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Race Week and the Gospel

Aborigines Mission Notes by J. K. Robinson, Federal Secretary.

"Race Week" is a phrase loaded with meaning for any North-West town in W.A. It is a fixture in the calendar which is so important that the Pastoral Stations in the area virtually close down, and the people come into the township from far and near. The actual racing is only one of the drawcards. It is a great social event, a time for much necessary shopping, a time for family re-unions, and the opening up of the floodgates of joyous fellowship, so characteristic of country towns. Aboriginal people, as well as white, come in large numbers to get what they can out of the general enjoyment of the week.

"Race Week" at Carnarvon this year is Sept. 13-23. There will be large numbers of Aboriginal people in camp grounds around the fringe of the town. Among them will be ex-Mission young people, some of whom have children of their own. Others will be parents of our Mission children. The leaders of the Aboriginal people in this area are sympathetic to the gospel. Altogether, then, this will be a great opportunity to present the Way of the Lord Jesus Christ to them all.

Some months ago, the Mission Church began focusing its thought and prayer on the opportunity of presenting the gospel to the Native people during "Race Week." At first it was considered that a tent mission, using a Native evangelist, would be possible, reaching to both white and Native people. However, the Mission folk believe that they were not led

into this effort this year, as many difficulties arose, and there was not sufficient time to prepare.

Plans are now being made for open-air and personal work at the three places around the town where Aboriginal folk will be camped. It is expected to use the Mission truck, set up with musical instruments and amplification. At each place of meeting a time of gathering around will be followed by personal work in the groups, using tracts and portions of Scripture, but this will be limited, as the majority of the Aboriginal people will be illiterate. The Mission staff is making up wordless picture stories, which they will be able to leave with interested folk. This is new work to most of the Mission staff, and will add new responsibility.

The missionaries ask that we give earnest prayer for them and their effort during "Race Week." Remember the dates, Sept. 13-23. They ask us to pray that the Holy Spirit will be in control of all thinking and planning, that Bob Williams, who is the chief leader among the Native people near the town, and also his co-leaders, will be quickened to be witnesses to their own people. They ask us to pray that the many young ex-Mission people who know God's way, but are not going on with Christ, will be convicted and will be brought to receive new life in Christ as their Saviour. Also, that each one doing this work will be given the strength of body and the indwelling Power of the Holy Spirit to present God our Father, and Jesus Christ as Saviour

and Lord, in a form that the Native people can understand. They ask us to keep in mind the one great objective, as stated in Colossians 1: 18, "that in all things He might have the pre-eminence."

We commend to all our readers, and all friends of our Mission work, this effort at Carnarvon. It is part of the new development of our Mission work, in which we are reaching out to the Aboriginal world outside our Children's Missions.

18th Anniversary

Saturday, Aug. 18 marked the culmination of many weeks' sustained activity by the people of the Zillmere Church of Christ, when the chapel was opened following renovations, and the 80th anniversary of the church celebrated. The alterations were designed by D. Cranston, A.R.A.I.A., and completed by Gordon Cooper (Boondall). J. Stabe, son of the late C. Stabe who gave the ground for the original building (erected in 1896), officially opened the building. The improvements to the chapel consisted of new brick front, 2 vestries and open baptistery. Inside and outside painting was carried out by volunteer labor, under the direction of Clem Hermann.

D. H. Paddon (minister) presided at the service inside the chapel and welcomed visitors, who included Harold Dean, M.L.A., J. Molloy, M.L.A., and Mrs. Molloy, Mr. and Mrs. McCormick (Qld. Conf. Pres.), Mrs. H. Horne (Pres. Qld. Y.W.F.) and representatives from other churches in the district.

The new baptistery, provided by the Y.W.F. groups as a memorial to Stephen Cheek (who commenced the first Church of Christ in Qld. at Zillmere in 1882), was unveiled by Mrs. Horne. Other gifts received were: pulpit in honor of the Stabe, Bruce, Albury and Fischer family (foundation members of the church); vases from the circuit Y.W.F. and Mrs. Kubler; communion cloths, Mr. Stabe, Mrs. Kubler, Mrs. Furriegal, and Mrs. Riddel; floor carpets by anonymous donor.

The prayer of dedication was offered by J. McCormick (Conf. Pres.). Circuit sec. (S. Chalmers) gave an historical review of the Zillmere work over the years, and outlined the future building plans, which include an all-purpose hall to meet the needs of an ever increasing youth work in the district.

140 members and friends sat down to the anniversary tea, provided by the circuit ladies. Greetings were (concluded ft. col. 1, p. 546) THE MINISTRIES OF OUR



Programme for Oct.

Theme: "The Prodigal Son" Mrs. G. V. Haigh, Qld.

MEDITATION.

Oh, the bitter shame and sorrow That a time could ever be When I let the Saviour's pity Plead in vain; and proudly answered "All of self, and none of thee."

Day by day his tender mercy, Healing, helping, full and free, Sweet and strong, and ah, so patient, Brought me lower, while I whispered, "Less of self, and more of thee,"

Higher than the highest heaven, Deeper than the deepest sea, Lord, thy love at last hath conquered:

Grant me, now my soul's desire "None of self, and all of thee,"

No. 495, "O Jesus Christ, grow thou in me."

PRAYER.

"Almighty God, our loving Heavenly Father, it is with a sense of deep humility we come into thy presence, thanking thee for thy never failing love, and realising that in thy sight, our righteousness is as filthy rags. Grant unto us thy forgiveness for

received from the Conf. Pres., Mr. McCormick; Mr. Molloy, M.L.A.; Mr. Dean, M.L.A., and A. Hinrichsen, chairman, West Moreton churches. Mr. Comer, minister of the church in the early days, came from Melbourne for the occasion, and brought greetings and reminiscences. Others who recalled incidents of the early days were Mrs. Hoens (daughter of Carl Fischer), J. Bruce (son of Mr. Bruce who commenced first B.S. in Zillmere) and Mr. Stabe. Mrs. J. Bruce cut the birthday cake and Mrs. Waters (granddaughter of C. Stabe) presented floral tributes to artists and guests.

The musical programme was provided by Mesdames Furlonger, Brown, Shepherd and Paddon.

During the evening a special welcome was extended to J. K. Bond and J. Timms, who came from Western Australia to conduct the Memorial Tent Mission. Mr. Paddon spoke on behalf of the circuit, and Mr. Haigh (chairman of Home Missions) on behalf of the Committee and Queensland churches.

those things done by us, which may have grieved thee.

"Take, we beseech thee, our Father, from our lives, those things that mar our witness for thee; empty us of self and fill us with thy Spirit that our lives may be lived in fuller service for thee. Amen."

BIBLE READING.

Luke 15: 11-32.

DEVOTIONAL.

In the story of the Prodigal, both sons appear self-centred and selfseeking. The younger son asserted his will by getting all he could from his father, and then going away from home. He craved independence, freedom from all parental restraint, and a chance to do as he pleased; to indulge himself. His were the sins of rebellion, self-will, recklessness and dissipation.

The older brother was no less selfcentred. He was unloving and harsh, he showed no gratitude to the generous father, and he despised his younger brother for his weakness.

Perhaps the greatest appeal of this well-known parable lies in the deep. forgiving love of the father. It is great enough to cover the shame of the prodigal, and to deal gently with the scorn and resentment of the superior elder son.

All of us, no matter who we may be, as we endeavor to lead a Christian life, are troubled to some degree by the problems of self-will. How easy it is for us to see this failing in the lives of others, but how diffi-cult to admit the same weakness in ourselves. Yet, when we are honest, we must admit to this inner conflict with self.

Jesus Christ submitted his will to his Father, God. In Phil. 2: 7, Paul tells us this very forcibly. We read that Jesus "made himself of no reputation, took the form of a servant, humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." Perhaps the hardest part of following Christ is in emptying our lives of self, so that his Spirit can fill us. But we can never become the persons he wants us to be, until we are willing to surrender our wills to his. We must put to death the flesh and its desires, in order that the will of God may be supreme in our lives, and thus Christ will live

The father did not force his son to return home. He waited, for he realised that he could not force even a son to return his love. But the prodigal's experience of life, and his remembrance of his father's love. caused him voluntarily to surrender his will and all to the father.

We find our highest self, not in following our own will, but in voluntarily surrendering it to him, who created and redeemed us.

Jesus himself said, "I came not to do my will, but the will of him who sent me." This, then, is the perfect attitude. In Jesus, we find it complete maturity.

HVMN

No. 556, "O Christ, in thee my soul hath found."

MISSIONARY NEWS.

MISSIONARY PRAYER.

BUSINESS.

ADDRESS.

HYMN.

No. 503, "Search me, O God, my actions try." BENEDICTION.

Interstate News

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Report of August monthly meeting of Christian Women's Fellowship, N.S.W., held at City Temple on Friday, Aug. 3, at 11 a.m.

Mrs. Bell was in the chair and opened the meeting with the prayer thought from the Prayer Committee.

Mrs. Palmer led the devotions, as a representative from the Inter-Church Council. Theme of the devotions was, Who Is My Neighbor?, Mrs. Leach (Burwood) being soloist.

At the Roll Call, 115 sisters responded, representing 30 churches. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Mrs. Knights, as newly appointed Obituary supt., announced that she had written a number of letters during the month, and had received several return thanks cards.

