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*Life
Begins in
Worship*



Made Meet

"Made meet to be partakers;"
"Tis thus St. Paul would
show
The pilgrim's life, the war-
rior's strife,
The faith we seek to know.

"Made meet to be partakers;"
Through One whose strength
is nigh,
Who ever lives, who ever
gives
Sufficient from on high.

"Made meet to be partakers;"
And thus—through earthly
span—
In Jesu's grace to see his
face
In every fellow-man.

—Grace Rodda.

HUMAN NEEDS IN A TROUBLED WORLD

PALESTINE

Templars Migrating to Australia

ALL members of the Temple Society wishing to migrate to Australia from Palestine were safely evacuated to Famagusta (Cyprus) before the Palestine situation became critical.

This is stated in a cabled report to the Minister for Immigration (Mr. Arthur A. Calwell) from Cyprus by Brigadier T. W. White, who went on a special mission to Palestine to superintend the evacuation of the Templars on behalf of the Commonwealth Government.

He adds that the Templars' liquid assets, amounting to millions of pounds, have been transferred to London for safe keeping. Efforts are now being made to safeguard their remaining property in the Holy Land.

It has been conservatively estimated that the assets of the Templars amount to £6,000,000.

The Templars are members of a Christian missionary society. They are of European descent, and have built up their assets in the Holy Land by the establishment of co-operative dairies, citrus and stone-fruit orchards, mixed farms and dairy farms.



KOREA

A Wonderful Story

IT is just 72 years since Dr. John Ross became interested in the occasional traveller from the Hermit Kingdom whom he saw in the streets of Moukden. Hermit Kingdom indeed, for Koreans under penalty of death did not dare to have intercourse with Occidentals. There is no more wonderful story in the history of missions, no greater testimony to the efficacy of widespread distribution of scriptures, than that of how in the fulness of time a Korean merchant whose boat was wrecked in crossing the River Yalu between Manchuria and Korea, met Dr. Ross. Then followed the painstaking work of acquiring a knowledge of Korea, its language and people, while still engaged in a full-time programme of preaching and building up the infant Chinese Church of Manchuria. Who has not heard of the merchant's conversion through talking to Christian Chinese printers as they set up the type for the first Gospels, of his taking the Gospels into the mountain valleys and villages, of the reception of those Gospels there, and within a year the first baptism of Koreans who had been led to a knowledge of God by studying those Gospels and finding God there? The story has often been told: there was no one to preach to them; but the Spirit of God revealed the wonders of his grace to that infant church. Then followed the baptism of one who became the first colporteur and evangelist to Korea as well as assistant in the work of translating the New Testament. Finally in 1887 the completion of the task of translating the complete New Testament in Korean was done in Manchuria.

To-day in Moukden and the surrounding district there are 11,000 Korean Christians, 39 Korean ministers, 52 Korean churches, one theological college, and two Korean Bible institutes. As for statistics of Korea itself, these are available in the many mission handbooks and publications. The Christian community to-day exceeds half a million, and is growing rapidly. "The Bible in the World."

WORLD FOOD

A Last Warning

A CENTURY and a half ago Parson Malthus feared that the country's population would increase faster than the means of subsistence. His particular fears were proved to be baseless by improved methods of agriculture, but more especially by the importation of food from overseas. A much more serious warning of impending famine on a world-wide scale has been uttered by Sir John Boyd Orr, the retiring Director-General of the Food and Agricultural Organisation set up by the United Nations. Pointing out that the world population is increasing by 20,000,000 yearly, he declared that "there is only a fifty-fifty chance of getting over the food problem," and if it is not speedily solved there will be chaos in the world within the next fifty years. The chief danger arises from progressive soil erosion; in America alone a quarter of the land which the emigrants had to begin with is no longer good farming land. Yet, says Sir John, governments are "not interested." They are applying their energies to building up a war machine instead of applying the world's steel and industrial production to conserving the resources of the land. It is impossible to dispute the

logic of this "last warning to the world." What will our grandchildren think of this generation? They may have a bitter price to pay for our refusal to read the writing on the wall.—"The Christian."



