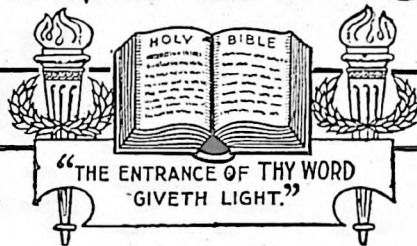


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THE FIELD IS THE WORLD

MANY great truths were taught in parables by Jesus. In his story of "The Sower" he showed to his small company of followers the world-wide task of the church. Jesus did not have a national outlook; he was a great internationalist. He was a world citizen. The world was his field.

The world is made up of individual persons. But the world is not the total mass of individuals. Some persons are bad, and they will group themselves into evil organisations. Others who are indifferent to the good will allow themselves to be regimented into orders which are passive toward the high ideals of the kingdom of God. Only the good will be ready to co-operate in a united fellowship to advance the cause of righteousness.

II.

TO strengthen this force of justice and goodness within the world, there is need for men and women, with high purpose, to unite in one great fellowship, stretching throughout all lands and around the whole earth. Such a world company will enable the Spirit of God to work toward universal order and peace. It is not enough for Christians to be united in small church groups; there must be a world fellowship in which they can find ways and means of giving expression to the grace of God within themselves. The world church, submissive to the Lordship of Christ, and united by the Spirit of unity, is the ideal for which Christ himself prayed.

While the materialistic forces strive

to express themselves through rigid organisations which suppress the freedom of the individual, the true church unites men and women in a great world fellowship by means of the Spirit of truth and freedom which comes from God.

III.

THE trends of recent days make it evident that the battle of ideas is leaving the small stage of little countries and is moving on to a world platform. Modern inventions have made the peoples of all nations close neighbors. They are now next door to each other, facing one another with world problems. By means of great world-wide organisations, the peoples of the world are giving expression to their desires and hopes.

The materialistic and sceptical forces at work among the nations will not be destroyed by "might nor by power." War is not the answer to the present situation, but the gospel is. By going to those individuals who are bound in their materialistic organisations and by presenting the "Spirit of God" in the gospel, those anti-God forces will be weakened, but the kingdom of God will be strengthened.



IV.

UNFORTUNATELY much of the world is still indifferent to the word of God. The followers of Christ are warned that the world-field will not be completely responsive. Great areas will not open one fraction to enable the gospel to take root. Other sections, giving promise of hope, will, in the heat of the testing hour, fail. Many will not permit the uprooting of dominating passions within the heart, and will not reap the blessings of the gospel harvest.

Despite these sad aspects in the world situation, there are numbers in every land who will take the good news of life to their hearts, and will bring forth in life a harvest of spiritual fruit in noble deeds. Since it is the same gospel which has been sown and the same Sower who has planted the good seed in the heart of these people, these are very good reasons why all ought to be united in one fellowship, free from the divisive bitterness which weakens the church and enables the material forces of darkness to gain victories.

Because the field is the world, we dare not be small-minded and limited in outlook. Because the word of the Lord is the good seed, there is only one gospel that can be preached. It is a gospel which brings a new life to the human heart. Because this gospel comes from the one Sower, those who have received it have good reason why they should be united in producing the great harvest of righteousness within the world.

LIGHT FOR A DARK WORLD

SCOTLAND

Forsyth Centenary

IT is just a hundred years ago since a brilliant Scottish theologian first saw the light. He was destined to be a true prophet of redemption in a day when the tides of liberal humanism threatened to carry all before them. In one sense he was a prophet before his time, and many of his most pungent words only receive their full interpretation against the background of present-day world collapse.

Peter Taylor Forsyth came from Aberdeenshire. His mother, like all Scottish mothers, cherished high ambitions for her son, and although left a widow, sent him to college. There he plunged into his studies, carrying all before him. "He was one of the ablest students that Aberdeen University ever boasted," said his classmate Robertson Nicoll. He turned from the attractive fields of the Humanities—he was a brilliant classical scholar and loved literature and art—to follow his calling to the ministry. He completed his theological studies at Gottingen, under Ritschl. Back at New College, London, he came under the influence of the teaching of Frederick Denison Maurice, an influence that remained potent throughout the years.

In 1876 he was ordained and opened his ministry at Shipley, near Bradford, the first of five pastorates, four in great cities—Bradford, London, Manchester, and Leicester—and one in a university town. In each place he made his mark by his brilliant and often unconventional preaching. Then he was appointed principal of Hackney College, a post which he occupied until his death. He made a lasting mark on his students, and challenged them by the integrity and discipline of his own thinking.

The heart of Forsyth's message is characteristically expressed in the title of one of his books, "The Cruciality of the Cross." Whatever theme he is treating, whether the Person of Christ, as in his greatest work, "The Person and Place of Jesus Christ," or the Reformation as in "Rome, Reform, and Reaction," or some social problem as in "The Christian Ethic of War," it is always the cross of Christ that towers above all else as the final standard of judgment and the only hope of salvation. For him, indeed, as for Luther, Christian theology was *theologia crucis*, and that is why his message is vital to-day, while the "New Theology," which he so valiantly opposed at the beginning of this century, is dead and discredited.—D. A. Lambert.

JAPAN

The Influence of "Oslo"

AS is well known, the Japanese delegates to the World Christian Youth Conference, held last summer in Oslo, heard only when their luggage was already on board that they would not be allowed to leave the country. Yet Mlle. Madeleine Barot, who spent a month in Japan after the meeting of the world's Y.W.C.A. in China, reported that the conference has perhaps made the greatest impression there. She attended a meeting of delegates and gave them a first-hand report of "Oslo." She was impressed by the fine quality of these men and women who thought of the fact of having been selected to go to

Oslo as the greatest thing in their lives. Post-Oslo meetings are held every month, and the sense of participation with Christian youth throughout the world is a very important factor in the development of Japanese youth work.

GERMANY

German Army Chaplains in Russia

DR. KRUMMACHER, general superintendent of the evangelical church in Berlin, has recently brought before the Russian authorities the question of exempting German chaplains from the general ban, which applies to the release of German officers held as prisoners in Russia. According to information received from the central office of evangelical "Hilfswerk" in the Eastern zone, this step has not led immediately to the desired result, because the former army chaplains are used by the Russians as important witnesses in enquiries concerning events in Russia. As soon as fresh opportunities present themselves, an attempt will be made to obtain the earlier release of the army chaplains.

UNITED STATES

Religious Education in Public Schools

THE Supreme Court of the U.S.A. has condemned the "released time plan" of religious education in public schools, as it has been applied in Champaign, Ill. The full implications of this decision are not yet clear. But in any case the decision has far-reaching consequences for religious education in the U.S.A.

"The Christian Century" considers that "the principle of separation of church and state received strong, and we hope decisive endorsement," and that the decision "corrects the error into which Protestantism has been drifting in its week-day religious education."

Dr. Roy G. Ross, of the International Council of Religious Education, says: "The most serious aspect of the decision is the evidence which it presents of a shift in government policy from an attitude of friendliness, encouragement and even helpful co-operation towards a position of neutrality, if not positive disinterest. This is not in keeping with our American tradition."

Professor Reinhold Niebuhr comments: "Can we have community only by emptying our culture of all of its differences or by pretending that the actual differences do not exist? Does community not require that we come to terms with each other despite our differences? Does not the court's emphasis accentuate the very weakness of our American culture, its emptiness?"

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Like the Sun, the Light of
the Gospel Shines



unity at the expense of the vitality of our culture. Into this spiritual vacuum 'seven devils more evil than the first' can easily rush. Nor must it be forgotten that modern secular surrogates for historic religious faiths have a free course in our public schools."—Items from E.P.S., Geneva.

GREAT BRITAIN

Plan for Church Publicity

THE publicity commission appointed by the church assembly of the Church of England issued a report on "church information." "Publicity," the report says, "is not a mere 'department' of the church; it is the church's work par excellence. What we are suggesting is that the work of proclaiming the good news should be done on modern lines."

Important recommendations are made, involving the creation of a central information office, and the appointment of a chief information secretary, a chief press officer, a publishing officer, a visual aids officer, and various assistants to these. It is significant that a predominantly lay commission, with Mr. Kenneth Grubb as chairman, should regard this as an investment and not as expenditure; as an urgent part of the church's evangelism, not as a profit and loss account to be "justified."

GERMANY

Refugee Camps

THE total number of refugees in Europe is at present about 15 million. Of these, 930,000 "displaced persons" are in Germany and Austria. The number of "Volksdeutsche" (of German ethnical origin) is 3,500,000. In addition, there are 9,500,000 refugees and "expellees" from eastern provinces of Germany. The percentage of the refugees in comparison with the total population of Schleswig-Holstein is 46, i.e., almost to each native one refugee. On the island of Sylt, almost 7000 families of former members of the Wehrmacht and also about 8000 refugees are living with 7000 inhabitants (i.e., three refugees to one native). In Flensburg there are two refugees to three inhabitants.