Federal Conference. — The Executive recommended that the following ladies be delegates for Federal Con-ference: Mesdames Bell, Wylie, Rof-fey, Saxby, Hunter, Yelds and Fishburn. This was seconded and carried.

Mrs. Park spoke briefly on the clothing parcels for the Aborigine Missions, and asked the question whether the ladies would rather sew for one Mission or for both. It was unanimously agreed that we sew for both Missions.

The offering was received, and Mrs. Corlett led in the intercessory prayer. We were privileged to have Mrs. Verco, as President of the Inter-Church Council, for our speaker. and she brought to us an outline of the activities of the Council.

After thanking Mrs. Verco, Mrs. Bell closed the meeting with a hymn and benediction .- J. Torode, Asst. Sec.

The Editor concludes his letters to a young man concerning . . .

THE MOVEMENT WE LOVE

Dear Harry,

From what you've told me, whenever you young people start talking together about the beliefs of the various Churches, the questions you're most asked concern the attitudes of Churches of Christ on

BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER.

It is true, of course, that these two great ordinances of the Church hold a special place in our teaching and practice. Once it was said that a Church of Christ preacher could begin from any text in the Bible and end up on baptism! Some think we have swung too much to the other extreme today. Baptism certainly shouldn't be treated as the all-important feature of our message — but it is important. We believe that the act of baptism in the New Testament is immersion, marking the believer's response both to the love and to the command of Christ. It is connected with the process of salvation, as being "unto the remission of sins" (Acts 2: 38), but it does not involve what has been called "baptismal regeneration" — there is no magic in the water. Immersion is true to the symbolism of baptism as stressed by Paul in Rom. 6: 4, but those words of Paul underline the fact that there is much more to baptism than the physical act of immersion. Unless it is accompanied by real faith and whole-hearted response to God's grace in Christ, the physical act alone is worthless. But when it follows on faith, repentance and confession (as our study of the Book of Acts convinces us it did in the New Testament Church) we believe that the terms of salvation are fulfilled, and that the person immersed is baptised into Christ, and added to the Church.

This means, of course, that we reject infant baptism. Scholars of all communions have agreed that immersion of believers was the original practice of the Church. So, when we plead for this, we are not expressing the quaint view of some off-centre sect, but a "catholic" or "universal" belief, shared by many of our fellow-Christians. We know some of the reasons why the practice of infant baptism evolved in the life of the Church. We understand better than once we did the underlying concern for child and family expressed by some of its 'earnest supporters. But we still see no justifiable reason why we shouldn't all be prepared to stand together on what is (to say

the least) the surer New Testament support for believer's baptism, which fulfils the true symbolism of the act.

As for the Lord's Supper, we have emphasised, among other things, its weekly observance. The Sunday morning meeting is recognised as the communion service, though in Australia at least an opportunity for communion is also given either during or after the evening service. The weekly observance is based on such passages as Acts 20: 7 and 1 Cor. 11: 26, as well as on later historical references to the life of the Early Church. Far from finding this weekly remembrance monotonous, or robbing the act of its significance, actual practice has shown that the service containing the Lord's Supper can prove richer in worship content than any other.



It is our response to Christ's own command. Taking the bread and the wine as the symbols of his body and blood, we remember all that his self-giving means to us, finding the act a source of grace and strength, as we have fellowship together, and with him, "in his own appointed way."

There have been differences of opinion as to whether the Lord's Supper should be "closed communion" — that is, confined to those who have been immersed and thus become members of the Church. Today, in Australia as well as in America, the emphasis is on the fact that it is the Lord's Supper, and it is not for us either to "invite or debar." Hence, members of other Christian bodies may take communion with us in our regular worship services. However, children of our own church families wait until they have themselves confessed Christ as Saviour, been baptised and joined the Church before they share in communion.

Now, before I finish, I want to say something about

MINISTRY AND SERVICE.

Today. Churches of Christ believe in an adequately trained ministry, A Federal College in Melbourne and a State College in Sydney exist to train ministers and missionaries for fulltime Christian service, as well as to aid those who wish to give better leadership on the local church level. Plans are now being discussed for another such College in Brisbane. Friends of yours who have met some of our leaders are probably puzzled by the fact that fully qualified min-isters of Australian Churches of Christ use neither clerical title nor clerical dress. Why not? The answer lies in a vigorous attempt to express in practice "the priesthood of all believers." With a strong sense of democracy, our pioneers reacted from any idea of a priestly class, different in status from other church members. The reaction at times went to extremes; instead of "preacher-domin-ated" churches there emerged in some cases church "bosses" among deacons and elders, the elected leaders of local churches. Today there is a much more balanced picture - trained ministers, looked to for leadership, but working in full co-operation with the elected representatives of their congregations. This isn't to claim that the relationship is always satisfactory on both sides, but there is a growing awareness of the work a full-time minister can do, and must be adequately helped to do.

Ministers fulfil some duties which are theirs alone (e.g., marriage services), and they normally have the responsibility for conducting the Sunday evening services. But in the conduct of the Sunday morning communion service they have the cooperation of other members - one 'presiding" at the Lord's Table; others reading, helping, etc. These are chosen on their merits and Christian character - in some cases after attending training classes conducted by the fulltime minister. This "mutual ministry" (as it is called) goes further in the enlistment of men and women of the congregation in varied tasks. This has proved one of the strengths of Australian Churches of Christ, and Correspondence Courses and Extension Lectures from the Federal College of the Bible, and various forms of training-for-leadership courses and camps are doing much to raise the standard of this type of service.

The emphasis in the local churches has been on evangelism. Sometimes this has been in the narrow sense of so-called "gospel services" and tent missions, with opportunity given in

at least one service on the Sunday for converts to make a public confession of their faith in Jesus as Saviour and Son of God. Today, special efforts are still widely used, but evangelism is being stressed more as the on-going activity of the whole church, expressed in personal witness, Christian education, visitation evangelism, etc.

Since 1891, Overseas Missions have become a growing part of our churches' activity. Missionaries are at present at work in India, the New Hebrides and New Guinea. On the home front, strong support has been given to Aborigines Missions, with the chief stations at Norseman and Carnarvon, W.A. Much has been done in the field of Social Service, including the provision of some magnificent Homes for the aged. In these and other forms of service, the women of the churches, organised in such groups as Christian Women's Fellowships, have been in the forefront. Youth, too, have set the pace in club and camp activity, etc., with special leadership (either on full or part-time basis) in all the States. Through the Austral Graded Lessons, prepared for Bible school use, the Federal Board of Christian Education is doing a magnificent piece of work, co-operating in some measure with our Baptist friends. Men's groups in the States have been growing in number and activity.

All these and other phases of church services and activity have been recorded over the years in the Federal weekly, The Australian Christian, now in its 65th year, and published by the Austral Printing and Publishing Company, printer of other Christian literature which has been helpful in the growth of our churches. Other papers preceded the Christian, and the various States have also produced monthly or bi-monthly papers. We have our own Australian Churches of Christ Hymn Book, now being used in most of our churches.

Well, there it is, Harry — a necessarily cramped and certainly incomplete picture. I haven't said anything about the great facts of the faith that we hold in common with so many of our fellow-Christians — such as the saving gospel of Christ, the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit, etc. But you wanted me, rather, to look at some of our distinctive views and practices, and I have tried to do that. Inevitably, it is a personal picture; another man's emphases would prabably differ, as I said in my first letter.

But I hope that what I have written has helped you to share with me something of the thrill of being part of an on-going Movement. For Churches of Christ are that, and will continue to be that, while there are young people like yourself willing to

confer and to co-operate with others across denominational boundaries; to share convictions and to seek the will of Christ together. And surely — as Churches of Christ, have always said — his will for his Church is unity. For us that means more than a pious sentiment. Humbly but tenaciously, we must bear our witness, wherever and whenever we can, to a plea and a plan worth thinking about in the light of our Saviour's own passionate plea for unity. You, and others like you, must see to it that we keep moving on this task — that we don't

bog down in our own form of smug denominationalism.

That could happen. For God's sake, don't let it happen! James Martineau once said that men discuss with the lips each other's creed, instead of going into the silence with their own God. But surely we must do both. Discuss together! Pray together! And lose no chance to work together!

That way lies the doing of the will of God. May you know his presence and help every step of the way.



Notes supplied by R. S. A. McLean.

Increase in World's Population— A Challenge to the Church R. S. A. McLean.

The tremendous daily increase in the world's population is a great challenge to the Church to hasten in taking the gospel into all the world. J. T. Watson, in his address to Bible Society Friends said, "Every 30 seconds 85 people are born. Every 30 seconds 45 people die, leaving a net increase every 30 seconds of 40 people. The world is increasing its population at the rate of 50 million a year — which is the total population of the U.K. And the gap between the increased population of the World and the population of the Christian Church is getting wider."

Miss Jessie M. Trout, of the United Christian Missionary Society, when interviewed recently said, "In the last census, India's population was 438,000,000, about 10,000,000 more than the Government had estimated. And the population increases by about 25,000 a day. So we must acknowledge the colossal task that is facing the Government. Thus, if we say more children are in school than ever before, we must also say that, because of this great increase in population, more are out of school. More people are getting nourishing food, but more are going hungry."

