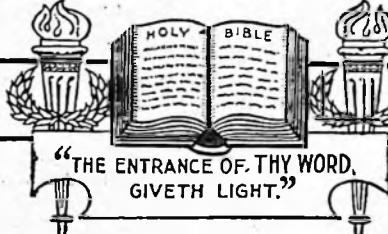


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Karl Barth and Christian Baptism

MANY events in recent years encourage those who see the Restoration Movement as a growing influence for good. After one hundred and thirty years of witness to the need of Christian unity, there are signs on every hand that the church is recognising the urgent nature of Christ's call for all believers to be one.

The leaders of the movement did not make a plea only; they presented a plan for unity. God's word was set out as the only ground of appeal and Christ was recognised as the authority for the church. When there were attacks upon the reliability of scripture and certain critics were trying to undermine the foundations of the Bible, there were doubts about the effectiveness of this plan for unity.

Then came the encouraging news of significant archaeological discoveries. Not only did the unearthing of monuments support the Old Testament narratives, but the discovery of ancient New Testament manuscripts enabled Sir Frederick Kenyon to assert that the gospels were written in the first century. He could also assure us that scholars can provide us with a version of the New Testament which is substantially the same as the documents which came from the original writers. We have to-day, in the New Testament, he declares, the veritable word of God.

Another significant development within the last twenty-five years has been the rise of a "neo-conservatism" among many Bible scholars. This is not a return to literalism, but to the fundamental facts of God's word. The outstanding leader in this new movement is Karl Barth. He is supported strongly by Emil Brunner. The emphasis of these scholars upon the significance of God's word reminds us of the contributions of Alexander Campbell.

When scholars take the word of God as a supreme authority, they are compelled to give up traditional practices. Alexander Campbell was moved to surrender his belief in infant baptism and to observe the clear teaching of Christian baptism as taught in the New Testament.

Now, one hundred years after Campbell, we have Karl Barth, one of the most influential biblical scholars of this generation, reaching practically the same position which Alexander Campbell took up regarding baptism.

Some have made light of Campbell's view of New Testament baptism. Who will dare challenge what Karl Barth declares so emphatically?

Dr. Barth's views on baptism were given to a gathering of Swiss theological students on May 7, 1943. The lecture was printed in German and then translated this year into English. The Student Christian Movement Press has published the book under the title, "The Teaching of the Church Regarding Baptism."

Dr. Barth is emphatic that the Greek word *baptizein* describes "the process by which a man or an object is com-

pletely immersed in water and then withdrawn from it again." "Primitive baptism carried out in this manner had in its mode," he writes, "exactly like the circumcision of the Old Testament, the character of a direct threat to life, succeeded immediately by the corresponding deliverance and preservation, the raising from baptism. One can hardly deny that baptism carried out as immersion—as it was in the West until well on into the Middle Ages—showed what was represented in far more expressive fashion than did the affusion which later became customary, especially when this affusion was reduced from a real wetting to a sprinkling and eventually in practice to a mere moistening with as little water as possible." Dr. Barth maintains that the church did not invent baptism. "She administers it as instituted by her Lord. She obeys his commands." He also urges that "the potency of baptism depends upon Christ who is the chief actor in it. It has no independent potency in itself." "The power of baptism really lies precisely here—that it shows like a clear mirror that the church and those baptised within her are not left alone with their own faith, are not dependent on themselves, but that faith has its ground and essence in the objective reality of the divine covenant of grace."

Karl Barth takes a strong stand against infant baptism. He writes, "Neither by exegesis nor from the nature of the case can it be established that the baptised person can be a merely passive instrument. Rather it may be shown, by exegesis and from the nature of the case, that in this action the baptised is an active partner, and that at whatever stage of life he may be, plainly no infant (*infans*) can be such a person." "In the sphere of the New Testament one is not brought to baptism; one comes to baptism." This naturally points to the necessity of faith in the subject. Therefore Dr. Barth says, "Baptism is in the New Testament in every case the indispensable answer to an unavoidable question by a man who has come to faith."

To those who urge that infant baptism is completed by the child eventually coming to believe after instruction at confirmation, Dr. Barth replies that we have no right to change the order. Baptism follows faith and declares faith. Without faith it is only half baptism. What right, he asks, have we to make it a half-ordinance? "What is wanted is very simple; instead of the present infant baptism, a baptism which on the part of the baptised is a responsible act. If it is to be natural, the candidate, instead of being a passive object of baptism, must become once more the free partner of Jesus Christ, that is, freely deciding, freely confessing, declaring on his part his willingness and readiness."

This significant book by such an outstanding theological scholar and leader will create many interesting reactions. We believe it will help to settle one of the great

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THE WORLD UNITED BY TRUTH

★ CZECHOSLOVAKIA

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION IN SCHOOLS

ACCORDING to a bulletin issued by the Czechoslovak School Ministry, the proposed new school law will basically keep up the status of religious instruction in primary and secondary schools as heretofore. Pupils belonging to denominations recognised by the State, whose parents desire it, will receive religious instruction. Text books and other educational necessities for religious instruction will as before require the approval of the church authorities. Details about the number of teaching periods intended for religious instruction are left to the hands of the government.

★ UNITED STATES

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY LAUNCHES APPEAL

ENROLMENT of 500,000 new members who will contribute a fund of over \$2,500,000 for the distribution of more than 7,000,000 scripture volumes during 1948 is the goal of the tenth annual Bible seal appeal now being promoted by the American Bible Society. According to society headquarters, specific requests for 7,856,000 copies of the scriptures have been received from 15 countries, and the seal appeal has been launched to meet this demand. It is estimated that \$2,010,700 will be needed to defray costs.

★ AUSTRALIA

POSTAL SUNDAY SCHOOL MOVEMENT

THE Postal Sunday School Movement, with its headquarters at 841 George-st., Sydney, is operating in the interests of the boys and girls of Australia's vast outback, and has an enrolment of over 21,000 scholars in 12,000 homes, who are receiving the gospel message and definite Bible teaching by pen, print and post.

★ AMSTERDAM

ASSEMBLY TO BE FILMED

PREPARATIONS are being made for the production of a 20-minute sound film of the Amsterdam Assembly of the World Council of Churches. Recently Major Percy N. Corry, of London, secretary of the Visual Aid Department of the World Council of Christian Education, visited Geneva to obtain background information for the script. The film itself will be produced by Religious Films Ltd. during the Assembly (August 22 to September 4), and copies will be made available to churches in all parts of the world.

★ SCOTLAND

A WREATH FOR LIVINGSTONE

ON March 19, Livingstone's birthday, a wreath was laid on his tomb in Westminster Abbey by Dr. H. C. Lefevre on behalf of the L.M.S. and the Scottish National Memorial, Blantyre. A similar ceremony took place at the Livingstone Statue, Glasgow. This act of remembrance was undertaken first by Livingstone House, and continued without a break throughout the war years. Now it has become, most fittingly, a united salute to the great missionary explorer from England and Scotland.

DISSOLUTION OF WORLD ALLIANCE FOR INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP THROUGH THE CHURCHES

THE World Alliance for International Friendship through the Churches sends us the following communiqué:

"At a meeting recently held at its headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, the Provisional Executive Committee of the World Alliance for International Friendship through the Churches decided unanimously to dissolve the organisation. The office will be closed on June 30, 1948.

"This decision was due to the fact that many of the National Councils of the World Alliance had disappeared with their countries as a result of the war; others had found it impossible to resume activity after the war, particularly those in the Balkans, and still others felt that their task could be better performed in co-operation with other organisations.

"The World Alliance was founded in 1914 at Constance, Germany, and was the first of the ecumenical movements. It played an important part in the beginning of the 'Life and Work' and 'Faith and Order' movements which merged in 1937 at Oxford to form the World Council of Churches. During the years between the two wars, it was one of the most effective of international religious organisations with Councils in 34 countries.

"Among its founders and active workers were the late Lord Dickinson of Painwick and the late Mr. J. Allen Baker, M.P. Among other distinguished leaders were Dr. William Pierson Merrill and Dr. Henry A. Atkinson, of the U.S.A., Bishop Irene, of Novi Sad, the late Bishop Amundsen, of Denmark, Dr. Siegmund-Schultze, of Germany, and Pastor Jules Jezequel, of France. More recently, its president has been Professor H. Alivesator, of Greece, its treasurer Dr. Guillaume Fatio, of Geneva, its Genevese representative Dr. Andre Bouvier, and its secretaries Dr. Robert C. Dexter, U.S.A., and Miss Ivy Marks, of Great Britain."

★ RUSSIAN EXILE

TRIBUTE TO BERDYAEV

"ALL who feel any concern over the profound relations of Christianity to culture and civilisation will have marked the passing of Dr. Nicholas Berdyaev with deep regret," writes Mr. Kenneth Grubb.

"I first knew him between the wars, and last saw him recently in this country when he came to receive the honorary doctorate conferred upon him by Cambridge.

"As is well known, after the revolution in Russia, he held a chair to which he was appointed by Lenin. Subsequently he deepened his insight into Christianity and left the U.S.S.R. for his long exile, associating himself closely with the Russian Academy in Paris. Later, while retaining his firm hold on the faith, he came to have much sympathy for the achievements of the present regime in his native land.

"Of his works, that which has most impressed me is 'The Meaning of History.' In this book, first published in 1936, he penetrates into the causes of the malaise, the symptoms of which have subsequently become so evident in Western civilisation. He dwells impressively on the impotence of the modern creative urge to meet the demands of men who live in divorce from the eternal and divine centre of life.