The decisive impression gained is that, on the one hand now as before, the room conditions are intolerable when arranging accommodation of families. There are cases where in one single room ten persons must sleep in five beds and live. On the other hand, because of the untiring efforts of the Christian churches in Germany, numbers of people have been saved from perishing.

FAITH AND HOPE

FAITH is more than hope. It is beyond hope—it is the substance of things hoped for. Faith follows hope. Hope is mere yearning. Faith is not belief. Belief may change. Faith never changes; it is fixed.—Florence Crawford.

Christian Union

Thos. W. Smith, of Victoria, presents statements written by early
leaders of the Restoration Movement, setting out their ideas on unity.

IT would not be too much to say that, largely because of the earnest, persistent, scriptural plea for Christian union, made by churches of Christ for the past 100 years, such a "world council" as will shortly meet in Europe has been made possible. Shall we now surrender our position as leader and become merely one of the many followers who are still groping blindly in the maze of a purely denominational "federation" which is very far from the scriptural ideal of Christian unity?

There is grave danger of our not only being misrepresented, but deceiving the denominational leaders. No single man or body of men can possibly commit a single church of Christ to any action that may be decided upon by a world council. In the welter of world conferences, councils and conventions, we are in danger of forgetting the aims and ideals of the Restoration Movement.

It has been frequently stated that we should, as far as possible, minimise the differences which estrange the professed followers of Jesus, and emphasise the things on which they agree. But Christian unity, genuine and permanent, can never be accomplished by such methods. We would be more honest and more respected by the denominational world if we were to stand firm on the principles which we have been advocating for years past. As R. E. Elmore says, "Only by frankly facing the causes and nature of divisions, and by faithfully applying the divine specific, God's word, may we ever effect a cure. . . ." ("Christian Unity.") And again, in the same work: "The first essential in restoring unity to the church is not the mere will (or wish) for unity, but the will to do God's will—to bring our wills into complete subjection to his will. The prayer, *Thy will, not mine*, be done, is a first-class preparation for Christian unity. . . ."

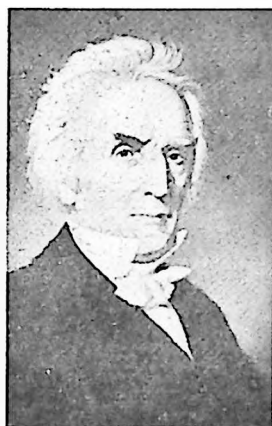
The following extracts from the works of two of the most scholarly and devout writers on the subject of Christian union are quoted, as they put the position so clearly and concisely and their words are as true to-day as when they were first written:—

"Everyone will agree that the true basis of Christian union is the Christian faith. All the parties assert this, but, unfortunately, each one adds to that faith, or rather substitutes for it, human opinions, and matters of doctrinal knowledge not immediately connected with salvation; and they refuse to receive each other, because they do not happen to agree in these opinions and doctrines, while, at the same time, they may hold in common what really constitutes the Christian faith. This Christian faith . . . is simply belief in Christ, as he is presented in the gospel, and it is concisely engrossed in the great proposition that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. . . . It is the simple gospel which is sown in the heart, and not, as sectarians imagine, complete and elaborate system of theology. . . . Oh, that the sectarian world could thus contemplate this beautiful simplicity of the truth, as originally presented by Christ and his apostles, and adopting it as the true ground of Christian union, could be induced to forsake for it those confused and complicated systems which have no power either to save sinners or to unite saints." (Alexander Campbell, "The Basis of Christian Union.")

" . . . the doctrine of Christian union as taught and practised by us . . . frankly avows not only the folly, but the sin of sectarianism, and teaches that, just as any other sin, it must be abandoned. It proposes no compromise whatever with denominationalism, but insists that party names, party creeds, and party organisations, being in direct contravention of the teachings of Christ, must be

forsaken. . . ." (Isaac Errett, "Our Position.")

"While there is a general confession of the evils of sectarianism, and a general desire to see a union of Christians brought about, no definite basis or plan of union has been presented. Here all are yet groping in the dark, and most are dreaming of attaining to a desirable unity without actual union—thus preserv-



Alexander Campbell.

Remembrance and Thanksgiving

WHEN Jesus introduced the feast of remembrance, he blessed the bread. We may wonder what is involved in the word "blessing." The scriptures refer to God "blessing" a man. That individual became marked out in a special way, since he was well-spoken of by God. When the bread was blessed by the Master, it became associated with a unique fact of divine revelation. This blessed bread became the symbol of the broken body of Christ. While there is nothing magical in the communion bread, still the association of the loaf makes it a sacred symbol which must be eaten with due reverence and with an understanding of its message. When eaten otherwise it may bring a person under the judgment of God. We are grateful that God has chosen simple things of life, and made them a blessing to man. Simple things are usually abundant and easy to secure. Just as fresh air, bright sun-light and clear fresh water, with their blessings are essential for a healthy life, so the common communion bread, with its holy associations, is essential for the spiritual life of Christians.

After the bread had been shared among the disciples, Jesus took the cup of grape juice, and offered thanks for it. Thanksgiving ought to follow the receipt of a gift. The cup symbolised the divine gift of salvation. That juice of the grape was associated with the blood shed for many for the remission of sins. What a blessing has come to mankind because of that great act of redemption on the cross! We give thanks for many small gifts and for things which have only material value. How much more readily should we then give thanks for the eternal gift of our salvation! This

ing their pet denominationalisms, and at the same time flattering themselves that they are getting away from sectarianism. We have, however, from the first, presented and practised on a definite plan of union . . . still it must be confessed that the union movement is in a nebulous state. The subject is handled by most writers in a gingerly way. There is painful evidence that the best minds are cramped by their ecclesiastical associations, and are groping after some scheme of union or sect affiliation, that will avoid the sacrifice of party idols, and enable sectarians to secure the blessings of a broader fellowship by paying down but part of the price. . . ." (Isaac Errett, "Our Position.")

To summarise:—

(1) Modern union movements are denominational in nature, and offer human expedients instead of the divine standard as the rallying-point of unity;

(2) The Christian basis of unity is the New Testament basis, i.e., a unity of believers (individuals), not a union of "churches" or denominations;

(3) Jesus has clearly defined the unity for which he prayed (John 17: 21, 23). Our unity consists in loving obedience to Christ's will in word and work, even as he loved and obeyed the Father's will in word and work;

(4) If we hold that Christ's prayer was sincere, we are bound to believe that its answer is not only possible, but that it is obligatory upon his followers to work for its fulfilment.

The unity for which Christ prayed can only be realised as a world movement when his professed followers are prepared to sink all human opinions and to accept the divine authority of scripture as the example of the New Testament church is followed.

cup is then a "cup of blessing" for which we must give due thanks. We thank our Lord for his unspeakable gift and for the blessings of eternal forgiveness.

Our Young People

Federal Board of Christian Education reports that it is preparing a new publication in the form of a leader's kit. This publication will be distributed in quarterly sections, and will contain up-to-date hints and resource material for Sunday school and youth leaders. We expect this will be available within a few months.

Victorian News

Clubs.—Explorer boys are looking forward to their coming events: (1) Indoor sports, July 10, at North Richmond, when it is hoped to have 200 boys there; (2) Explorer boys' camp in August. Registration forms are printed at foot of the monthly Newsreel.

Good Companions' Club reports a very successful camp held during the last long weekend with Misses D. Reynolds, J. Fowler and Mesdames Whitehead and Rusden as leaders. They are launching a campaign for increased interest and support in the general Youth Department work.

Christian Endeavor.—The committee has listed five major aims for the coming year: (1) A vital personal experience of Christ in the life of every Endeavorer; (2) 500 new members—at least one grade of C.E. in every church; (3) £100 for home missions; (4) Active committees in every society; (5) Prayerful and practical support of living links at Dhond and New Hebrides. All interested friends of C.E. will be pleased to hear that the aim of £100 for aborigine mission which was launched last year has now been reached.

A Commission to Fulfil

Call to Worship—

"Breathe on me, breath of God;
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what thou dost love,
And do what thou wouldst do."

Hymn.—Churches of Christ Hymnal No. 328,
"Eternal God, whose power upholds."

Prayer.—"O everlasting Father, who hast brought nations to thy light and kings to the brightness of thy rising, fill, we beseech thee, our whole creation with thy glory, and show thyself unto all the peoples of the earth; through him who is the true light that lighteneth everyone that cometh into the world, even thy Son Jesus Christ. Amen."

Bible Reading.—Matthew 28.

Hymn.—Churches of Christ Hymnal No. 669,
"Look from the sphere of endless day."

Meditation.—"The Commission We Hold."

The story is told that when Christ returned to heaven and was met by the angel Gabriel, he was asked by Gabriel if all mankind had heard of God's love and of his own great sacrifice that the world should be redeemed. Christ told the angel there were only a few followers on the earth and they would tell the news of salvation. The angel was worried and said, "If these followers should fail to do so, what other plans have you made that all should hear?" The answer came, "I have no other plans."

