracious man, with a passion for evangelism, makes me eager to read his book.

WED., JULY 25. - This morning I had the privilege of assisting H. J. Patterson in the funeral service for Horace Kingsbury. I never knew Mr. Kingsbury until his latter years, but I learnt while at Lygon-st. how much people loved him there - and from the friendly encouragement he gave me at times, I knew why he was loved. Later in the day came the last fare-wells to the Williams family.

THURS., JULY 26. - After a day's intensive writing, I presided over a long Executive meeting tonight. What a wide sweep of activities concern us today!

FRI., JULY 27. — On a busy day like this, I sometimes feel my diary is too full — but not by comparison with Martin Niemoller's. His people have been known to pray for him, "Lord, protect our President! Thou alone knowest where he is . . ."

SAT., JULY 28. - Facing tomorrow, I'm encouraged by a phone call that came the other day: "I'm praying for you every day."

HERE AND THERE

Friends anxious about the health of H. R. Coventry will be glad to know that his progress, though slow, is satisfactory. He has now been moved to the Will H. Clay Hospital. Members of the family are thankful for the prayers of people around Australia.

We appreciate the co-operation of F. M. Combridge in providing special material used in this Social Service issue.

Dr. and Mrs. R. Williams and family left Melbourne on the "Stratheden" on Wed., July 25, en route to the work at the Dhond Hospital, India. They were given a warm farewell by many friends.

Education Week in Victoria is being observed Aug. 19-26 this year, with special emphasis on Education Suncay, Aug. 19, when church leaders are asked to include prayers, and if possible other references, concerning this vital work in our midst.

Chris Box, a Staff Sergeant of the Boys' Brigade at Burwood (N.S.W.) church, has won the coveted Queen's Badge of the Brigade. Presentation of the badge was made by the Mayor of Burwood during the evening service of July 15.

F. L. Ewers has accepted the invitation of the Board of Officers at Bentleigh, Vic., to continue his ministry with the church for a further three years.

With the Home call on July 23 of Horace Kingsbury, at the age of 81, we have lost another of our honored older ministers. Both in Australia and U.S.A., his ministries were greatly appreciated. Fifty years ago, he was President of the Victorian Conference, and in the midst of one of the most successful ministries ever conducted at Lygon-st., Carlton. In 1951, after a ministry at Malvern, Vic., he retired to his Melbourne home. He had the honor of preaching the Victorian Conference Sermon twice - in 1912 and 1951. H. J. Patterson conducted funeral services at the home and Springvale Crematorium on the 25th, with C. G. Taylor (Vic.-Tas. Conf. Pres.) assisting in the home. To Mrs. Kingsbury, their daughter Mary, and also to the son, Leslie Baker Kingsbury (U.S.A.), we extend sympathy and Christian love.

The series of special Sunday evening addresses, Does Science Contradict the Bible?, being delivered by K. A. Macnaughtan at Swanston-st., Melb., has attracted large congregations.

There have been four baptisms during the month, including three ladies of three generations — a grandmother, mother and daughter. Two ladies confessed Christ, July 22. A young married couple, Mr. and Mrs. Neil Wescombe, have been accepted for missionary work with the Ramabai Mukte Mission, and will leave for India late this year.

Have you lodged your late registration for Federal Conference? Please do so at once, and assure your presence at a great brotherhood gathering. Latest total of registrations for the whole of the Commonwealth is 714.

A special meeting of the church at Mayfield, N.S.W., held on July 18, passed a number of resolutions offering challenge and stimulus to the local work, and its proposed outreach in the Jesmond area. These resolutions were contained in a report submitted by an Investigating Committee, comprising E. W. Roffey, C. J. Mackenzie and W. H. B. Palmer. On behalf of the church they made a detailed examination of the needs of the work at Mayfield, following the offer of a gift of £3,000 to commence the building of a new church. The resolutions adopted provide for the immediate sale of existing manse, erection of new chapel at Mayfield, purchase of land and erection of first-stage building at Jesmond; also provision of a new manse. In the absence of a full-time preacher at Mayfield, R. Powell (Woolwich) is giving a much appreciated leadership in spiritual matters.

C. R. BURDEU STEPS DOWN

C. R. Burdeu, after thirty years of active church work, stepped down from the position of Superintendent of the Queensland Social Service Committee on June 30.