EUROPE

Refugee Problem

WE are now beginning to see that the refugee problem is one of the major burdens and danger sources in postwar Europe. The truth is he would be a bold optimist who predicted its solution in the next decade. Therefore we have to plan constructively and co-operatively for a long period ahead. . . . We would do well to remember, in repentance, that although the World Council of Churches spoke out in 1945, there was no general widespread Christian protest against the Potsdam provision in regard to displaced persons, and that alarmingly few of us as much as perceived the challenge to Christian conduct and the threat to world peace in these conditions.

Racial persecution and expulsion is still occurring in Eastern Europe. This is a mere consequence and backwash of something the western democracies approved without protest. Nor, as far as I know, have the churches and other Christian bodies supported the protest of the Ecumenical Refugee Commission against these processes of racial discrimination operated by UN and embodied in the constitution of the International Relief Organisation. . . . We must all the more earnestly strive to remedy that which we did so little to prevent. . . . There is work to be done in association with IRO, but there is work to be done also for the millions of refugees that IRO does not recognise.—Dr. W. A. Visser 't Hooft.



AMERICA

Dangers in Evangelism

FIRST, there is the danger in some quarters that visitation evangelism will be regarded as the panacea for all evangelistic needs. Visitation evangelism is no substitute for evangelistic preaching, educational evangelism, or any other valid procedure in soul-winning. Its greatest effectiveness will be found in using it with all these other methods.

Second, there is the danger that visitation evangelism will fall into disrepute as have certain other methods in the past because churches fail to use and hold the new members won. The more successful a given visitation project may be the greater this danger. Churches which plan to use the method must also plan methods of developing and holding the members won.

Third, there is always the danger that a church will substitute the mechanics and techniques of visitation for the basic convictions which alone can give them meaning.—Spencer Austin.



Chinese Boy, with Empty Bowl, Begging Food.

Loyalty

Liberty and Love

CHRISTIAN unity requires loyalty, liberty and love. Perhaps we are correct in saying that love is the greatest of these three. But we cannot hope for unity among the followers of Christ unless there is also loyalty and liberty.

The Christian is not asked to believe more or less than that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. So far as the New Testament reveals, the early disciples were not required to accept written creeds. In fact, we do not find any reference to them being asked to believe any written statement. They were asked to believe in Christ, the Son of God. Here the demand is for a man to believe in a divine Person, the Christ in whom God was reconciling the world unto himself. Peter replied to the Master's question "Whom say ye that I am?" by saying: "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."

The disciple who yields to Christ and submits his will to his Lord's, remaining loyal to him in worship, life and service, is doing all that is required of him. Such loyalty will not entertain doubts about Christ's power to conquer in this life or in the future. There will be supreme trust in this Lord of life. Every aspect of one's behaviour will be tested by his spirit. There will be loyalty to him in home, in business and in society. With Paul, such a Christian will proclaim, "I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me." Unless our claim that we are loyal to Christ is shown in deeds, it means nothing. We may claim to have faith in the Christ who saves us, but unless faith is expressed in acts it is empty. We venture to claim that faith in Christ is really active loyalty in service for Christ. Faith is action.

Human creeds, whether written or unwritten, are not to be used as tests for measuring the loyalty of New Testament Christians. If we confess our Lord before men, we can be sure he will confess us before all heaven; what more do we need!

★ LIBERTY

THE call of the Christian is away from the bondage of legalism. Christians can sing, "Free from the law, O, happy condition! Why, then, must we be bound by the opinions and theories of men? Even when people are loyal to Christ and serve him, they may have different views about many aspects of religion and politics. It would be a very dull society and family if every member expressed the same view on every subject raised. No person can have all the truth; neither can we see all things from the same point of view. This fact allows for the right of people having and expressing their own opinions. We have a right to respect the opinions of brethren who are loyal to Christ. While some people want the freedom to express their opinions, they are disturbed and distressed if other individuals, who are loyal to Christ, express their views.

