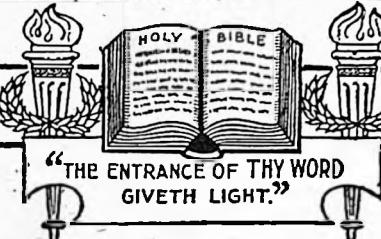


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CHRISTIAN ACTION

THE drift of events within recent months makes the world's future full of peril. General Omar Bradley has warned the United States of America that war is a greater threat to-day than three months back. As Great Britain moves out of Palestine, there is a growing danger of war. At present Europe is the battleground of two systems of thought. While one is hardly Christian, nevertheless it is dependent on Christian ideals for its life. The other great system of thought does claim to give justice and security to the ordinary man, but it is basically materialistic, and is in opposition to Christianity. The ordinary individual is not concerned with the "philosophy" which supports this or that system of government; he is only interested in results. At present, whether it be true or not, the opinion is about that communism does get results; it does change the order of society to the advantage of the man struggling on the bread line. Now this view of communism will not be changed by war or by power politics. As the Prime Minister of Australia declared recently, the only way to meet this materialistic menace is to remove the evil conditions where it breeds. By removing slums, unhealthy factories and fear of unemployment, which the political materialist can instance in his attack upon our democratic society, we deprive that agitator of his following. In Australia communism is a lesser danger than it is in many of the European States. Even in Italy, where the Roman Catholics have been so strong for so many centuries, the large number of voters who could not read what was written on the ballot paper in the recent election is a grave reflection on the state of western civilisation.

The salvation of Europe and of western civilisation depends upon Christian action.

Two often we have been prepared to consider the Christian faith as only right thinking. The type of thinking we have in mind is found in the person who is willing to agree with the current popular views of Christianity, but at the same time does not show the willpower to apply Christian deeds to life.

Perhaps this prevailing notion about the nature of faith is the cause of much of the church's weakness. Faith is more than a mental agreement with certain well-known doctrines. Faith is a full surrender to a life of godly action. Abram's faith sent him on an heroic venture into the unknown. Moses' faith compelled him to give up the vast riches of Egypt and to associate himself with a despised race of slaves. Paul's faith demanded surrender of a high politi-

cal position to serve with the hated Christian. Christian faith is heroic action and noble adventure in God's kingdom. Alexander Campbell aimed to make it clear that faith, as expressed in Christian baptism, raised a man from an old life of indifference to a new life of action. Campbell tried to lift faith from mere emotionalism into vital action.

The modern church needs to present that truth to every member throughout the world. Church life tends to sink to the level of people merely receiving. It ought to rise to the heights of great action. Where churches have grasped at New Testament faith and have expressed themselves in action, they have been revived.

One of the pleasing signs of the time is the rallying of churchmen in united efforts to meet the world situation. In the Albert Hall, London, on April 26, thousands of Christians of many denominations and all political parties crowded the hall to launch a campaign to build up "The Western Union of European Nations on Christian Lines." The aim of the campaign is to give spiritual energy and courage to peoples of the world to face their present difficulties." The Prime Minister of Great Britain said, "There is no more urgent need to-day than reaffirmation of the absolute moral values on which Christian civilisation is based." The rally was organised by a group of Oxford leaders working under the name of "Christian Action." We like the name. We believe we have come to the time when we must have "Christian action" or world failure.

How can we set in motion the great forces which are now lying idle within our own Australian brotherhood? We urge that every church learn again the method of evangelising their districts through well-chosen and trained workers going out to the people, two by two. We have already had a demonstration showing how successful such visitation evangelism can be under Australian conditions. Not only are new members gained, but church members are awakened to a new appreciation of the power of the gospel. Without great expense and within the power of practically every congregation, where thorough preparation has been made by the preacher, many may be added to the church.

This visitation evangelism does not exclude other forms of reaching people in more public ways, but it does open up a new field of service in which hundreds of members may become active soul-winners. By going into the homes of people and presenting Christ's claim to them, we may be able to arrest the drift from the churches and make the church a great power in this day.

Prostrating to Receive a Blessing

"I WITNESSED an interesting but sad religious act; women who have had some disappointment, probably desiring to have children, were measuring their length on the ground as they made their way to the temple. In front of them a young man walked, beating a drum, and walking beside them women relatives carried a tray on which were various things to be offered to the temple priest and to the idol. As they lay outstretched on the ground with their nose and forehead touching the filthy dirt of the roads, they marked with their hands the place where they should next touch with their toes as they again prostrated themselves. All the morning small groups of women filed along in procession manner, prostrating themselves on the ground. From a glance I would say that ages ranged from girls of 16-18 years to middle-aged women. After making their offerings to the priest and the idol, a male member of the family distributed some of the offering to any within the temple compound. These gifts comprised an almond, a few peanuts or a little gul."—B. V. Coventry.

HONG KONG CHURCH

ENCOURAGING letters have been received from the church at Kowloon. Mrs. Jew Hawk, widow of Dr. Jew Hawk, writes with thankfulness concerning some parcels of clothing sent by some of our girls' clubs. She says, "These have been distributed amongst the most needy of the members for their children." Mrs. Jew Hawk's son, Duncan, is at present in America, and from this country has also sent greetings to the Australian churches.

During the past year or so, our Chinese brethren in Melbourne have sent £300 to their Hong Kong brethren, part of which went to help the church and part for food relief.

Our Chinese churches in Melbourne and Sydney are going into the question of engaging a Chinese pastor to help the work in these cities. The need of a worker is felt, especially to encourage young members who are very keen at the present time.

REFRIGERATORS

THE Women's Mission Bands (Victoria) have generously donated £184 for refrigerator for their living link (Sister Foreman), India. Miss Foreman has one on order in India, but it may be some time before it can be supplied as waiting lists are long.

A refrigerator has also been supplied for Mr. and Mrs. J. Smith, Pentecost, from monies donated by generous friends.

Planning as we are for an additional worker for the Islands will mean that adjustments will have to be made regarding housing, and Mr. and Mrs. Finger will need a refrigerator and have asked the board whether one could be sent. Board sanctioned purchase, but no funds are on hand for this purpose. In the past the board had a ready response for needy specials, and would be glad of any gifts for this purpose. It is hoped that the refrigerator for the Finger family will be shipped on the May boat.

The question of a refrigerator in every bungalow has been exercising the mind of the board for some time, and it is likely that further purchases will be made in the near future. Whilst climatic conditions have always made refrigeration desirable, the acute food problems of to-day in both India and the Islands makes it essential.

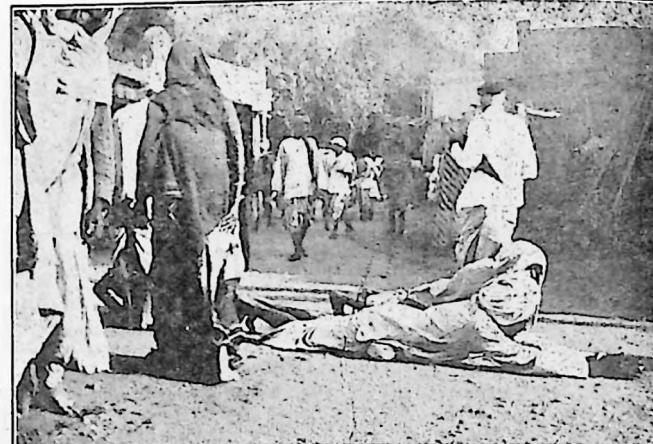
X-RAY APPEAL

DURING recent weeks, no further amounts have been received towards the appeal for £500, which if received will be subsidised pound for pound by the Campbell Edwards Trust. At present the fund remains at under £300, more than £200 left to be raised. The trust have written that they are prepared to make a pro rata payment on the amount already raised, and the offer will be accepted. It would be a calamity, however, if the full total were not raised for this worthy object. The need for this equipment has been felt for years,

but the number of patients increasing every year shows the way in which prejudices have been broken down and people are coming forward for examination and treatment. Dr. Michael is in close touch with the architect regarding buildings, and whilst there is no immediate prospect, he wishes the monies in hand when the order is given to go ahead.

BAPTISMS ON FIELDS

LATEST official report from India tells of Easter baptisms—five baptisms at Shrigonda and eight at Baramati. Of the thirteen, nine are young people from our homes; the remaining four are also young people. Interest in the Christian message is greater than it has been for some time. A better feeling is shown among the different communal groups since the death of Gandhi. It would be a



Devotees measuring their length along the ground. A pilgrimage of this description may be of a few hours' duration or it may take weeks. It is such a common event that people in the street seldom do more than glance at the prostrate figures.

great day for India if this coming "togetherness" were maintained.

ORPHANS CARED FOR

SAMUELRAO MACWANA, one of our Indian teachers, died in January last, leaving a large family. About a year before the passing of Samuelrao he buried his wife.

Provision has had to be made for some of the children, and four of the youngest are now in our homes. These children are orphans indeed, a bleak outlook in any country, but in India a terrible prospect. Our homes make it possible for such to have love and care.