C. R. Burdeu.

The Queensland brotherhood in general, and the Social Service Committee in particular, owes much to Mr. Burdeu. His talents as a leader and administrator became evident in all his work. He combined broad vision with practical ability, and used the forcefulness necessary for progress with a generous spirit of consideration for others.

Two Homes for the Aged (Burdeu House and Mylo House), two Hostels for our Youth, the Christian Fellowship Association and the widest umbrella of Social Service of any group in Queensland are monuments to his personal leadership and influence.

For many years Mr. Burdeu was Conference Secretary, and was responsible for many changes in the organisation of Conference Committees and brotherhood work. He served two terms as State Conference President and one term as Federal President. During his time in Queensland, our brother has been associated with the church at Albion, where he is a member of the Official Board, and at present holds the position of elder.

Mr. Burdeu has very ably represented the brotherhood on the Council of Churches, British and Foreign Bible Society, Queensland Temperance League, Council of Social Services and the Old People's Welfare Council.

Mr. Burdeu remains Chairman of the Social Service Committee, and is available for advice on policy-making and detailed matters of programme. His other main activity will be as "Historian" for the brotherhood Historical Society.

The Australian brotherhood will join in greetings and best wishes to our brother as he relinquishes some of his responsibilities, assuring him that his interests and activities over the years have been an inspiration to all who served with him.

Stan. Chalmers, who for many years has been associated with Mr. Burdeu in Social Service work, has been appointed Organising Secretary, and will be responsible for the general oversight of the Homes and Hostels. He will also visit churches and auxiliaries in an educational campaign against social and moral evils, and deal with social problems. The Queensland Temperance League has approved this appointment, and will subsidise the Committee with £10 per week.



Supplied by R. S. A. McLean.

Return from New Guinea

On Monday, June 18, Aileen Draney, Jan Hunting and I left Tung and set out on our trek to Awar. We had arranged with the Missionary Aviation Fellowship to have a 'plane ready the next day to fly us to Madang.

David Hammer accompanied us on the trek, and as well as the carriers there were about thirty people, young and old, who had come to farewell us at Awar. The track was not quite as bad as it was a few weeks earlier, when Miss Rosalie Rofe and I were introduced to trekking in New Guinea.

When we first arrived in New Guinea, Mr. Beale told us that everytime he had walked on the track from Awar to Tung he had seen a snake, and the sight of a death adder killed the previous day confirmed the truth of his statement. However, on the walk down we saw no snakes until we reached the Land Rover, and then a death adder was seen only a yard from where we were standing.

Although the use of the Land Rover is limited, it is a welcome sight after walking fourteen miles through rough jungle tracks. The native carriers were particularly pleased to see it, and they, with the missionaries, look forward to the day when the road will be completed, and it will be possible to travel from the coast to Bunapas on the Ramu River.

There was considerable excitement the next day when the small Cessna 'plane belonging to the M.A.F. landed at Awar. The 'plane is capable 'of carrying a load of about 650 lbs., and we were just a few pounds under weight. After an hour's flight we arrived at Madang, and the next day flew to Port Moresby. As I had matters to take up on behalf of the Mission with the Administration, I remained here until the following day, but Jan and Aileen continued on their way to Australia for a well-deserved furlough.

On arriving in Brisbane I commenced two weeks' deputation amongst the Queensland churches. I was encouraged as I met with people who were vitally concerned about our witness overseas. It was a pleasure to visit the parents of a number of our missionaries, such as the Howdens at Warwick, the Draneys at Toowoomba and the Ludgaters at Ipswich. These people feel the absence of their sons and daughters serving on the Mission field, but they are full of enthusiasm

for the work, and rejoice because their children have gladly responded to the challenge to leave home and serve in distant lands.

Looking back on my visit to New Guinea there are a number of incidents that cannot be forgotten.

I shall never forget the representatives from various villages pleading for missionaries. They had walked miles to make their request. I could not say to these men, "I'm sorry, we cannot send you a missionary." To say this would be saying, "Your children can grow up as you have done, uneducated; you can remain a backward people, your tropical ulcers that eat into your flesh and destroy your limbs can go undressed, your children can continue to suffer from malnutrition and your young men and women can die in their youth from tuberculosis. Furthermore, you can continue to live and die without experiencing the fulness of life that Christ can give. You must continue to live as you have for centuries. We cannot send you a missionary."