This principle of the Restoration Movement is sound: only the great facts and certainties of Christ ought to be stressed in the worship of the church; the opinions of men ought to be suppressed and made secondary. By giving emphasis in church worship to aspects of Christian teaching in which Christian opinion may be permissible, we may tend to divide and not to unite the church of God.

We plead, then, for liberty in the realm of opinions, but urge the wisdom of not raising opinions to the level of the great doctrines of the church. It is not right that a church be embarrassed by

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mere opinions being made an emphatic part of church worship. We each must respect the opinions of others, and should not make them divisive issues. By stressing the great facts of Christ's gospel and by keeping opinions in their right sphere, we shall help to maintain the unity of the church.

★ LOVE

WHERE the church is right doctrinally and correct in all its procedure, it may lack in power because there is no love to unite it in a strong fellowship.

Where there is a gracious love for Christ and a tender regard for members one of another, there will be a readiness to assist each other. Where there may be differences, these will be adjusted by kindness and brotherliness. Where there is this strong Christian love, there will be no puritanical superiority. None will consider himself better than another. All will seek to advance the kingdom of God and the rights of others.

This is a day of great opportunity for churches of Christ. People are hungry for the gospel. Many are waiting for us to show them the love of God. Our own love within the church will assist in commanding this gospel to the world.

Let loyalty to Christ strengthen us, let liberty of opinion create tolerance, and let love for God and one another hold us in the unity which will compel the world to believe that God has sent his Son to save men from their sins.

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On Reading a Christian Journal

THE early church made great use of journals to spread the gospel. The gospels are well-written statements about the good news of Christ's coming to the world. By circulating those journals the Christians spread, far and wide, the joyful tidings of salvation. The Acts of the Apostles is an excellent account of the deeds which made the church a great power in the world. What great news it was for the doubters! What encouragement for Christians! Hosts of people have been led to Christ by the reading of those journals of the early church. God's Spirit has used them for his glory and for the salvation of souls.

The place of journalism is vital in the church to-day. We believe greater use could be made of Christian papers. While hardly a home is without a secular paper, we believe there are many families who do not receive the inspiration of a Christian journal. What good news they miss from week to week! Often people are weak in faith because they do not know of the great victories which the church is gaining in this world. We believe "The Australian Christian" could be made even a greater witness for the church, if our friends in every congregation commended it to those who do not subscribe regularly. If preachers, elders, deacons and Sunday school workers would urge others to read this journal, the churches would gain a great benefit, for good news strengthens the faith.

For a very small sum, all members may learn the church's work at home and abroad, and gain inspiration, week by week, for Christian service. We are indebted to our many agents, reporters and friends, and we believe that their efforts are being supplemented by many preachers and church officers throughout the Commonwealth. We express sincere thanks for what you have done and will do on our behalf.

"Creation Revealed in Six Days"

A Good Book is as Light to the Mind.

ONE of the most discussed chapters in the Bible is the first chapter of Genesis. Many battles of words have been waged about the meaning of this story of creation. Numerous theories have been advanced to reconcile the views of scientists with what has been considered to be the teaching of Genesis. As new scientific theories are advanced, there are views advanced to "harmonise" the words of Genesis with the claims of scientists.

The latest attempt to solve the problem of Genesis for the scientific reader comes from Air-Commodore P. J. Wiseman, C.B.E. This writer has been a diligent student of the literary methods of ancient writers. He has been aware of the discoveries of archaeologists in recent years, and has made himself familiar with all the writings of scholars upon this chapter of Genesis. His book entitled, "New Discoveries in Babylonia About Genesis," has been received with considerable interest, and demonstrates his ability to say something of significance in this field of Bible knowledge.