The population of our Mission area in Western India is 720,000, according to the last census. The rapid increase in population necessitates sending more missionaries to the old fields, as well as the new. There are more children to attend school, more sick people coming to our hospitals, more orphan children that need our care, more souls to win for Christ. With so many more people in our Mission areas, the needs of the people are great, even in

favorable times, and their needs are amplified in times of famine and distress. Recently Mr. Coventry wrote, "The drought continues to be very severe. No rain has fallen, there is no grass and the animals are dying or being sold for next to nothing, and people are living on the smell of food. It is pathetic to see them." This must come as a challenge to our churches when we realise that our own missionaries are seeing every day scores of poverty-stricken, hungry people.

Our school at Baramati was erected to accommodate 400 children; today 1,500 are enrolled. Our Boys' Home at Baramati and Girls' Home at Shrigonda care for approx. 300 children. It is impossible to accept all who apply, owing to lack of accommodation.

In the New Hebrides the population has doubled since the beginning of this century. In New Guinea, if we are able to accept invitations to enter new areas, we will be working amongst 20,000 people. The growing population on our three fields demands continuing compassion.

There is a Relief Fund to assist poverty-stricken people on our Mission fields. Any wishing to contribute are asked to send their donations direct to the Federal Board or the Overseas Mission Committee in your State. Your giving to our General Fund enables our evangelistic workers to reach more people, and the need for this is evident when we consider the rapid growth in population.

New Experiences on Aoba Sister H. Middlemiss.

We left Santo at midnight on the Aoba, in pouring rain. Two gutted cows swung over the feet of sleeping bodies, while a severed head lay upside down, resting on its norns at their feet. Helen slept under this, but I reneged, and retired to the

form inside, where I dozed off and on. The sea was moderately rough, but we both enjoyed the trip, with no ill effects. We first sighted Aoba about 6 a.m. and landed about 8.30 a.m. at Ambori. At one stage we got stuck on a rock, and it took us a while to clear ourselves. Passing Ndui Ndui, we saw Pauline and others waving to us. We were met from the boat with cameras and handshakes all round. We looked a mess, but no one seemed to mind. I was awfully glad to have arrived, and within a couple of days I really felt I belonged. I was welcomed in church, to a "kai" at the women's meeting, and at Bible Class. Already I feel a veteran speaker, although I had never preached before.

The second week, Pauline showed

me over the hospital and left me to find my own feet, for which I am truly grateful. Already I have got to know lots of people, and I love the girls at the hospital. I've never known so many things to go wrong in such a short space of time. I've pulled out more teeth, put in stitches and seen many diseases which before had been mere names. We seem to get lots of accidents, people getting kicked at football or cutting themselves. I really feel into the swing now, and am loving it. On Wednesday, Shirley Ludgater took me up to Tavalavuti in the pouring rain for a women's meeting. We arrived at 3.30 p.m., and got started at 4.30 p.m. By the time we were coming home, our muddy tracks were little rivers, and it was quite dark. I

have adopted the Boy Scouts' motto

— "Be prepared," as on Sunday I
arrived at church to find I was to
give the sermon, and on Wednesday
at Bible Class found I was leading.
Fortunately I had been warned about
this happening, so keep something
in my Bible.

At the hospital we have begun lectures for the nurses, and they seem quite keen. I'm getting terrific variety, and am too busy to have been at all homesick. I really love mail-time. It's really exciting emptying bags and sorting and feasting on the news. My first mail arrived at 5.45 one morning, and we sat in the middle of the floor in our pyjamas and had a wonderful time. I do love what I've seen of Aoba; it's very pretty.

W. J. E. LEWIS (Beverly Hills, N.S.W.), a teacher for over 40 years, gave this temperance talk recently over 2CH...

- The Enemy in Our Midst -

During the World War I, the Editor of the Children's Encyclopaedia, Arthur Mee, published a pamphlet, entitled Defeat. It was probably the most powerful indictment of the liquor traffic ever written, and its purpose was to bring home to the British people the manner in which drink was hampering the war effort. It brought conclusive and overwhelming evidence to prove this. At a time when the people of Great Britain were severely rationed, many thousands of tons of sugar were found for the breweries and distilleries, while the homes had to go short. At a time when the armies in France were short of shells and other munitions, men who should have been at work to supply them lost many hours absent from duty owing to indulgence in liquor. When it was difficult to provide railway trucks for transport, the liquor barons always had enough for their business. The book made such an impact on public opinion that the authorities banned it, because of the fear that it would slow down recruiting for military service. The King gave up his glass of wine, and the late Professor Sir Anderson Stuart, of Sydney University, followed his example, and described strong drink as the "most soul destroying, body destroying, and nation destroying thing in existence."

That was 44 years ago, and after the war ended one would have thought that the nation would have heeded the words of Lloyd George, when he said, "We are fighting two enemies, the Germans without and the drink within," and he deemed the one within the greater of the two dangers. In the light of all this one would

naturally expect Governments to make a united effort to curb the evils associated with the liquor traffic. But are they? Mr. Justice McClemens, speaking recently on ATN7, stated that the figures given by the Foundation for Research and Treatment of Alcoholism indicated that there were 350,000 alcoholics in the Commonwealth, and a prominent Macquarie Street doctor had assured him these figures were too low, and that somewhere in the family "setup" of one out of every two Australian families there was an alcoholic.

We are told that alcoholism is a disease. Well, we have a Health Department whose duty it is to watch over and guard the nation's health, and all kinds of precautions are taken to prevent the advent and spread of various diseases. Instead of doing its duty in fighting the disease of alcoholism, the Government allows all kinds of alluring advertisements to appear in our newspapers, magazines, railway trains, stations and buses, all encouraging people to drink. Our highways are littered and disfigured with similar signs, while the number of clubs licensed to sell liquor has of recent years increased enormously.

Strange how our Government and many of our people appear to be utterly indifferent to statements like the following. I quote these two out of a score of similar ones. (1) Mr. Debenham, who recently retired as Stipendary Magistrate, said public offences had increased since 10 p.m. closing of hotels was introduced in N.S.W. in 1955. He said that during his last four years in office he had kept a record of offences, including

drunkenness, indecent behaviour, driving under the influence, assault, vagrancy, threatening words and malicious damage. Of 11,437 persons charged in the four years, only 194 were not affected by liquor. "From my experience of other courts at various times, this applies all over the State," Mr. Debenham said.

(2) A startling report, giving new evidence of the part played in road accidents, has presented the British Government with the problem of whether it should be published. The report, prepared by the Medical Research Council, may lead to demands that motorists who have had even one drink should be banned from driving. The Sunday Express understands that the report shows that even a small amount of alcohol slows down the driver's reactions. Extensive scientific tests have shown that one or two drinks can make a motorist's braking or acceleration sluggish to a degree that could be fatal in emergencies. Publication of the report might involve the Government in a controversy greater than that over lung cancer and smoking. There would certainly be swift demands for the Government to act on the report. But one may well ask, "Why should not the report be published if it contains facts which, in the interests of public health and national safety, should be made known to the people?" If it is not, it would appear that the Government is afraid of offending the evil forces which are responsible for the startling facts contained in the report. The lengths to which the liquor sellers will go, in their attempts to deceive a credulous public, are well illustrated in the expensive and beautifully colored pictures on the outside walls of their hotels, depicting fine looking young men and women executing good strokes at cricket and tennis, whereas any thinking person knows that to reach the top in any sport, both drinking and smoking are banned by good trainers and coaches.

The recent disclosures by Harry McKinnon, the Rugby League Club President, that he found five players drinking till midnight 36 hours before playing in an important match, perhaps explains why the English footballers made fools of our men in the first two Tests, so much so that football critics stated they had never seen more miserable exhibitions. It really is time that men decided that the brewers should alter their advertisement, "Beer is a man's drink," into "Beer is a fool's drink," which is, it appears to me, nearer the truth.

Shakespeare summed it up well when he said, "Oh thou invisible spirit of wine, if thou hast no name to be called by, let us call thee devil. Oh God, that men should put an enemy in their mouth to steal away their brains; to be now a sensible man, presently a fool, and by and by a beast!" Those who have proved the truth of this could be numbered by the million.

As a teacher of over 40 years' experience, I know of many splendid teachers whose lives have been ruined, and their usefulness prematurely cut short, by alcohol. Five of these were headmasters of large schools, and one of them considered by the Education Department as one of the best teachers in the service. Think of the disgrace they brought upon themselves and loved ones, and the loss of valuable service to their country, through their addiction to alcohol.

Some people have said to me, "Look at all the revenue the Government would lose if hotels were put out of business." In reply to that, let me quote from Upton Sinclair's powerful book. The Cup of Fury, the frightening story of drinking people he has known, 40 of whom went to their doom, eleven as suicides. He says, "All industry is now awakening to the fact that people do 'much better' when sober." Professor Greenberg at Yale reports that the alcoholic worker is absent from his job an average of 25 days a year; that, while on the job. his accident rate is double that of the normal employee. "Current estimates are that alcoholic workers and employees with hangovers cost industry one billion dollars a year in money and 400,000,000 man-hours of time. Every day of the week, some 175,000 men and women are absent from work because

of what they drank the night before. It was announced that the cost of liquor-caused traffic casualties was over 36,500,000 dollars in Los Angeles alone. In Massachusetts, they studied the relationship between the amount received as revenue income from the sale of liquor, and money paid out because of alcoholism, and they found that for every one dollar of liquor revenue coming to the State treasury, the taxpayers paid out 4.82 dollars to take care of known liquor-caused court cases, jail costs, hospitalisation, emergency care on highways, and welfare work."