I could not say "No" to these people, but I did say that when I returned to Australia I would see if young people were prepared to go, and if others were prepared to send, and if Christian people in Australia were prepared to respond in this way, they would have their missionary. Will our churches enlarge their vision and their giving, so that we can say "Yes"?

I shall never forget the crowded dispensary at Tung, as people came to have their putrid sores dressed, their children treated for malnutrition, malaria, tuberculosis and other diseases that are the scourges of the tropics.

I shall not forget the zeal of our missionaries. They are prepared to walk for miles through narrow, muddy jungle tracks so that they can preach, teach and heal in the villages. When it was suggested that better Mission houses should be erected, they replied that they would prefer to live in houses of native material if the finance could be used to establish new stations.

It is impossible to forget the visits to the schools at Tung and Pir, because so much progress has been made in such a short time. Perhaps most vivid of all is the memory of the church services, especially the service at Chungribu, where over 180 people crowded into the shelter which will later be used as a school-room. The

women wore grass-skirts, the men "lap-laps," many of the children were naked, but I thought of them as they would be in ten or fifteen years' time, meeting for worship and perhaps conducting their own services, as is done by Islanders in other parts of the Pacific.

The work in New Guinea presents a great challenge to us all. May our strength be renewed and our vision enlarged, so that we shall all realise that, having commenced a work, we have made these people our responsibility.

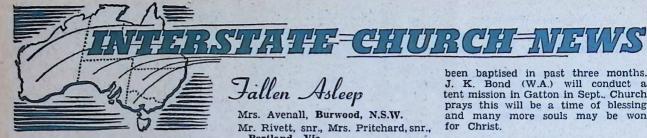
Silver Jubilee MACKAY, QLD.

Special services at Mackay during July celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of the opening of the chapel. In the early thirties meetings were held, first in private homes, and later, in a public hall. In 1937 a mission conducted by E. C. Hinrichsen, V. Morris and B. J. Corlett led to the purchase of land in Nelson-st. and the erection of the chapel, which was opened for worship on July 7, 1937, with A. B. Clark as the first minister. Since that date, despite long periods without a minister, the "black-out" years of the war, cyclones and flood, the building has been opened every Sunday.

Reports to the Annual Meeting on July 20 showed a present membership of 47, with an average attendance of 40 at morning services and 20 at night. Land recently acquired at North Mackay has been freed from debt, and the amount owing on the manse reduced to £718. A plan of interestfree loans and gifts was adopted, and £42 contributed in the thankoffering on July 22. Home Mission subsidy has been cut by an amount of £6 weekly, members having responded well to a call for a 40% increase in giving to local work. Auxiliaries now operating are B.S., C.W.F., C.Y.F., J.C.E., Teachers' Training Class, Y.W.L. and Youth Choir. Deacons elected were: E. W. Nielson, A. Boettcher, B. Nielson, S. Wilbraham, F. Schneider and V. Woodman.

Young people conducted both services on July 15, with S. Vanham preaching. On 21st, members met for group discussion on Design for Development, led by the Conference President (J. H. McCormick).

Large congregations attended both services on July 22, with Mr. Mc-Cormick as guest speaker. Dedication of church and new officers was led by S. W. Vanham. Seven original members were present at the morning service, and one of them (E. W. Nielson) presided. A feature of the evening service was a cantata, The Life of Christ, presented by the Youth Choir, with B. Nielson as narrator.—S. Vanham.



Discipleship

Lanice Boyd, Collingwood, Vic. Sandra Thorley, Gail and Geoffrey Matheson, Townsville, Qld.

Cheryl Waigeli, Carolyn Richmond, Helen Morgan, Pat Lewin, Geelong. Vic.

M. Houghton, East Malvern, Vic. Janice Branton, Maryborough, Vic. Sue Button, Warwick Murray, Robert Cotterell, Wagga Wagga, N.S.W.

Robert Gayton, Jeanne and Mary-Ann Dempsey, Mrs. C. Cameron, Albion, Qld.

Jennifer Harrison, Judy Hooke, Bev. Cheese, Sue Cook, Helen Mitchell, Pam. Kerwin, Roberta Algie, Barry Fisher, Geoff, Medley, Wattle Park,

Anne Faulkner, Dianne Power, John Buultjens, Geoff. Graham, Alf. Quinton, Margaret Nunn, John Tilley, Dianne Martin, Carol Le-Page, Janice Watt, Jennifer Allen, Carol Jones, Janice Moore, Brett Appleby, Terry Appleby, Denis Le-Page, Robin Allen, Lorraine Barnett, Margaret Wilson, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Frank LePage, Mrs. Theo. LePage, Mrs. Faulkner, Mrs. N. Soncum, Lorraine McConchie, Diana Bruun, Cheltenham, Vic. Douglas Savage, Berwick, Vic.