"History, for Berdyaev, remained powerless to unravel the riddle of individual destiny, which for him could be, and now is, solved only in God."

★ ENGLAND

BOOK TRADE

"SOME time ago a well-known publisher found it necessary to remind the powers that be that the book trade is not 'just another industry,' but is an integral part of the mental and spiritual life of the nation. What he declared concerning published works in general may be affirmed with particular emphasis of that department of book production which specialises in the exposition of the word of God and the dissemination of Christian truth.

"It is to be feared, however, that comparatively few people, even in our churches, adequately appreciate the vast contribution made to the progress of the kingdom of God by the literature issuing from Christian publishing houses. Books, as John Milton has pointed out in his 'Areopagitica,' are not absolutely dead things, but do contain a potency of life in them to be as active as that soul whose progeny they are." This fact has never been more convincingly demonstrated than in the printed utterances of Christian preachers and the works of theologians. Through their books Spurgeon, Moody, Maclaren, Meyer, Handley Moule, and a host of others, still minister words of life to multitudes who knew them not in the flesh. The Christian publisher, therefore, has a vital place and function in the work of the Christian church. He is a valued partner of the preacher, the author, and indeed of all them 'that publisheth salvation.'

★ CHINA

A SOBERING DISCOVERY

IN the Kiangsi of to-day twenty out of the twenty-six million inhabitants have never heard of Jesus. This was the unanimous decision of the missionaries gathered in conference at Nanchang, China, in December—a conference I was greatly privileged to attend. Of the twenty million, perhaps ten million have heard the word "Jesus," but have simply no knowledge of the Person who bears the name or of his saving power. Twenty millions! That is a number equal to the combined populations of Tibet, Central Asia and Sinkiang—and more.

Here is this single staggering fact, that in an accessible province like Kiangsi, with reasonable facilities for travel, a railway now being extended, a bus service on the main motor roads, river boats, etc., this condition obtains to-day. There are things which must be said in explanation, or it would appear that the seventy-eight years of faithful missionary service have been fruitless, and that is very far from the case. In 1932-34 the whole province was under communist control, and whole churches were simply liquidated. That fact should be kept well in mind, in view of the growing challenge of this political ideology. Then the war seriously and adversely affected the spread of the gospel, for the Japanese were in occupation. The fact is that the missionary in Kiangsi to-day is facing a new heathen population which has largely grown up in recent years when the church there has been seriously handicapped.

Now what is to be done about this present situation and challenge? Manifestly, there are two considerations; firstly the reviving and blessing of the Christians in the province, and secondly the strengthening of the missionary contribution.—F. Mitchell, Home Director of C.I.M.

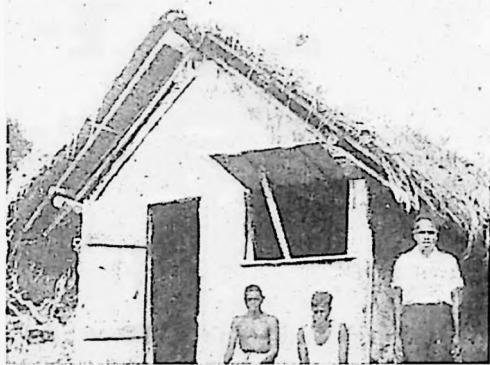
Pentecost Work Encouraging

MR. AND MRS. JACK SMITH are settling in on Pentecost and send encouraging reports.

Severe Hurricane

Of their trip across from Pentecost to Aoba to attend field council meeting, Mr. Smith writes:

"We left here in perfect weather; but as we went up the coast it started raining heavily. Then a south-east wind started, and by the time we reached the top of Pentecost it was blowing strongly. We crossed to Lolowai, and as it was too late to go on to Nduindui, we stayed there for the night, or so we intended. We had not been there very long when the wind swung around to the north, which meant that we had to stay there, because there would be



Medicine House, Ranmawat, Pentecost.
The "boys" are trainee dressers.

a big sea at Nduindui, even if we were able to get there safely. This wind kept up for eight days. We stayed with the sisters at the hospital there. One night we heard the 'Southern Cross,' the Melanesian mission ship, talking on the radio. At this time she was off the Banks group, about sixty miles north from Aoba. They said the ship was doing everything except turning right over. That will give you some idea of the wind. On the Wednesday, eight days after we reached Lolowai, the wind dropped enough to warrant trying to get to Nduindui. We left about 6 a.m., but after two hours the wind and sea rose again, so there was no alternative except to return to Lolowai. On the Friday we tried again, and this time we reached Nduindui. We stayed there for the day, had our field council meeting, and in the evening returned to Lolowai. The next day we came on home. The natives were very glad to see us, as they were so sure that we were 'drowned finish.' While we were at Lolowai, at least six launches were lost or damaged in the group. One was smashed to pulp at Epi, more were badly damaged at Malekula, so the natives' worry was very real. Mr. Thevenin was sending radio messages trying to locate us. I think that he, too, was rather worried."

Gifts for the Lord's Work

The island Christians have taken up an offering (£100) which they wish spent on Pentecost. Our missionaries say, "This is quite understandable, for the offering is a definite sacrifice for these people. They do not have the amount of money in comparison to other islanders, nor do they get the high rate of pay while working, nor is the copra price so high."

Of the old mission plantation at Banmatmat Mr. Smith records progress. Explaining to the men that mission expenses were heavy, volunteers offered to work the copra, and as a re-

sult two and a half tons were harvested. This should bring between £120 and £150. Commenting on the labor situation, he adds:

"I am endeavoring to get this plantation working. We are having, like everyone else, labor trouble. A lot of men have gone to work on other plantations; forty have gone from Narua district; and now the planters are trying to take the old men. We are having a battle all the time to keep the men here. I keep pointing out to the men that if they want money, Thevenin always wants men, then they will not get away from their church and people. The planters are desperate for men, and will do anything to get them. They use all sorts of things as bait—sheets of iron, boats, timber, liquor; in fact, anything the natives want they claim to be able to supply."

Medical Work

Mrs. Smith, in charge of medical work, writes:

"We have had sixty inpatients actually treated in our 'hospital hut,' many of them desperately sick; and out of that figure, only three have died. Many of these have to be given several

kinds of medicine, as well as special diet, as their diseases are many and varied. We know that it is money well spent. We maintain an average of four inpatients all the time now. This does not include maternity cases, of which I have had eight, five of them extremely difficult cases, who would have surely died in the villages. Many more women have booked to come; one is waiting here for the arrival of her infant now."

Other Activities

School now has an average attendance of sixty boys and girls. The women's weekly meetings are attracting good numbers, though not without difficulties because of the low status of women in Pentecost. Four people are being prepared for medical work. One at least is expected to go to Vila next year for training as a medical dresser. Their future seems hopeful, and the report adds, "They are showing promise of doing great things for their people in the future."



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.

"I Believe in Denominations"

Thomas Hagger.

ADDRESSING a meeting of ministers, an evangelist told his hearers in the course of his fine, earnest address that he was about to say something with which, perhaps, some would not agree; but, he said, "You will have to love me just the same, because I am a Christian, and so are all of you." Then he made the statement that stands at the head of this article, "I believe in denominations." Well, I was one who did not agree with him, for I do not believe in such divisions among God's people, and I think I have good reasons for my unbelief. I do not "believe in denominations" because

1. Christ Prayed for Unity

In his great high-priestly prayer recorded in John 17, our Lord prayed that his people should be one that the world may believe that God had sent him (John 17: 20, 21). I cannot conceive that Jesus was wrong in offering such a prayer, nor that such unity could be while God's people wear differing names, profess differing creeds, and sometimes are found in competition with each other. The unity for which he prayed was evidently one that the world would be able to see, and by which the world would be impressed.

2. The Church's Greatest Days Were Before Denominations Came into Existence

There were no denominations when the church was established, and it was then that 3000 people were won to Christ in one day, and as the result of one sermon. While still without denominations we are told that "the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly, and a great company of the priests became obedient to the faith" (Acts 6: 7). And later, while unity still continued, it is recorded that "many of the Corinthians hearing, believed and were baptised" (Acts 18: 8).

3. When Divisions Came They Were Condemned by the Spirit of God.

Sectarianism made itself manifest at Corinth; the Christians there ranged themselves into parties, and began to wear party names. Then

a letter was sent to them which said, "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same things and that there be no divisions among you." Then reference was made to the party names they were wearing in this language, "Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ. Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptised in the name of Paul?" (1 Cor. 1: 12, 13).

4. Denominationalism Causes Waste

Look at some of our small towns and note the several Christian church buildings, each attended by a few residents, and each ministered to by a minister either resident in the place or coming from some nearby community. One church house and the services of one minister would be ample for the place; but because of denominationalism all must be kept going, and so there is waste of the Lord's money, and waste of the efforts of the Lord's people. And yet out yonder there are teeming millions who know practically nothing, if anything, of the Christ who died for us all.

And so for these and other reasons I do not believe in denominations; but in the unity for which Christ prayed, in "the unity of the Spirit" with its seven planks (Ephes. 4: 3-6).

This is not written in the spirit of quarrelsome contention; but in the desire for truth. The writer will still love the brother who confessed his faith in denominations, and pray for the work he is doing for the Lord and the souls of men; but I feel he made a mistake when he so spoke, and I cannot endorse it.