In conclusion, let me draw the professing Christian's attention to Rom. 14: 13, 21, which reads, "Let us not judge one another any more, but judge this rather, that no man put a stumbling block or an occasion to fall in his brother's way . . . It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak." I know of no other thing which causes more of our brothers and sisters to stumble and fall, and to damn men's bodies, souls and minds than strong drink, and for the sake of our fellow men, the health and propserity of our wonderful country, let us, by our example, play our part in the fight against the enemy in our midst.

J. A. WILKIE (Ballarat, Vic.) looks at a well-known slogan . . .

IN THINGS ESSENTIAL—UNITY

These words sum up the position and plea of Churches of Christ, when we consider the urgent problem of the divisions that separate those who profess to belong to Jesus Christ—the Head of the Church. In Christ's final instructions to his apostles to make disciples from all nations and to baptise them, he added—"teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you," and then assured them of his abiding presence.

Then we recall that, shortly prior to his death, he had taught them that the Holy Spirit "shall teach you all things and bring all things to your remembrance whatsoever I have said unto you." Thus we have the definite promise of full inspiration in their teaching to their converts. We also recall the claim of the Apostle Paul that his teaching was identical with that of the Twelve Apostles; also Paul writes: "These truths we are setting forth, not in words that man's wisdom teacheth, but in words that the Spirit of God teacheth, in this way fitting spiritual words to spiritual truths."

The Day of Pentecost ushered in the manifestation of the Holy Spirit's guidance and inspiration, so that the Apostle Peter was able to announce the terms of pardon and the reception of the Spirit to the believers, and we read that the converts "continued steadfastly in the Apostles' teaching and fellowship, and in breaking of bread and in prayers." Jude refers to this revelation of Divine truths which he sums up as "the Faith" when he exhorts his readers to "earnestly contend for the Faith, which was once delivered unto the saints."

When the Corinthian church was in danger of divisions Paul wrote: "I beg of you, for the sake of the Lord Jesus Christ, to be harmonious in what you say and not to have divisions among you, but to be perfectly harmonious in your minds and judgments," and he reminds them that it was Christ who was crucified for them, and that they were baptised into the name of Christ.

In his Ephesian letter Paul gives them a summary of what he considered comprised the Faith. He writes — "Continue with eager earnestness to maintain the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace —

there is but one Body, one Spirit, one Hope, one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of all, who is within us all."

In view of all these Apostles' teachings, I venture to state that these revealed truths are the "things essential" to the real unity of the One Body - Christ's blood-bought Church. There need be no uncertainty in our understanding of the meaning of these seven foundation truths, as the teaching of the Apostles contained in the New Testament defines and sets forth their meaning and purpose, clearly and finally! The things that divide us are largely the human additions and teachings accumulated through the centuries. If born-again Christians would examine the source of most of these human divisions, and restore the Church as it is depicted in the New Covenant Scriptures, a giant step could then be taken to the glorious emergence of Christ's One Body. Our chief lack as a people professing to be "Churches of Christ" is that it is not sufficient to know these "essential things"; we are called by the Holy Spirit to be men and women really

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News of British Churches

At the beginning of August, Churches of Christ in Great Britain held their 116th Annual Conference, going to the city of Nottingham. Following the new timetable, a service of induction for the new President was held on Sunday evening, at an after-church rally held in the Castle Gate Congregational church, where the Conference sessions were held. The retiring President, E. Gray, conducted opening worship with a congregation of 700, and inducted David Black as his successor. The theme of the President's address was Christian life as a spiritual experience, suggested by a concern that there should be a deeper recognition of the reality of Christian experience as an encounter with God.

On Monday morning, W. W. Hendry was formally inducted to the office of General Secretary, and a number of overseas visitors were welcomed, including Dr. and Mrs. G. O. Taylor, fraternal delegates from the International Convention.

Among the outstanding events of the Conference were the following an address by James Gray on the implications of New Delhi for Churches of Christ; a Conference paper by R. N. Walters on Worship and Work; and a service of committal, which closed the Conference.

The Training Committee announced that Stanley S. Sewell, now at Chiengmai College, Thailand, will succeed A. L. Brown as Principal of Overdale College at a date yet to be determined.

A presentation was made during one of the Conference sessions to E. A. Collins, who has retired after serving as Bookroom Manager for over forty years. Mrs. Collins received a bouquet.

The church at Great Francis Street, Birmingham, has obtained permission to go ahead with its new building scheme, and is appealing to the churches to help raise £3,000, the difference between money in hand or promised, and the estimated cost of the new premises - £12,500.-G. J. Hammond.

(continued from p. 550) abiding in Christ and bearing visible fruit to the glory of our Saviour and the spreading of his gospel of divine love to the uttermost!

We thank God for the Restoration Movement. We believe that the authority of the apostles' teaching rests on our acceptance of the full inspiration as defined by the apostles in their writings contained in the New Testament.

"The Australian Christian."

QUESTING

A. E. White.

What is the best way of giving announcements in the local church?

It is incredible how many items can find their way into a church-service. They may not only be irrelevant but can be most destructive of a worshipful atmosphere. Next Wednesday's barbecue for the Boys' Explorers, the Calisthenics display, the district temperance rally, and hundreds of similar announcements may be important, but there is no place for them in a worship service.

We need not feel obliged to give place to announcements simply because we have been asked to do so by societies and organisations inside of, or outside of, the local church. We must exercise discretionary pow-

The only announcements which have a legitimate place in a church service are those which concern the whole church. And they should be items which the whole church is seeking to promote. Usually, this kind of announcement is not only to call attention to the fact of an event, but to give a call to loyalty to an imporant feature of the church's programme. Evangelistic, stewardship, and membership activities for the whole church, together with Conference and co-operative matters which affect all members, come under this heading.

The announcements that are made should be made only by the minister because he is, or should be, most in touch with the total life of the church, and he is best equipped for promotion of brotherhood activities.

The reason for the minister making the announcements is not because of any inadequacy in the church secretary, but because the only announcements that can reasonably expect a place in the church service demand that they be given by the spokesman for the church.

All notices affecting the local church, including those concerned with sectional interests, should be made by means of (a) a church calendar: prominent, attractive, and up to date; (b) a church paper: weekly, fortnightly, or monthly, giving all needed details, and with effective distribu-tion. This latter could be assured by giving to members on Sunday (with a follow-up for absentees), or by responsible persons delivering the paper on a zoning basis.

Next Week: Suggestion for the Communion Talk.

(Send Questions to the Editor.)

Musings

A Conference President's Week.

SUN., AUG. 26 - At Ivanhoe's 45th church anniversary this morning, I was very interested to hear the minister, Harold Street, read out the covenant signed by the 26 members who, on the 26th of the month, began the work in that place. Two of those twenty-six were in this morning's meeting, and their own family history in the past 45 years is proof of what that covenant must have meant to those who signed it. Tonight our own young people returned from their weekend camp, full of enthusiastic talk about it being "the best yet." Camps like this are now a vital part of any church programme.

MON., AUG. 27. — A city preacher, sitting near me at lunch today, said quietly as he looked across the table at the guest of the occasion, Dr. Martin Niemoller, "None of us has any idea what that man has been through." He was right. Dr. Niemoller's heroic witness has been one of the inspirations of my own ministry, and it was a personal joy to shake him by the hand. We all appreciated the gesture of the B. and F. B. Society in inviting us to meet the famed German leader.

TUES., AUG. 28. - Amelia and I were among the guests at tonight's dinner, given in the Centre by our Federal Board of Christian Education to welcome the new Associate Director, Harold Gross. It was a happy, informal occasion, which enabled us also to welcome the Director, V. C. Stafford, back from his overseas trip. The teaming of these two men is full of significance for the future.

WED., AUG. 29. - Every Wednesday, there is one man I enjoy visiting, unless his condition prevents it. It must be a long time now since he last heard one of my sermons, but he has preached many to me on Wednesday mornings, greeting me from his bed with a ready wit and humor, lighting up my day for me, despite his own weariness and pain. He bears a missionary's name, and has a missionary's courage.

THURS., AUG. 30. - A voice over the phone today asked for a wedding appointment. "Oh," it added (almost as an after-thought), "there's one small problem - I've been divorced." Latest figures indicate that divorce is anything but a small problem in our modern world.

FRI., AUG. 31. - I spent tonight discussing next year's Doncaster Centenary with my church officers.

SAT., SEPT. 1. - Preparing for tomorrow, I'm challenged by McEwan Lawson's criticism of some church services: "A steady tramp around the prison-yard of our accustomed ideas."

HERE AND THERE

Trevor Lawrie, exit student C.O.B., has accepted a call to minister at Barmera, S.A., from Dec., 1962.

Correction. — We regret that an error occurred in the printing of the Vic.-Tas. section of Ministries of Our Women in last week's issue. Miss Enniss and Ken Sheriff were listed under bereavements. Their names, together with those of Mrs. Freemantle, Mr. and Mrs. Myerscough and Mrs. Bailey should have been printed as among those "ill." We apologise for the error and omission, and for any distress and embarrassment to the people and relatives concerned.