Membership

Miss N. Tooby, Burwood, N.S.W. Miss P. Easton, Footscray to The Patch. Vic.

David Kimber, from Parkside Baptist, Fred Block, from Berri to Nallsworth, S.A.

Miss B. Davie, Hawthorn to Naracoorte, S.A.

R. Blake to East Malvern, Vic. Mrs. Weston, Middle Park to Bentleigh, Vic.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Adam, Malvern to Wattle Park, Vic.

Mr. and Mrs. Westbury, Irene West-bury, Springvale to Dandenong,

Marriage

Dorothy Nicholls to Henry Anderson, Moreland, Vic.

Fallen Asleep

Mrs. Avenall, Burwood, N.S.W. Mr. Rivett, snr., Mrs. Pritchard, snr., Portland. Vic.

Mrs. Falconer, Geelong, Vic. Mrs. Musty, Maryborough, Vic. Mr. Hare, Wattle Park, Vic.

Horace Kingsbury, Swanston-st., Melbourne, Vic.

Mrs. E. J. Paynter, Gilgandra, N.S.W. F. Selby, Dandenong, Vic.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Kalgoorlie (F. H. Griffiths) -Church had wonderful week of meetings with D. R. Stirling, who gave series of messages on The Person and the Work of the Holy Spirit. Mrs. Stirling's friendly ministry was also appreciated. She spoke to C.W.F. and I.C.E. There was strong missionary challenge from E. Heard when he spoke on Indian Mission work. Miss Merle Peacock (State Youth Director) spent week with church. As result, all youth activities have benefited, especially B.S. All groups appreciated her addresses and sound advice. Successful D.U.C.E. rally held in chapel, F. H. Griffiths speaker. L. McIntyre (State sec., Scripture Union) addressed rally in chapel. Minister exchanged pulpits with J. Wood (Boulder Presbyterian) for a service. Church has lost many Y.P. through removal. Roger Thornton and Billie McLheney have been transferred in their employment to Perth.

Geraldton (D. R. Oakes). - Attendances continue at steady level. Regular meetings have received added interest of visiting speakers. On July 8, two members of Scripture Union team took services, and on 22nd, Miss M. Peacock (State Organiser, Youth Dept.) assisted in evening service. Other meetings arranged in conjunction with Miss Peacock's visit; all most profitable. Work proceeding on block at back of chapel; ground is now cleared in preparation for tennis courts. Piano acquired for £150, most of which was raised by C.W.F. Ladies joining in another local venture to provide monthly outings for old folk and "shut-ins."

QUEENSLAND

Gatton (J. Rae). - Church pleased to have visit from R. Dallinger, while on his way to New Guinea. Seventeen have confessed their faith and have been baptised in past three months. J. K. Bond (W.A.) will conduct a tent mission in Gatton in Sept., Church prays this will be a time of blessing and many more souls may be won for Christ.

Townsville (R. N. Gilmore, B.A.). — Av. attendances for June: 41 a.m.; 37 p.m.; 39 communicants. 20 people travelled to Charters Towers, July 7, to witness baptism of three Y.P. Minister has given series of morning addresses on Position and Plea of Churches of Christ. Working bee held to clear rear of property prior to commencement of building of Utility Hall. Plans well in hand for Youth Camp at Magnetic Island. C. E. Brumby appointed chairman of Officers' Board.

Albion (M. H. A. Pieper). - Of four confessions of faith in recent weeks, two - a married woman and a young man - direct result of contact through Mansell mission, Oct., 1961. Gospel services best in years. F. L. Leivesley (C.S.S.M.) guest preacher, monthly guest service. G. V. Haigh (Kedron) and Prof. A. F. Wilson spoke July 1, whilst minister conducted anniversary services at Murwillumbah, N.S.W. Voice of the Deep screened at youth service, 8th. On 15th, Y.W.F. formed choir at gospel service. C.W.F. plans to launch Woman to Woman evangelism in local church. Tenders being called for new hall and extensive alterations to church building. Meeting of church Board and B.S. leaders agreed on commencing date for All-age B.S. Minister joined other ministers of metropolitan area in visitation for Southport church. 154 present, July 22, when Churches of Christ footballers from Maryborough were

NEW SOUTH WALES

Burwood (A. G. Elliott, M.A., Ph.D.). — A.C.E. missionary project effort continuing. All gifts will be sent to Dr. John Stanhope in New Guinea for his hospital work. Boys' Brigade again successful in Sydney Battalion squad competition; second successive time to win coveted cup. Sympathy extended to Mrs. Elliott on loss of her mother in W.A. Sympathy also expressed to loved ones of late Mrs. Avenall.