"A few more smiles of silent sympathy, a few more tender words, a little more restraint in temper may make all the difference between happiness and half happiness to those I live with."—Stopford Brooke.

Here and There

The town hall, Prahran, Vic., was crowded again on Sunday evening, May 30. E. C. Hinrichsen preached; five adults confessed Christ.

Churches are requested to observe Sunday, June 27, as a day of prayer for students. This appeal is issued by the World's Student Christian Federation.

C. Young, Victorian hospital chaplain, will be away from Melbourne from June 12 to second week in July. Urgent matters in connection with hospital work may be referred to the Social Service Department.

R. L. Williams, B.A., B.D., who served churches at Brisbane, Qld., Camberwell, and Bambra-rd., Caulfield, Vic., and gave much appreciated help to several brotherhood departments, has accepted an invitation to continue his ministry in U.S.A. Mrs. Williams and family are leaving for America on the "Marine Phoenix" on June 11. Many friends will wish for them an enjoyable trip, and continued success and blessing in America.

The church at Spring Grove, New Zealand, where T. Bamford ministers, organised a "rural church institute." Among the aims was an effort to encourage the farming community to regard the soil with reverence, seek to maintain its fertility unimpaired, and to hand it down, as God's unceasing gift, to oncoming generations. A full report of these meetings will appear in next issue. Mr. Bamford states that 30 have been added to the church within the last two months.

There is increase in numbers attending and showing interest in all departments at Pt. Lincoln, S.A. A town bus service has greatly assisted Sunday night services, particularly on wet nights. Sunday school, Tuesday evening young people's meeting and junior C.E. on Thursdays are held in manse. These are increasing to such an extent that accommodation has been outgrown. More room must be obtained, as well as consideration shown for the preacher's home. Two blocks away from manse is a good, almost level, block of land for £50. It is hoped to find money to purchase same before reaction occurs through lack of room.

At Gardiner, Vic., Mr. Bolduan has accepted offer of a further three years' engagement as from December, 1948, and at morning service on May 9 pledged himself to give his best in service of church. On May 10, Phi Betas and Women's Mission Band combined in a kitchen tea to Mary Brough. Weddings during May included Joan Campbell to Ralph Hall and Mary Brough to Leonard Seabrook. Mr. and Mrs. Sumpton and Mr. Lawson have been welcomed back to morning service after long illness. Speaker at 2nd degree K.S.P. in May was "Father" Tucker, of Brotherhood of St. Lawrence, and John Millar told members of Men's Fellowship something of conditions at present in Germany. On May 23, in absence of Mr. Bolduan at Emerald, W. Atkin exhorted church and explained some of the work of Social Service Department. Both football and three tennis teams continue to do well in respective competitions.

Eastern District Conference Youth Group (Vic.) held tenth annual camp at Waterman memorial camp site, Monbulk. Excellent leadership was provided by K. A. Jones and R. W. Graham. Miss Joan Tieman and Messrs. M. Keatch and Alan Cock were group leaders and Mrs. Frank Rogers (Montrose) was camp mother. Camp theme was "Loyalty, the Soul of Christianity." Three group discussions were taken under the headings: (1) Loyalty to Christ as a Person and loyalty to Christ in daily life; (2) Loyalty to the truth; (3) Loyalty to the church. Campers appreciated a visit from L. A. Trezise, who told of some

of the finer points of "good camping." Mrs. Trew, in her usual friendly and capable way, attended to the important item of meals, assisted by her son Tom, while Eric Gill's splendid organising services before and during camp cannot be overestimated. A full programme of studies was carried through, and in addition campers experienced times of happy, helpful fellowship in hikes, ping-pong, etc., while a camp concert gave opportunity for campers to show their ability in an impromptu way.

On April 18 at Kalgoorlie, W.A., Mr. Fewster conducted a baptismal service prior to gospel service. Roy Beard was morning speaker on April 25, and in evening an Anzac service was arranged. On April 21, church general business was conducted. A. E. Morrow was chairman. All reports showed good progress. W. West and D. Evers were newly-appointed deacons. On May 2, campers held reunion tea. On May 9 (Mother's Day) Endeavorers held special services. Bible school had a

combined mothers' service with cradle roll service, mothers receiving small bouquet. Kinders gave special items. In evening a mothers' choir gave special items and solos. A social hour followed. On May 12, mothers were entertained by young people. On Tuesday afternoon ladies' Mission Band held an afternoon, occasion being 81st birthday of Mrs. Collins. The elderly ladies were presented with bouquets. Mr. Fewster is now broadcasting over 6KG one morning a week. Alan Scott, of B. & F. Bible Society, was morning speaker on May 16.

At Blackburn, Vic., singing by a choir of over 100 children under leadership of Claude Gadge was a feature of S.S. anniversary services. Excellent addresses were given by Mr. Strickland (minister Presbyterian Church) and K. A. Jones, R. W. Graham and W. Quirk. 110 prizes were distributed to kinder and cradle roll members. During last six months 22 seven-year-old children have been promoted to primary department. A service conducted by men of church, and at which members of local united churches football team were in attendance (in charge of their secretary H. Powell), was held on May 23. Mr. Quirk was speaker. Thelma Taylor has been welcomed into church on confession of faith and baptism. Much sickness prevails amongst members. Dorothy Bluhm and Gwen Freeman are making satisfactory progress after attacks of pleurisy. Youth Council, with Margaret Davis president and Esma Quirk secretary, are working in interests of young people of church. A great response was made to appeal for clothing of people of Europe; in addition to a large amount of clothing, cash was also donated.

Visitation Evangelism

GAINS AT NORTH FITZROY, NORTH ESSENDON AND PARKDALE, VICTORIA, MAY 30.

AT North Fitzroy, where J. Turner has enjoyed a happy ministry, F. T. Morgan, of Box Hill, assisted in an evangelistic campaign, from May 23 to 30. Teams of visitors went into homes in surrounding district and witnessed for Christ. Everywhere a welcome was extended to the church visitors; new friendships were begun and decisions gained for Christ. On Sunday evening, May 30, at a well-attended service, nine confessed Christ and two others rededicated themselves to the Master. Mr. Turner and the church have been very much encouraged by the results. Others are thinking seriously of Christ's call and many homes have been opened to church workers.

At Parkdale, a bayside town, F. H. Manning is serving with acceptance. Being evangelistic in outlook, he planned a visitation campaign in his centre. Five visitors went out. The church representatives found people ready to listen to their message. After the invitation was extended on evening of May 30, three adults confessed Christ. A large congregation was inspired by the efforts of the visitors, and all in church have been heartened by the success of the gospel.

Our reporter at Nth. Essendon sends the following good news: "As a result of visitation evangelism, four young people accepted Christ after a stirring address by Mr. Wright on May 30, making a total of 18, including one restoration for the campaign so far. Many of the decisions are from Bible school. Members are thrilled with definite results from only three nights of visitation to homes, plus early morning prayer for a week at 6.30, and faith and prayers of church with splendid organising by the minister, C. H. J. Wright. Mrs. Pollock, Mrs. Tilley, Max Tilley and Noel Picken were baptised on May 30 at a splendidly attended service. Visitation evangelism has meant, and will mean, a lot to the church at North Essendon in the future. All who took part in the campaign feel that it was a privilege to be a shareholder in this venture."

We are sure brethren everywhere must be delighted with the news that in six efforts in recent weeks about 78 persons have been added by visitation evangelism to churches in Melbourne area. In all six centres the preachers are enthusiastic about this new approach to people.

RE-UNION AT EMERALD, VIC.

SUNDAY, May 23, was re-union day at Emerald church. Many members who had pioneered work over forty years ago were present, and these were joined by church friends resident in the Dandenongs. Churches at Silvan, Berwick and East Emerald sent official representatives. Hospitality was provided for over 80 people, under direction of Mrs. A. Legge.

Communion service was attended by 80 worshippers. R. Bolduan, who spent his boyhood days at Emerald, addressed congregation. L. A. Trezise, State youth director, preached to a congregation of 100 in evening. The splendor of service by pioneers was made manifest at afternoon service of thanksgiving. W. A. Boys, secretary of East Emerald church, presented illuminating facts from early documents. T. Collis and W. Bolduan delighted congregation with graphic pioneering experiences. H. Jackel recalled struggles of years of depression.

The pioneering days of Emerald church were used by A. L. Haddon, at World Convention, Buffalo, to convey an important truth. W. R. Hibbert, now ministering at Emerald, summarised achievement of years, referring to R. Bolduan's 17 years of missionary service in India, Mrs. Sandells' labors in New Hebrides, men and women serving with distinction as officers and teachers in congregations at other centres throughout Australia, student preachers who had testified to encouragements received from the church.

During past twelve months a manse adjoining chapel has been completed, and improvements to church property effected. Manse debt-reduction offering during day totalled £40.

A message of good cheer was conveyed to Mrs. Nightingale, of Avonsleigh, who was unable to attend by reason of advanced years.

Solos rendered by S. Baker and E. Hammond were appreciated.

News of the Churches

Victoria

Prahran.—Second week of Hinrichsen mission closed with ten decisions to date. Attendance has been fair, but it is felt that it will be better to have week-night meetings in chapel as town hall is not available every night. Sunday evening services will be held in town hall. Mrs. Knight was received into fellowship on May 23.

Melbourne (Swanston-st).—A. W. Stephenson was speaker on evening of May 23, and all other recent meetings have been addressed by K. A. Macnaughtan. Len Davies, who was organist for some years, has resigned, and his place has been taken by Max Olding, of Launceston, who is at present studying at Melbourne University Conservatorium.