Air-Commodore Wiseman approaches the Bible record with reverence. He believes the scriptures must be trusted and not treated as merely human documents. To all who love the word of God, and who have some respect for the facts of geology, this treatment by the writer will make an appeal. In the first place P. J. Wiseman claims we must accept the statement of Genesis chapter 1, and read it intelligently and in the light of the literary style which existed when it was first written. He claims we have not understood what the chapter actually states regarding the six days.

For all the proof of the claims of this writer, we must send the reader to the book; but in brief he holds that the first chapter of Genesis does not claim that creation was made in six days, but that God told man, in six days, how the acts of creation took place. The story of creation was told in six days, but creation took much longer. Thus the story of Genesis is not strained, neither are the facts of scientists neglected. Much valuable information on this vexed question is presented in the book. The writer's wide knowledge of the subject is stated clearly. Even if some of the translations he makes from the Hebrew seem to be strained efforts to make them fit into this theory, it is a view which will have to be taken into account by students discussing the Book of Genesis.

"Creation Revealed in Six Days," by Air-Commodore P. J. Wiseman, C.B.E., is a well-bound book of 150 pages. Price, 9/6, posted 10/-.

TOWARDS TRUE BAPTISM

RECENTLY we reviewed the scholarly work of Dr. Karl Barth, entitled "The Teaching of the Church Regarding Baptism." That book indicated clearly the trend of thinking among scholars on this vital question of baptism. We have just received a booklet from The Berean Press, England, by James Gray, M.A., entitled "Towards True Baptism." This contains a sketch of contemporary movements in baptismal reform. Unfortunately it was written before the writer was aware of Karl Barth's book. However it adds fresh information to the stream of evidence revealing the recognition by Christian scholars of the importance of Christian baptism. On many sides there are signs that denominational leaders are unhappy about the custom of infant baptism. Because it is linked up with false doctrine, neglects the essential personal faith demanded in conversion, and fails to symbolise

the true experience of the subject, infant sprinkling is falling into disfavor in many centres.

James Gray is a teacher in the Overdale College, Birmingham, and is a leader in the British churches who has won the confidence of his brethren. This book ought to perform a valued ministry and be used extensively. A supply is being ordered and is expected in about two months. The price will be 1/6, posted 1/7d. The booklet contains 32 pages.



CONCERN FOR PEACE

TWO important addresses were delivered at a recent meeting arranged by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Victoria. The speak-

ers were Miss Rita F. Snowden and Mr. E. A. Mann. In clear and simple style Miss Snowden showed how the church could make a highway of peace for all nations. By breaking down national barriers and by overcoming the difficulties of race and color, the church could provide for all people a road to peace. Miss Snowden provided some excellent illustrations to prove the point she made. Mr. Mann discussed world government and peace. He presented the claims for a Federal Union of Nations. By nations giving up national authority and uniting in fellowship with other nations under a common government, the tragedy of war may be averted.

There is much of great importance in this booklet. We understand it is to be used in study groups. People generally ought to read it, so as to lift their horizon higher than the one which usually surrounds their own nation. Where there is no vision the people perish. This booklet gives us a world vision, and suggests the way to journey toward peace.

"Concern for Peace," a pamphlet of 10 pages. Price 6d., posted 7d.