We are all in this plan, and, with all the followers of Christ from the time of the apostles, we are commissioned to make disciples, for it is the commission of the church as a whole, and of the individual as part of the whole.

The expansion of the early church was due to the enthusiasm of the early Christians who went about their daily work having a passion for telling the "good news" to all, as well as to the preaching of the apostles who counted not the cost that men and women should be won to Christ.

Failure to carry out the commission is the root of most of the trouble in the world to-day, for it is evident that spiritual bankruptcy is seen in many places where there should be spiritual power. Communism would never have gained the strength it has if missionary enthusiasm had been displayed by the rank and file of Christian people, equal to that shown by the followers of Karl Marx. Such an enthusiasm would also have made apathy towards Christianity difficult. Opportunities throughout the centuries have been lost, not because there have been none to accept the responsibility of such a commission, but because there have been too few willing to do so.

Dr. John Foster, in his book, "The World Church," tells the story of the message brought by Marco Polo from Kublai Khan, ruler of all Asia, to the Pope in 1269.

"That he must send as many as a hundred wise men of the Christian religion, and who should know all the seven arts, and who should know well how to argue and to show plainly to the idolaters . . . that the Christian religion is better than theirs." Pope Gregory answered by sending two Dominican friars, and they, daunted by the journey, got no further than Armenia.

"A hundred missionaries!" The Pope had answered, "Not a hundred, but here are two." And the two had answered, "We meant to come, but our bodies are weary and our hearts are faint." So passed the greatest opportunity in the history of the church.

Are we doing the same to-day? A Chinese representative at the Whitby Missionary Conference last year said, "In 1926 there were 8000 missionaries in China; in 1946 only 2000," and that "in a country the size of China there would be room for not less than 20,000 missionaries." In all countries the progress of the Christian church is hampered in carrying

out the great commission, because there are too few willing to do their part. Christ said, "Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all nations." We can all help to do this, each using what resources we have, for it is a commission we hold from our Lord.

Let us pray:

Leader.—For those in times past who have put the great commission first in their lives.

Audience.—We thank thee, O God.

Leader.—For those who among all nations and all peoples are carrying out thy commission to-day.

Audience.—We thank thee, O God.



Jesus Teaching His Disciples.

Leader.—For the promise, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the age."

Audience.—We thank thee, O God.

Prayer.—For those on our mission stations.

Prayer.—For those in home mission fields.

Prayer.—For those preparing for service.

Hymn.—Churches of Christ Hymnal No. 333,
"God of mercy! God of grace."

Business.

Address.—"World in Ferment."

Hymn.—Churches of Christ Hymnal, No. 547,
"God is our refuge and our strength."

Benediction.—The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and his Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



EXECUTIVE NOTES

Victoria.—There was attendance of 113 at meeting of Executive Council on June 4, when Mrs. Ploog, president, was in chair. Devotional period was led by Mrs. Rowbottom, a leader in young married women's group at North Essendon. Miss Ball, of Norseman aborigine mission, was welcomed. Mr. Stan Neighbour, newly-appointed director of "Crusade for a Christian World," explained the crusade, and told of work of committee to date. President mentioned passing of Mrs. Allamby in her 90th year; sudden homecall of husband of Mrs. Williams, of Coburg; and taking of Dr. and Mrs. Michael's little one. Mrs. Turner led in prayer, committing sorrowing ones to loving

care of our heavenly Father. Miss I. Gill spoke on her work with Youth Department, specially dealing with newly-formed young married women's groups, of which there are eight. Discussion followed, and it was agreed that unless there was a connecting link between the groups and the whole related to the larger women's work, the success of the work would not be assured. At Northcote a very successful junior mission band was being conducted. A liaison officer between these groups and Women's Conference would be a good thing. Reports were received from Missionary Department and Overseas Committee.

Tasmania.—Executive of Women's Conference is now located in Launceston. Mrs. K. Plummer is president and Mrs. M. Alderton secretary. At April and May meetings Mrs. Plummer presided and led devotional sessions. Letters have been received from past president Mrs. Boxhall, and past secretary Mrs. Watkins, congratulating new officers on appointments. A gift of two cups and saucers and plates was made to Mrs. Watkins by the sisters of State in recognition of her splendid service as State secretary. Mrs. Martin has been appointed superintendent of isolated members, and reports from Dorcas and Mission Band superintendents show that work of both committees is in good heart. £51/10/- was given to Home Mission Committee last year as special effort towards home missions. This year's aim is £70.

South Australia.—Mrs. Green presided over meeting at Grote-st. on June 3, when attendance was 62. A letter was read from Mrs. Sherman, of W.A., thanking S.A. sisters for clothes and cheque sent for Norseman and Carnarvon missions. Mrs. Verco, home mission superintendent, reported visits had been paid to churches at Glenelg, York and Fullarton, and £13/4/- had been collected during month. In absence of Mrs. Read through illness, Mrs. Trowbridge gave overseas report. Church at Semaphore had been visited, and £17/12/6 had been collected by penny-a-week system. It being overseas afternoon, Mrs. Russell presided and led devotional session in place of superintendent Mrs. Read. Mr. Sherman was speaker.

Queensland.—Kedron sisters, led by Mrs. Plucknett, were in charge of devotions for monthly meeting on June 4. Mrs. Norling sang a solo. Mrs. Haworth presided over business session, when quarterly reports were submitted. There were 27 sisters present from nine churches.

Western Australia.—On May 4, auxiliary held monthly meeting. Since commencement of new time there has been improvement in attendance, and most members approve of the change. Conference resolutions sent to Premier and Mrs. Cardell-Oliver brought favorable replies, also a letter from Lord Mayor thanking for defence of churches and answer to reported lack of interest in youth. Financial statement showed balance of £336/11/9. Mrs. Tilbee reported on home mission activities, and asked all guilds to forward monies as usual, and not hold until all budget quota had been received. As hospital account was overdrawn, it was decided to have quarterly collections. Mrs. Curtis asked for bedsocks for Wooroloo Sanatorium. Sympathy has been extended to Mrs. Whitham, and to one of the pioneer women, Mrs. Abbott, of Inglewood. Mrs. Carpenter had undergone an operation since last meeting, and a letter of sympathy had been sent to her.

New South Wales.—Mrs. E. Snow, vice-president, led devotional session on June 4 at City Temple. Mrs. Greenhalgh, president, presided over business session, and welcomed Miss Fraser, of British & Foreign Bible Society, who gave the address. Wedding gifts brought by various societies for Miss Roxburgh were on display. Bride-elect's mother was present, and on her behalf Mrs. Greenhalgh thanked senders for their loving gifts to Elsie. On behalf of conference Mrs. Greenhalgh wished Mrs. Sid. Reeson, who with her husband has been appointed to Carnarvon, God's blessing on their work for the native children there. Mrs. Reeson responded.

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On Being a Year Old

WHO can remember his first birthday in this world? The "nays" have it!

This question is called forth by many recent events. This morning, for instance, there was a dedication service for four very junior members of India's missionary group. While the parents knelt the preacher gave the words of dedication. In his introductory remarks he mentioned how little this act would mean to the babes; how much to father and mother. Again, in our house party here at Mahableshwar yesterday, Judith, daughter of a recently arrived missionary couple, celebrated her first birthday. She enjoyed the pretty and especially the sweet things, and that we may suppose was the extent of the significance of the occasion to her.

I, too, recently celebrated a first year anniversary. India has been mine host for a year. In what terms shall we assess the experience of "the growing boy" or "junior" in that period, in terms of weather temperatures, types of food and tea? That could make a long and amusing story. We could describe it in terms of Hindu customs seen or heard of, and having lived in the holy, filthy town of Pandharpur for five months, we could tell tales to melt eyes and cause teeth to gnash with righteous indignation. Then, again, we could tell it in terms of places seen from precipitous mountain majesty to lifeless sun-scorched plains and cities teeming with life of all kinds. There are personalities I have met, from Sadhu naked dust-grovellers to Indian Government advisors, British District officers, American or Scandinavian missionaries, Indian theological and university students, the Indian Moderator of the North Indian Presbyterian churches. Others, too, could be added, but the name is legion when we come to the Indian rural dweller. Of such things Beverly Nichols at his first birthday in India could probably write a book—but then he never did have to cover the period of India's history I have shared with her, and he was not a missionary.

Searching for some experience in which to sum up the various and multitudinous experiences of the year makes one realise what a variegated thing India is. Let us, then, settle on the purpose of my ambassadorship in India as it makes itself apparent in the Rural Life Fellowship conference held at the Spiritual Life Centre, Nasrapur. There, with some forty delegates, not more than ten of whom were missionaries, we discussed in Marathi the task confronting the Christian offensive in Maharashtra's rural millions. Doctors, educationists, district workers, lent their minds out in earnest quest of an effective evangelistic programme. In a fellowship that cut across national, mission and cultural differences, looking steadfastly to the Christ, we were saved from despair in the face of the enormity of our task within and without the churches. "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord."