Sessions of the 88th Annual Conference of Churches of Christ in South Australia are now being held (Sept. 4-11), centred on the theme, "Discovering Truth Together." C. E. Curtis is President, and main guest speaker is E. L. Williams, M.A., who is addressing four gatherings of Conference, including the Conference Sermon session, which is this year being held in the Thebarton Town Hall on Sept. 9. Harold Gross, newly-appointed Associate Director of the Federal Board of Christian Education, is planned to address the women's session. A. F. Cant, B.Ed., is devotional leader for the Conference.

Doug. Nicholls, M.B.E., of the Fitz-roy (Vic.) Mission, an outstanding worker for his own Aboriginal people and a highly respected Christian leader, has been honored in Victoria by his selection as the Father of the Year. We are happy to add our congratulations to the many Mr. Nicholls has already received from many representative sections of the community.

Aubrey L. Jackel, Wangaratta church, Vic., has again been elected to that City's Council and to the office of Mayor for the fourth successive time, an all-time record.

On Sept. 18, the Tyndale Fellowship of Australia holds its second Public Meeting. Dr. David Merritt (Templestowe Presbyterian Church) will speak on the subject, Theological Issues in Contemporary Religious Education. The meeting will be held at the Pharmacy College, 381 Royal-pde., Parkville, Vic., commencing at 8 o'clock. Ministers and theological students will be welcome.

Arthur Frost, Sec., Federal Dept. of Men's Work, has advised us of the progress being made by men of the various States in the appeal for funds to provide a Land Rover for the New

Guinea Mission. First State to reach its quota is New South Wales — in fact, with a total of £255/6/3, it has exceeded its quota of £250. To date, donations received from other States are: South Aust., £120; A.C.T., £25; Victoria, £11. Mr. Frost adds the comment, "This total of £411/6/3 is very encouraging, as all the States were unable to commence this appeal together, and some campaigns have yet to conclude."

At Hobart, Tas.. church meetings, conducted by local brethren, have been appreciated and (particularly the morning services) well attended. The church congratulates B. J. Golder on his re-appointment for the ninth year in succession as president of the Hobart City Mission. It also desires to express its sympathy with Mrs. B. Holt, Federal President of the Women's Conference, in the loss of her husband, and trusts that she and her family will feel the nearness of God in this time of bereavement.

Our Federal Overseas Mission Secretary, R. McLean, has received the following telegram from B. V. Coventry, announcing the purchase of land for the work in Bombay: "Bhonsle, Hivale, sailed Sunday, Land deposit paid today. Different location from last time, but site excellent; price lower." As we await fuller information, we rejoice with those who, after so many frustrations and disappointments, have been able to finalise a satisfactory arrangement.

Methodist churches in Italy and Nigeria have been granted autonomy from their parent body, the Methodist General Conference of Great Britain. At its annual meeting the British Conference voted to give the two groups complete independence while maintaining strong ties with them in Mission and other areas. The Conference also received a petition for independence from the Ceylon Methodist District, and authorised that steps be taken to grant the request.

F. E. Langford, minister at Bordertown, S.A., has accepted a call to Belmont, Vic., where he will commence a ministry in Feb., 1963.

The only presentations by Churches of Christ men on ABC radio or TV during September are by George Smith (Daily Devotional, W.A. only, Sept. 4) and the re-screening of C. G. Taylor's TV talk, If God Be God, 10.30 p.m., Sept. 16, ABN2. Church services over commercial radio will also be featured in the various States.

Kenya Youth Rally

Doors had to be locked at Nairobi's City Hall recently after more than 1,300 Christian youth had crowded in to attend a rally entitled, Kenya Tomorrow — A Challenge to Youth, which was addressed by the Bishop of Masasi, Trevor Huddleston, and the general secretary of the Kenya Federation of Labor, Peter Kibisu.

The object of the rally was to awaken the Christian youth of Kenya to its responsibilities at a time when the country is going into independence, and to urge Christians to participate fully in the life of the country, bringing a Christian influence to bear, instead of holding themselves aloof as a tight, select community.

Bishop Huddleston, who, on his arrival in East Africa, had been baited by reporters who had done their best to persuade him to expand on his opposition to the South African apartheid policy, which has made him a world famous figure, touched on South Africa briefly during his address. He said apartheid was "an evil, condemned thing" and thanked God that he was called during his years in the Union to a share in the fight in which the Church had inevitably engaged against a doctrine which is fundamentally anti-Christian.

Referring to the position in independent Tanganyika, Bishop Huddleston pointed out that Christian efforts there, and in other East African territories for that matter, were needed just as much after independence as under colonial rule.

He said there was a tremendous opportunity for Christians to channel the power of nationalism into constructive effort, and urged Christians to go out into society with this end in view.

Mr. Kibisu pointed out that it was the churches and not the government which built the first schools in Kenya, and said the contribution the churches could continue to make in the building of the country was great. He believed the churches should be instrumental in applying themselves to producing and influencing leaders of society, and he believed that in Kenya, as in other lands, Christian teaching and the general practice of the churches must move as rapidly as anything else.

Reports said that follow-up questionnaires, which were distributed to the youth rally audience, are being returned to the offices of the Kenya Christian Council in sufficient numbers to indicate that one of the effects of the rally will be to bring about the revival of Christian activity among the youth of Kenya—E.P.S., Geneva.

OUR FAMILY PAGE



Respect Your Teenagers

The middle-aged woman elevated her nose and made a noise. She had just been grazed by a door left swinging by a teenage boy. She griped loudly, "Well! I guess respect has gone out of style!"

Her complaint will be echoed by many of us. It expresses our querulous dissatisfaction with our relationships with young people. We criticise teenagers for being rude and disrespectful. They dismiss us as "out of it." We are told by sociologists that mutual respect can close the gap between us and the teenagers. But what is mutual respect? How is mutual respect achieved?

Among synonyms for the word respect are regard, consideration, notice, recognition, politeness, courtesy, and attention. Do we accord such respect to our young people? If not, how can we expect reciprocal respect?

Would the woman whose nose and noise joined in complaint have disapproved so loudly had the offender been another adult? It would largely depend on whether or not she regarded the other adult as a peer, a person worthy of respect.

This sort of thing happens frequently. For instance, if a well-regarded friend came to this woman's house for a party dressed in a wrinkled blouse and a stained skirt, the hostess would overlook these lapses in grooming and introduce the friend to others present without comment. However, if her teenage son came home dishevelled from a long, hard football practice while she was entertaining, she would think nothing of saying within the hearing of everyone, "Billy, you're a mess! You go right upstairs and wash your face!" It would never occur to her that Bill is as embarrassed by such treatment as her friend would be if she told her, "Alice, you look frightful! Go home and change your clothes immediately!"

We often make second-class citizens of our teenagers. We forget the teaching of our Lord that children and young people are persons who

are valuable in God's sight. Even though they are immature, they may enter into personal relationship with God on the level of their development. As persons in whom God's Spirit dwells and through whom God works, we must permit God to relate to teenagers in and through us. We

spirit dwells and through whom God works, we must permit God to relate to teenagers in and through us. We must ourselves accept teenagers as persons and relate to them as individuals worthy of respect and attention.

In Ephesians, Paul counsels, "Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger; but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord." And in Colossians, Paul advises, "Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged." Paul felt that children and young people deserved respect. They were to be treated as persons, not as slaves.

God holds us accountable for the stewardship of our children. We receive them as a sacred trust. We are expected to care for them, nurture, and guide them toward fulfilment. The most precious thing we can give them is a feeling of worth in the eyes of God and their fellow human beings. This feeling of worth is impossible without respect.

How many of us have failed to consider the feelings of the young, seeming to feel that respect can be a one-way street? How often have we laughed at our teenagers' dreams and ambitions, refusing to take them seriously? Their dreams have as much right to serious consideration as ours do. Perhaps their ambitions have more right to consideration because their youth makes them more vulnerable to hurt.

Mary Kay was aglow about Dave and told her mother, confident of her understanding. The girl was shattered when she came home from school and overheard her mother laughing with the woman next door about "Mary Kay's puppy love." Ironically enough, Mary Kay's mother interpreted her daughter's subsequent refusal to share confidences as a lack of respect.

And is not the belittling of a teenager's ambition a lack of respect? Roger, who wanted to be a doctor, became uncommunicative to the point of rudeness as a defence against his parents' warnings that "You'll never make it. Why can't you be more realistic?" Every individual has a right to his own aspirations. Recognising this is a part of respect.

It is all too easy to fall under the misapprehension that our children and their friends are puppets who cannot move unless we pull the strings. We would do well to consider the words of the Lebanese poet, Kahlil Gibran, who tells us that we may give our children our love, but not our thoughts, for they have their own thoughts. Gibran strikes a mighty blow for the dignity of the young when he tells us that we may house their bodies, but not their souls, which dwell in the house of tomorrow. He advises us to be the stable bows that send forth our children as living arrows. There is no defence for puppetry in his ringing words.—Hearthstone.

Jeenagers and Religion

Figures gathered in Great Britain in recent years show that more than one in three teenagers either denies or doubts the existence of God. For two teenagers out of five, Jesus Christ has little or no meaning. Relatively few of those who profess faith in God or Jesus Christ feel it necessary to worship in church or chapel. (In the country as a whole, 17 out of every 20 people assert that a person can be a Christian without going to church.)