Marrickville (M. Bedwell). - Missionary Life Gift Fellowship addressed June 27 by Miss Oliphant (European Christian Mission). 150 present at Youtharama, July 14; speaker, Alex. Surtees. On 15th, D. Nicholls, M.B.E., speaker a.m.; at 4 p.m., C.M.S. re-introduced Sunday afternoon fellowship teas as pivot for Prayer Powered Programme; speaker, Salvation Army Prisoners' Chaplain, Capt. Reg. Turnbull, who also spoke at gospel service and rendered solos at both afternoon and evening meetings. C.W.F. has commenced hospital visitation. Brian Benson in hospital as result of motor accident.

Wagga Wagga (W. J. O. Todd). — Anonymous donation of £100 received towards building project. No. 2 C.Y.F. team won at Youth for Christ quiz. Both Bible schools participating in 10-day car race arranged by Dept. Christian Education. Several new scholars and some old ones have returned at Kooringal. Miss Hazelwood (Vocational Guidance officer, Education Dept.) spoke to C.W.E.F. Good meetings, 22nd. Three persons baptised and many visitors present.

Gilgandra (N. Flint). — Y.P. had enjoyable day at Burrendong Dam. Recent visitors have been Mr. and Mrs. D. Barter, L. R. Mudford and Sis. F. Wood. On July 21, Sis. D. Butler showed slides of her work at Carnaryon. The Temple of Pharaoh screened 15th.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Nailsworth (A. M. Norris, B.A.). — Annual business meeting well supported. Reports indicated steady progress. Decisions made to hold B.S. in morning instead of afternoon, to aid financially new church at Windsor Gardens and to explore possibilities of condensing weeknight meetings. R. McLean addressed church, July 22, in interests of Overseas Missions. Two men recently welcomed by transfer of membership. Ladies' Guild annual meeting attended by large number of representatives of other societies. Speaker was Mr. Griffith (Prospect). Overseas Missions offering, £83.

Naracoorte. - C.M.S. conducted social, June 29. Messages have been brought by Brian Adams and Trevor Lawrie, visiting from C.O.B.; A. Rebbeck (Nailsworth), A. R. Jones (Social Service Dept.), T. Curnow (Scripture Union), K. A. Jones (Sec. C.O.B.). On July 3, Mr. Archbold (Sudan United Mission) spoke at C.W.F. meeting, and same evening, following prayer meeting, showed slides of work. A. R. Jones spoke at both services, 8th, and also at Padthaway. Following gospel services he screened slides on Social Service and Prison work. At after-church fellowship following gospel service on 15th, K. A. Jones showed slides in connection with College of the Bible. After prayer meeting on 18th, members went to Methodist Hall, where film was screened by R. Story (U.F.M.).

VICTORIA

Collingwood (S. Wilkerson). now commencing 9.45 a.m. Sundays. Teachers meeting once monthly for discussion and planning of school work. "Space Travel" competition has resulted in five new scholars to date. Senior boys won their division at Central Zone Explorer sports meeting; Juniors placed third, in this the club's first year. Mrs. Barnett (Aborigines Mission) speaker at C.W.F. meeting, July 2. B.S. scholar made decision for Christ, July 1. R. Cordingley and A. Darby received prize for attendance in Y.W.L. Church greatly blessed in overwhelming success of missionary rally, 11th. Retiring offering resulted in £49/2/- for Overseas Missions. 21 Explorers visited Police Headquarters, 13th. Men have commenced renovating front vestry and stairway to gallery. Special fellowship service held evening, 22nd. Song service, conducted by J. Mack-ley, followed gospel service.