This department is conducted by A. Anderson, secretary of our Overseas Mission Board, 261 Magill-rd., Tranmere, S.A. M.O.'s should be made payable at Adelaide.

Our Young People

REPORTS are being received of successful camps held by various groups at Easter. Twenty-eight young people from Surrey Hills, Vic., camped at Mount Macedon under leadership of Will Newham. The theme, "We Would See Jesus," was dealt with under four headings: 1. "The Meaning of Sacrifice"; 2. "Is the Way of Jesus Easy?"; 3. "Jesus and Fear"; 4. "Discipline that Equips."

Twenty-seven clubs brought 300 Good Companions to the annual swimming night at the Melbourne baths on April 16. The following clubs gained pennants: First Degree: 1, Brunswick; 2, Essendon; 3, Preston. Second Degree: 1, Camberwell; 2, Burnley; 3, Moreland.

The Explorer leaders' refresher course was completed on April 23. All who attended speak highly of the help received. The lectures will be printed and made available to leaders of clubs in country churches.

L. A. Trezise visited Kyneton church on April 18. He reports that a very successful "Fly Your Kite" campaign in the Sunday school resulted in 28 new scholars. At the close of the evening service a girl confessed Christ.

Commencing May 2, many churches and youth groups will be holding special youth services and youth functions. On May 1 the Eastern Suburban Youth Fellowship will hold a squash at Box Hill. Also on May 1 the Explorer Club Auxiliary will hold its annual outdoor sports day at Fawkner Park. Two pennants will be presented, one junior and the other senior. At Wattle Park on the same day the

Central District G.C.C. Council will hold an outing. On May 4 a combined youth rally will be held at Swanston-st. chapel. Two films, one still, the other sound, will be shown. They concern the recent Oslo Conference of Christian Youth. The department suggests that churches make Youth Week a time of fellowship, enlistment and decision.

On Saturday, May 15, the Youth Department is inviting the men of the Christian Men's Society and church officers' groups to have tea at the Waterman Memorial Youth Camp at Monbulk. We trust a large group of men will be able to join in this function.

On May 1 Miss I. Gill commenced a week of service and conference with the church at Shepparton. She will confer on all aspects of youth activity.

The Youth Department is concerned about the clashing of Empire Youth Sunday and Mother's Day on May 9. Co-operation by churches of Christ in Empire youth functions is made doubly difficult by the fact that many Youth Week functions are being held on that day. The department has written to the organisers suggesting that in future Empire Youth Sunday be associated with Empire Day. We feel this action will receive general endorsement by the majority of churches.—B. F. Huntsman.

Tasmanian Conference

THE fifty-second State conference held at Launceston during Easter season was marked by a spirit of earnestness and sincerity of purpose on the part of the large delegation present from all parts of the State, thirteen churches being represented. Conference president, Josiah Park, presided over the business sessions in an efficient manner, and expressions of appreciation of his work as president throughout the year were freely expressed.

Conference opened on Thursday evening with a welcome meeting to delegates and visitors at Invermay chapel. B. J. Golder (vice-president of conference) presided. Greetings were received and read to the meeting, and representatives from all visiting churches responded. Josiah Park delivered his presidential address. Sisters of church at Invermay provided supper.

On Friday morning an Easter service was conducted, and a fine address was given by R. Edmunds on the subject, "For They Breathe Truth." An offering was received for Preachers' Provident Fund.

Business sessions continued throughout Friday and on Saturday morning.

Statistics.—Statistical table showed that there are 16 churches with a membership of 958, an increase of 30 for year. Isolated members total 141. The table also disclosed a weekly attendance of 462 members at the Lord's Table, and 447 attended gospel services. Bible school scholars numbered 537 and 80 teachers, an increase of 71 and 8 respectively for the year.

1949 Conference.—It was decided to hold the next State conference in Hobart at Easter.

Home Missions Report showed progress in several needy fields. P. R. Baker had conducted a mission with the church at Kellevie with benefit to the work there. As mission work in the country districts was impracticable during winter months, Mr. Baker was released by the H.M. Committee for an interim ministry with the church at Collins-st., Hobart, where he labored for five months with outstanding success. The committee hope to retain Mr. Baker's services for further mission work.

H. W. Street had taken up the work on the Peninsula, and is now engaged in a ministry with Highercliff and Nubeena churches.

Reports from home mission fields were presented by the following: S. M. Mead (Dunalley), C. J. Higgs and P. R. Baker (Caveside), H. Byard (Devonport), J. Hindman (Geeveston), H. Knight (Dover), H. W. Street (Highercliff and Nubeena), D. R. Hill (Ulverstone), J. Byard (Mole Creek), F. B. Burtt (Kellevie and West Hobart).

Income for the year was £806/14/-, and a credit balance of £126/15/9 remained.

Overseas Missions Committee Report showed that a good response had been made by the brotherhood. Approximately £500 had been contributed for the year. Annual offering realised £273/17/4, and for Indian Christmas cheer £40/6/9 was received. Women's Mission Bands had donated £16.

Youth Department reported a good year. Bible school scripture examination had been conducted, 85 sitting for the examinations, 72 gaining honors and passes, two Federal awards coming to Tasmania. Youth Week was observed, and a successful Christmas camp was held at Mole Creek. Seven Christian Endeavor societies are in existence amongst the churches. An income in general account of £112/1/7 had been received, with credit balance of £36/1/-. Substantial credits existed in camp and other funds.

Social Service Committee reported a year of progress. "Food for Britain" appeal to churches brought a good response, £110/16/- being received, enabling the committee to forward twelve parcels of foodstuffs each month for past eight months. Dozens of letters of ap-

preciation had been received from recipients. Conference decided that a further appeal for funds be made to the churches.

Prior to the Social Service Rally a large gathering assembled in the school hall to see films displayed by Mr. Colin Orr, of former conference gatherings, brotherhood and church events.

Christian Fellowship Association.—Interest and membership were increasing, present enrolment being 40. Further substantial gains in membership are anticipated.

"Bethany" Committee Report.—"Bethany," the home for boys at Dover, was officially opened in June, 1947. Seven boys from one up to ten years are in residence. Mr. and Mrs. J.

God's plans as revealed in the New Testament. The message of the gospel must be brought to the world through the agency of the church. The offering in cash and promises (including Sisters' Conference gift) amounted to £153.

Overseas missions demonstration on Saturday evening was well attended, and was presided over by the chairman of the committee, B. J. Golder. A letter of greeting from Sister Win Walker, Dhond Hospital, India, was read to the meeting. A timely message entitled "The World, the Church and YOU," was delivered by Stanton H. Wilson. An offering of £123/2/7 was made in cash and promises.

Bible School and Young People's Department held a successful demonstration on Sunday afternoon before a large gathering. The theme, "Youth Speaks," was presented in short addresses by S. Ritchie ("Bible School"), R. Spinks ("C.E. Society"), M. T. Burtt ("Youth Speaks for Youth") and S. H. Wilson ("The Church and Her Youth").

On Monday evening the social service meeting was held, J. Park presiding. A musical programme was presented and the address was delivered by P. R. Baker. Offering in gifts and promises amounted to £40.

On Easter Sunday morning a united communion service held in Margaret-st. chapel was largely attended. The newly-elected conference president, B. J. Golder, presided, and H. W. Street delivered an inspiring Easter address.

Monday morning was devoted to consideration of unfinished business, and the afternoon was spent by delegates, visitors and members of the city churches at a picnic in Cataract Cliff grounds.

Conference meals were served in the school hall and were ably arranged by a group of sisters under leadership of Mrs. H. E. Sulzberger. Visitors at luncheon were Mr. G. T. Inglis, chairman of Tasmanian Methodist District Conference, and Mr. Hilton White, of Tasmanian Baptist Assembly, who brought greetings from these respective bodies.

The musical part of the gatherings was under leadership of T. J. Wilmot (conductor and song leader) and Mrs. M. Stevens (organist), assisted by a combined choir, special musical items being also rendered by other brethren and sisters.

Conference officers were elected as follow: Conference Executive (location, Hobart).—President of conference, B. J. Golder; vice-president, Josiah Park; secretary, A. E. Heard; treasurer, E. Bowes, and F. B. Burtt. J. Boxhall, S. H. Cooper.

Home Missions Committee (location, Launceston).—H. Alderton, H. Clements, R. Edmunds, B. J. Golder, T. Orr, G. Orr, J. Park, E. A. Stevens, H. E. Sulzberger.

Overseas Missions (location Hobart).—Sisters J. Boxhall, R. Heard, Mrs. Kingston, G. Swinton; B. Bradshaw, F. B. Burtt, B. J. Golder, J. Heard, C. Mason.

Temperance and Social Service (location Hobart).—Sisters J. Boxhall, A. Madel-Cole, A. E. Heard; J. Boxhall, A. E. Heard, C. Mason, J. Park, D. Pearsall, B. Bradshaw.