Few young people look to religion for the solution of present day problems, and politics and economic security are held to be more important than religion; though it is interesting to note that as many as 46 per cent. believe that religion could answer today's problems. It could — but it doesn't.

The question is raised — Whether there is any evidence that as children grow older their church-going will increase. Statistics suggest otherwise. Once the habit of churchgoing is broken it is seldom resumed. Only one in 60 of the present day church-goers was formerly a non-church-goer.

Of the teenagers who attended church regularly, one in four abandoned the practice on reaching adult life, and a further one in three went to church less often. 14 per cent. of those who attended church as children don't go now: 20 per cent. who carried the practice into adult life have since stopped, and 26 per cent. go less frequently than of old.

What are the dangerous ages? Of those who used to go to church 36 per cent. stopped before reaching the age of 15. 23 per cent. fell by the wayside in the years from 16 to 20.

—G. J. Hammond.

Mothers agree that the hardest meal to get is breakfast in bed.



Discipleship

Dorothy King, Deloras Martin. Goolwa, S.A.

Mrs. G. Evans, Shepperton-rd., W.A. Maxine O'Keefe, V. Hateley, Margaret-st., Launceston, Tas.

F. Eirnsiedel, Ivanhoe, Vic. Sandra Creed, Wangaratta, Vic. Miss J. Prideaux, Northcote, Vic. E. Prout, Ormond, Vic.

Membership

Mrs. R. Hodgson, Rockdale to Epping, N.S.W.

Mrs. Martin, Northcote to Ivanhoe, Vic.

Mrs. J. Mitchell, W. Simcock, to Shepperton-rd., W.A.

T. Norton, St. Kilda to Ormond,

Marriage

Beverley Ceasar to Brian Lowne, Earlwood, N.S.W.

Lorna Joseph to Ken Crawford, Margaret-st., Launceston, Tas.

Fallen Asleep

David Reed, Goolwa, S.A.

AUST. CAPITAL TERRITORY

Canberra (G. R. Stirling, B.A.). -Successful C.W.F. birthday celebrations. Dr. H. K. Moulton (Bible Society, London) preacher at p.m. service, Aug. 5. Church host for Inter-Church Fellowship 6th, with Dr. Reg. Walker (Sydney) speaking on ministry of healing. Film, Time and Eternity, screened after p.m. service, 19th. Class for Sunday morning readers, 22nd. Attendances at Sunday services during Aug, averaged: 188 a.m.; 104 p.m.; 169 communion. Offerings 20 per cent higher since July stewardship campaign.

TASMANIA

Margaret-st., Launceston (C. J. Robinson). - August averages: a.m., 146; p.m., 94; communed, 137. C.W.F. held all-day sewing session when new curtains for school hall were made and Christmas parcels for Mission stations packed. By special request, C.W.E.F. presented their Family Album programme, thereby raising £15 for C.W.F. projects; they also held Tupper ware party. Annual midwinter tea for B.S. scholars, 18th. Minister visited Hobart, 19th, and in his absence services were conducted by S. Cooper and G. J. Foot, M.L.C. C.Y.F. enjoyed Film Critics evening. They are now planning work nights to paint and renovate school hall. Good attendance of men at C.M.S. meeting, when K. von Stieglitz spoke on early Tasmanian history. Mrs. Wells in hospital.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Narembeen. - Church saddened at leaving of D. Holliday, but praise God for his ministry over past 18 months. John Fabry has also left, and is thanked for his service as treas. Annual business meeting, Aug. 2, elected: sec., C. Hooper; treas., C. Smith, who was also thanked for his past years of faithful service as sec. Mr. Mellsop, D. W. Tonkin (Merredin) and B. Mason have preached at

Shepperton Road (W. H. Greenwood).-Despite much sickness, attendances have maintained average. Married lady recently baptised. Minister conducting Inner Mission series, Channels of Power, at morning services, which are proving helpful to church. Four prayer groups active. G.L.B. Company and Cadets formed. C.M.S. rostered for wood cutting, sale of which goes to church funds. Many deserving families helped with winter fuel supplies. Ministers from other communions visited C.Y.F. to present main beliefs of their churches. C.W.F. visited by Women's Supt. of Aborigines Committee. Basketball teams held church parade, 12th.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Bexley North (E. T. Hart). - More than 70 Y.P. enjoyed barbecue at home of Mr. and Mrs. Aldred. Refreshments were on sale and girls' basket-

ball funds netted £7. Two additions to membership, one through confession and baptism and one by transfer. C.M.S. bowls teams very active.

Epping (H. M. Long). -- Final cottage prayer meeting held Aug 17, prior to commencement of mission with F. C. Hunting (Ballarat, Vic.). Church was stirred and challenged by messages in mission week, 19th to 26th. Attendances averaged 66 weeknights, in spite of cold weather. Prayer held at 7.45 each morning in chapel. Mr. Hunting spoke at Telopea and Epping, both Sunday morning services, also addressed C.W.F., attended Telopea Boys' Brigade and spoke at C.E.

Earlwood (G. Sloman). — Minister resumed 26th, restored to normal health. P. E. Thomas was speaker a.m. August youth rally great success, compered by G. Hudson. Thanks to M. Bedwell (instrumental), "B.J.'s" and Boys' Quartet, Bob Davidson and Grace Dickens (instrumental), Miss Hughes (soloist) and David Cook for lighting effects. Message from guest speaker, David Surtees. C.W.F. met, 22nd, when gifts for Mission box were received.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Ascot Park (R. H. Sercombe). Good attendance a.m., Aug. 26; K. A. Jones (C.O.B.) spoke in interests of College. Senior girls' basketball team won E Grade premiership. Church's three month campaign for church attendance commenced Sept. 2. Visitation has been conducted by teams to church members, friends and parents of B.S. scholars, in following up previous letters sent out.

Barmera. - All auxiliaries having good meetings. Ladies' Guild had, as guest speaker, Aug. 14, Mrs. O. Clark (Loxton). Ladies have purchased a "temporary home" from S.A. Housing Trust for auxiliary purposes. Newly formed C.Y.F. having good meetings, with 14 members. Progressive supper held 16th. Annual church business meeting held July. Church appreciates preaching services of Berri and local men. Full-time ministry with T. Lawrie eagerly awaited.

Murray Bridge (H. Cave). - Local Red Cross ladies attended morning service for Red Cross Day. Film, The Way Out, screened p.m. Gifts from women for Carnarvon were displayed. C.W.E.F. held happy social; 25 present.

Grote-st., Adelaide, (L. E. Jones, B.A., B.D.). — Good attendances and increased membership gratifying. Four Y.P. baptised into Christ, Aug. 19. At recent morning service K. A. Jones (Sec., C.O.B.) was guest speaker C.W.F. held monthly meeting with G. Western (Heart Campaign) guest speaker. Work of C.Y.F. continues to please. At last meeting a tape recording of recent church telecast was replayed. Mrs. Joy is active again after illness. Monthly parade of all sporting groups of church, 26th.

Goolwa (R. W. Saunders).—Church saddened in passing of oldest member, David Reed. Minister conducted baptismal service, Aug. 26, when two young women followed their Lord in baptism. Visit from Miss Ludwig (missionary from Ghana) at prayer fellowship, 24th, appreciated. Three donations recently given by two members toward cost of new building amounted to £650.

VICTORIA

Belmont (M. D. Hamilton).—C.W.F. had fruit juice demonstration, Aug. 1. On 3rd, church members enjoyed slides, which the Dobsons showed of their trip to Central and Northern Australia. Y.P. organised snow trip, 11th. Church represented at H.M. prayer rally at Latrobe-terr, 15th. C.W.E.F. visited Brinton's carpet factory. C.W.F. had fashion fabrics and Manchester demonstration. Good Companion and Explorer clubs held a fathers' night on 30th. Cricket club formed and team will play in Geelong Protestant Churches Assoc.

Malvern (G. J. Crossman).—Averages for Aug.: B.B., 69; evening service, 42. On 19th, B.S. had tea at Mrs. Pfeifer's home and went on to auxiliary service in evening. Soloists, Heather Cook and Iris Winstone. Explorers having good attendances. Visitors have been welcomed.

Parkdale (P. Perry). — Temple Day Aug. 12. Ladies' monthly Snowball meeting held in home of Mrs. Coleman, when Mesd. Geyer and K. Jones told of interesting sidelights concerning the College of the Bible. B.S. aux. held social evening, 25th, at which Miss H. Gilmour showed colored slides of her recent visit to Japan and Hong Kong. C.M.S. held meeting at manse. Members making toys to stock their stall at all-day fair. Worship service is held first Sunday of each month in B.S. hall at East Parkdale at 10.45 a.m.

Wangaratta (A. E. Stevens). — B.S. concert, Aug. 24, enjoyed by packed house and, with sweet stall, will realise good sum for prizegiving. Youth Fellowship hope to contribute to Mission funds from harvest of potatoes

planted on the Johns' property at Glenrowan. Young woman member adopted for ensuing year. Chapel of Youth Fellowship baptised 26th.

Blackburn (R. V. Amos). — Garden party, Aug. 4, organised by C.W.E.F., raised over £100 towards Building Fund. Prin. E. L. Williams speaker a.m., 5th. 300 people present at C.Y.F. anniversary evening, 19th. Cabaret birthday party held by C.W.E.F., 20th, had large attendance, including many ladies from sister churches. H. Steele has completed interim ministry at Balwyn. C.M.S. meeting, 27th, visited by men from Mitcham, East Burwood and North Blackburn Baptists, latter group providing programme.