St. Kilda.—On May 23 a visit from E. C. Hinrichsen at morning meeting was enjoyed. Church school enjoyed a visit from J. W. Machin and Marie Machin, and many new choruses were learned by scholars. Members also met E. H. Randall, the new preacher, for first time at morning service, and enjoyed his inspiring address and challenge.

Doncaster.—R. A. Banks, having accepted a call to church at Castlemaine, will close a ministry of over seven years here at end of August. During holidays, boys' club, under direction of superintendent Gil Tully and Mr. Banks, went to camp at Cowes, Phillip Island, for five days. Boys were instructed by Mr. Banks on problems of daily life, and visits were made to various parts of island. Mr. Tully provided necessary transport. Women's Fellowship held monthly meeting on afternoon of May 25. Mrs. Kemp gave an interesting travel talk.

Middle Park.—Annual church business meeting was held on May 12. Plans for a more progressive year were discussed. Messrs. Brookner, Bagot, Cripps, Hartvigsen, Hobbs, Whittaker and Annetts were elected deacons. Mother's Day was observed on May 9, Mr. Manallack giving an illustrated film address. Appreciated addresses were given by Mr. Manallack on May 16. United gospel service with Baptist brethren was held in chapel on May 30, when Mr. Lowson gave the address and Joy Payne sang an enjoyable solo. Fellowship was renewed with Mrs. A. O. Baker, from Bordertown, S.A., and others.

Burnley.—On May 9, Mr. Gross exchanged with Mr. Heard, of East Malvern, for morning service. Young people conducted evening service, L. Blackburn being speaker. A quartette of young ladies sang. Wednesday night prayer services have been making a study of booklet, "What Think Ye of Christ?" by Dr. S. Hebart. Led by Mr. Gross, meetings have been interesting and enjoyed. Gospel services do not have large attendances, but splendid fellowship is enjoyed, and addresses of Mr. Gross are of highest standard. Work by men of church has improved appearance of front of building, fence having been removed, and front all asphalted.

South Yarra.—On May 9, at invitation of Baptist Church, juniors, intermediates and young people of Bible school attended Baptist Sunday school anniversary. At kindergarten a Mother's Day service was held. Mothers of children listened to children singing and to a talk by superintendent, Mrs. Walters. On May 12 members united with Prahran at a cottage prayer meeting. Sunday evening meetings closed to enable church to unite with Prahran mission. Mr. Hinrichsen was speaker on morning of May 16. Sponsored by Ladies' Guild on May 15, F. Lewis gave a screening of his tour in New Zealand; proceeds were in aid of building fund. A number of first degree Good Companions attended camp at Monbulk during school holidays. Pat

Brown, young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brown, made the good confession one night at E. C. Hinrichsen mission. A number of Bible scholars and two teachers have entered for annual examination. Through accident, Mrs. Stafford is a patient in hospital.

Carnegie.—Youth services were held on May 9, also Mother's Day service at gospel meeting. Combined youth auxiliaries met for a social evening on May 13. On same date, at home of Mrs. Ryall, Women's Mission Band met for meeting. On May 15 a number of Men's Society journeyed to Monbulk youth camp for tea at invitation of Youth Department. Men and boys of church held a working bee to make improvements inside and outside of chapel on May 22. Cottage prayer meetings have been held in homes of Mr. Manning and Mr. Peterson. Mrs. McIntosh has been able to meet with church after illness. Mrs. Lever has been laid aside by sickness. Miss M. Jones has been received into fellowship from Malvern-Caulfield. H. R. Coventry enters upon his second year of service with church.

Moreland.—Inspiring meetings were held on May 30 to celebrate 39th anniversary of church. A men's prayer meeting at 7.30 a.m. was well attended. Many past members were present throughout day. A. W. Stephenson gave an interesting and informative address; Mr. Miles was in charge at gospel service. A P.S.A. service in afternoon was appreciated. On May 6 an excellent concert arranged by choir was held; proceeds, £10, were in aid of Bible school funds. On May 23, Ken Beckett was immersed. Annual Bible school teachers' meeting was held on May 25. Following were elected: superintendent, R. Conning; assistant, H. Preston; kindergarten superintendent, Miss A. Woodbridge; secretary, D. Rhodes; treasurer, N. Skillicorn. Average attendances over past four weeks: breaking of bread, 138; gospel service, 143. David Preston made the good confession on May 30.

Mildura.—A. J. Chislett, who has been ill in hospital, is home again. Goods given for harvest thanksgiving were donated to local hospital. Thankoffering was better than last year's. Some alterations are being made to manse, including a new window in front bedroom. Renovations are also to be made to chapel, including new baptistery. Ladies' Guild has donated £50 to building fund. Youth of church are active, and their work is appreciated. At Mission Band rally on Apr. 22, a hospital visiting committee was formed, two ladies from each of the four churches to visit patients. Hot water bag covers and net covers for jugs, etc., are being made by the four bands, to be given to hospital. On May 16 a past preacher of church, Mr. Mudford, gave an address in morning. It was 17 years since Mr. Mudford and family left, and all received a hearty welcome back.

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South Australia

Fullarton.—At morning service on May 23, there was a good attendance, and B. W. Manning's exposition was appreciated. Reference was made to passing of James Suttle during week past—a faithful member for 17 years. The church's sympathy goes out to bereaved. Gospel service commences at 6.30 to enable folk to get into city for Hyman Appelman mission.

Semaphore.—May 2 was observed as Youth Sunday. Mr. Jones, of Henley Beach, was speaker in morning; a youth service at night was addressed by Mr. Matthews. A picture night was held on May 3 in connection with Men's Fellowship. Ladies of F.M. Committee had charge of meeting of Ladies' Mission

Band on May 4, with Mrs. Green speaker. Mother's Day service was conducted on May 9. Endeavorers distributed parcels to St. Margaret and Wolverton Hospitals and to elderly members of church. Kindergarten held a mothers' afternoon, a large number attending. At close of Mr. Matthews' address on May 16, a married man made the good confession. Work in all departments is in good form. Three young lads from Bible school stepped forward at evening service on May 23, Mr. Matthews preaching.

Bordertown.—A successful Sunday school anniversary was held on May 2 at which Mr. Combridge, of Kaniva, was speaker. Afternoon service was a musical one, depicting the "Children's Saviour." Mr. Combridge held interest of children with a flannelgraph talk. On April 21, officers tendered a banquet to church tennis club at which the red team was congratulated on winning premiership shield in Tatiana United Churches Tennis Association. A social concluded evening. Sisters of church have recently provided an electric urn which is doing good service at functions. Passing of Mrs. Beard is a loss to church.

Prospect.—Ladies' Guild held an American afternoon, a good number attending; funds raised were for kitchen equipment. Fellowship meeting was held on evening of May 18, when 26 attended. Service on morning of May 16 was exhorted by R. Vincent; good attendance. Margaret and Malcolm Jenkins and Mervyn Tuckfield were welcomed in after baptism previous Lord's day and Mrs. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Burdett by transfer. At evening service members from Kilburn church attended, when a young girl was baptised by F. Collins, and Hazel Anderson, of Prospect church, was baptised by R. Vincent. Helpful addresses were enjoyed throughout day.

Mt. Compass.—Ladies' Auxiliary organised a concert in Mt. Compass public hall, raising over £13 for church of Christ old folks' rest home fund. Bible school has held anniversary. Special singing by school was given at well attended afternoon and evening services. Gordon Stirling was speaker. Mr. Russell (conference president) delighted church with a visit on May 2, and young men helped him with service in afternoon. On May 8 Endeavorers held a social evening, inviting mothers and fathers and many young people of district; approximately 75 attended. Combined Mother's Day and youth services were held on May 9. Three young men gave addresses in morning, and young women helped in afternoon. Mr. Manning is temporarily unable to carry out all his usual activities owing to ill-health. Endeavorers went to Enterprise Colony and held a cottage meeting in Mr. and Mrs. Beaumont's home on May 18.

Kilburn.—Monthly prayer meeting was held on May 18 at home of P. T. J. Roberts, after which seven food parcels were packed for Britain and India. Sister Mann is in hospital, having had an operation. 116 attended 10 a.m. Bible school on May 23 and two new scholars were enrolled. Kindergarten department acknowledges receipt of two more tables made by A. Mackenzie and a sand tray re-conditioned. A. Roberts, of Prospect, renders consistent service as emergency teacher and Mrs. A. Roberts continues to help by duplicating circulars. P. T. J. Roberts conducted 11 a.m. service, when F. Collins gave story to 50 young worshippers and address to 25 adults. Airdrie Mann, a Bible school scholar, was received into fellowship by faith and baptism. At 7 p.m. gospel service A. Mackenzie sang a solo and told story to children, and F. Collins gave an address to attendance of 14 adults and five children. Mrs. Lawrence, sen., keeps church supplied with grape juice for communion services.

Norwood.—At annual business meeting of church, John Folland was elected a deacon. W. Francis and C. Johnson did not seek re-election. Reports from departments were encouraging. A kitchen evening was given to Dorothy Ingham prior to her marriage to Max Reynolds. During Mr. Ingham's absence on holidays, following took services: A. H. Wilson, Don Beiler, C. J. Parker, R. Allison. At sisters' Mission Band meeting on May 26, A. Anderson showed moving pictures of work in India. An offering was taken for projector. Endeavor Society is preparing parcels to send to England.