Bethany Committee.—Sisters A. Madel-Cole, W. H. Knight, R. Heard, A. Holland; R. J. Boxhall, A. E. Heard, W. H. Knight, B. J. Golder, J. Park.

Bible School and Young People's Department (location Launceston).—Sisters G. Allen, J. Barton, J. McKenzie; M. T. Burtt, G. J. Foot, J. Harrison, A. Orr, O. C. Potter, S. H. Wilson.

Southern Districts Youth Committee.—Sister P. Vogel; F. B. Burtt, J. Heard, S. M. Mead, H. Street, P. Vogel.

Aborigines (location Launceston).—G. J. (Continued on back page.)



Josiah Park.

Hindman have, despite many difficulties, labored unceasingly at the hostel, and the committee recorded appreciation of a difficult job well done. The presence of Mr. and Mrs. Hindman (superintendent and matron of "Bethany") and five of the boys at conference gatherings created great interest and deepened interest of delegates in the home. Receipts for year totalled £735/4/7, expenditure £731/9/10, which included several non-recurring items. Conference gave much thought and attention to financial and general needs of "Bethany."

Tasmanian committee for the Federal aborigines work reported having received £114 from the Tasmanian churches. Some congregations, however, had forwarded annual offerings direct to the Federal Board.

Other reports presented to conference were the Tasmanian committee of the College of the Bible and the Council of Churches (Tasmanian and World Section). Conference expressed appreciation of the work of the Tasmanian body as revealed in the comprehensive report presented by J. Park.

During conference sessions Mrs. A. Madel-Cole presented a comprehensive and interesting report of her visit as Tasmanian representative to World Conference at Buffalo, U.S.A.

EVENING RALLIES

Home missions night was held on Friday evening in Margaret-st. chapel, which was the venue of conference gatherings. The chairman of the H.M. Committee (T. Orr) presided. Newly-elected conference president, B. J. Golder, of Hobart, was welcomed and introduced by the chairman. Mrs. J. Boxhall, president of Women's State Conference, presented a cheque for £51/10/- for State home missions from sisters of the churches. P. R. Baker delivered an inspiring address, emphasising that this day is not the time for experiments, but to employ

Here and There

Miss A. F. Kennedy, nurse missionary for Aoba, left Melbourne on Monday, May 3, and will leave Sydney for New Hebrides by sea-plane on Wednesday, May 5.

At this period of the year it is difficult to find space for all copy reaching us. We have been compelled to hold a number of obituary notices until next week, several letters for open forum, two important news-letters, and other features are on hand. As soon as opportunity offers we shall insert most of this copy. We appreciate the kindness of our many correspondents who keep us well supplied with news from all Australian States.

W. Gale writes: "The Victorian Ladies' Choir, which has so often given of its splendid talent to aid brotherhood departments, has announced a concert on Tuesday, May 11, at 8 p.m., in Lygon-st. chapel. The entire proceeds will be donated to home missions. The ladies are themselves paying for all printing in connection with the concert so as to make the gift to home missions as large as possible. Leading artists will assist. This is an opportunity to help home missions, to spend an enjoyable night, and by our presence pay tribute to the conductress, our talented and ever obliging conference organist, Miss M. E. Pittman."

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Black, who celebrate their golden wedding on May 11, are well known at Malvern-Caulfield and Glen Iris, Victoria, and at Prospect and Dulwich, South Australia. Mrs. Black is a sister of the late Miss Mary Thompson, who served as a missionary in India, and a sister-in-law of the late H. G. Harward. Mr. and Mrs. Black are spending a few days as the guests of Mrs. Black's brother-in-law, Mr. W. Thompson, at 28 Central Park-nd, East Malvern. Mr. and Mrs. Black have three children—Mr. H. R. Black, of Burwood, Victoria; Mrs. K. R. Evans, of Mount Gambier, S.A.; and Mr. Keith Black, of St. Kilda, Victoria—and four grandchildren.

Services at Prospect, S.A., were continued last week in tent mission with good attendances. Delegations attended from Cowandilla, Dulwich, Long Plains and Maylands churches. Maylands choir assisted with singing on Friday evening, when three young people (Margaret Jenkins, Malcolm Jenkins and Mervyn Tuckfield) took their stand for Christ. A. G. Norris assisted R. Vincent in mission during week. Prayers were offered for recovery of J. E. Brooke. Sympathy is expressed to Mrs. Bonney and S. Terrace in loss of their father. R. Vincent exhorted church on morning of April 25. Good attendance at mission in evening, when H. G. Norris gave an inspiring address. Great interest is taken in mission. Delegations from sister churches are attending. R. Vincent and H. G. Norris continue to give excellent addresses on New Testament Christianity.

Church attendances at Bankstown, N.S.W., have maintained an encouragingly high level over recent weeks. Mr. Moran is laboring in this growing suburb to good effect in proclaiming the gospel. April was set aside as "Loyalty Month" with four themes—"Loyalty to Christ"; "Loyalty to the Church"; "Loyalty to the Commission"; and "Loyalty to Our High Calling." The services have been conducted by several sections of church—elders, deacons, Dorcas, Bible school staff. Perhaps the most inspiring was that conducted in most able manner by young people of Bible school and C.E. As a further improvement to church building, lighting system has been completely renewed with modern fittings. Work of J.C.E. is making gratifying progress, membership having been trebled within a few weeks, under the excellent direction of its leaders. A number of children of Bible school have made the good confession and been baptised. General condition of church is progressive and healthy.

On Apr. 24 a successful Bible school anniversary concert was held at Canley Vale, N.S.W., over 200 attending. Graduation day was held on 25th with suitable ceremony. Due to increased number of small children, a new beginners' department has been formed under Miss G. Swager. Joyce Murphy is now superintendent of kindergarten and Mrs. Le Masuriere of primary. V. Stimson addressed scholars, and two decided for Christ. On 26th, girls' club presented Miss Thomas with a memento in recognition of her work in leading them over the last six months. Mr. Wainwright, from Doonside, was visiting speaker on morning of 25th. At present over 100 children are being contacted by Mr. Saunders in scripture classes in two public schools.



Nurse A. F. Kennedy.

At Ann-st., Brisbane, on afternoon of Apr. 18, approximately 30 members met in convention under chairmanship of H. J. Payne to discuss ways and means of advancing work of church from every possible angle in this jubilee year of church's history. After an interesting discussion tea adjournment followed, then at night a devotional session concluded a successful venture in church activity. C. J. Mackenzie addressed morning meeting on April 19, when visitors included Mesdames E. Jarrett and H. Dunn, of Glen Innes and Inverell, N.S.W., respectively. Representatives of Order of Good Templars were present at gospel meeting, when F. C. Hunting was preacher. Don Risson, of Ipswich church, sang a solo. 157 met at Lord's Table during day. At morning service on April 25, references were made to Anzac Day and appropriate observances incorporated in regular service. F. C. Hunting gave a stirring address. Church enjoyed fellowship with visitors, K. Morris, Frankston, Vic., and Mr. and Mrs. Purnell, N.Z. C. J. Mackenzie addressed evening meeting, when Mrs. G. Gwynne was soloist and a duet was sung by Misses Ruth Roberts and Jean Kingston. Attendance at Lord's Table for day was 173. F. C. Hunting has commenced his fifth year of ministry with church. Members of I.C.E. made and presented a number of illustrated cloth books to church for use of small children during services.

ADDRESSES

A. Hutson (preacher Naracoorte church, S.A.).—Livingstone-st., Naracoorte.

V. Quayle (preacher Boort, Pyramid Hill, Wedderburn and St. Arnaud churches, Vic.).—Reef-st., Wedderburn.

Visitation Evangelism

RESULTS GAINED AT FOOTSCRAY AND EAST KEW, VICTORIA.

C J. K. MARTIN, of Ormond, assisted A. E. Hurren at Footscray in a personal campaign of evangelism. After several teams of visitors had made contacts in homes of people, a decision night was held on May 2. This was also the 70th anniversary of the Footscray church. After J. K. Martin's address eight persons confessed Christ. Others who have been approached are giving serious consideration to Christ's call. Visitors and church are much encouraged. Mr. Hurren is delighted with the success of the effort and considers visitation evangelism a very helpful means of gaining converts for the Master.

EAST KEW

Our correspondent writes: "April 25 commenced a week of evangelical effort in surrounding district. D. D. Stewart, from Thornbury, introduced the campaign by speaking at both services, and at young people's fellowship in afternoon. Eight men were chosen, and they went out in pairs, to selected homes, in the power of the Spirit. People assembled in chapel to pray whilst workers were out; and while they prayed souls were won for Christ. It was evident that God was leading the way; for the workers, although they went in fear and trembling, always seemed to enter a home at the right time, and always had the right words to say. On morning of May 2, W. A. Wigney gave a short report on the campaign, urged all members to attend prayer meeting at 6.30 p.m., and D. D. Stewart gave the address. Thirty-four attended the prayer meeting, and Mr. Stewart preached at gospel service, when five confessed Christ, one re-consecrated himself, one signified his willingness to be baptised, two have indicated by a definite promise they will make a public confession at an early date and four have been revived to take up membership with church again. Thus the church membership will be increased by at least thirteen as a result of the visitation. W. A. Wigney said, 'There is no doubt about the success of this approach to people.'"