East Kew (A. W. C. Candy). — Church accepted recommendation of officers to proceed immediately with plans for complete rebuilding of old hall, with many additions. Interest and support very keen. Loyalty Campaign, covering a period of two weeks, began July 8 with large attendance at a.m. service. Missionary demonstration on Wed. evening well attended, with much information on our own Mission stations, Aborigines, Poona Indian Village and Missionary Aviation Fellowship. All auxiliaries sharing in campaign, with special emphasis on own work. Youth tea, 15th, very well attended, with crowded meeting in chapel for gospel service, many Y.P. taking part.

Fairfield (T. A. Fitzgerald). — During months of June and July, to stimulate interest, minister has been dealing with special subjects under general title, The Gospel in the Literature of the World. Special soloists have been Miss A. Truman and E. Forbes. W.M.B. birthday meeting held at secretary's home, July 12. This group enjoys happy fellowship and does much good work. Mrs. Norman and Mrs. Cameron still unable to attend meetings because of illness. Visiting speakers have been Messrs. Garth and Prentice. Church owes much to several members who, having left the district, travel long distances to support the work.

Wangaratta (A. E. Stevens). — Married couples' social popular and enjoyable. Men have demolished disused Baby Health Centre building and transported bricks and other material to Cheshunt Youth Camp for building improvements. More than £8 passed to Mission to Lepers from collecting phials. Local Mission Fund

growing and being added to from various sources, including book stall. Two young women members of C.Y.F. confessed faith in Christ.

Malvern (G. J. Crossman). — Continuing series, Know Your Brotherhood, speaker on July 22 was K. A. Jones (Sec., C.O.B.). Pam Easton p.m. soloist. Further working bee has done good job in beautifying chapel surroundings. B.S. teachers, at their meeting, nominated all retiring officials for re-election. L. Finger (Prayer Convener) seeking prayer partners for forthcoming mission.

Geelong (J. E. Webb - interim). — J. E. Webb (S.A.) continues interim ministry during absence of A. C. Caldicott. Special effort has resulted in increased attendances at morning and evening services. At youth service, July 8, four girls from G.L.B. were baptised. Church saddened by Home call of Mrs. Falconer, who was one of the early B.S. and C.E. leaders. Choir is to be recommenced under leadership of Miss B. Bird. Special effort (per medium of Budget envelopes) is being made to reduce remaining debt on Centenary Hall, of £3,444.

Portland (A. C. Male). — C.W.F. concert, July 13, raised £27. Church enjoyed fellowship with Mr. Turner (C.O.B.) and Mrs. Turner, 15th. Mrs. Shelia Atwell is giving Y.W.L. talks in morning service. S.Y.P. conducted evening service, 21st, while minister was at Mt. Gambier B.S. anniversary; Roger Crouch and Nelson Ferrier shared the sermon. Sympathy extended to Rivett and Pritchard families in their recent bereavement.

Pascoe Vale (G. Setsman). — Church annual meeting elected D. A. Taylor, sec.; W. Daws, treas.; B. Summers, H. Andrews, R. McDonald, I. Rumble, T. Taylor; Mesds. D. Taylor, M. Cheal, G. Johnston, officers. Membership 43; B.S., 160; Y.W.L., 51; Boys' Club, 25; Girls' Club, 30; C.W.F., 18; C.Y.F., 18. Building of new Worship Centre in good progress; completion anticipated Oct.

East Malvern (P. Andrews). — Report presented at annual meeting, July 27, indicated healthy activity in all auxiliaries. Church elected to Board of Officers: G. Kent, Mrs. F. Morris, N. C. McGregor, R. E. Padey, F. S. Robinson, R. A. Strongman, V. B. White, Treas. is N. F. White, and sec., D. M. Elliott. Attendances being maintained and addresses of P. Andrews appreciated.

Hampton (C. L. Smith, B.Comm).— Dr. and Mrs. Williams visited B.S., July 22, and told something of the work they would do in India. Dr. Williams spoke at morning service and after the service minister, on behalf of the church, presented tape recorder to Dr. and Mrs. Williams to help in their work in India.

Maryborough (R. Pritchard) .- Senior B.S. girl baptised July 1. Choir travelled to Dunolly, assisting in afternoon service, to celebrate their 90th anniversary. On 18th, an informal meeting was held at manse, when Mrs. Heard (India) spoke and answered questions on her work. At an evening meeting, Mr. Heard enlightened members on work in India, also showing slides. On 22nd, F. Drake conducted both services, in absence of minister. Sympathy of church extended to minister in loss of his mother. One of church's eldest members, Mrs. Eagleton, fell and is in hospital. Ladies' Aid working for annual fair. Allan Davies has joined B.S. teaching staff. Sympathy of church extended to Mr. and Mrs. Woolman, and to Mr. and Mrs. Branton in bereavements. Many members are ill.