Cheltenham.—Church has been going well under leadership of Mr. Cornelius. Mr. Inkster, from W.A., has been welcomed into fellowship. Sister Mitchel is improving after long illness. Sunday school is starting a new year of work under Mr. Morris, but is losing services of Mr. Mitchel. Anniversary went very well under leadership of Sister Smith. Children sang wonderfully. All are sorry to lose services of Sister Beaton, who is in indifferent health. Sister Vincent is back again. Numerous scholars received prizes on May 11, when annual prize-giving night was held. C.E. societies are running smoothly. At recent junior meetings Colin Kappler and Peter Young have given interesting talks.

Dulwich.—A young university student, Eddie Ots, was received into fellowship on April 25, having been baptised previous Sunday. In Anzac Day service Mr. Maddern gave a talk on "What Anzac Means to the Serviceman," and Mr. Cave followed with "The Spirit of Anzac." On April 22, Doreas Society was visited by representatives of Home Mission Executive of Sisters' Conference. May 2 was observed as Youth Sunday. In evening service, conducted entirely by young people under leadership of W. Morrow, four short addresses were given on theme, "The Life that Wins," using illustrations from various sports and relating them to Christian living—June Pritchard (basketball), Murray Cave (athletics), Eddie Ots (cricket), John Carey (baseball). A Mother's Day social, with Mr. Allison in charge, was held on May 7. Thirty mothers and forty young people were present. Three members have been initiated into K.S.P., including Lance Brune, who will act as vice-chaplain. K.S.P. visited Hyman Appelman mission on May 21, and a party of sisters attended on 18th. Prospect tent mission has been supported. An interesting experiment in home visitation was made recently when, one Tuesday night, a group of seven officers (including the preacher) made a "lightning raid" on homes in Beaumont area, and in course of an hour and a half, visited about 40 new homes with an invitation to attend services of church. This approach was received very well, and good results are already forthcoming, including a gain of new scholars for Sunday school. Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Black celebrated their golden wedding with their family in Melbourne on May 11. Miss Pauline Maddern, daughter of the choir-master, was presented with an electric toaster from choir members on occasion of her marriage to R. Croft. A. M. Ludbrook is in failing health, and is now confined to bed. An isolated member of long association with our churches, Mrs. Castles, was laid to rest on May 7. Mr. Collins and Mr. Cave conducted funeral ceremony.

Western Australia

Fremantle.—North Fremantle Bible school celebrated anniversary on May 9, A. G. Whiting giving an interesting talk to children. James Gordon commenced third year of his ministry on May 9. There were good meetings on Pentecost Sunday. Joy Robartson, Bible school scholar, was baptised on April 25 and received into fellowship May 2. Visitors have included Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Goodhill and daughter Carol, from N.S.W.; Miss Shannon,

from Caulfield, Vic. Visiting speakers have been A. G. Whiting and S. F. Davey. Chap. C. H. Hunt (British Sailors' Society), whose membership is at Fremantle, has also given helpful addresses. "Living Link" fund, in its third year, completed at end of April, reached total of £127.

Tasmania

Dunalley.—Work continues to progress. Mission conducted by the minister resulted in 14 confessions. Commencing in June, fortnightly services will be held at Taranna, and a Sunday school will be commenced. Services are regularly held at Bream Creek, Carlton and Sorell, and it is hoped soon to form churches in these settlements. A mission will also be conducted at Buckland, and choir from Dunalley will assist. Cottage meetings are held every Thursday night at homes in Dunalley, Copping, Bream Creek and Kellevie districts. Often invitations are received from non-members to go to their homes and hold a cottage meeting. Every fifth Sunday (once a quarter) Dunalley brethren visit Highcroft church and unite in worship. Periodical visits are also made to Kellevie. The two ambulances continue to render a fine service to a district covering over 200 miles.

Launceston.—On morning of May 2, three were received into fellowship. Visit on May 9 of Dr. W. A. Kemp, of Melbourne, sponsored by Men's Fellowship, was enjoyed. At worship service he gave an interesting talk on his trip abroad, of his visit to World Conference at Buffalo, and to churches in Britain. Over 40 brethren assembled for monthly tea and gathering of men's fellowship, at which Dr. Kemp delivered an address. At an after-church gathering in school hall, the doctor showed movie pictures of his overseas trip. Splendid interest and fine fellowship were enjoyed. There have been consistently good attendances at Lord's day services over past few weeks. At conclusion of a fine address by Mr. Wilson at a Mother's Day gospel service, a young girl confessed Christ. W. Duff (elder) is confined to his home due to sickness. Whole of church buildings have been painted, and property is now in splendid order.

Hobart (Collins-st.).—Attendances are encouraging under F. B. Burtt's ministry; his addresses are greatly appreciated. A social hour was held after gospel service on May 23 to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Burtt. For a quarter of an hour a song service was led by Mr. Maurice Boxhall, then refreshments were served, after which Mrs. Burtt was welcomed and presented with a posy of flowers by Mrs. J. Boxhall, who represented women of church. J. Park spoke in glowing terms of Mr. and Mrs. Burtt (representing Sunday school), Mr. Mason for kindergarten, R. Boxhall for young people, and Mr. Heard, representing church. Mr. and Mrs. Burtt responded. Morning meeting had a splendid sermon from Mr. Moorehouse (visiting delegate to Congregational conference). On afternoon of May 2, six ladies visited Mrs. Olsen, a faithful member, to wish her many happy returns of her 83rd birthday. Women's Mission Band annual meeting was held on May 20. F. B. Burtt gave a fine address; Mrs. Stranger sang a solo; Mrs. Palmer gave elocutionary items. Election of officers: President, Mrs. Madel-Cole; vice-president, Mrs. Burtt; secretary, Mrs. G. Watkins; pianist, Mrs. Stranger. Afternoon tea was served. Youth Club is progressing and has happy times on Saturday evenings in school hall. One young man made the good confession, and was baptised on evening of May 23.

Queensland

Rockhampton.—On May 19, Mr. Millar conducted gospel meeting at Theodore. Keen interest is shown by folk in that district. On May 20 Keith Jones, College of Bible secretary, conducted a meeting at Moongan in conjunction with Mr. Millar. He had fellowship with Rockhampton brethren at a meeting following night. R. Dobbs, a Rockhampton student from College of Bible, has had a brief period of fellowship with church, and participated in gospel meeting on May 23. Bible school had two more new scholars on May 23. Sister Shimmin is in hospital, progressing satisfactorily after operation. Ladies' Guild is endeavoring to raise funds for an electric motor for organ, and held an enjoyable social on May 24.

Gympie.—G. Taudevin, of Brisbane, was amongst recent visitors. His address during morning service on May 2 was enjoyed. About 26 attended tea in honor of Mother's Day on Sunday. A beautifully iced mothers' cake was provided by Mrs. J. Robeson, and a tea-table talk by Mrs. Kitchen, sen., was appreciated. Service for Mother's Day was held at Rosemount, Sunday afternoon. Visit of Miss Combes, missionary from India, was enjoyed on night of 13th. A successful rally at Goomborian was held by District C.E. Union. Tea table subject was provided by Mrs. M. Buchanan, and address at evening service by Mr. Chittenden, from local Church of England. J. McLellan is still in hospital, after continued ill-health. Joyce Nielsen paid brief visit on vacation from Woolwich Bible College.

Brisbane (Ann-st.).—Hayden McCallum, Australian delegate to World Youth Conference at Oslo, was speaker on morning of May 16. A large congregation heard an interesting report on the conference, and children enjoyed a special talk. F. C. Hunting conducted gospel service, when newly-formed women's choir sang. Attendance was 167 at Lord's table for day. C. J. Mackenzie spoke on morning of May 23. Mrs. Ryan, who had met with church for some time, was received into membership. F. C. Hunting preached at night, and choir sang. As part of plan to emphasise each month a different phase of church activity, it is planned to feature part played by men of church during month of June in special meetings, teas, etc. Visitors have included Mr. and Mrs. Kath, Rockdale, N.S.W.; Mrs. Wade, City Temple, Sydney; Misses K. Bisset, Dulwich Hill and J. Smyth, Abbotsford; Mrs. Lane, Adelaide; C. S. McKellar, Epping, and S. Murray, Burwood, N.S.W. Youth offering was £22. Sunday school held a successful picnic at Mowbray Park on May 3. Mrs. Larsen is in hospital, having undergone a serious operation. Denzil Stanway met with an accident, necessitating hospital attention.

New South Wales

Wiley Park.—On Mother's Day in Pavilion Hall, beautifully decorated, members enjoyed services conducted by Mr. Dewberry. In evening, Bible school scholars attended in large numbers, taking part collectively and individually. Three mothers were recipients of bouquets made by Elwyn Lewis—first for oldest mother, second, mother with youngest baby, and third for mother with most children attending Bible school. All auxiliaries progress favorably. Cottage prayer meetings are well attended. At last Y.P.C.E. meeting 23 young people were present. On May 22 young people of C.E. visited Ashwood House and Dunmore House. After a short service with the ladies, each was presented with a prettily wrapped washer and soap, washers being hand-knitted by girls. Boys were entertained with chorus singing and given books and sweets, gifts from boys of society. By co-operative labor of church brethren chapel

is nearing completion. Max Wharton has been evening pianist during absence of Mr. Nutt.