Caulfield (R. C. Dixon). — L. E. Brooker has concluded lively fortnight of Happy Hours for children; av. attendance 95. 50 from 40 homes have never attended a B.S. and are now being visited. C.E. conducted service Aug. 19, and a young man gave testimony. Meeting was well attended, as also was tea that preceded it. Helen Lees elected captain of interstate basketball team. P.B.P. entered grand final of basketball.

Collingwood (S. Wilkerson). — C.E. visited South Yarra society, also ice-skating rink. Front vestry repainted, working bees continue. B.S. held "Esso" film night, Aug. 4, and raised over £7 toward church projector. Soloist at church parade p.m., 5th, was Mrs. B. Madden. Many on sick list; ladies helping with visitation. Sympathy extended to Mrs. F. Tolson in loss of husband. Lady welcomed into fellowship, 19th. Good Companions attended special services Northcote, 17th. Y.P. conducted social evening at home of Mrs. B. Haylock, 24th, raising £3/5/- toward Thanksgiving Day. Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. J. Mackley for donation of illuminated sign at front of chapel. Visitors, 26th, were Mr. and Mrs. Missen, W.A.

Hartwell (K. J. Clinton, B.A., B.D., Dip.R.Ed.).—New concrete paths round chapel and brick fence erected. Youth auxiliaries active during winter; C.Y.F. visited Guest Homes and have had sing-songs after church on Sunday evenings. Guest soloists have been Mesd. Gove and Quaife, Misses H. Walker and V. Barnden. Sympathy of church expressed to Mrs. McGregor and Carroll family in bereavements. Film, What Price Freedom, screened 26th. Social Service offering, £31/14/-. Church congratulates Mrs. Roach on reaching age of 90.

Ivanhoe (H. W. Street). — August was Loyalty Month, with visiting speakers E. L. Williams and J. Manallack. C. G. Taylor (Conf. Pres.) spoke at 45th anniversary service, 26th. Loyalty dinner, 21st, with 146 present. Items from Ambassadors Quartet much enjoyed. Budget, as

presented by F. Chipperfield, was adopted for ensuing year. Chapel filled to capacity for anniversary services, two of the foundation members being present. Y.P. rally led by Ian Garth and Graham Smith, held in afternoon. Church has purchased bus for transporting B.S. scholars. Three tennis teams have reached finals. Mr. Fallon progressing after surgery. Cricket team being formed for summer season.

Northcote (A. B. Withers). — During past month W. T. Atkin (Social Service Dept.) spoke prior to Social Service offering. Christian Education Dept. Flying Squad took charge of an evening service and engaged in conversation with Y.P. at after-church gathering. A young lady baptised. C.W.E.F. visited Cakleigh Guest Home, entertained residents and provided supper. Miss I. Groves (missionary-elect, India) present a.m., Aug. 26.

North Williamstown (R. C. Bust).—Sickness still very prevalent. Mrs. Shaw and Mrs. Firth hospitalised. Maureen Jeremiah welcomed back after lengthy illness. Girls' A grade basketball team selected to represent district churches in Metropolitan Affiliated Clubs' comp. C. Dorgan elected sec. C.M.S. Essendon C.W.E.F. conducted surprise night at C.W.F., Aug. 29. Church half-yearly business meeting furthered plans for new hall project. Men engaged in renovating interior of chapel.

Preston (G. W. Barnett). — A.m. service, Aug. 12, attended by Mayor and Mayoress of Preston. Cr. Gayther (Mayor) speaker. Special features Education Sunday, Aug. 19, were attendance Preston East Technical School, choir rendering items p.m. service, at which W. Andrew, V.F.L. umpire, gave gospel address. C.M.S. journeyed to home of pres., D. MacDonald, at Greensborough, 26th, when a message by C. Young (Hospital Chaplain) was enjoyed. Mr. Young also conducted gospel service, at which two B.S. scholars were baptised.

Carnegie (L. G. Chapman - int.) .-Services well attended, and avge. 150. Married lady and a young man have made decisions. Interim ministry appreciated. On Aug. 24, special evening was arranged to honor Mrs. W. Manning, who has served church for 50 years, and Mr. Manning, who will shortly complete 50 years. 130 present and past members attended. W.R. Hibburt was chairman and spoke of work done by Mr. and Mrs. Man-ning, Mrs. Stafford spoke on behalf of Women's Conference; Mrs. Shepperd and A. Briggs were soloists; A. Mudge spoke on behalf of church and presented them with two fireside chairs. After-church fellowship, 26th, conducted by G. Galbraith in home of Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson.

Fifty Years Ago

From "The Australian Christian" of Sept. 5, 1912. Editor: F. G. Dunn.

The Editor in Adelaide. - The editor is now in Adelaide, attending the Conference meetings there. It was a pleasure to meet again old and tried workers like T. J. Gore, D. A. Ewers, G. T. Walden, H. D. Smith. and the younger generation of stalwarts, represented by J. E. Thomas, H. J. Horsell, S. G. Griffith, I. A. Paternoster, W. C. Brooker and others. It was a pleasure, too, to be present at the closing meetings of the Scoville mission, which reports a total of 807 decisions. The editor had only to close his eyes to imagine he was back in the Hippodrome at Melbourne.

New College Building. - The new building at the College of the Bible, Glen Iris, Melbourne, will be formally opened on Saturday afternoon, Sept. 14, at 3.45 p.m. Prominent

F.M. Sec. to Visit India. - The F.M. Committee has decided that during September and October the Secretary of the Committee will pay a brief visit to our Mission stations at Baramati, Diksal and Harda, India. For about ten years our F.M. Committee has been conducting a growing work in the Baramati district. No representative of the Committee has ever officially visited the station there, although requested to do so by the missionaries. Such a visit is imperative in the plans for new work, the discussion of the present work, and the wisest administration of all that is now in hand. T. B. Fischer's visit will mark a new era in our F.M. enterprise.

Message from the Mallee, Vic. -G. B. Moysey writes: "One of the discomforts in the winter working of this wide district is the execrable roads. A Wellington man is said to be known anywhere in N.Z. by the way in which, through force of habit, in his wind-blown city, he grabs his hat on turning a street corner; and an analogous legend may account for a peculiarity alleged by some to adhere to the man in the Mallee. The peculiarity is that he never kicks a hat seen lying on any of the oft recurring quagmires in the roads. The legend is this: Once upon a time a man picked up a hat, or, rather, kicked it, and a man's head was discovered just above the mud. On being dug out the man, as soon as he could get the mud out of his mouth. said, 'Dig deeper, there's a wagon and four horses down below!' So since that day the man in the Mallee always tenderly lifts up the hat to see what's under it."

2nd TERMINAL EXAMINATIONS

Honors List

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New Testament: I. Allsop, D. Andrews, C. Dredge, W. Gaunson, G. Lawrie, R. Lawton, T. Mason, A. Page, B. Wells: 19 others passed.

N.T. Greek I.: I. Allsop, C. Dredge, W. Gaunson, G. Lawrie, R. Lawton; 5 others passed.

N.T. Greek II.: D. Andrews, C. Heier, T. Mason, K. Pitt, G. Setsman; 4 others passed.

N.T. Greek III.: K. Bowes, G. Carslake, K. Edwards, T. Lawrie, B. Ricketts, A. Storay; 8 others passed.

Old Testament: D. Andrews, B. Dowsett, C. Dredge, W. Gaunson, T. Mason, B. Wells: 21 others passed.

Religious Education: D. Andrews, B. Dowsett, T. Mason, B. Wells; 7 others passed.

Comparative Religion: G. Carslake, A. Matheson, B. Ricketts, R. Sidler, K. Turner, B. White, K. Mason; 6 others passed.

Homiletics I.: C. Dredge, W. Gaunson, R. Lawton, G. Lawrie; 11 others passed.

Homiletics II.: D. Andrews, B. Dowsett, G. Harrison, T. Mason, G. Setsman, B. Wells; 4 others passed.

Homiletics III.: G. Carslake, M. Giezendanner, A. Matheson, T. Morrison, F. Rees, B. Ricketts, A. Storay, R. Sidler, K. Turner, B. White; 2 others passed.

Apologetics: K. Bowes, G. Carslake, K. Edwards, A. Matheson, B. Ricketts, B. White; 6 others passed.

Practical Church Work I.: M. Drake. C. Dredge, W. Gaunson, R. Lawton, G. Lawrie, J. Paver; 11 others passed.

Practical Church Work II.: M. Giezendanner, K. Mason, A. Matheson, B. Ricketts, B. White; 7 others passed.

Church History I.: C. Dredge, W. Gaunson, R. Lawton; 12 others passed.

Church History II.: D. Andrews, G. Harrison, T. Mason, A. Page, B. Wells; 4 others passed.

Doctrine: P. Andrews, G. Carslake, K. Mason, A. Matheson; 10 others

Ethics: K. Bowes, G. Carslake, M. Giezendanner, A. Matheson, B. White; 6 others passed .- E. L. Williams.