VISITS TO NATIVE MISSIONS

THE Federal Aborigines Mission Board is considering the prospects of organising a visit to each of our native mission fields, Carnarvon and Norseman, to enable some Federal Conference visitors to see the fields before returning, should they be able to do so.

Visiting Carnarvon must be by air, and enquiry from MacRobertson Miller Aviation Company shows that a two-day trip would not be possible; but that if visitors were prepared to make a one-day trip, this might be arranged. To charter a plane, 21 travellers would be required. They would need to leave at, say, 5.30 in the morning and return the same night. There would be seven hours' travelling and about seven hours at Carnarvon. The cost would be in the vicinity of £15. The trip would also necessitate another two or three days in Perth waiting the next return train East, but Skymasters leave every night.

To visit Norseman a detour from Coolgardie or Kalgoorlie would require an extra three days, or possibly four, and journeying by the following train East. If the journey is made by train it is a tedious day's journey, seven hours from Coolgardie, but subject to air transport being possible, is only one hour from Kalgoorlie.

Those desiring to visit mission fields, write immediately to Maston Bell, 90 Guildford-nd, Mt. Lawley, W.A.

News of the Churches

Tasmania

West Hobart.—On April 18, church enjoyed fellowship with Misses Estelle and Dorothy Gray, from Footscray, Vic. At gospel service Mrs. G. E. Ashlin was soloist. Speakers at services have been G. E. Ashlin, J. C. Woolley, and S. Cooper, of Collins-st. Attendances at Bible school are very encouraging, with another new scholar on April 26, making four for month. Hughie Street has joined teaching staff.

Western Australia

Palmyra.—Christian Youth Fellowship is growing in numbers, interest and usefulness. Bible school held successful anniversary services on April 18 and 19. Cradle roll children each received a card and their mothers a spray of flowers. Sisters Chadbourne, Watchorn, Rochfort and Nightingale were honored because of faithful work amongst children. Large audiences enjoyed items by kinders and main school, also anthems by school and C.Y.F. chorus under leadership of Mr. Nightingale. S. F. Davey, youth director, gripped interest of all with his helpful addresses. He also met workers at tea, when plans were made to advance youth work. Every child received a prize.

Fremantle.—Mr. and Mrs. Sprigg were received into fellowship by transfer from Carlisle on April 4. Mrs. C. Saggers, who confessed Christ on March 21, was baptised on April 4 and received into fellowship on April 11. A Bible school scholar, Joy Robartson, made the good confession on April 18. Ted Hales, of Dandenong church, Vic., has been present at recent services. Church extends sympathy to relatives and friends of Mrs. Amelia Marsh, a pioneer of over 50 years' membership. She went to be with Christ on Easter Sunday, and her body was interred in Fremantle Cemetery on March 30. J. Gordon was at Northam conducting anniversary services on April 18, Mr. Fieldus and Mr. Hunt conducting local services.

Kalgoorlie.—On March 19 a youth rally was arranged at which Mr. Greenwood was speaker. He also spoke at morning service and conducted gospel service on March 21. Church enjoyed the visit and addresses. Another successful camp was arranged at Lakewood on Easter week-end. 34 attended and several others visited. On Easter Saturday a cricket match was arranged between visitors and camp members. An enjoyable concert was given by camp members in evening. All campers journeyed to Kalgoorlie for gospel service, at which there were six decisions. There were two more decisions following Sunday evening. A girls' club was formed recently under leadership of Mrs. Fewster and Mrs. Beard. Visitors have included Mrs. Bentley (Frankston, Vic.), and Mr. Anstey, cycling evangelist (Sydney, N.S.W.).

South Australia

Nailsworth.—Meetings continue to be well attended, and there are further gains in Bible school. At a well attended meeting on April 23, Miss Mills gave an interesting address, the outcome being a Band of Hope to be put into operation. On April 25 an Anzac address by A. J. Fisher was appreciated by a good attendance.

Murray Bridge.—On April 21, Alexandra district Endeavorers held annual business meeting, election of officers including two Endeavorers of church, N. Kingston being elected president and Miss B. Orchard correspondence secretary. Prayer meeting on April 22 was held at home of Sister Burgess, a time of blessing being enjoyed. Mr. Hudson, repre-

sentative from S.A. Institution for the Blind, Deaf and Dumb, Brighton, has been a visitor. Two new scholars have been added to Sunday school and three names to cradle roll.

Edwardstown West.—On Easter Monday, Bible school picnic at Morphet Vale was a great success; 170 present. Mr. Fitzgerald has recovered, and members were glad to see him back. Bible school anniversary was held on April 18. Mr. Pike was speaker in morning. A full house in afternoon heard special singing by school led by Mr. Williams and an address by P. R. Baker. In evening school sang again to a good attendance, and Mr. Fitzgerald gave the address. At prize giving on 21st P. R. Baker gave a recital, "Gwen, the Idol of the Canyon," from "The Sky Pilot," and his effort was much appreciated.

Balaklava.—W. Russell, conference president, spoke at all services on one Sunday, his addresses being appreciated. Average attendances for last eight weeks, not including wet weekend, has been 102 communicants for day; gospel service 69. Mrs. A. Webb has returned from hospital, but her progress is slow. On April 25 a memorial service was held for late Mrs. W. Pearl. Mrs. M. Roberts convened a committee that sold £16 worth of badges for Morialta Protestant Children's Home. On April 16 Y.P.C.E. travelled to Avon to share a social evening with community club of Avon church. Basketball team has been formed and entered local association. C. Shepherd and P. Woolford, on reaching their majority, received a present each at a social evening. On April 25 A. E. Cremin spoke at both services, and attendances were good.

Semaphore.—"Happy Hour" has attendance of 50 to 60 children each Wednesday. Y.P., J.C.E. and Bible school continue to hold young people, and Boys' Brigade, under leadership of V. Taylor, jun., is increasing in numbers. A. V. Thompson, M.H.R., was speaker at bi-monthly Sunday afternoon tea on April 4. Ladies of H.M. Committee led meeting of Mission Band on 5th. A series of special meetings in connection with Port Line group of churches was held from April 18 to 21. J. E. Webb, of Mile End, was speaker. A choir of about 60 voices assisted on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, together with solos and duets. Addresses given by Mr. Webb were inspiring. A young man was received into fellowship on April 25. In evening Mr. Matthews spoke, Anzac Day being fittingly remembered. Choir is a definite help to evening meetings.

Kilburn.—Monthly prayer meeting was held on April 20 at home of L. J. Stevenson, there being 12 present. Attendance at 10 a.m. Bible school on April 25 was 111, including one new scholar. 23 adults and 45 young worshippers enjoyed addresses by J. Manning at 11 a.m. service. 7 p.m. gospel service was conducted by Youth Department, when W. Morrow presided and exhibited film strip on Oslo Youth Conference. Ray Anderson, of Maylands, and Ivor Maguire, of Queenstown, gave short addresses, and David and Milton Lewis, Bill Buxton and Neil Hart, of Mile End, sang quartette beautifully. Altogether 35 adults and 20 children thoroughly appreciated the excellent service, at conclusion of which arrangements were finalised to commence Boys' Life Brigade on May 8. F. Lawrence renders consistent service in supervising working bees to improve masonite huts for use of junior department of Bible school and for small meetings.

Strathalbyn.—Average attendance for April at both morning and evening service was 44. It was decided at a meeting held by choir members to revive choir to help singing at gospel services. Mrs. S. Bartlett was elected conductress, T. Butler chairman, and L. Boxhall secretary and treasurer. At monthly

meeting of Ladies' Auxiliary, Mrs. Fax, of Prospect, was speaker, a basket luncheon was served, and Mrs. Fax spoke in interest of sisters' home mission work. Sisters under leadership of Mrs. G. Cross help often at luncheon booth at local salesyards, proceeds of which are donated to Strathalbyn Hospital. A well-attended young people's service was held on evening of April 25, when members of boys' and girls' clubs paraded and took part, and Mr. Durdin gave a helpful address. A social was tendered to Mr. and Mrs. Max Caudle, who were recently married. A presentation was made by church, and a welcome given to Mrs. Caudle.