NEW MISSIONARIES APPOINTED

AT June meeting of F.M. Board, four new workers were appointed. These will all proceed to India. Three will probably leave Australia early in the New Year. Further advice will be given after candidates have been advised and blocks prepared for pictures. The offering of these young lives should stimulate the giving of the brotherhood on the first Sunday in July. *Let this offering be as sacrificial as the consecration of the lives of these young people.*

ESTATES

THE late H. H. Strutton was pioneer missionary to "Our India," commencing at Baramati in 1905 and continuing for ten years. Whilst at Baramati he was interested in the

Daryl Cartmel has passed his first language examination, and is now well toward the second. He celebrates the anniversary of his arrival in India by writing the following article.



Daryl Carmel.

Youngest recruit on Indian field, has completed successfully the first language examination. Congratulations are extended to him.

criminal tribes, and was subsequently called by the Government to superintend the large criminal tribes settlement at Sholapur. He retained his interest in our own mission work, and frequently revisited the areas in which he once labored. He sleeps at Dhond, constantly reminding those who remain of one who helped to lay the foundations of the work. His executors have forwarded the sum of £600, advising that there are some further amounts to come. When finalised the amount received will be created into the H. H. Strutton endowment.

An additional £73 has been received from the executors of the R. K. Spotswood (S.A.) estate, and when added to the sum already existing in the endowment fund, will bring the total to date to £159. The estate is not yet finalised.

From the estate of Mrs. C. Burns (Vic.) the sum of £200 has been received.

We honor the memory of these gracious donors, whose names will be remembered on our endowment lists, and whose annual donations will continue because of interest payments. Our total endowments have considerably consolidated the finances of the F.M. Board.

This department is conducted by A. Anderson,
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Only Four Months
to

Federal Conference

IT is now only four months to Federal Conference, which will be held in Perth, Western Australia, from October 15 to 22.

October in Perth is always a delight. The beautiful spring weather which the Western capital usually enjoys should contribute very considerably to the real success of the conference. The Federal Conference Executive has been extremely busy in recent weeks, when final arrangements have been made in regard to many necessary details of organisation. The programme committee has also been fully occupied, and most of the preliminary preparations have been worked out satisfactorily.

Concerning Accommodation. Many reservations have already been made at hostels, guest houses and with private homes in and around the city and suburbs. The greater proportion of these have been made through the co-operation of the local Tourist Bureau. Naturally the matter of accommodation has been a real problem, but we are pleased to be able to say that most of the difficulties have been largely overcome. Eastern States visitors, however, are still urged to keep in touch with the appropriate conference officers in regard to accommodation and train travel arrangements. Should there still be folk contemplating the possibility of coming to Perth, our advice is—delay no longer. Registrations are coming in every day. Write immediately to the Federal Conference Hospitality Convener, Mr. A. M. Bell, 90 Guildford-rd., Mt. Lawley, Western Australia.

In connection with Programmes and other essential literature for the conference, we have learned from Perth printers that publication difficulties are likely to arise. The Federal Executive is therefore anxious that all matters for publication in relation to the conference should be forwarded as early as possible. Consequently all Federal committees are reminded that reports and balance sheets must be in the hands of the Federal secretary not later than July 31. It should also be noted that notices of motion to amend the constitution should reach the secretary not later than July 15, while notice of any business to come before conference must be submitted prior to September 3.

Let us all remember the forthcoming conference in our prayers that a great time of blessing may be enjoyed.—A. G. Elliott.

WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT

(Continued from opposite page.)

Half-yearly conference will be held on July 2 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at City Temple.

INTER-CHURCH NEWS

AT annual meeting in Brisbane, Mrs. Brigadier Garlick was elected president. This is the first time a member of Salvation Army has held this office in Queensland. Mrs. Lade, a past president of women's conference, was elected treasurer.

On June 11, N.S.W. council held an all-day conference, on the theme, "Christianity and International Relationships." Bishop Pilcher gave a very fine address at morning session on the Jewish question. After luncheon recess Mr. T. Butchart, a returned missionary from Papua, was speaker. Helpful discussions followed both addresses.

The many friends of Mrs. Harward will regret to know she was knocked over by a car and has been in St. George's Hospital with a broken leg. The last report is she is getting along quite well.

Mrs. Read, superintendent of overseas missions for South Australia, is recovering from operation, and hopes soon to be able to take up church activities again.

Here and There

K. J. Patterson and Mrs. Patterson have accepted a call to minister with church at Oakleigh, Vic., as from early October. Mr. Patterson is at present minister of church at Ivanhoe.

W. J. Crossman, preacher of City Temple, Sydney, serving as a chaplain for the immigration authorities, flew from Sydney to Fremantle, to join the "Ormonde." While in Melbourne at week-end, he preached for Swanston-st. church on June 27, his visit being appreciated.

A new map of the New Hebrides has been prepared, showing their relationship with Australia. The map is suitable for school halls or Endeavor rooms. The price is 2/6, which includes posting and packing. Order direct from State F.M. secretaries; supplies are limited, so order at once if you need same.

As the church of Christ at Hendra, Qld., has been abandoned, the bank balance of £36/2/6 has been donated to the College of the Bible, Glen Iris, Vic. While regretting the circumstances of the gift, the College Board considers the money will give continuity to the work of the church in helping to equip young men and women for Christian work at home and overseas.

The Melbourne City Mission is now presenting its annual winter appeal. The mounting costs are making a heavy demand on finances. The mission needs more subscribers to help in this task of assisting needy persons without church. The mission supports various halls for Christian witness and also many homes for people who desire the type of help the mission provides.

G. Barnett, preacher of church at Warracknabeal, Vic., entered hospital last week when doctors performed a serious operation. For some days our brother was very seriously ill; however, reports reaching us on Monday, June 28, indicate some improvement. W. Gale was at Warracknabeal on June 27 to assist and encourage the church during their days of anxiety for the health of their preacher.

Dr. George Macleod, of the Iona Community, is to visit Australia. He has been invited by the Presbyterian churches. Dr. Macleod is seeking to revive the strength of the church by awakening the principle of fellowship which ought to belong to the Christian community. He believes in the weekly observance of the Lord's Supper as a means of creating the essential feature of Christian fellowship in worship.

Mrs. A. D. Rothenburger, formerly Mrs. Scoville, who visited Australia with the mission party in 1912, still maintains an interest in churches here. Dr. and Mrs. Rothenburger are very interested in evangelistic work, and will attend the National Evangelistic Association's convention and the International Convention of Disciples at San Francisco, in September. These workers report that a week's mission with the Eighth Christian Church, Indianapolis, Indiana, resulted in 21 additions to the church.

At the 141th annual meeting of the British and Foreign Bible Society, it was reported that people believed in the Bible to the extent of £584,866, that being the sum contributed to send the Bible to other lands. The society heard of a rocking-horse manufacturer who had bridles and saddles, but could not get wood; the society purchased the stock of idle material, which is now binding an edition of Yoruba Bibles—a remarkable example of private enterprise! Forty-eight thousand Bibles have been sent to the British Zone of Germany for use in secondary schools—an action which has received the acclamation of the authorities. Translations now number 778 languages and dialects; nine new tongues were added last year.

The Federal Conference, to be held at Perth, W.A., from October 15 to 22, will be an important event. Already 185 persons have registered. Those intending to make the visit are urged to register now.

Churches in South Australia are planning a loyalty month for August. Emphasis upon ideals of Restoration Movement will be made in various services of church. Ignorance of these principles hinders genuine progress of churches of Christ.

F. E. Buckingham has sent the following message: "Hinrichsen-Machin had marvellous meeting Prahran, Vic., last night (27th). Town hall crowded; twenty-three adults decided; total additions over seventy; thankoffering four hundred thirty pounds."

W. Gale writes: "All home mission contributors will rejoice to know that another home mission church has declared itself able to manage its work without the financial assistance of home missions. This was reported to the recent meeting of the Home Missionary

Committee. The secretary of the church at Springvale, in stating this, expressed the thanks and appreciation of the brethren both for the financial help received and for the help of the committee in an advisory capacity. The committee naturally says, 'Who will be the next?' At this same meeting of committee the brethren expressed great pleasure at the work being done in visitation evangelism, and recorded a resolution of thanks to the leader, A. W. Stephenson. The latter reported that to date over 100 decisions for Christ had been recorded in the campaign. Further 'schools' for the preachers are being organised, and the Home Missionary Committee will assist preachers of the country to come to Melbourne in order to catch the inspiration and gain first-hand knowledge of methods as used in our Australian experience of this two-by-two method of personal evangelism. J. W. Lewis, of Albury, will shortly take up the work at Shepparton. Albury may revert to the care of the N.S.W. committee. The following additions were reported by faith and baptism in home mission churches for the month of May: Echuca, 2; Hamilton, 7; Warragul, 1."