Professing Christians in Parliament

W. H. Clay, in Social Service Notes, pays tribute to Christians in Victorian parliament and discusses other problems.

VICTORIA lost one of her best citizens on June 6, when the Hon. William Haslem Edgar answered the call of the Highest. He was first elected to the Legislative Council on June 1, 1904, and except the period between June 5, 1913, and July 5, 1917, he continued in this Council up to the time of his death at the age of 90 years. It would be expected that at his funeral obsequies some highly eulogistic references to his religious life and service would be made. Some who knew him best were entrusted with the honor of doing justice to his noble life. It was in our parliament, however, that men of all political parties and opinions forgot their differences, often bitterly expressed, to pay tribute to the memory of this great man. "He was a lay preacher for fifty years"; he was "a keen advocate of a 'Christian sabbath"'; he was the convener of the weekly midday prayer meetings—was closely associated with religious, charitable and social work—was a stern opponent of the liquor traffic—was never ashamed, inside the House or outside of parliament, to give expression to his Christian views. He urged members to have high regard for moral and spiritual values. "He was upright in all his ways and kind to the end of his days"; "I knew him all my life, first as a boy when I attended Sunday school," were some of the things that were said. The Social Service Committee has some happy memories of what he was and what he said. He was the speaker at one of our conference demonstrations. We pay our tribute to his memory.

Mr. F. L. Edmunds, M.L.A., the member for Hawthorn, has won distinction for himself as a "wowser." The "Wine and Spirit News" of March 20, in support of the extension of the parliamentary bar, wrote, "There are always a few 'wowser' members who do their best to stop this reform, but they should not be noticed. In Victoria, for instance, the State's No. 1 Wowser, Mr. F. L. Edmunds, M.L.A., threatened his resignation if the Government did anything on liquor reform." Mr. Edmunds appears to even go out of his way to earn this approbrium. His opposition to the proposed extension, however, appears to have had the effect of restraining parliament from proceeding with its plans. Mr. Edmunds is

not alone in his attitude, and the Government is not desirous of precipitating a crisis. Mr. J. A. Kennedy, M.L.C., a member of the cabinet, is the treasurer of the Congregational Union. Mr. R. K. Whately and Mr. J. S. Lechle, and Mrs. F. E. Brownbill, of our church at Geelong, and maybe other members of the House, may be counted on in a crisis. The Chief Secretary, Mr. Keith Dodgshun, is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and he has not given the proposed "reform" his O.K. The introduction of a liquor bar in our British Houses of Parliament was not only never justified, but was a national blunder. Some plain speaking in parliament has revealed that many of our legislators are too frequently at the bar, and some are befuddled when voting. We hear of the doping of racehorses and dogs when racing to influence their running, but this is a small thing when compared to the doping of our members. We thank God for good men and women in high places.

Housing

A member of the Victorian parliament has referred to the present housing conditions as "unchristian." This is no exaggeration, but who, if not our parliamentarians, are to blame? These men have been paid to think and plan. Had some long-range planning taken place, we would not be in the dreadful position we are in to-day. He said, "Three families live in a room 60 x 18 ft., partitioned off from other rooms by three-ply. In another room 20 ft. x 18 ft. there are five cots and a double bed." Such conditions are positively immoral, and when they are going to end is quite uncertain.

Sport

This term describes, not only the field games with which we are familiar, but it more frequently refers to horse and dog racing which are developing and extending in a most alarming manner. Racing authorities, like the lilies that toil and spin not, are constantly pressing the governments for increased facilities to practise their deceptive craft. The latest is from Western Australia, where they propose a minister of sport shall be appointed by the government. This may appear to be fantastic, but so have many other wild introductions appeared to be. Unless the proposal is resisted at its birth it is likely to be given serious consideration, and to our utter astonishment, adopted. W.A. churches and social questions committees must not allow the matter to go by default.

Bright Days at Baramati

★ During the summer vacation, when most missionaries were away at the hills, Miss Vawser remained at Baramati. Here she tells of many happy things that happened.

SUMMER vacation for the school finishes tomorrow, and the children will be glad to get back to work. Holidays are grand, but after they are over there is nothing like being in school again. We have had a very happy summer vacation. We have had some of the Shrigonda girls here, and many of the boys had to remain. The high school and training college boys came to Baramati irrespective whether they could go home or not, and worked with Mr. Bairagi sinking the new well. There were about forty from Shrigonda and nearly fifty of our boys. It was a big family for holidays, but it was very nice to have them."

Co-operative Service

[Because of famine conditions, the Government made a grant towards the cost of sinking this well. More handy water was badly needed at Baramati.]