Morwell - Newborough - Traralgon (L. G. Armstrong). — Dust or Destiny? screened p.m., July 1. At close of morning service, 15th, church and B.S. made presentation to M. Parr in appreciation of his years of service as deacon and B.S. sec. Mr. Parr is leaving Morwell to take up a new position at Springvale. C.M.S. held church parade at gospel service, 22nd, with men taking special part.

Redcliffs (S. K. Bannon).—M. Milne and B. Snoxall speakers, July 8, when minister was at Robinvale. Annual meeting of C.W.A.F., 12th. Office-bearers: pres., Mrs. R. G. Gray; vice-pres's, Mesd. I. Thwaites and H. J. Cook; sec., Mrs. O. Bennett; treas., Mrs. W. Cunningham; organists, Mesd. H. J. Cook and V. Marr. Counsellor Training classes have commenced for White and Coleman mission. Mesd. V. Marr and A. L. Martin are making good progress, after surgery. Av. a.m. attendance for month, 118.

Footscray (G. S. Brown), - B.S. scholars attended missionary night at Collingwood, July 11. C.W.E.F. held social evening at home of Mrs. Ray-bould, 11th. W. W. Saunders guest speaker on behalf of Dept. of Christian Education at p.m. service, 15th; Estelle Burgess soloist. Y.P. joined in afterchurch fellowship at manse, when a Brains Trust session was held. C.W.A.F. visited Maidstone to conduct their meeting, 17th. Five weeks' prayer mission commenced 22nd. Literature stall. with prayer theme, introduced same day with great interest; Alf. Bradley in charge of sales. Parcel of clothing for Aboriginal boy at Carnarvon prepared by missionary group, and sent to Aborigines Committee.

Moreland (G. A. Grainger). — Y.P. arranged film night, when King of Kings was screened. Presentations were made to Margaret Weatherhead and Les. Gayther, also Dorothy Nicholls and Henry Anderson, prior to their marriage. C.M.S. held house party (Bring and Buy a Tie Night)

in aid of Organ Fund, also a men's tea, when Trevor Howe spoke on Freedom from Hunger Campaign. Many members ill. Church School competition for new members has made good start. Dorcas ladies preparing hospital gifts, etc., prior to their visit to Greenvale Home.

Bentleigh (F. L. Ewers, B.A.). — Education committee planned adult Bible classes which commenced in two homes close to chapel. They meet at same time as B.S. Windows of the Soul screened p.m., June 24, monthly family night.

Berwick (K. Mason). — C.W.F. paid visit to Oakleigh Guest Home, July 12. Three recent decisions. Ladies took part at quarterly prayer meeting held at Narrewarren Methodist Hall, 20th. Elaine Davey and Joseph Anderson honored prior to marriage. Parents invited to attend B.S. and kinder, while work in progress, 22nd.

Dandenong (A. R. Lloyd). — Church enjoying new ministry of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd, and appreciates leadership. Av. attendances: a.m., 133; p.m., 77; communicants, 118. Mr. and Mrs. E. Heard visited B.S., July 15, and Mr. Heard addressed morning service. 45 ladies attended afternoon at manse on 18th and enjoyed hospitality of Mrs. Lloyd. Jumble sale conducted by C.W.F. raised £90. Vacuum cleaner for chapel cleaning purchased from part of proceeds. Large delegation attended missionary rally at Collingwood. 50 Y.P. attended youth tea, 22nd; Ken Fraser, guest speaker. Mr. and Mrs. S: Mottram have been added as adult youth advisers for youth work. Church saddened by sudden passing of F. Selby, and offers deep sympathy to his wife and daughter.

Parkdale (P. Perry). — CM,S. assisted in working bee at Monbulk, July 21. Ladies' monthly "snowball" meeting held at manse, programme being arranged by minister's wife. East Parkdale Good Companions celebrated 5th birthday, 25th, under direction of Miss Rita Cemm. Tennis club holding tournament each month to raise their quota for All Day Fair. Guest speakers at C.M.S. meeting, 23rd, were from the Australian Railway Historical Society; 26 men present.