Adelaide (Grote-st).—Half-yearly business meeting of church was held on April 14. T. M. Glover was re-elected to office of elder and E. Barnes, W. E. Blackaby and R. Cotton to office of deacon. R. L. Packer, R. Bottger and K. Bradley were also elected to office of deacon. Reports were received from W. Beiler, Miss M. Leedham and treasurer, R. Cotton. Treasurer's statement was very satisfactory, showing credit for six months. An extra 10/- per week was granted to preacher for travelling expenses in visitation work. Bible school anniversary services on April 18 were well attended. School rendered some good chorus singing at all services, Gordon Ellis conducting. Speakers were: morning, W. E. Fisher; afternoon, R. Vincent; night, W. Beiler, and their addresses were much appreciated. On April 20 a concert was held. A varied programme of items was given by the young people. Superintendent W. E. Blackaby was chairman. Service on morning of April 25 was broadcast. W. Beiler was preacher. Choir conducted by G. Ellis rendered anthems and Mrs. Crowe a solo. Several visitors were welcomed, and at close of service newly-elected officers were set apart for their work by W. Beiler.

Maylands.—The 39th church anniversary services were held on April 18. Mr. Sherman was speaker at both services, and choir rendered special music. Chapel was full morning and evening. Services were continued on April 21, when A. Anderson showed moving pictures of his trip to India and China. Supper brought a happy evening to a close. On morning of April 25, Mr. Stafford, of Victoria, was speaker, and in evening Mr. Sherman. Attendances were excellent. Newly-formed Young Worshippers' League has resulted in bringing an additional 30 young people to evening service. Bible school teachers and members of Bible class hiked into the hills on April 17, around a fire cooked a meal, and after tea joined in singing and finished with a devotional service. On evening of April 23, a bus load of approximately 50 people journeyed to Prospect in support of tent mission there. Permission has been granted to extend beginners' room. This will be doubled in size, and a working bee was planned for May 1. During week this room is used by pre-school play centre, affiliated with Kindergarten Union.

New South Wales

East Lambton.—At welcome service to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brookes at Georgetown on March 20, Mrs. R. V. Amos, leader of Chatswood Seekers' Club, presented a cheque for £120 for purchase of a block of land at East Lambton. At beginning of club year, young women made it their aim to raise purchase price. T. Raine accepted cheque on behalf of trustees, congratulated club on its enterprising faith, and expressed appreciation of all associated with East Lambton work. The land in question is being held for church by Housing Commission, who have just completed building over thirty homes in vicinity.

Chatswood.—Speakers during last month were R. Wilson, from Mayfield, Messrs. Amos, Crisp, Cust and Surtees. The question of stewardship has been presented from various angles by these brethren in hope of inducing more faithful Christian living. Fred S. Steer, who was so well known amongst the brotherhood, was called to higher service on April 12, and will be missed in many church activities. Interest is maintained in different departments of church work, Sunday school, Boys' Club, Seekers' Club, Doreas Society, Mission Band and Men's Fellowship. Visitors were H. Lyall, from Melbourne; Mr. and Mrs. Watters, from Queensland.

Carramar.—Splendid meetings are being held—70 morning, 96 evening, on April 18. Two decisions—mother and son. Mr. Anderson delivered a powerful address. P.B.P. Club numbers 28. Ladies' Pleasant Hour has 18 members, keen and enthusiastic. Bible school attendance is from 110 to 145. Anniversary practice has commenced. Miss M. Crossman is now Bible school secretary. Tennis club has made a donation of £3 to church to assist in purchase of new hymnbooks. New members of less than three months' fellowship took main places at Lord's Table on Sunday morning, Keith Stevenson presiding and Hinrichsen mission converts filling other places.

South Auburn.—Since special service on March 14, there has been marked improvement in attendances and spiritual tone. On April 4 boys of home at Pendle Hill were entertained. On April 18, at Bible school anniversary, afternoon and evening sessions were a great success due to untiring efforts of teachers and superintendents R. Bartholomew and R. T. Hicken. Illustrated talks were given by Mr. Radburn, of Sudan Mission, and E. W. Taylor, the preacher, on April 20, with prize-giving and programme. On April 25 youth and Anzac addresses were given by Mr. Verco, of Chatswood, and E. W. Taylor. Visitors have included D. Hele, of Adelaide. All auxiliaries are doing well. Mr. Taylor has started a Young Worshippers' League. Week-night meetings keep up the prayer spirit. Average daily attendances for past six weeks have been 140.

Epping.—Work is going on well, and attendances are maintained morning and evening. During March three were added to church, two by faith and baptism and one by restoration. Work of young people in Bible school, C.E. and C.Y.F. is encouraging. During March harvest thanksgiving services were held successfully, building being taxed to capacity at evening service. Proceeds were distributed between Ashwood House and Boys' Home. There was an excellent display of fruit, vegetables and other goods. Service on April 4 was broadcast. On April 11, C.E., associated with C.Y.F., held anniversary services which were well attended. Mr. Fisher, of C.Y.F., spoke in morning and Mr. MacLean in evening. Young people's choir sang anthems. On Monday night a successful rally was held, when R. Greenhalgh, of Youth Department, gave an illustrated talk on camp and youth work. At present Mr. MacLean is giving addresses on stewardship as set up by a special conference committee in N.S.W. Ladies' Mission Band is doing an excellent work, and is commended for zeal and loyalty. Mr. MacLean's addresses are helpful, and he is faithful in pastoral work.

Victoria

Prahran.—On May 2 Mr. Buckingham began his full-time ministry, speaking at both services. About 60 members and friends had tea at chapel, and Mr. Stephenson explained method of visitation evangelism. Geoff Ogden, of North Williamson, was soloist at gospel service. During Mr. Buckingham's vacation speakers were C. Young, H. Maclellan and F. Lee. Ladies' Fellowship had a good meeting, when Mr. Young was speaker. Ladies presented him with a parcel of sweets for use in hospital visitation.

Melbourne (Swanston-st.).—Greatly increased attendances on April 25 and May 2 to hear first two of K. A. Macnaughtan's addresses on prophecy. Very wide interest has been aroused, and many not associated with churches of Christ have attended. Two further confessions on April 25, and those two, with one other who made the confession on April 18, were baptised on May 2.

Cheltenham.—A fine display of produce and food for Britain goods made harvest thanksgiving a feature on April 18. Produce was shared between Christian Guest Home and College of Bible. After a lapse of many years a weekly prayer meeting has been commenced and 24 were present at first gathering. Members of Men's Society assisted at evening service on April 25, J. C. Cunningham giving an appropriate address.

Bentleigh.—On April 25, A. Rae was speaker in morning; R. J. Anderson preached at night. Church extends sympathy to Mrs. Ratten and Mrs. Lee-Archer and families, also to B. Miles and family, in bereavements. Children of many church families are ill. A presentation was made to A. Rae on eve of his departure to Sydney. C. Dahl expressed good wishes for his valuable assistance during twelve months he and his family have been with church.

Ormond.—Mr. Martin has been working with Mr. Hurren at Footscray in a visitation evangelistic campaign in past week. Mrs. Kirwan is back in fellowship after a long period in hospital. Mrs. Knee is ill in hospital. A youth fellowship has been formed in church and is aiming for a projector. Anzac service was held on Sunday evening, when R. McLeod, of Ballarat, spoke. Ormond sub-branch of R.S.S.A.I.L.A. attended, and Morris Williams was soloist.

Springvale.—For four Sundays Mr. Bond was on holidays. On April 4 Mr. Thompson gave morning address, and D. McKenzie spoke at night. On April 11 Keir Wedd gave fine addresses. Keith Fordham gave inspiring addresses morning and evening on April 18. Through generosity of Mr. Marks in use of his truck, many were able to attend Hyman Appelman campaign. On April 25 Mr. McKenzie spoke at worship service and Mr. Westwood gave evening sermon.

Bendigo.—On April 13 a young people's fellowship was formed, when 15 young people were present and following officers elected: President, Mr. Robinson; secretary, Miss Verco; treasurer, John Pollock; executive member, Ken. Robinson. On April 18 Mr. Robinson exchanged with Mr. Hadden, of Baptist Church, whose address was appreciated. At night Mr. Robinson's sermon was well received. J.C.E. increased attendances during last few weeks.

Bayswater.—Harvest festival services were held on April 11 with good congregations. K. Jones was morning speaker, A. Hurren afternoon speaker, and Mr. Langford spoke at night. There was a good display of fruit and vegetables, afterwards given to Christian Guest Home, Oakleigh. An offering of £4/11/6 was taken at afternoon meeting for social service work. Mr. Langford addressed evening service on April 18, Mr. Langford being speaker at Montrose anniversary. Twelve young people of church attended Labor Day week-end camp at Monbulk.

Stawell.—Harvest thanksgiving was held on March 14, A. Mudford being speaker. D. Hibburt (student) continues to give good service. Meetings were well attended on April 18, when Mr. Hibburt was speaker, also on April 25 when Mr. Mudford spoke. Mr. Stokes, who has been ill for some time, was able to attend morning meeting on April 25. Mr. Jackson has been very sick and is still laid aside. Sympathy is extended to Mrs. King in loss of her sister, also to Mrs. H. Bolwell in loss of her father. Several members from other parts have come to live in district, increasing attendance.

Dandenong.—April was a month of blessing with inspiring addresses of Mr. Youens. Three young men were baptised at gospel meeting on May 2, having made the good confession on previous week. All auxiliary work is in healthy condition.