Georgetown.—Eighth anniversary services commenced with Temple Day on May 15. The various auxiliaries met in chapel during afternoon for times of devotion. At anniversary tea which followed, P. Goodger and W. Turnell, of Woolwich College, were speakers. Offering was over £30. Women's Guild has given £25 for reduction of church debt. On the Sunday Mr. Turnell was speaker in morning and Mr. Brookes in evening. At annual business meeting C. Baker was added to board of deacons. Treasurer presented a healthy report of improved finances.

North Sydney.—C.E. recently entertained most mothers of church at a social evening. On May 23 and 26, church celebrated 43rd anniversary. J. Luff, of Enmore, was morning speaker, and in afternoon Supt. Lawrence, of traffic police, addressed a gathering. On Wednesday evening young people's choir of churches of Christ gave a sacred concert, and opportunity was taken to honor four brethren who have given many years of service—W. Brydon, treasurer for 42 years; F. Horsey, secretary for 30 years; W. J. Modral, assistant secretary, 23 years; and Cyril Lawrence, organist for 28 years. Presentations were made to each. Church has installed radiators, and provision is made for fans for summer.

Broken Hill.—On May 23 there were good attendances at both services. Visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett, from Croydon, and Mrs. W. Best, from Cheltenham, S.A. Y.P.S.C.E. has attendance of 20 to 25. Happy meetings are held alternately in chapel and private homes. On Tuesday members met in home of Alderman and Mrs. Les. Warren. Meetings are followed by a social period and supper. J.C.E.S. has been revived, meetings being held at chapel on Friday nights, followed by short session of indoor games. Sunday school work is in good heart at Wills-st. C.E. is held on Sunday mornings at 10. Recently children held a successful frolic, with John Baker compere. Funds were for new hall (Wolfram-st.). Sunday school is conducting a campaign with two sides.

Lismore.—On May 16 E. C. Savill gave exhortation during absence of Mr. Vanham, holidaying at Toowoomba with his parents. An experimental "four-in-one" offering, taken on one Sunday during month for Youth Campaign, Social Service, Boys' Home and Aborigines Mission, resulted in a monetary return which doubled previous separate offerings. Mr. Acland, conference president, preached on morning of May 23. Mr. Greenhalgh will shortly conduct a "Happy Hour" and mission campaign for benefit of children, after which he will attend C.E. Convention. Sunday school reports prove encouraging. New scholars have been added, while classes prepare for banner competitions and inter-class competitions. Miss Barrie, from Inverell, was received into church on night of April 21. Mr. Vanham attended youth camp at Newcastle during Easter. Studies in coming young men's meetings will be in book of Revelation.

WANTED

S.C. flat or house required by couple being married in August. Handy city. Exc. refs. —10 Jackson-st., Toorak, Vic.

Murrumbeena Christian Guest Home Extension requires a piano. This is an urgent necessity. Price to the secretary, 241 Flinders-lane, Melbourne, C.1.

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.

TO LET

Well furnished D.B.S.R. Share kitchen conveniences. Offered ref. couple willing vacate Sept.—10 Jackson-st., Toorak, Vic.

DEATHS

ALLAMBY.—On May 24, passed peacefully away at her daughter's residence, Berwick, Jessie, loved wife of William, of 30 Antibes-st., Parkdale, and devoted mother of Alice, Walter (deceased), Myrtle (Mrs. Bradley), Jessie (Mrs. Talent), Les. (deceased), and Arthur (deceased), in her 90th year. Late of Carlton. "Underneath are the everlasting arms."

ELLIS.—On May 16, at his home, 534 Burke- rd., Camberwell, Arthur Hedley, dearly loved husband of Elsie; loved father of Alice (Mrs. Jones), Elsie (Mrs. Smith) and Jim. Some time we'll understand.

WILLIAMS.—On May 23, at his residence, 12 Royal-pde., Pascoe Vale South, Francis Clark (Frank), devoted husband of Millie, and father of Leonard, Valda and Bruce. Aged 44 years. "Some time we'll understand."

IN MEMORIAM

CARROLL.—In loving memory of my dear husband and father, Bert, who passed away June 4, 1939. Ever remembered.

—Inserted by his loving wife and family.

LOUEY PANG.—In loving memory of my dear husband Harry, who passed away at his home in Elwood on June 6, 1937.

"And with the morn those angel faces smile,
Which I have loved long since and lost
awhile."

MURDOCH.—In loving memory of our beloved sisters—Isabella, called home May 22, 1945, also our beloved Lillias, April 24, 1946.

When we gather at last over Jordan,
And the ransomed in glory we see,

As the numberless sands of the seashore—

What a wonderful sight that will be!

—Inserted by loving sister (Mrs. Burden, Sydney), John and George.

REYNOLDS.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Elizabeth, who departed this life on June 5, 1945.

"God holds the key of all unknown,

And I am glad;

If other hands should hold the key

Or if he trusted it to me,

I might be sad."

—Robert and Heather (Mrs. Wells).

WINTER.—In sad but loving memory of my dear husband, Conrad Winter, who passed away on June 7, 1942.

Yet again I hope to meet you,
When the day of life has fled,
And with joy in heaven to greet you,
Where no farewell tears are shed.

—Inserted by his loving wife, M. Winter.

COMING EVENTS

JUNE 6 and 8.—Church of Christ Chinese Mission, Queensberry-st., Carlton. Sunday, June 6, 43rd Anniversary Service. 11 a.m., speaker, L. A. Trezise; 7 p.m., speaker, R. T. Pittman. Tuesday, June 8, 8 p.m., Anniversary social evening, speaker, F. Bennett.

HINRICHSEN-MACHIN MISSION.

SUNDAYS, PRAHRAN TOWN HALL, 7 p.m.
Week nights, chapel, High-st., Prahran,
8 p.m.

Subject next Sunday, "What Will Russia Do?"

CHELTONHAM CHURCH OF CHRIST ANNIVERSARY SERVICES.

JUNE 6.

11 a.m., speaker, D. Wakeley, past preacher.
3 p.m., Religious Film Service.
7 p.m., speaker, J. C. Cunningham.

Past members cordially invited to be present.
Meals in school hall.

Ring secretary, E. Brough, U19295.

SOUTH MELBOURNE 81st BIRTHDAY

CELEBRATIONS,

SUNDAY, JUNE 6.

11 a.m., Every Member Present.

9.45 a.m., Bible School.

3 p.m., Pleasant Sunday Afternoon. Speaker, E. C. Hinrichsen. Visiting artists.

7 p.m., Gospel Service. Hospitality provided in vestry.

Past members welcomed.

For hospitality notify D. F. Morgan, 143 Nelson- rd., South Melbourne, S.C.5.

ORMOND CHURCH OF CHRIST,

23rd ANNIVERSARY,

JUNE 6.

11 a.m., Mr. J. K. Martin.

3 p.m., Major Moore.

7 p.m., Mr. A. E. Hurren.

Past members cordially invited.

Meals provided.

Phone Mr. Martin, UL5727, or contact secretary, 72 Leila-rd., S.E.9.

SWANSTON STREET

(opp. Public Library).

SUNDAY, JUNE 6.

11 a.m., "Asking and Taking."

4.30 p.m., Commencing Study Circle of Central Christian Fellowship. Subject, "The Holy Spirit—His Personality." Everyone welcome.

5.15 p.m., Fellowship Tea.

7 p.m., Continuing series of addresses on prophecy, "Jesus as King of the Jews." Preacher, K. A. Macnaughtan.

BENTLEIGH CHURCH OF CHRIST

ANNIVERSARY SERVICES,

JUNE 13.

(Please note change of date.)

11 a.m., Speaker, E. C. Hinrichsen. Soloist, Miss Francis Cowper.

7 p.m., Speaker, R. J. Anderson.

Past members cordially invited to be present. Hospitality provided.

Ring C. Dahl, secretary, XU2219.

NORTHCOTE CHURCH OF CHRIST,

45th ANNIVERSARY AND HOME-COMING

SERVICES,

JUNE 27.

11 a.m., W. W. Saunders.

2.45 p.m., Pleasant Sunday Afternoon, Town Hall. Music by Northcote Choral Society.

Speaker, Dean H. T. Langley.

7 p.m., W. G. Graham.

Hospitality provided. Contact R. Anderson, JW4905.

NEW C.S.S.M. PUBLICATIONS.

"Praise Him." Child's first book of hymns, 31 pieces in color with music. 10/- (10/21).

"Child's Guide to the Bible." Background to the books of the Bible, characters and events. 7/9 (7/11).

"Sunday Schools for To-day." By J. R. Hill, B.A. Valuable hints on modern S.S. practice. 10d. (11d.).

"What's Wrong with the Cinema?" A. Morgan. 10d. (11d.).

"Quiet Time Record." Notebook for daily use. 2/5 (2/6).

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News — Continued

Gardenvale.—At ninth anniversary of Women's Mission Band on May 5, approximately 50 were present, and an enjoyable afternoon was spent. Items were given by visiting artists. Mrs. Manning, from Belgian Congo, was speaker. On evening of May 9, Mr. Edgar, secretary of Mission to Lepers, showed a film and spoke of work in leper colony in Africa. Mr. Shaw continues to give helpful and encouraging addresses.

Cheltenham.—Mother's Day services were well attended; 102 present in evening. About 75 remained after church for a fellowship hour arranged by Bible school. Bible school staff are co-operating with Methodist and Presbyterian teachers in a united visitation plan, seeking children who do not attend a Bible school. Definite results have already been obtained. On May 23, at 7 p.m., a favorite hymn service was held. J. C. Cunningham continues to give appreciated addresses and leadership.