Visitation Evangelism

Successes reported at Warrnambool, Camberwell, Essendon and Thornbury, Vic.

DURING the week commencing June 20, four churches in Victoria conducted encouraging campaigns. As a result there were 41 decisions and 10 baptised believers added to the fellowship of churches. Since the commencement of this drive in personal evangelism there have been over 150 additions gained by this method. Warrnambool church is the first of the home mission country churches to engage in this new approach to people. We rejoice with the brethren there as we do with all those gaining successes with the gospel, and trust that the revived churches will reach out to gain additional successes.

Details of individual campaigns are given below.

T. V. Weir, preacher of church at Warrnambool, has sent the following report: "Excellent results have come from the home visitation evangelism campaign which concluded on June 27.

"Four teams visited 21 persons, 13 of whom signed decision cards. At the evening service, when 105 were present, 15 decided for Christ.

"The teams, comprising four men and four women, were instructed on Friday, June 18, and Sunday afternoon, June 20, by A. R. Pigdon, of Drumcondra. The visiting took place on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings, June 22-24. Tea was provided at the church building at 6.30 on each of the three nights of visitation, and cars were provided to take the visitors to their assignments. A feature of the campaign was the constant prayer by preachers and church members while visitors were out. Husbands, wives, married couples, grandmothers and Bible school teachers and scholars were among those who made their decisions for Christ.

"The visitors are enthusiastic about the setting up of home visitation as a permanent feature of the life of the church, and are planning further visitation on their own initiative.

"Many who were visited welcomed the opportunity to make their decision on a night when others would be stepping forward. Others needed to be convinced of the need for church membership.

"As the first church outside the metropolitan area to make the venture of home visitation evangelism, we cordially commend it to other country churches. It is not necessary to have a large prospect list in order to gain success."

A. W. Cleland writes: "At Camberwell ten workers in five teams, under leadership of W. F. Nankivell and S. Neighbour, preacher of Oakleigh church, devoted themselves to visitation campaign. After preparation by prayer and instruction, 30 homes were visited, contacting over 50 persons. The response has been most encouraging. Each evening the workers returned, sharing their experiences. They were greatly inspired by the warmth of the welcome and the appreciation shown by those visited.

"Sunday evening, June 27, was an inspiring service when 135 attended. The church rejoiced when 12 responded to Mr. Neighbour's gospel appeal. Two had already been added to the fellowship at the morning service; others are giving consideration to a deeper allegiance.

"After the service, members and those who had made the confession met for refreshment and social fellowship. In addition to a gain in numerical strength, there are indications of a spiritual strengthening and greater activity within the church.

"The zeal and earnestness of Mr. Nankivell have contributed, in large measure, to the success of the campaign, and the church expressed appreciation for such splendid service."

At Essendon E. F. G. McIlhagger was assisted by K. J. Patterson, of Ivanhoe. Six teams were trained and contacted fifty people. At the evening service, June 27, there were 140 present. At the close of Mr. Patterson's address nine confessed Christ, two others later indicated their willingness to make the public confession, and one was restored to church membership, making twelve additions.

D. D. Stewart reports that at Thornbury W. A. Wigney, of East Kew, gave valued assistance. Seven teams visited 80 homes. The evening service was attended by 140. After Mr. Wigney's sermon five confessed Christ. In addition three baptised believers and two past members have indicated a desire for church membership. During this week additional evangelistic services will be held in chapel.

News of the Churches

Western Australia

Subiaco.—Officers met on June 14. Regret was expressed at resignation of P. T. Wyllie after years of valuable service; he is attending Nedlands church. Treasurer, C. Olds, reported building fund contributions coming in very well. Dawn Hearn and Dorothy Dix, from Bible school, were baptised on June 20. A. G. Elliott reported making 137 visits since last meeting. Over 100 members had attended "family night" cottage services. Visiting speakers included W. Paget, R. Hillier, J. K. Robinson, F. J. Stephenson. T. G. Banks and H. Vawser showed interesting films of mission work in India and South Pacific. Protestant Action Association held crowded meeting in chapel on June 21; Miss Monica Farrell was speaker.

Tasmania

Hobart (Collins-st.).—Splendid attendances are appreciative of Mr. Burt's addresses, also of cottage prayer meetings on Wednesday nights. Evening held at home of Mrs. F. Clifford was enjoyable and successful, resulting in £17 for Bethany Boys' Home. Several members had communion with an aged member of 90 years at her home on afternoon of June 6.

Highcroft.—On May 26 a quiz was held between C.E. Society and Sunday school teachers on Paul's journeys, and even points were gained. Morning service on May 30 was conducted by S. Mead, of Dunalley. At afternoon services a series of Bible studies has been commenced by the minister, H. Street, based on Mark's gospel and entitled "Jesus as Peter Saw Him"—these are proving helpful. Service on afternoon of June 13 was conducted by T. Orr, of Home Mission Committee. A Women's Auxiliary has been formed under leadership of Mrs. Street, and articles are being made for Bethany Boys' Home, Dover.

Dunalley.—Services on June 20 were conducted by C. Orr and M. Alderton, who came from Launceston on behalf of Home Mission Board. They addressed services and Sunday schools at Dunalley, Kelleve and Bream Creek. Cottage meetings are being held every Thursday night, and are an effectual way of reaching those outside the brotherhood. Mrs. Joan Elias is leaving Dunalley church and going to Melbourne. She has been an untiring worker in our churches for many years, and will be greatly missed. A Sunday school has been formed at Taranna and attendances are good. Visits there are paid fortnightly by S. M. Mead. Services and visitations on Sundays now cover almost 100 miles.

Queensland

Roma.—All services are well attended, and interest is maintained. Young folk of church recently decided to hold open-air services each Sunday night, and meetings are held at different parts of town each Sunday evening prior to gospel service. Mr. Hartin, of Interdenominational Mobile Talkie Unit, spoke at morning service on June 20. Gospel service was broadcast, and was conducted by Mr. Parker. Bible school launched an increase scholar campaign on June 27. J.C.E. was recommenced on June 27 with eleven present; it is conducted by Miss M. Thornton.

Gympie.—United gospel service was held at Monkland on evening of June 6. Marcia Bradley and John Runge were married by Mr. Wilson in Crescent-rd. chapel, on June 12. Mr. Wilson conducted service at Rossmount on Sunday afternoon that week-end. Children enjoyed Sunday school picnic on King's Birthday. It was held in One Mile school grounds. School is now preparing for anniversary. Dell Staib and Lex Buchanan, from Rossmount, were married in Crescent-rd. chapel on June 16, Mr. Wilson officiating. Church of Christ and Surface Hill Methodist Endeavorers

each provided items at monthly Saturday night meeting in town hall. Programme then took form of a "Twenty and Out" quiz on Bible subjects. A well-attended tea was held on June 20. Mrs. Guldmonde entertained with a talk on Europe and her life in Holland. Praise service, prayer session and gospel meeting which followed were inspirational. Mrs. Bradley and Venice sang a duet. Church tennis team has had one defeat and one victory so far in inter-church matches.

South Australia

Ballaklava.—Attendances during month of May were good, with average of 100 in morning, 53 at night. Church has received into fellowship seven by baptism, four by letter of transfer. On June 13, there were 136 present in morning, 83 at night. O. Lundberg, secretary of South Australian Protestant Federation, was speaker on June 20.

Fullarton.—At morning meeting on June 20, Vic. Walter gave a challenging address. An offering in goods was received in porch for food for Britain. Ladies of guild will pack and despatch same. Some food will go to "Our India." At evening meeting B. W. Manning continued challenge of morning in a good address. Hearing aids have been installed, part of equipment being donated by an interested brother, who helped in installation, seven men giving their time on a Saturday morning.

Nailsworth.—There was a record Bible school with several new scholars on June 20. At close of A. J. Fisher's address on June 20, there were four confessions. C.E. held open forum on June 21 with visiting team participating. Ladies' Guild anniversary on June 22 was largely attended; an address was given by Mrs. R. Compton. A presentation was made to Mrs. F. Thomas on behalf of guild, it being her 80th birthday. Greetings were received from local churches and sister churches around Adelaide. Christian Endeavorers took charge of prayer meeting on June 17, when E. Holland gave an address.

Unley.—Mr. Norris has intimated his acceptance of church's invitation to continue for a further three years as from January next. Sunday school teachers and officers met for tea and conference on June 27. Dr. Trevor Turner has been appointed leader of Bible class. Annual social of Mission Band proved a happy evening and well attended, proceeds, £14/1/11, being allocated to home and overseas missions. Mrs. W. B. Wharton is new secretary of Evening Mission Club. Junior Endeavorers secured fourth place in State C.E. efficiency competition, and Dean Viner received second prize for a question box essay. Mrs. Paddick, a member for 59 years, received the home call on June 22, after a long illness. She loved the church, and retained her interest to the last.