OPEN FORUM

"THE CRUCIBLE EXPERIENCE"
I have just read Provocative Pamphlet No. 89, The Crucible Experience, by our retired and highly respected W. R. Hibburt, who has once again presented some challenging thoughts for the ongoing of our movement. In thanking him for it may I express the

Maryborough (R. Pritchard). Ladies' Aid annual fair, Aug. 2, raised approx. £90. Choir travelled to Brim, 12th, to help in services, with special singing at church anniversary. W.M.B. forwarded parcel of clothes, etc., to Aboriginal appeal, also 3 doz. handknitted singlets to Dorcas Society. Members enjoyed fellowship at Conference at Sutton Grange. On 26th, Prin. E. L. Williams, M.A., was a.m. speaker; also guest speaker at com-bined service held at Presbyterian church, in connection with Wattle and Wool Festival. At evening service, Good Companions presented The Light and the Life, the message being presented by L. King, District Inspector of Schools. Mr. Baxter has joined B.S. as asst.-supt. and Mrs. Baxter is assisting in primary dept. Mr. McCallum still in hospital; Mr. Branton. Mrs. Stephens, Mrs. Young out of hospital.

Ormond (R. C. McKenzie, B.A.).-P.B.P. winners of Handcrafts and K.S.P. 3rd in Arts and Crafts sections of Phi competitions. Church saddened by death of Mrs. Evans. C.E. distributed fruit and flowers at Caulfield Convalescent Home, Aug. 5. Basket tea held at which P. Daniels (Adelaide Baptist) spoke on Up-to-Date Publicity in Church Work. Mr. and Mrs. L. Stewart duettists at p.m. service. After-church sing-song conducted by L. Stewart. Minister and R. Alabaster attended World C.E. Convention in Sydney. Speakers have been L. Chapman, J. Dow, F. Combridge, D. Smith. C.W.F. entertained residents of W. H. Clay Hospital, 21st. C.W.E.F. held meeting in a member's home, 27th; av. attendance of this group, 40. Dr. Macauley spoke at monthly C.M.S. meeting. C.Y.F. had Sis. O. Keillor give illustrated talk on overseas trip and talk on nursing.

Doncaster (C. G. Taylor - B. J. Ricketts). - Asst. minister addressed all recent meetings, with exception of a.m., Aug. 26, when J. Wise (C.O.B.) was guest speaker. Men's Fellowship enjoyed bowls night, 9th. C.W.E.F. elected Mrs. A. M. McNicol pres. for third successive year; Mesd. V. Curtis and K. Crouch, vice-pres.; Mrs. G. Coon, sec. Doncaster State School service held in chapel, 21st, as Education Week feature; conducted by local ministers. 52 attended annual Youth Camp, Aug. 24-26, with Mr. and Mrs. H. Read as Camp Father and Mother, and six study leaders; R. V. Longthorp (Assoc. Youth Director) visited camp Sat. night. Discipleship classes being conducted by ministers.

W.C.W.F. PRAYER

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hope that many of our Boards of Officers will take his suggestions for the future to heart, and sincerely try to enter more and more into fellowship and worship with other Christians, thus moving closer to our desired unity. We shall never see it if we stand apart.—W. A. Thompson, Boronia, Vic.

FAMILY EDUCATION.

In the very fine article written by A. C. Caldicott in the Christian (24/6/62), mention was made of family education.

This article stresses the need to change in some or most churches the present set-up of separate organisations, between Sunday School and church — leaving little or no education for the adult and all for the children; renaming the Sunday School to Church School and bringing all authority and finance under one Board.

This, to my way of thinking, would help make the words of P. H. Welshimer a reality: "The Bible School is the evangelistic and educational arm of the church," the Bible being the authority for the teachings of the church.

In closing, I realise that the teaching of the young people is important, but that alone will not help to bind a family together in spiritual unity.—Jack A. Whitten, Glen Waverley, Vic.

DEATHS

FILES. — On Aug. 22, at Princess Alexandria Hospital, Brisbane, Qld., George, beloved husband of May, father of Bob and Ailsa, brother of Jack.

GRIFFIN. — On Aug. 23, Decima Alberta, the last member of the family of Albert and Isabella Griffin, and the dearly loved aunt of Annie, Edith (dec.), Florence, Edward (dec.), Mabel and Emily.

PETRIE. — On Aug. 27, Frank Ernest, 124 Eglinton-st., Moonee Ponds, Vic., dearly beloved husband of Nell, loved father of Donald and Kevin, fond father-in-law of Valda and Marlee, loved pop of Robert, Geoffrey, Neville and Margaret, Dennis, John, Helen, Stephen and Grant. So dearly loved. "In God's care."

MITCHELL, Jean.—Treasured memories for all time of a wonderful friend, especially the years we shared together in nursing training. My pal, Jean, called Home, Aug. 13, 1962.

— Inserted by Betty Ryall.

IN MEMORIAM

PRYOR. — In loving memory of my beloved husband, Edward John, loved father and grandfather, who was called Home, Sept. 7, 1952. "Till we meet again."

Coming Events

CARLTON (Lygon-st.), Vic., BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY, Sept. 23. 3 p.m., Sister Dawn Martin; 7 p.m., D. Beasy. Song leader, Roger Ratten. Come and enjoy the fellowship of this special day.

OAKLEIGH CHURCH (Vic.). Past members and friends are invited to share in the 46th Church Anniversary Services, Sunday, Sept. 23, 1962. 11 a.m., C. G. Taylor, B.A. (Conf. Pres.); 3 p.m., P.S.A.; 4.45 p.m., Fellowship Tea; 7 p.m., E. J. Miles. For hospitality contact church sec., A. A. Brown, 35 Andrew-st., Oakleigh. Phone 57-3215.

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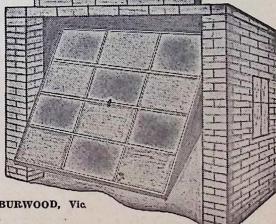
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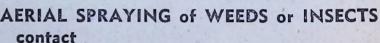
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OBITUARY

George Henry Mauger.

On Aug. 13, at the age of 77 years, George Mauger passed to be with his Lord after 62 years of Christian living and dedicated service. Quiet and unassuming, he was ever ready to undertake any service he was able to render, and Norwood (S.A.) church owed much to him over very many years. As a young man he served as B.S. teacher and secretary. He shared with other young men of Norwood Bible Class in commencing gospel services in a Lodge hall at Maylands, and in a delicensed hotel at North Walkerville. Out of these beginnings grew the now flourishing churches of Maylands and Nailsworth. Mr. Mauger was an enthusiastic Christian Endeavorer, and took an active part in District and State C.E. work, serving in these spheres as secretary. He was an officer of Norwood, and for seventeen years efficiently carried out duty as secretary in the years when Norwood church was at its high peak. In recent years distance, and declining strength, necessitated a transfer to Maylands church, where with his wife he continued regular attendance almost to the end. To know him was to highly esteem him, and we are rich in memories, though the poorer for his departure from our midst. As a life-long friend, it was a privilege to share with the minister of Maylands church, D. G. Hammer, in the services at the funeral parlor and the graveside. The loving Christian sympathy of the church at Maylands, and all friends over the years, goes to the wife, his son and daughter, and all other relatives. "In God's care, till the day breaks and shadows flee away."-Albert J. Ingham.

David Reed.

On Monday, Aug. 6, 1962, the oldest member of Goolwa (S.A.) Church of Christ, David Reed, passed away at the age of 90 years, a lovable Christian, giving a remarkable Christian witness. When 86 years of age, Mr. Reed came through a very serious major operation. Making a good recovery, he was regular in attendance at the Lord's Table until a few Sundays before he passed quietly into the presence of his Lord. A carpenter by trade, Mr. Reed gave a constant witness throughout the area, where he was known and loved for his Christian character. Committing his life to Christ 38 years ago, he was a deacon of the church, giving a valuable service, until age compelled him to take life much more quietly. Mr. Reed had a remarkable sense of humor, which he retained throughout his long life. It was the privilege of the writer to visit Mr. Reed each week, during the last few years of his life, and those times spent to-

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gether were a continual joy and an inspiration that will remain a precious memory. Mrs. Reed predeceased her husband 18 years ago. A son, Ronald, was killed in action in World War II. R. W. Saunders, assisted by the writer, conducted a funeral service in the chapel prior to moving out to the graveside at the Currency Creek Cemetery, the service again being conducted by R. W. Saunders. The large number of friends at chapel and graveside revealed the influence of his Christian life. Church expressed sincere sympathy to the daughters, Dorrie, Gwen, Muriel; sons, Jack and William, all members of the church.—A. Neighbour.

George Files.

On Aug. 22, 1962, George Files peacefully passed from this world to be with Christ, whom he loved and served. He came into the church during the Vanham-Morris mission at South Brisbane in 1931, and joined the small group at Stone's Corner, where he faithfully served as treas-urer, and in many helpful ways enriched our meetings. Transferring to Ann-st. in 1943, he continued to meet regularly, and loved to help at the Lord's Table. About three years ago ill health prevented him from church attendance, but as long as he was able he maintained a keen interest in the work. He was a keen sportsman, being both a Rugby League referee and a cricket umpire. He was of a quiet and humble disposition, and a sincere, kind friend to many. Owing to illness, L. G. Read was unable to conduct the funeral services, and J. McCormick sympathetically led the services at the parlor and the Crematorium. To his wife, son and daughter, and their families, and brother Jack and his family, we express our loving sympathy, and pray that the comfort and strength of the Saviour will be with them.—H. J. Wyeth.

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