Red Hill.—Harvest thanksgiving service was held on April 18, N. Moore being speaker. Monthly food for Britain appeal amounted to £5/8/9. N. Moore gave a helpful sermon at night. Y.P.S.C.E. and friends gave a kitchen tea to Miss N. Prossor and L. Bright, to be married shortly. On April 25, David Hood, Mildmay evangelist from Britain, was speaker; attendance was good. At gospel meeting Mr. Drew, of Sudan United Mission, was speaker. Chapel was packed. Quartette was given by visiting ladies. Social service offering amounted to £1/19/2. At conclusion Mr. Drew gave a lantern lecture on work of missions in Sudan.

Shepparton.—Mr. and Mrs. Butler have returned from holidays spent at Wagga and Gilgandra. While at Wagga Mr. Butler addressed conference of northern district churches. Several members of church made the journey to be present at conference. During Mr. Butler's absence all services were conducted by local brethren. Ladies' Guild held first meeting for year on April 22 with good attendance. It was decided to knit squares and make rugs for Christian Guest Home, also organise sending of regular donations of clothing and money to help distressed peoples of Europe. Several ladies have undertaken making of new baptismal capes for church. Morning services continue to be well attended, and Mr. Butler's addresses are greatly appreciated.

Brunswick.—Successful Bible school anniversary services were held on April 11 and 18. The helpful addresses of Dr. Killmier, F. N. Lee, Howard Cragg, and Ron Muller were appreciated. A special token of esteem in appreciation for services rendered as Bible school and church organist was presented to Miss A. Adams. On Wednesday following a "pedlars' parade" was held in aid of Bible school. Items rendered by scholars were enjoyed. Afterwards prizes were presented. From sale of pedlars' wares £17/14/- was raised. On April 24 the marriage of Gordon Scambler and Hazel Eldersfield took place, R. W. Vautier officiating. In appreciation of past services, and to extend good wishes for future happiness, a kitchen tea was given by church members and Bible school faculty previous to this event.

Hartwell.—Twenty-seventh anniversary services of church were held on April 18. A. W. Stephenson was speaker in morning, giving a fine address on visitation evangelism. D. Wakeley was speaker in evening. Choir rendered two anthems and Miss Winifred Lee was soloist. In absence of Mr. Wakeley on April 11, E. L. Williams was speaker. On April 10, school hall was packed to hear a successful musical concert arranged by cricket club to conclude season. Table tennis club is steadily growing, and two teams have been entered in local churches competition. Mid-week prayer meetings on Wednesdays are helpful. Recent meetings have included a film night, featuring work of Un evangelised Fields Mission in New Guinea, and a "Conference Echoes" night. Church congratulates R. Watt, a deacon of the church, on his graduation as B.Com. at recent conferring of degrees at University. Mr. Little was welcomed home at morning service on April 25 after his return from a trip to England. Messrs. Lindsay and Norman Smith were welcomed into membership from Bambra-nd. and Swan Hill respectively on April 25. Among recent visitors have been Mr. and Mrs. Sleigh and Mrs. Stacey, from Maylands, S.A.

Hampton.—In absence of C. L. Lang at Echuca, L. Chapman and R. Pittman were speakers on May 2. Hospital Auxiliary held a successful children's fancy dress party the previous day. Annual meeting of Men's Society has been held, and an interesting programme arranged for next six months. Ladies had an instructive visit to McAlpin's flour factory recently.

Montrose.—On April 25, S.S. anniversary services were held with good meetings, many visitors from other churches being present. Frank Langford, preacher of Bayswater church, was speaker afternoon and evening. Children were keenly interested. A feature was fine singing by children, conducted by the preacher, M. Keatch, of college. Superintendent, Mrs. F. Rogers, and her staff of teachers are congratulated on fine work they are doing amongst young. Total enrolment is now largest for many years. Entertainment and prize-giving night were held on April 30.

Merbein.—On April 11 Mr. Chivell, of Red Cliffs, delivered a fine address to morning congregation, first of monthly interchange of preachers, Mr. Whitmore being in Mildura. On April 25 harvest thanksgiving services were held, stirring addresses being delivered by Mr. Whitmore to large congregations. A number of Mission Band members attended women's rally in Mildura chapel on April 22. Weekly prayer meeting will be held during winter months in members' homes. Members welcome back Sister Passmore after two months' absence under medical treatment. Church tennis club held annual meeting in chapel on April 16.

Warracknabeal.—Annual meeting of church was held an officers elected. All auxiliaries are functioning after recess. Baptist Endeavorers will meet with young people's society. Many members met with Baptists during White and Warne mission, splendid fellowship being enjoyed. Circuit conference was held on April 10. Meetings were small, but there was a happy spirit. Mr. and Mrs. Combridge, of Kaniva, came with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Williams. Mr. Combridge addressed afternoon and evening meetings. Mr. Barnett is faithfully carrying on, his addresses being helpful. Mrs. Cattanach, who has been in hospital again, is home.

(Other Victorian news on next page)

Queensland

Boonah.—Superintendent of J.C.E., Mrs. G. Willey, arranged a social afternoon for members of society and friends, which was enjoyed by children. Church of Christ, Baptist, Presbyterian and Salvation Army combined in a service in School of Arts on Anzac Sunday night. A gift of an aluminium kettle from Bible school, and a Bible from church was made to Joyce Jenner recently; Miss Jenner and Roy Warran were united in matrimony on May 1.

Charters Towers.—Miss C. Tucker and L. Whyte were honored at a social held in school hall on March 31. They were married on April 3. On April 4, morning speaker was W. Peres, evening speaker Mr. Ritchie. Monthly meeting of local branch of B. & F. Bible Society was held in chapel on April 12. W. Peres presided, and Mrs. Ritchie gave an interesting address. All auxiliaries are progressing favorably. New scholars are being added to Sunday school.

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Mr. and Mrs. Henry David Black, of "Rhinduie," 45 Ormond-gve, Toorak Gardens, Adelaide, will celebrate the golden jubilee of their marriage on Tuesday, May 11, 1948.

They were married at Northcote, Victoria, on May 11, 1898.

DEATH

MILES.—On May 2, at his home, 6 Narrawong-crees., Caulfield, Albert Edward, beloved husband of Elizabeth, loving father of Emily (Mrs. Russell), Alma (Mrs. Arthur), Elsa (Mrs. Summers), and Bert, loved brother of Lillian and Harry.

IN MEMORIAM

ALEXANDER.—In loving memory of Ethel Grace, beloved wife of J. C. Alexander, loved mother of Marjorie, called to be with Jesus April 29, 1947. "Till the day dawns and we meet again."

LEGG.—In loving memory of my loving husband Jim, and our beloved father, called home April 30, 1945.

We know not what the future hath
Of marvel or surprise,
Assured alone that life and death
His mercy underlies.

—Inserted by his loving wife and family.

PITTMAN.—In loving memory of Emily, beloved wife of Ernest W. Pittman, and mother of Roland, who passed away on May 1, 1947, Hart, South Australia. Resting.

—Inserted by E. W. and R. E. Pittman and family.

WANTED

Middle-aged couple, church members, require furnished house or rooms, for few months. Seaside resort if possible (Victoria).—M., c/o Austral.

House or shop and dwelling, of not less than four rooms, wanted most urgently.—Claude Gadge, 27 Northcote-rd., Armadale. U3029, after 5.30 p.m.

COMING EVENTS

MAY 30.—Newmarket church of Christ Bible school anniversary will be held on May 30. Special speakers 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Hospitality provided. All welcome.

BRUNSWICK CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Special speakers.

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Speaker, Mrs. M. Gilham.

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Special Vocal Numbers at each Meeting.
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Versus Mothers Who Have Prayed and
Prospered."

Soloist, Mr. Edward Forbes.

EVENING SERVICE, 7 p.m.,

COMBINED YOUTH CHOIR.

Preacher, Mr. J. K. Martin.

Subject, "Honoring Our Mothers."

SWANSTON STREET

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11 a.m., "The Family Circle."
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Preacher: K. A. Macnaughtan.

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5.30 p.m., Fellowship Tea.

7.30 p.m., Inspirational Rally. Speaker, N. Kingston.

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11 a.m., Every member present. (Thank-offering.)

7 p.m., Thanksgiving Service. Guest speaker, W. A. Russell (conference president).

If hospitality is required, notify A. G. Page, secretary, 'phone, Murray Bridge 74.

Greetings invited from those unable to attend.

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Social Service Notes

Victorian Conference Committee and Appointments

THE newly-elected conference committee met on Friday, April 2, and proceeded to elect its officers for 1948-49 conference year. The following were appointed to office: President, F. P. Chipperfield, B.Com.; vice-presidents, F. E. Buckingham and R. A. Strongman; secretary, Will. H. Clay, J.P.; associate secretary, W. T. Atkin, A.F.I.A.; minute secretary, G. B. Woodbridge; treasurer, R. A. Strongman, A.I.C.A.; hon. field representative, F. E. Buckingham. Past president, W. A. Brown, upon retiring referred to his happy year of service, and wished the incoming president a happy and successful year. Mr. Chipperfield, of the church at Ivanhoe, is one of our promising young men who brings vision and experience into his office, and we confidently commend him to the brotherhood.