Kilburn.—Good representation visited Prospect church on June 15 to assist in formation of northern group of churches and to hear Mr. Mossop explain workings of successful Port Line group of churches. F. Collins and R. J. Peacock were elected to represent Kilburn on first executive. F. Lawrance conducted 11 a.m. service on June 20, when John Manning splendidly addressed 20 adults and 35 young worshippers. Sister L. Hodge was received into fellowship by transfer from Cowandilla church. Attendance at 10 a.m. Bible school was 85, including three new scholars. C. Schwab was speaker at 7 p.m. gospel service, when 15 adults and six children enjoyed an excellent address. Sister Kelly sang a solo beautifully. A. Mackenzie

is thanked by junior department of Bible school for making and donating portable poster-rack.

Forestville.—Bible school anniversary services on June 6 and 13 were an outstanding success. Scholars and visitors on first Sunday afternoon numbered 496. Aggregate of 1415 attended the four services. Geo. Clarke excelled not only as conductor but with general organisation. Anniversary tea was a great event, also senior prize-giving night attended by 138. Gordon Stirling, youth director, provided an excellent programme with sound projector. School report showed nett gain of 36. Although 74 new scholars were added during year, some losses were sustained. Roll total is now 251. Senior school choir rendered special messages in song at morning services. Two young men from Bible class were immersed on June 20 following their confession. School and church extend sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Allan Wilson in their recent bereavement.

Strathalbyn.—Attendances for June have been well maintained, and all auxiliaries are in good heart. Ladies' Guild held a food for Britain meeting, and packed five parcels. Recently a tea table conference was held for church members. T. Butler presided, and plans were discussed for improving church services and auxiliaries. 35 members were present, and a profitable time was spent. On June 6 church exchanged pulpits with Murray Bridge, Mr. Kingston and his helpers conducting both services here, while I. Durdin and team journeyed to Murray Bridge. Several members and friends attended some of Dr. Hyman Appelman's meetings in Adelaide, during which Beth Grosvenor confessed Christ. Mrs. Max Caudle was received into fellowship on June 14 by transfer from Bordertown. L. Boxhall had the misfortune to fracture his right wrist and sprain his left hand while playing football. Mr. and Mrs. I. Durdin have commenced their second year of service with church. A married woman and a Bible school scholar decided for Christ at gospel service and were baptised on June 20. Help of choir at evening services is a great encouragement. Miss Taylor has been confined to her home for several weeks, and her presence at church services has been missed.

Flinders Park.—A "happy hours" campaign was held from May 31 to June 5. G. Stirling, youth director, conducted. 333 children were contacted; 219 average daily attendance; 74 children did not attend any Sunday school. Films, competitions, quizzes, puppet shows, choruses and general items made campaign interesting. On June 6, at "happy hour" in afternoon, over 90 attended. Mr. McLean showed a film, "The Passion Play." Three young girls decided for Christ, and six new members were welcomed into Bible school. On June 9, "happy hour" was conducted by Mr. McLean; 140 children present. On June 16, 166 attended. These services will be held each Wednesday. Two young ladies were recently baptised and two others welcomed into fellowship. G. Houston was morning speaker on June 6. In evening basketball girls formed a choir and sang items. An interesting debate was held by Y.P.S.C.E. entitled "Has the 'Rock' Newspaper the Right Approach?" On May 27, ladies of church met and re-formed Ladies' Guild and Dorcas Society. President, Mrs. Lukehurst; secretary, Mrs. Richardson; treasurer, Mrs. Houston. Tent mission preparations are in hand.

New South Wales

Broken Hill (Wolfram-st.).—Sunday school is growing. Those recently added to staff are Mr. and Mrs. R. Hilford and Alan Hilford, Mr. and Mrs. R. Warnbrunn, Miss T. Mudford, Mr. Moore (secretary), and Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Thurgood for Wills-st. school. Y.P.C.E. visited Chapple-st. Baptist Society on June 15, supplied programme and conducted meeting. It was a happy occasion. Fellowship and enjoyable supper were arranged by Baptists. Six joined a large party

of C.E. members and spent a holiday week-end at Silverton memorial youth camp. Fellowship with other societies was enjoyed. Members recently received into membership of church by transfer are Mr. and Mrs. Warmbrunn, from Mudgee, N.S.W.; Mr. Moore, from Stirling, S.A.; Mrs. W. Edwards, from Prospect church. Mrs. Warne has been welcomed back from Grote-st. church.

Wollongong.—Church celebrated during June its seventh anniversary with special meetings. A splendidly attended dinner was provided by ladies on 5th, and after an interesting programme the Temple Day offering was launched by the preacher, Lloyd Jones. At services on Sunday, both morning and evening, building was packed out, and extra seating brought in. The preacher gave special addresses, and was assisted at night by a choir led by Mrs. R. D. Main. One confession and two reconsecrations were taken at close. On June 13, a large group of youth spent week-end with Chatswood church, but despite their absence another large service was held at night, when three were baptised. At close there were three further decisions and two restorations. There is a growing spirit of optimism in the whole work, reflected in increases in prayer, attendances and giving. Youth work is buoyant, and recently at annual Illawarra District Convention, seniors won efficiency cup and Gwynneville juniors the highest award.

Lismore.—Children of all denominations flocked to "happy hour" meetings held each afternoon for two weeks in the chapel by Mr. Greenhalgh, of Y.P. Department, Sydney. Mission meetings held at night by Mr. Greenhalgh brought several interested visitors. He lectured at Sunday school teachers' weekly meetings on two occasions in place of Mr. Vanham. Church made its first broadcast service on June 6, under leadership of Mr. Vanham, with Mr. Greenhalgh speaker. Previous to their marriages, Dot Butters and Shiela Dunster each received presentation of a Testament from church in recognition of past work in church and Sunday school. Ten Orangemen attended evening service on June 20, which was dedicated to significance of Protestantism. Mr. Vanham gave the sermon. George Davis (jun.) was extended hand of fellowship, and received into church by Mr. Vanham on June 20. Sister Barrie was recently added to staff of Sunday school teachers. R. Greenhalgh was speaker during annual district convention of Richmond River Christian Endeavor Union, which began on June 12 and ended on June 14. Open-air meetings were held, and meetings at Ballina and in Methodist church at Lismore.

Victoria

Hampton.—At meeting of men's society on June 26, Dr. W. A. Kemp gave an interesting travel talk. V. L. Gole spoke on morning of 27th in interests of overseas work. At night C. L. Lang, with help of choir, conducted a favorite hymn service.

Geelong.—Both services on June 20 were well attended. In morning A. S. McDonald was speaker, as Mr. Stirling was at Belmont. In evening Hariha Waghmode was speaker. On June 10 Mr. Vagross, of C.E. helpers from Sunshine church of Christ, took charge of Sunday school.

Colac.—Roy Dixon continues to render sterling service, and meetings have improved slightly. Recently Mr. and Mrs. Jones, of Ballarat, met with church, and are now residing in Colac. Mrs. McDougall has made good recovery from illness, and has returned home. Mr. Dixon is planning to recommence Sunday school.

Bet Bet.—On June 14, twelve members attended Midlands District Conference at Wedderburn. It was a day of rich fellowship and blessing. Sunday school work is encouraging, and seven pupils have entered for July examinations. T. Robinson continues to give helpful addresses at all meetings. Church has welcomed several visitors.

St. Arnaud.—Church continues to meet mornings only, except second Sunday in each month, when Mr. Quayle conducts morning and afternoon services, and fourth Sunday, when he conducts afternoon gospel service only. Six members journeyed to Wedderburn on June 14 to attend Midlands and district conference. Fellowship with visitors is enjoyed.

East Kew.—On May 23, at evening service, five were baptised and one confessed Christ. The five were welcomed into church on morning of June 6. On evening of June 13 one was baptised. On 14th, many young people attended a picnic arranged by eastern suburban Youth Fellowship. On June 20, in absence of W. A. Wigney, A. Hay preached in morning, when one was welcomed into fellowship. A. L. Neil preached at night.

Drumcondra.—During Mr. Pigdon's absence at Warrnambool, H. Waghmode (College of Bible) addressed morning service on June 20 and Mr. McDonald (Latrobe-terr. church) in evening. Girls' Good Companion and boys' Explorer Clubs have been formed under leadership of Betty Russell and Cliff Barker. Leaders from Youth Department came for opening night. Mrs. Jefferies addressed Mission Band on June 2. There has been much sickness among members. Latrobe-terr. society took Y.P. meeting on June 4.

Swan Hill.—On June 6 a young girl and two young men were baptised and welcomed into church. On June 9 two elderly ladies were baptised. A time of blessing was enjoyed on June 13 and 14 at annual district conference. Speaker for week-end was T. A. Fitzgerald. Members were glad to enjoy fellowship of visitors from Mildura district and Boundary Bend. On June 13, the young people of Swan Hill and Mildura travelled to Ultima to join in afternoon service there. Tea was enjoyed by all on return. All services were well attended, especially those on Sunday and Monday evenings. Ladies of Mission Band served dinner and tea on June 14, 277 meals being served altogether.