North Richmond.—Meetings for May have been well attended, and C. Young continues his interim ministry in conjunction with Mr. Atkin. Mr. Young's addresses are appreciated by young and old. 18 Bible school scholars are attending church under leadership of E. Addicott. Scholars had final practice for anniversary. Pre-Sunday evening service prayer meetings are well attended. A new citizen from Scotland in Mrs. Murray was given a cordial welcome. Her children are a valuable asset to Bible school.

Carlton (Lygon-st.).—Mr. and Mrs. T. Patterson, of Wiley Park, N.S.W., had fellowship with church on May 9. Mr. Trotter, of North Fitzroy, gave an interesting talk about the Mint at C.M. Fellowship meeting on May 14. A visit to Monbulk youth camp site by 15 men from church on May 15 was enjoyed. First of fortnightly church prayer meetings was held at home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Atkinson, Coburg, on May 15. On May 19 Miss England, lecturer from Metropolitan Gas Coy., addressed women's work and fellowship circle on baking of cakes, etc.

Red Hill.—On May 15, several members visited Southern Bayside Conference held in Cheltenham chapel. Addresses by A. E. Hurren (president) and S. Neighbour were appreciated. On May 16 N. Moore spoke morning and evening. Monthly food for Britain appeal amounted to £4. Y.P.S.C.E. held an enjoyable camp-fire meeting on May 20. On May 23, F. Butler spoke in morning and gave a talk to Y.W.L. Gospel service was conducted by A. Salmon; D. Holmes conducted song service. A. Greaves is sick. N. Moore, the preacher, has been in Tasmania for two weeks.

Dunolly.—Dunolly Hospital and missionaries in India benefitted from harvest thanksgiving services, which were very successful. On Empire Youth Sunday, Sunday school combined with other Sunday schools of district in a youth parade and rally (in town hall). A large crowd, including many parents, was present. Newly-formed Good Companions' Club is progressing well. On Mother's Day the girls distributed flowers to mothers of church, and also to mothers in hospital. Annual business meeting of church was held this month. On May 22, Sunday school held an enjoyable social in aid of school funds.

Hamilton.—Youth Week culminated with a combined youth rally on May 1, when visitors from surrounding districts were present. Over 100 young people sat to tea in Sunday school hall. A service which followed in chapel over-taxed seating accommodation. The address of Mr. Mathieson, from Horsham, was appreciated, and the spirit of youth was prevalent throughout services. On May 2 Mr. Mathieson exchanged with Mr. Curtis, and at close of address four young people decided for Christ. On May 9 Mr. Curtis was speaker,

when two young men made the good confession. Church rejoices in three additional confessions, making total of nine to date. A young people's fellowship recently formed is adding to spiritual and social life of church. Elinor Mountjoy, of Drumcondra, sang a solo at evening service on May 23.

Swan Hill.—On May 9, Mother's Day services were held, and girls of J.C.E. provided white buttonholes. Youth Week commenced in district on May 15 with a rally at Woorinen chapel. Mr. Chivell, of Red Cliffs, gave stirring addresses. Young people helped at church services on May 16 and 23, and there was also a youth choir. During week there was a social evening for Sunday school children and parents. A mystery night was held at Ultima on May 19. A night of fun, chorus singing and devotion was shared with young people of other churches on May 21. On 22nd a squash night was held at home of a church member, and on 24th a candlelight consecration service was held.

Bentleigh.—Worship services are well attended. R. J. Anderson gave an appropriate address for Mother's Day in morning. At conclusion of address Mrs. Hodges confessed Christ. Young people took leading part in evening. Brian Ratten presided; Laurie Taylour and Miss A. Nugent read scripture; Good Companions sang; Ian Law preached; R. J. Anderson summarised to conclude service. A bouquet was presented to oldest mother, youngest mother and mother with largest family, Mrs. Tate (sen.), Mrs. Kenley and Mrs. Corrigan being recipients. During R. J. Anderson's absence on holiday with family, T. Kenley spoke at morning service; A. J. V. Thomas preached at night. R. Nugent has accepted appointment as youth organiser, which plans to co-ordinate all youth work. Tennis and cricket social on May 15, arranged by Messrs. Thompson, Beddome and Miles, was well attended. Messrs. Krieger and Ferris, representing cricket and tennis associations respectively, presented trophies. Winners included Ray Watson (cricket), Jean Spence, Nurse B. Featherstone and Carl Dahl (tennis). Ray Watson and Lorraine Spence won special tournament tennis trophies. Mrs. Parnell is home after a serious operation, making satisfactory progress.

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Theme: "One Master, One Message."

Saturday, June 12 (afternoon, 3).

Devotional session, F. Langford.

Duet, Misses Jones.

Business session. Basket tea, 6 p.m.

Evening, 7.30—

Speaker, F. Morgan, Box Hill.

Subject, "The Church's One Message."

Musical items by Miss V. Barnden.

Sunday, June 13, 3 p.m.:

Conference Sermon.

Speaker, H. Earle, Surrey Hills.

Subject, "And Deliver Us from Tameness."

Musical items by Miss D. Ludbrook Clark.

Monday, June 14:

Youth Hike—arranged by Youth Club.

Women's Conference, 2 p.m.

President, Mrs. Jordan. Secretary, Mrs. McDowell.

Speaker, Mrs. Jeffrey, "The Buffalo Convention."

Business session. Basket tea, 5.30.

Evening, 7.30, Youth Rally.

Speaker, H. McCallum, B.A.

Subject, "We are Already One."

Musical items, Miss J. Williams.

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KARL BARTH AND CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

(Continued from front page)

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Notes and Comments on Social Activities

By Will. H. Clay.

"Social Service Digest"

A LIBERAL supply of May "Digests" has been sent to all our churches throughout Victoria, and one should be found in every church home. The information contained therein is of a general character, and we are certain that it will be read with the deepest interest. It is intended to issue the Digest quarterly, and at an early date, monthly, and also to increase its size. The present changing conditions of the world, and the many social changes that are taking place around us, warrant a regular publication of information of events which are constantly demanding our attention. Issues such as Prices Control should not be left entirely to the politician. Momentous issues are continually before our parliaments, and our representatives should have the mind of the electors when discussing them and casting their vote. Most people are unaware of the extent to which what is called "lobbying" is carried on at Parliament House. The liquor traffic, racing interests and even certain religious bodies, and others, all have their friends, always ready to use their influence to sway votes. Such methods indicate unmistakably the deep interest of the parties concerned and their willingness to pay a price. We believe the church should not be without a witness.

The Christian Guest Home

So great is the pressure of applicants for admission to the home that staff accommodation has yielded to meet the need. This will indicate that a reduced staff is meeting an increased obligation. The number of guests, 25, is the greatest we have had. A staff of five is altogether too inadequate to meet the demands of so many. The temporary staff to which we are so indebted has given splendid service. At Murrumbeena we now have nine guests, and others will soon be admitted. A staff of three is engaged here. As soon as a permit can be obtained, a commencement will be made with certain conversions and additions. These homes constitute an asset both material and spiritual of which the church should be justly proud, but they also are an obligation. The construction of a semi-detached brick cottage has been commenced.

Annuities

The plan of annuities published in the Social Service Digest has already brought inquiries, and one has made a considerable investment. We invite correspondence on the matter.

The Toddlers' Home

Submissions have been made to the Government with regard to our financial requirements, and provided our request is granted, the committee is prepared to advance. We are not unmindful of the road that lies before us. It is not difficult to visualise the future when the little boys and girls will not be eligible to remain in this home. We have every confidence, however, that our God is with us to-day, and will be with us tomorrow. Twenty-four acres of land at Montrose, about 25 miles from Melbourne, are waiting for development, and will be the future home of these charges.

Food for Britain and European Relief

A splendid response is being made by the churches to these appeals. The Social Service Women's Auxiliary is giving most generously of time to packing to keep floor space available. Clothing, which can be measured by hundredweights, is being sent to the Friends Meeting House for despatch abroad, and packages by the dozen are being sent to the

G.P.O. Gifts of both cash and goods are appreciated.

Thanks

The committee, the staff and guests of our home are very appreciative of the gifts of churches and individuals, of the many gifts of fruit, vegetables, groceries and other edibles, and all offer sincere thanks.

Immigration

The committee is meeting the migrants on arrival in Melbourne, and joining with other religious bodies in extending a welcome. Several families have been contacted, and have been introduced to our churches. Lists of names and addresses have been sent to our Conference Executive Office, the Youth Office, and may be inspected in this office.

The Crimes' Act

We have been requested to comment on the new bill which shortly is to be presented to parliament which has for its main object the abolition of the death penalty for all offences, except treason and murder. As New Testament Christians we feel committed to the total abolition of the death penalty. We will welcome correspondence on the subject, particularly such as presents the New Testament position.

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be of interest and inspiration to Christian
people in all walks of life.

In 1895 the W.S.C.F. was founded by repre-
sentatives of European and American student
Christian movements. As a result of the
journeys of Dr. John R. Mott, its first general
secretary, it had spread by 1897 to the Far
East, Australasia, India and South Africa. In
1911 at Constantinople the first effective con-
tact was made with the Orthodox Church.

In 1920 H. L. Henrion became general sec-
retary, as the Federation initiated a vast re-
lief effort which saved the lives of thousands
of European students, destitute after the first
world war.