Food for Britain

Many churches continue to send parcels to Britain, and others send money to us to purchase supplies and pack for them. At present the department has overspent in this direction. The need for food is still very real, and we urge churches to continue the good work. European relief is even more urgent, and consideration is being given to definite measures being taken to send consignments of food and clothing. In this instance, parcels cannot be sent to special cases, but the costs of transport will be immeasurably reduced. Donations to European relief are already coming to hand. This department will function through the Society of Friends.

Social Service Digest

Copies of the May issue of the Digest will be sent to all churches for free distribution.

Copies will be forwarded to special addresses on receipt of a stamped envelope.

The Associate Secretary

W. T. Atkin is spending a well-earned holiday with his people in N.S.W. He expects to resume at the office on Monday, May 10.—W. H. Clay.

Open Forum FOR "CHRISTIAN" READERS

VICTORIAN EASTER CONFERENCE

I WRITE to strongly support the recent letters regarding the change from a conference to a convention. The surfeit of prepared addresses at this Easter and at 1947 gave me mental and spiritual indigestion. The good I received from one address (and many were high class) evaporated by the time I had listened to the next, and the next, and the next.

The rushing through of the reports and projects for the future in a few (sometimes five) minutes for discussion and questions is a grave departure from the whole idea of representatives of churches in conference, and quite a number asked me if it was worth while attending! I am quite aware (as B. J. Cambridge has pointed out) that at some conferences there was a waste of time in futile discussions, but why rush to this other extreme and practically have every minute of the time filled up from the platform? Let us seek the happy medium and expect future conference presidents to exercise Christian firmness in directing and (if need be) curtailing what he considers to be profitless discussion. I appeal to the conference executive when they plan for next Easter to give reasonable time for the Holy Spirit's guidance both in the prepared address and in the words of some who may comment and advise. Not only can I recall some futile discussions, but I also recall many words of wisdom spoken impromptu that solved a problem and led to profitable action.—J. A. Wilkie, Ballarat, Vic.

News — Continued

Malvern-Caulfield.—Two were baptised on morning of April 18. At evening service Mrs. Robinson made the good confession, J. I. Mudford being preacher. Mr. Nankivell on morning of April 25 gave an inspiring address. E. L. Williams was evening preacher; a girl made the good confession.

Black Rock.—During April church received eight new members—five by faith and obedience, three by letter. Others are waiting for letters of transfer. Chapel was full on evening of April 25, when Mr. Sewell preached. Three were baptised and four were received into fellowship straight away. Finances are good, and the cause seems to be responding to faithful service.

West Preston.—Inspiring services were held last Lord's day. 105 broke bread and 80 attended gospel service. Mr. Withers preached at both meetings. With regret the resignation of C. Watson as Bible school superintendent was accepted at officers' meeting on April 27. He has given valuable and unstinted service over a long period, and is now to devote all his available time to work at East Preston, where he is preacher. V. Brown is new superintendent and A. Seafie intermediate department superintendent. Les. Withers, who had the misfortune to break his leg playing football recently, is progressing well, and now able to move about with aid of crutches.

South Yarra.—On April 18 church received into fellowship Mrs. Clarke and Miss Shirley Clarke, from Camberwell. On April 24, Anzac Day, chapel was decorated for occasion, and Mr. Hargreaves' address in evening was in keeping with day. Special mention was also made of aged Mrs. Thompson, who passed away on April 4. Boys' Club has been re-organised, with full programme for coming months, and is a great success with Mr. Trevethen leader. A. Muir has been elected assistant secretary and treasurer of Bible school owing to resignation of D. Palmer. Ladies of church are commended for efforts to raise quota for building fund. Mr. Hargreaves is giving a special series of addresses for May.

Preston.—Attendances at week-night services have been encouraging, Mr. Searle's studies on New Testament lessons being closely followed. Prayer committee has inaugurated a prayer circle which has created interest amongst members. Mr. Searle has given addresses at all services, his gospel sermons being especially appropriate and delivered with telling effect. He is also doing much visitation. Bible school now meets on Sunday mornings preceding communion service. A marriage which created much interest was celebrated on April 3, contracting parties being Colin Johnson (Bible school superintendent) and Peggy Spargo. Mr. Searle officiated. A social evening, arranged by Women's Fellowship, on April 24 was well attended.

North Essendon.—The film, "Grace of Forgiveness," was screened at gospel service on April 18, when 130 attended. Christian Men's Society had tea prior to meeting, when 28 men listened to Dr. W. A. Kemp tell of experiences abroad. Messrs. J. Burns and H. Hillbrick were recently elected president and secretary of Men's Society. Splendid services were held on April 25. In morning Alice Thompson, Valmai Farish and Beryl Farish were baptised and later welcomed into membership. An enjoyable church picnic was held on Labor Day at Mentone. Youth Council sponsored a concert on April 28 in chapel, when building was filled with an appreciative audience, proceeds being in aid of piano fund. Members are keen, and have committed themselves to success of proposed visitation evangelistic campaign on May 18, 19 and 20. At a meeting of proposed visitors for this effort at manse on April 30, members were thrilled to hear Mr. and Mrs. C. McGregor, from Oak-

leigh, tell of experiences and reactions in campaign at Oakleigh. Splendid meetings were held on May 2. Mrs. M. Jeffs was received by transfer in morning. Parade of auxiliaries at gospel meeting resulted in a large attendance, to listen to the address by Mr. Wright. Church is rapidly growing under his ministry.

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Women's Programme for June

"More things are wrought by prayer
Than this world dreams of. . . .
For what are men better than sheep or goats,
If, knowing God, they lift not hands of prayer
Both for themselves, and those who call them
friend?"

For so the whole round earth is every way
Bound by gold chains about the feet of God."

Prayer.—Oh, thou who art heroic love, keep
alive in our hearts that adventurous spirit
which makes men scorn the way of safety, so
that thy will be done. For so only, O Lord,
shall we be worthy of those courageous souls,
who in every age have ventured all in obedience
to thy call, and for whom the trumpets
have sounded on the other side; through Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn.—C. of C. Hymnbook, 365, "Our Father,
thy dear name doth show."

Scripture Reading.—Acts 17: 23-34.

Prayer.—Father of all, we bring to thee our
petition for the church universal. We pray
thee that those who now are feeling after thee
in every land may find thee, and realise that
thou art not far from any one of us. Hear our
prayer for the church in every land, for the
small congregations where only a few can
come together, for the stronger and larger as-
sociations of thy people, that all in every land
may feel that "the whole round earth is every
way bound by gold chains about the feet of
God." Make us worthy, O God, to take our
place in thy church, to do our part to bring
about the brotherhood of man. We ask this
in the name of the Son of man. Amen.

Hymn.—C. of C. Hymnbook, 195, "City of
God, how broad and fair."

A mother saw her little son at his prayers
one night, and heard his boyish plea—"God,
help me to be big." Quietly she crept away,
shaken to the depths, to whisper though with
a different emphasis, "God, help me to be big."

Perhaps of all prayers, this one should come
most constantly to our lips. We are told in
the Bible that we have the world in our hearts;
we were not made for petty things, nor for
little thinking, but for open windows and wide
horizons. We were meant to dream dreams
and to see visions of the city of God. Even
as we go about our daily task or our church
work, we must remember that we are a part
of the church universal, and that the Shepherd
is gathering into his fold his people of many
colors and races. The nearer we all come
to God the Father, the closer we are to one
another.

If the kingdom of heaven is within each one
of us, and within the hearts of all who be-
lieve on the name of Christ, then we see that
the church is not a matter of our own local
gathering, nor of any conference, but is found
wherever people of any nation are turning to
worship the one true God through his Son, our
Saviour.

"Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on
earth as it is in heaven." So easy to pray
each Sunday, but so much harder to take our
place in the work to be done. For it is
only in doing the will of God on earth, in
thinking with the thoughts of God, and lov-
ing with the heart of God, that we shall be-
come big enough to help to build the church
of the world.

Hymn.—C. of C. Hymnbook, 344, "These
things shall be."

Prayer.—Bestow, O Lord, thy heavenly grace
upon all who are called to be fellow-workers
with thee, that by them Christ may be lifted
up in every land and all men be drawn to
him. In times of loneliness and weariness
cheer them with thy presence; in disappoint-
ment give them patience; in the press of af-
fairs keep their spirits fresh; in difficulties

and dangers uphold and protect them; in success
keep them humble in heart; in failure strengthen
them to persevere. Make them to be
joyful in spirit, radiant in life, steadfast in
faith, zealous in service, and at all times deepen
in them the sense of dependence upon thee, and
give them peace in thy service; through Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Address—"The World Church."