Warragul.—All meetings are well attended; averages as follow: April, 11 a.m., 86; 7 p.m., 78; 76 broke bread. May, 11 a.m., 63; 7 p.m., 58; 69 broke bread. Young people are developing well in spiritual exercises of church. Attendances at prayer services have increased, with average of 18. Some new scholars have been gained for Sunday school. A bus load of 34 attended C.E. convention at Korumburra. Three young people attended C.E. convention at Geelong. On June 20, the Masonic Lodge, which was paying a visit to all churches, attended and rendered two items. There were 140 present. The address by C. Jackel was illustrated by slides and chart. Mesdames A. Derbyshire, Handley, Thornton and Richardson have been absent through illness.

Kaniva.—Attendances recently have kept at about 55-60 at both morning and evening services, with morning a little the better. Mr. Cambridge has given helpful and inspiring addresses. J. C. Williams was speaker at 11 a.m. on July 13. At Y.P.S.C.E. meeting on July 17, 23 attended and seven of the eight who attended conventions at Ballarat and Geelong recently gave "echoes." The previous week a study of life of Paul and of last week of life of Christ was given by A. J. Goldsworthy with his film strips and projector. He also gave a film strip lecture to J.C.E. recently on Moses. These were very helpful. Sunday school continues with four classes of about 18 scholars, a primary class of 5, and a kindergarten of almost 20. On June 20, R. C. Goldsworthy gave the address to 65 present at morning service. At night, in Shire Hall, at a service of united witness, Mr. Matters, of Presbyterian Church, addressed

about 300. United choir, under Mrs. D. R. Williams, sang anthems and enriched the service throughout.

Collingwood.—Mr. Cook (College of Bible) has begun a week-end ministry, and his addresses are appreciated. Bible school has started morning services instead of afternoon, and attendance has improved slightly.

Ormond.—During June there have been nine baptisms, all young people. There have been 10 decisions for Christ and three promises through month, also five desiring letters of transfer to Ormond. On June 16 annual meeting was held, when following were elected: Elders, Messrs. Martin, Ritchie, Bradley; deacons, Messrs. R. Mitchell, Evans, Robertson, Skewes, Parker, Blackwell, Booth; deaconesses, Sisters Henry, Cranley, J. Evans, G. Evans, Yewdall, Mulroney, Delaforce; secretary, A. Kneec; treasurer, A. Gairns; youth organiser, R. Booth. On June 27, an interesting address was given by H. R. Coventry on India. Evening service was taken by Miss MacLaren and Mr. Hopkins, members of A.S.C.M. Work is in good heart, and Mr. Martin continues to do great service.

Malvern-Caulfield.—K.S.P. club concluded a successful year with a combined social with P.B.P. club, to which Caulfield P.B.P. clubs were invited. Allen Gray has been elected chancellor for ensuing twelve months. Seven new members added to P.B.P. club since commencement eleven months ago make total of 16 members, 10 being active members. Syllabus includes devotional, physical culture and cookery evenings, with occasional outings and social evenings with K.S.P. club and club members from other suburbs. A. Hurren, conference president, was preacher on morning of June 27. Miss Hilton, a university student, spoke on evening of June 27 in connection with World Christian Student Sunday. At women's meeting on June 23, Mrs. Scambler spoke on work among aborigines in W.A.

Bentleigh.—Many visitors have been welcomed over past four weeks. Mr. Sumpton was speaker on evening of May 30. Mr. Prentice exhorted church on June 6. At church anniversary on June 13, E. C. Hinrichsen was speaker. There were many visitors, a number of whom took their stand for Christ in mission Mr. Hinrichsen conducted in 1945. R. J. Anderson preached at night. At evening service on June 20, Mr. Anderson baptised Mrs. Hodges. A mystery hike was conducted by R. Nugent to Belgrave on June 14. Mr. Webster took his stand for Christ at E. C. Hinrichsen Prahran mission during past week and was baptised. R. J. Anderson was speaker at worship service on June 27, when he received into church Mrs. Hodges and Mr. Webster. Brick work has commenced on new chapel. Tennis team is enjoying happy times of fellowship.

Essendon.—On June 13, Mr. Brown (Ascot Vale) presided in morning. Thirty men attended C.M.S. tea meeting. An interesting talk on "Christianity and Communism" was given by E. L. Williams, who also spoke at gospel service. Mr. and Mrs. Crisp had fellowship with church at evening service. On morning of June 20, a dedication service for teachers of Bible school was held. S. Fordham (Moreland) presided; K. Patterson delivered address. Mr. McIlhagger preached at evening service. Mrs. Lynch was soloist. Choir rendered an anthem. June 13-18, in preparation for visitation evangelistic campaign, early morning prayer services were well attended. June 22-24 campaign commenced. After tea prepared by ladies of church, 12 visitors went out in pairs, many contacts being made. Mr. McIlhagger was assisted by K. Patterson during campaign. Decision service was held in evening of June 27. Mrs. V. Marr was soloist. Choir rendered an anthem. At conclusion of a challenging address by K. Patterson, nine decided for Christ. After service two others accepted Christ.

Horsham.—Geoff Barnett, of Warracknabeal, was preacher at both services on May 30. H. Williams addressed church on June 6 in interests of overseas missions, and at night showed lantern slides of work in New Hebrides. Visits of these brethren were appreciated. On June 13, G. M. Mathieson attended C. E. Convention meetings at Ballarat. 13 of C.E. attended at Ballarat and Geelong. A large number of all ages attended school hall on June 24. Ladies of church held a concert and pasty supper. In recent weeks 23 parcels of food have been sent to Britain.

University and the Church

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY Melbourne University students attended the conference of the University branch of the A.S.C.M. at Point Lonsdale during the last week of May.

In a week of intense work and prayer, through addresses, Bible expositions and discussion circles, these students sought to know the obligations of their Christian obedience in the University. The conference was led by Dr. John Coleman, a Canadian, who is at present visiting Australia as a travelling secretary of the World Student Christian Federation, and who is one of the world's leading Christian thinkers on the function of the modern University.

First, a positive Christian critique of the University was made. It was seen to deny the revelational nature of truth, and so to study in an attitude of proud self-reliance in which the scientific method was glorified rather than the goal of truth, and the study of things did not lead to an understanding of God. It adopts a false attitude of neutrality in teaching, which produces a suspension of judgment in students, by which they never make decisions; it denies the unity of truth, and so falls into idolatry of specialisation; and it feels no vocational responsibility to provide leadership for society. All these deficiencies were found to be due ultimately to a basic attitude of self-worship which has always been the sin of man, and is the particular crisis of our age. So those attending the conference found a new awareness of the essentially non-Christian environment of their studies.

Then the Christian faith was examined, and its relevance to the University considered. When the glorifying of God is the central purpose of the student, he knows the reality of revelation, and so studies in humble collaboration with God, who is at once the initiator and substance of truth. Truth is his goal, and no particular method is glorified, but mind, will and emotion lead him to his end. His study of things leads him to an understanding of God, and as God encounters him in his studies, he commits his life to the decisions of these encounters. He recognises the unity of truth, because God is truth, and so is freed from the idolatry of specialisation. Moreover he studies with a strong vocational attitude to serve God through them. Thus the Christian faith was found to be relevant, and to be the gospel of redemption for every deficiency of the University.

The conference was concluded by considering how to live as a redemptive community in the University. Regular devotional practices, Bible study and prayer, and the fellowship of the church were seen to be the central activities of the Christian life in such a context. In addition, plans were considered for the amendment of courses, the promotions of closer relationships between staff and students, and the building up of community life in the University.

These students have returned to the University with a new understanding of it as one of the most important and most difficult mission fields of the church; with a new sense of Christian responsibility and enthusiasm for the redemption of the University,

and with a new self-dedication to this task. We request that you may pray daily that the faith of Christian students in the University may be continually strengthened, and their work and witness blessed, that the University may be redeemed to declare the Lordship of Christ, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

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DEATH

FELTS.—Florence Helen, beloved wife of George, mother of Bert and Frank Cox, at her son's residence, 44 Belembe-ave., Lakemba, N.S.W., June 14, 1948, aged 66 years.

THANKS

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A. M. Ludbrook finished his schooling at Adelaide College, Shepherd's Bush, and was baptised in 1877 at Chelsea church by Robert Black. The young man served his time as a drapery apprentice, but later gave himself to the preaching of the gospel, chiefly in Yorkshire and Lancashire. Then, going to America, he studied at the Bible College, Lexington, Kentucky. From there he received an invitation to the church at Swanston-st., Melbourne, where he served for terms extending over a number of years in the 1890's and early 1900's.

In Adelaide in 1903 he married Florence Ada Verco, and the couple went to the Echuca-Shepparton circuit. Later followed a lengthy ministry at North Adelaide and Prospect. Our brother had earlier been a world traveller, and in all his ministries made much use of lantern lectures on Turkey, Egypt, Palestine, India and other lands.