Wattle Park (L. G. Crisp, L.Th.).—Minister exchanged pulpits with R. Ryall (Surrey Hills), July 15. During winter months' series of special addresses, 9 Y.P. made their decision. Senior Good Companions came 2nd in Arts and Crafts comp. Members attended rally at Collingwood and C.O.B. concert. Helen Murray and Jan Pearce on Christian Education Flying Squad. Mrs. Bryce has returned from hospital.

"Our New Venture"

Under the leadership of A. A. Avery, a series of meetings was held at Cheltenham, Vic., entitled Our New Venture in Making Faith Real. Visitation evangelism was conducted over 3 nights prior to a fortnight of meetings, including three Sundays. The Friday and Saturday nights were planned in the new "Ray Barnett Christian Education Centre" especially for young people.

Prayer meetings were conducted at 6.30 a.m. Tuesday mornings and 8 p.m. Thursday nights for some weeks before the meetings.

There were 27 decisions over the two weeks (25 first decisions), of which 23 were made at the special youth services.

Appreciation is expressed to Ken Sturges (song leader), Mrs. June St. Aubyn (organist), Roger Ratten (pianist), Miss Jean Milne, Val Woff, Mac Woff and Miss Jan Donaldson (soloists). To Cyril Minns, Robert Coles, John Birt, Ken Fraser, Doug. Beasy — all of whom spoke at special youth meetings—appreciation is also expressed.

Entertainment at the special youth services included personalities such as Pam Fletcher, Randy Ross, Alan Rowe, Fred Phillips, John Hutchinson, Eric Taylor, Paula Langlands and Ray Sharp.

The average attendance at the four youth nights was around 250, all of whom sat at tables around the hall and sipped fruit cup. An appeal was made at each of these nights in an atmosphere of reverence, after Mr. Avery had addressed the gathering and during the singing of the hymn "Just as I am." A "Lowrey" electronic organ, made available by Brash's Pty. Ltd., assisted considerably in the devotional part of the programme. Supper was then served to all present.

At the two Sunday nights following the mission there have been four more first decisions. At one of these nights Dr. R. D. Williams, missionary-elect to India, was guest speaker.

May God continue to bless this venture and care for those who have accepted Christ as Saviour over these past weeks.—Roy W. Barnett.

Monbulk Rebuilding

The Monbulk (Vic.) Camp Rebuilding programme is being helped along by teams of voluntary workers. Men from different churches are giving a Saturday to work as laborers or carpenters or gardeners.

The appeal for funds to keep the bricks going up has now reached £5,004.

Of this amount the Christian Women's Fellowship has contributed

approximately £1,200, and the Explorer boys, 2750.

Many people have enquired to know how much we received from the Government Bush Fire Relief. We did not receive anything. Our case was presented to the Relief Committee, but we were informed that we were not eligible to receive help.-L. A. Trezise.

A. W. C. Candy, minister at East Kew, Vic., and president of the Victorian C.E. Union, will led the Victorian delegation to the World C.E. Convention, which is to be held at Sydney, N.S.W., during August this

ENGAGEMENT

BROUGH - DAFF. - The engagement is announced with pleasure of Lois Erica, second daughter of Mrs. E. M. Brough, and the late Mr. E. G. Brough, Wrights-rd., Warragul, Vic., to Raymond Leslie, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Daff, Bodley-rd., South Clayton, Vic.

DEATH

PRITCHARD. - On July 18, at Portland, Vic., Frances, beloved wife of Walter; mother of Gilbert (Portland), Roland (Maryborough), Neil-(Portland); mother-in-law of Shirley, Alma and June; grandmother of eleven grandchildren. "Forever with the Lord."

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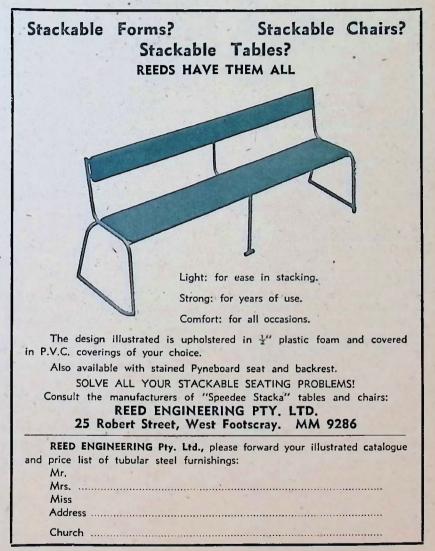
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