In 1932, in the midst of the economic de-
pression, W. A. Visser 't Hooft became general
secretary, and led the discussion by which
the Federation sought to reformulate its mes-
sage in the light of more serious Bible study
and the pressing needs of the world.

In 1938, during the tension of the Munich
crisis, Robert Mackie undertook the task of
guiding the W.S.C.F., and preparing it to
share in the World Conference of Christian
Youth at Amsterdam, in August, 1939. During
the war many movements in the Federa-
tion were enabled to carry on their work de-
spite occupation, proscription, and the death
of their leaders, through the power of God
which they knew through the W.S.C.F.

In 1946 the first general committee for eight
years was held, fellowship with the German
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THE BUNDLE OF LIFE

By John W. Couits.

"The soul of my lord shall be bound in the bundle of life with the Lord thy God."—1 Samuel 25: 29.

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IN the Bible life is called many things—a journey, a race, a fight. This is the only time it is called a bundle. That means, to begin with, that we can not expect life to be too neat. You know the difference between a parcel and a bundle. A parcel is generally made up of things of the same sort—hooks or butter. If there are things of different sizes you arrange them neatly with the biggest below and the smallest on top, so that the parcel will come out a nice even shape. Then you tie it up with string, and if it's a very particular parcel, seal it with sealing-wax; and off it goes by post or train looking very tidy.

But you don't expect a bundle to be as neat as that. It's got all sorts of things in it—different shapes and sizes, some of them nobly and sticky-out. You have to be content if you can get them all safely wrapped up somehow, so that they will carry without things dropping out.

Have you ever seen an old tramp's bundle open at the roadside, when he is having a rest? There's an old pair of boots, horrid things to pack; and his clay pipe; and a wad of tobacco; a hunk of bread and cheese; sometimes a book or a paper; and it's all tied up with a red handkerchief and can be slung over his shoulder on a stick, and carried easily all day. Not very neat, but it holds all he needs, and he brings everything safe to his journey's end.

You often have to make up a bundle like that when you go off for the holidays. The bags and boxes are all full. But lots of things have still to go in. So you make up a bundle of rugs, and in go your toothbrush; your bat and ball; a poke of sweets; and that jolly hook you are reading. It's not very neat, but it holds together with a strap, and the things get safely there, which is all that really matters.

Well, if life is a bundle it seems we can't expect to have it just as neat and

tidy as some people would like to make it. I always suspect that when people make their lives too neat it's by leaving out some of the big things. God's world is orderly, with its summers and winters, its seed-times and harvests, but no one in his senses would dream of calling the world neat. It's too big and jolly for that; with its roaring winds and tossing seas; with its millions of leaves coming down in the autumn, and its millions of fresh shoots coming up in the spring. It's a bundle all right; with all sorts of things in it—beautiful, and endearing, and surprising, and terrible. You won't make much of the world if you try to parcel it up and have it all taped off and begin to think you understand it, or (much more ridiculous) explain it.

Life's a bundle, like the world. There are all sorts of things in it. Laughter and tears, happy days and very dull and miserable days, making friends and falling out, the wonder of home, the pang of leaving it, the gladness of coming home again. I rather fancy that people who want to parcel it all out very neatly and to live, make it all so tidy that everything is just as they want it, so that there is never anything surprising or amazing in it for them, have missed God's meaning and are making life much smaller than he meant it to be.

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THE CATERPILLAR

By Edwin Parker.

THERE was a child who had what the family considered a strange kind of pet. It was a caterpillar he had found crawling among the shrubbery in the yard, to which he had taken a liking. It was striped and fuzzy, and did not seem afraid of its little human friend. So the child called it his own, and spent a great deal of time watching it.

The fuzzy one was a little destructive of the leaves on the shrubbery, but the child had great tolerance for it. He said anyone who lives must eat, and the family accepted his claim as a valid defence, so no one interfered. Otherwise the caterpillar was a busy, harmless little creature. He was probably doing about as good a job of living rightly in his world as most of us do in ours. Perhaps he was doing even better, for in his world there were no wars, oppressions, rivalries, or exploitations. He had come quietly into the world, was doing what he was born to do, and was making no fuss about anything. After all, that seems a good way to live.

One day he did a surprising thing. He began spinning a web among some branches, just as a spider might do, only his web was different. He ran guy lines, so to speak; then where they came together he started spinning what looked like a little nest, only it was not. He did not work from the outside and spin a net to crawl around 'on, as spiders do. He spun this little house around himself, and he did not leave any door. Every day the child went and looked at the little mansoleum there among the branches. It seemed very lonely and still. He knew the caterpillar was still in it, for he had never seen any signs of his coming out. Of course, he could not come out anyway, for he was shut up inside, so he must certainly be dead. The child never touched the cocoon nor told anyone else where it was. He thought if even a caterpillar had chosen that spot for his last resting place his wish should be respected. Every time he saw the place he felt very sad, and he missed his friend more every day. He was afraid that when the autumn storms came they would beat the little tomb to the ground and ruin it.

One day, when he came to look at the little white grave anchored there among the branches, he saw at once that something was changed. There was a break in the side of it, like a door. The strong white threads had been pushed apart and an opening made. The interior of the caterpillar's tomb was exposed to the world. Bending down and squinting his eyes, the child looked through the opening in the side of the cocoon. That settled it once for all. There lay the caterpillar's body, still and dead. The child was glad that whoever had broken the tomb open had not molested its contents. The departed friend was still lying there in peace.

They were the same indeed, but those things could never be again. Death was so final! One stroke of its cruel hand and nothing could ever be the same again. The child was very young to be brought face to face with such facts as these, but there they were right before his puzzled, troubled eyes.

He sat down to think it over. The more he thought about it, the more distressing it seemed that such things must be. Of course, this was not the first and only time it had happened. Caterpillars must have been dying like this, ever since there had been caterpillars.

How strange that no one had ever found

a way to stop such things from happening, or to help people miss less sorely those who have been a part of their lives, but who now walk with them no more! He thought about it a long time, then walked slowly and sadly into the house.

It was too bad that the child kept

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thinking only of the dead thing there in the cocoon, and looking down at the ground all the time he was thinking and wondering. If he had looked up even once his mourning would have been turned into joy, for he would have seen a great, golden butterfly flitting about among the higher blossoms and trying its wings in the boundless freedom of the sunshine.—Selected.

TESTED AND TRIED

SOME boys were playing at snowballs on a wintry day, when one boy accidentally hit a window of the house of a local chemist and broke it. The chemist, looking very fierce, came out with a stick.

“Who broke my window?” he shouted angrily. No one spoke. Then came the trembling answer from the culprit, “I did, sir.”

“And you dare to tell me that!” called out the chemist furiously.

“I—I dare not tell a lie, sir,” was the reply.

When the chemist required an apprentice, he sent for the boy who dared not tell a lie.



PIONEER OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS

THE father of Sunday schools was Robert Raikes, of Gloucester, and he opened the first one about 150 years ago. The streets of Gloucester—like those of every other town of his day, were full of wild, neglected children, who quarrelled and fought, and were a nuisance to themselves and everyone else.

One day Robert Raikes, who had been thinking about these things a great deal, seemed to hear God's voice calling him to try a plan he had in mind. He found a woman who was willing to open her kitchen on Sundays and teach as many children as Raikes could persuade to attend. Then Raikes went round the streets of Gloucester, collecting ragged urchins to be the first scholars of his Sunday school. Of course, they were a very rough and ragged lot, very badly behaved, and very ignorant. They had to be taught to read first of all.

Some of them were eager to learn, and could soon spell out simple verses from the Bible or from children's hymns. But others not only did not want to learn themselves, but were determined to stop others from learning. These boys stuck pins in their neighbors, overruled forms, and indulged in other pranks until Robert

Raikes appeared on the scene and gave them all a good caning.

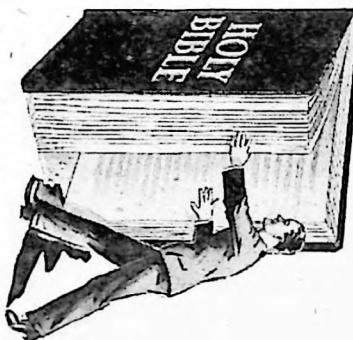
As time went on, however, the boys settled down and began to like Sunday school, and Robert Raikes and a clergyman named Thomas Stock, soon had quite a number of schools in different parts of Gloucester. Then the girls wanted a Sunday school too, so after a time girls' schools were begun. The first Sunday school teachers were paid one shilling a day for their work.

After trying his plan for three years and finding that it was really working well, Robert Raikes wrote some articles about the Sunday schools in his newspaper, “The Gloucester Journal.” Very soon people in other parts of England started Sunday schools on Raikes's plan, and so gradually the idea caught on.



A STORY FROM CHINA

THERE is a story from a remote Chinese village to which no Christian teacher had ever penetrated. One day a travelling evangelist found his way there, and discovered to his astonishment that the people already possessed a sound working knowledge of the Christian faith.



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Saying and Doing



IN the Cathedral of Lubeck, in Germany, there is an old slab with the following inscription:

Thus spakest Christ our Lord to us:
 Ye call me Master, and obey me not;
 Ye call me Light, and see me not;
 Ye call me Way, and walk me not;
 Ye call me Life, and desire me not;
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 Ye call me Mighty, and honor me not;
 Ye call me Just, and fear me not;
 If I condemn you, blame me not.