Retiring from the full-time ministry dur-

ing World War I., Mr. Ludbrook entered Government service for a time, subsequently serving for many years as librarian of two learned societies—the Royal Society and the Royal Geographical Society. During this period he also did much preaching, and threw his energies into the then infant cause at Dulwich. Here he was one of 33 foundation members in 1920, when the chapel was opened after meetings had been held in brethren's homes since 1913.

Mr. Ludbrook was secretary of the church at Dulwich from 1920 to 1923.

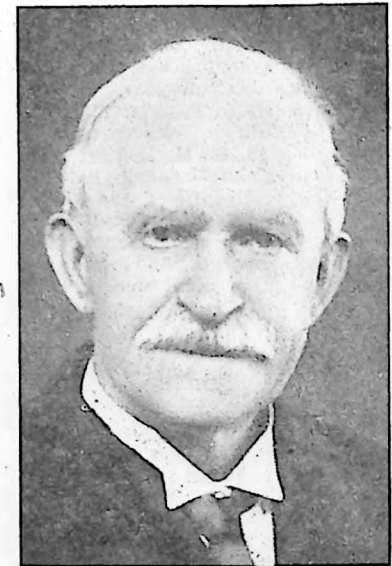
In later years our brother concentrated on the written word. A prolific though painstaking writer all his life, he had in his younger days written in many chapters for our various church journals the stories of his travels in the East and in America. He had delighted, too, in writing treatises on the lives of such great characters of religious history as Savonarola, Luther, John Wycliff and our own Campbells.

For many years he contributed largely to

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A. M. Ludbrook.

"The Australian Christian" and "Pure Words," the latter including a series on children's hymns. He published two books—"Notable Hymns and Their Authors" and "The Romance of the Roman Catacombs and Other Addresses." His preparation of programmes of daily readings, printed under the titles "Through the New Testament Together in —" or "Through the Old Testament," as the case might be, for use in family altar, was one of his outstanding contributions to the brotherhood over many years.

After a brief illness Mr. Ludbrook passed away on June 8, and was laid to rest in the West Terrace Cemetery, Adelaide, the service being conducted by H. Cave, assisted by F. Collins.—H.C.

Obituary

W. G. K. Feary

AS a result of the passing of our elder brother and "father" in the faith, Mr. Feary (sen.), a loving family, a devoted church, and a grateful community now experience a great sense of loss. York-st. church stands as a memorial to his labor for his Lord and Master, for all his life was spent in its cause. From early years he piloted an assembly of Christians (then known as a branch of the City Mission) through many a sectarian storm till, with the co-operation of the late A. W. Connor, they embraced New Testament Christianity and declared themselves as one of the churches known simply as "churches of Christ." There is not one member now in fellowship who does not attribute (either directly or indirectly) his or her spiritual standing to our brother's influence and example. An earnest man of strong convictions, he was a keen student of the word, and an able interpreter of prophecy. He "fell asleep" peaceably in his home on the Lord's day, June 13, after ten days' illness, aged 77 years. The chapel was packed to capacity by over 300 people who attended his funeral service. The writer presided, assisted by G. J. Andrews, who read the scriptures, and J. A. Wilkie, who paid a glowing tribute from over thirty years' fellowship with the deceased. The funeral procession from the chapel to the cemetery comprised approximately 80 cars, the longest the city of Ballarat has known (to quote the statement of the undertaker). After a short graveside service, attended by many relatives, friends and prominent business-men and citizens of the city, our brother was laid to rest, to await the resurrection morn. He leaves a family of seven children and his widow, all active members of the church—surely a tribute to his consistent living. We genuinely commend them before our Lord in prayer in their hour of bereavement.—H.M.L.

COURAGE



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District Conferences in Great Britain

It is the custom in Great Britain to hold district conferences, in addition to the annual conference. These are mostly held on Saturday afternoon, though a few are held on general holidays such as Easter Monday. Business and inspirational sessions have to be crowded into a few hours. The Scottish Evangelistic Committee recently tried out a new experiment. In co-operation with the Women's Committee and the Sunday School Committee, both Scottish, a week-end residential conference was held at Glasgow, representatives from distant churches being entertained in the homes of Glasgow members. Proceedings opened on Saturday afternoon with a women's session, followed by the Scottish conference. After tea representatives discussed evangelism through films and music. Special services were held in the Glasgow churches on Sunday with visiting preachers, and demonstration lessons were given in the Sunday schools. The day closed with a united rally of churches at which the preacher was Dr. W. J. Fiscus, U.S.A. The theme of all conference sessions and church services was, "Our Answer—Christ." The experiment will certainly be repeated.

Windsor-st. church, Liverpool, faced by declining population, recently moved to a new housing area, and securing a large house in its own grounds, began to build up a community church. The new church was opened and dedicated on Whit Saturday. R. H. Balam, elder, led the congregation in for the dedication service, which was conducted by Wm. Robinson, who also preached on the Sunday. Good wishes were brought by official representatives of the Free Church Federal Council and the Sunday School Union.—G. J. Hammond.

Open Forum

FOR "CHRISTIAN" READERS

(Correspondents are reminded that letters should not be more than 300 words in length, that names and not pseudonyms should be used, and that once a writer has had his say on a particular topic he should leave the way open for somebody else. We do not desire unsatisfactory crossfiring. The insertion of a letter does not imply editorial approval of its contents.—Ed.).

DEATH PENALTY

IN issue of June 1 Will. H. Clay wrote concerning the Crimes Act. He said, "As New Testament Christians we feel committed to the total abolition of the death penalty." Read Romans 3: 31 and 1 Timothy 1: 9, 10. The Old Testament law is an established thing in the Christian dispensation. It is not for a righteous man, . . . it is for manslaughter, etc., etc. The death penalty will save many from committing murder. It will save the lives of many people.—"Innocent," Queensland.



AS shortly a new bill will be presented to parliament for the abolition of the death penalty, I would like to submit a few thoughts for prayerful consideration.

We know God after the flood gave laws to Noah to guide the people, also through Moses God did give laws to a great company of people coming out of slavery to keep in subjection to himself, one being, "Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed." Now the whole question of laws given in the Old Testament hinges on, Are we under the Old or New Testament teaching? If under Old Testament teaching, then stoning to death to-day would not only be for murder but also for adultery, a stubborn and disobedient son, and sabbath breaking, which Christians break every week, so we ought to pay the same penalty.

But does not the allegory in Galatians 4 give a clear-cut issue for the Christian? Jesus

said, "Ye are my disciples if ye do whatsoever I command you." Now even if we look into God's dealing with the murderer, we find Cain a murderer, yet God did not allow his life to be taken. David is a murderer by sending Uriah to his death through lust, yet God did not allow his life to be taken. Moses, too, was a murderer. God spared his life and raised him up to be the greatest leader apart from his dear Son. The Apostle Paul was a murderer, for he claimed to be the chief of sinners, yet God raised him up to be the great apostle to the Gentiles.

In the face of all this teaching, God shows his attitude toward the sinner, allowing him the opportunity to make good; it is also in harmony with the teaching of Christ when the woman was taken in adultery, for which the penalty was death: "Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more." We know crimes must be punished, but Jesus ever taught, and the striking examples above give abundant evidence of God's grace and power to change lives of men. So the attitude of the Christian should ever be to rescue the sinner from his sins, not destroy him. Yes, down in the human heart, crushed by the tempter, feelings lie buried that the grace of God can, and does, restore, if given opportunity to make good for this life and eternity.—F. J. Daniel, Tasmania.



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New Testament.—R. Beadle, B. Cavill,
W. Howard, W. Turnell. Nine others passed.

Homiletics I.—R. Beadle, W. Howard,
K. Fennell, W. Rugendyke. Three others
passed.

Homiletics II.—B. Cavill, W. Turnell,
M. Leask, H. Shepherd. Two others passed.

Homiletics III.—F. Craig, E. Taylor. Three
others passed.

Church History.—B. Cavill, G. Filmer,
E. Taylor (equal), F. Craig, M. Leask. Six
others passed.

Religious Education.—H. Shepherd, R. Beadle,
K. Fennell, P. Goodger, W. Howard (last two
equal), M. Leask, W. Turnell, B. Cavill. Five
others passed.

Evangelism.—R. Beadle, W. Howard (equal),
B. Cavill, D. Tonkin (equal), K. Fennell,
M. Leask, W. Turnell (equal), P. Goodger,
H. Shepherd. Four others passed.

Missions.—F. Craig, G. Filmer (equal),
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B. Munro, H. Shepherd, D. Tonkin, W. Turnell
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passed.

Restoration Movement.—G. Filmer, B. Cavill,
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Apologetics.—F. Craig, G. Filmer, E. Taylor.
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Logic.—F. Craig, G. Filmer, E. Taylor (last
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Hermeneutics.—G. Filmer, F. Craig, E. Taylor
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Greek I.—K. Fennell, M. Leask, W. Turnell,
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