Hymn.—C. of C. Hymnbook, 337, "Jesus shall
reign where'er the sun."

Benediction.—The Lord bless us and keep
us; the Lord make his face to shine upon us,
and be gracious unto us; the Lord lift up
the light of his countenance upon us, and give
us peace. Amen.—E. Messent.

(Through copy going astray in post, this was
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news items. Usual page will appear again this
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That greetings be sent from conference to all of our missionaries in India, New Hebrides, and to those engaged in work among the aborigines.

That greetings be sent from conference to the Tasmanian students in the College of the Bible, together with good wishes concerning their future studies.

That a special greeting be sent to the Tasmanian representative on the mission field (Miss W. Walker).

That an expression of thanks and appreciation be rendered to the editor and staff of the "Australian Christian," and to all who have acted in any way to further the circulation of this journal.

That this conference pledge itself to support the referendum on hotel trading hours.

That, in view of present world events, the conference reaffirm its total disagreement with war as a means of settling international disputes, and deprecates alarmist reports as tending to create a war complex by promoting fear.

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He grew up far removed from cultural influences and the niceties of polite society, yet wooed and won in marriage a Kentucky aristocrat, society belle, Miss Mary Todd.

He was indisposed to kill any living thing, looked with disfavor on firearms, but became by virtue of his high office the commander in chief of the Union forces in a war which resulted in half a million slain.

He was smooth-shaven for fifty-one of his fifty-six years, and grew a beard the winter before his inauguration, in good-natured compliance with the suggestion of a little girl who thought the change might improve his looks.

He was an abstemious eater, not caring what he ate or how it was cooked; did not use tobacco in any form, nor liquors of any kind, yet he associated with "gluttons and wine bibbers."

He was a voracious reader as boy and young man, borrowing many a treasured volume, but never owned a library of as many as a hundred volumes, excluding his law books.

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Sometimes when the lights are low and I sit musing in my "Lincoln Room," where the shelves are filled with books devoted to the life story of our "First American," and from the walls his portraits look down upon me, I dream dreams and see visions. And there are mystic moments when out of the gloaming there seems to emerge a tall, shawl-wrapped figure which fills the room. And I hear, or seem to hear, that gaunt great figure say, in measured speech: "This nation under God shall have a new birth of freedom; and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."—Edgar De Witt Jones in "World Call."

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By the Man Called Matthew

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THE missionary and his helpers had journeyed far that day along narrow tracks in the jungle, and all alike were glad when they reached their camping-place at night. Supper was soon prepared and eaten, the bullocks were tethered, and before long the camp was asleep. It was well after midnight when the missionary was wakened by hearing the voices of his evangelists disputing loudly with someone whose voice and dialect proclaimed him a stranger. A minute or two later the missionary had thrown back the flap of his sleeping tent and was facing the stranger whose loud demands had roused him.

As soon as the stranger saw the missionary he rushed up to him crying: "Sahib, my master wants a copy of the book-by-the-man-called-Matthew." He poured it out as if it were all one word. With some difficulty the missionary quieted the excited, heated messenger, and began to enquire what he knew about Matthew's gospel.

The servant told how his master, the goldsmith of Tiger Village, had some time before bought a copy of Mathew's gospel from a Christian carpenter at a great festival. He had purchased it just out of curiosity and read it with the same motive and purpose. But the goldsmith soon found that the book was reading him and changing him. He discovered that he could no longer do some of the things he had been accustomed to do because the book condemned them, while he had to do many other things because the book commanded them.

"My master, he very good man," said the servant in his broken English, "but sometimes my master not know what is good or what is bad. Then he take the book by the man called Matthew and read numbers six and seven. And my master, he very funny man, sometimes he feel very good, sometimes he feel very bad; and when my master he feel very bad and want to feel very good, he takes the book by the man called Matthew and read number five, and then he had feeling go and the good feeling come.

"So my master, he says his prayers to the idol; but one day he says to himself, the brass god does not help me and the book does, so why should I say my

prayers to the god who does not help me? So he takes the little god and put him in a little box, and he put up the book instead, and he says his prayers to the book. One day, the priest come by and look through the window and see my master praying to the book by the man called Matthew, and the priest goes to a man who is a thief and pays him to break into my master's house and steal the book.

"Then my master is in great trouble and does not know what to do, till he hears that you are in the jungle, and he says to me, 'Boy, go quick and find the Sahib and buy a copy of the book-by-the-man-called-Matthew.'"

It was a strange story to hear in the heart of an Indian jungle in the small hours of the early morning. Questions seemed to prove the man's story true. The camp was struck, the tents packed up, and the whole company set out to find Tiger Village, of whose existence even they had never heard. Stranger still was the story the missionary heard from the goldsmith that day, as they sat in a cool room at the back of the house and talked. No one had ever told him about Jesus. He had heard nothing of him except what he had read in the gospel he had bought.

That evening, when dusk had fallen and the people had come home from their work in the fields, the goldsmith and the village headman called the people together to see what they described as "pictures as big as a house that the Sahib has brought in a little box." Picture after picture from the gospel story were cast upon the white-washed end of a village temple, and the stories of the pictures were told.

Presently there was a picture of Christ blessing little children, with his arms about them, and one little brown-skinned maid sitting on the ground solemnly got up and toddled up to the picture and tried to get into it. She was sure that those arms would take her in.—"Sun-beams."

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A COURAGEOUS FIGHTER

WHEN William Wilberforce set out to fight the slave traffic, all the most influential people and powerful interests in the land were up in arms against him—so much so that the fight against slavery was called "a war of the pygmies against the giants." The "pygmy", fought on against the giant of slavery, but for a long time victory seemed far off. From his deathbed, the great preacher John Wesley sent a note to Wilberforce in which he said:

"Unless God has raised you up for this very thing, you will be worn out by the opposition of men and devils; but if God be for you, who can be against you?"

In the end the "pygmies" won, and slavery was abolished. Can you think of any other men who have made a courageous fight alone against evil, and have been victorious in spite of that?

A MODERN DANIEL

And a Great Sportsman

A FEW years ago, when the Olympic Games were being held in Paris, the hundred metres sprinting race was put down to be run on Sunday. British hopes were pinned on Eric Liddell, a young sportsman of the best type—a Scottish Rugby Blue, a champion sprinter, and winner of the British championship of 100 and 220 yards. But when the competitors lined up for this international race, a gasp of astonishment went round the great stadium—Liddell, Britain's best sprinter, was not there.

What had happened? It was known afterwards that Liddell had refused to run because it was Sunday. Eric Liddell believed that running races was wrong on Sunday, and out of loyalty to this conviction he sacrificed his chances of winning the world's 100-metre champion-ship. That this was no light sacrifice was proved next day when he won the 400-metre race, and broke all records at sprinting.

Can you see why we call Eric Liddell a modern Daniel? Daniel would not eat the king's meat or drink the king's wine, because those things led to evil. In the same way Eric Liddell proved him. Anything he thought was wrong on Sunday. There are other ways in which Liddell resembles Daniel. He is a teetotaller and a pledged abstainer, because he knows that alcohol is an enemy of true sport.

He is one of a third generation of non-smokers and teetotalers. True sportsman that he is, he says that his father and grandfather, by refusing to drink or smoke, deserve some of the credit that he has won as a champion runner.

"Seldom does a proper athlete come from a drunken family," says Eric to boys. "I take it for granted that you want to become a good sportsman. We are not all gifted in the same way, and naturally we cannot all take a high place in athletics. But every one of us can learn to play the game, and can try to keep sport on a high level." Temperance in all things is a good motto for us all.—Selected.

THE VAIN SINGER

A MAN who thought he had a very fine voice made up his mind to develop it, so that one day he might sing in public.

He went down to a little village and used to get up at dawn to practise his singing.

Opposite the cottage where he lodged lived a poor washer-woman, and the man noticed that she wept as he sang and ceased as he stopped.

"Ah," he said to himself, "my wonderful voice moves even this poor woman."

One day, so that he could hear her praise his singing, he asked her why she tried.

"Oh, sir," she said, "whenever I hear you I think of my poor donkey that died last year. He used to sing like you." *Conceited people hear no good of themselves.*

THE BEST SELLER

THE Bible is the most wonderful book in the world. It consists of sixty-six separate volumes, written by between thirty and forty different authors. It was written by men who died over nineteen hundred years ago, yet its message is as fresh to-day as ever it was.

It is the best seller of all books. It brings the message of God to young and old, to rich and poor, to learned and unlearned. Let us thank God for the Bible, and read for ourselves the great news it contains about truth and love.

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YOUNG people long for kind interest and sympathetic understanding by those older in years. Perhaps many would be saved from foolish pleasures if a gentle word were spoken to them at the right time and in the right way. Most young people want to advance. Sometimes they are hindered from making progress because they have not quite grasped the meaning of a simple rule. If a teacher or parent could make an explanation, how easy it would be for the young person to make progress! Let us, then, help one another and encourage one another in all good works!