"I have heard people say that boarding boys do not work. I would like any one who thinks that to come and see the amount of work our boys have done this summer. I feel that they have done a magnificent task, and with the temperature ranging between 105 and 110 degrees daily they have done magnificently. This is because Mr. Bairagi worked with them every day. It was not to be expected that they would do a full day's work in the well, for, after all, they are only lads and not used to manual labor; but for three hours every morning, until it became too hot, they worked extra well. They have saved the mission at least Rs. 500, for a contract would have cost a tremendous amount. Mr. Bairagi deserves much praise for his untiring efforts. The lads will never forget this summer; happy although they did heavy work, sleep and play, it has been so good for them."

Indian Christian Hospitality

"Every Wednesday evening we had something extra in the way of a community entertainment. We had the Christian home festival special evening, when Dr. and Mrs. Kolhatkar gave tea to all. Second week we held Sunday school night; the young people furnished the programme, and Mr. Bairagi gave tea and sweetmeats to all. Third week there was a bhajan, or service of song, in front of the school, when a Christian Government official gave tea to some and gave me Rs. 10 for something special for the boys. The next week I showed moving pictures of our trip abroad. The last week of May everyone brought the evening meal to the open space in front of the church, and we had a picnic. The Christian community wanted to entertain the girls from Shrigonda, and so they prepared a special dinner for them, and included all the boys too.

Hymn-singing and Outings

"Every Sunday evening we had English singing and prayer in this bungalow. I have about thirty chairs, stools, etc.; these were sometimes all filled, and then some sitting on the floor rug. My word, these young people can sing, and in English too.

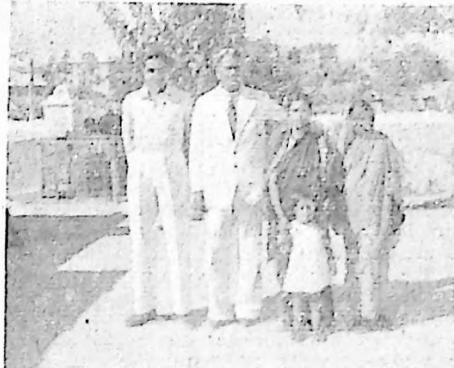
"We did not have an organised picnic, but all the boys and girls went for outings and took their luncheon with them. They went in groups just as it suited them and the work they were doing. The boys were quite chivalrous, and treated the girls exceedingly nicely, and there was nothing which would cause any adverse criticism even in this country. The girls were very sweet, and when they played and sang in the moonlight in this garden they had an audience, mostly boys. Then we found

the boys setting up a rival entertainment. But the entertainment the girls and later the boys gave on the night of the community dinner was fine."

Twelve Baptisms

"We had two baptismal services during May. On Mother's Day three of Dr. Kolhatkar's boys were baptised, also two of Mr. Kolhatkar's boys. On the last Sunday in May, seven young people were baptised. They were two boys from the home, Kamalaker Deshmook and Shantwan Gaikwad, also two other boys and three girls. They are all connected with our schools, and are fine young people. Mr. Bairagi officiated at both ceremonies."

[In another letter Miss Vawser asks whether it would be possible for some school or society to supply about two dozen hymnbooks; Alexander's (words only) would be ideal. Good secondhand books would be acceptable. At present they only have ten books for about thirty people. Do not despatch, but communicate direct with Federal F.M. secretary.]



Dr. K. L. Kolhatkar and some members of his family. The young man in the picture is the youngest son who, with two of his brothers, was baptised during May. Two of Dr. Kolhatkar's nephews were also baptised. The doctor runs a dispensary in the town on Christian lines. A short time ago the Baramati municipal council presented him with medical apparatus in recognition of his services during a plague epidemic. During the epidemic Dr. Kolhatkar inoculated eleven thousand people.

Obituary

Louis Arthur Dellar

WHEN Mr. Dellar passed away on Tuesday, June 22, after being present at the Lord's day morning service, the church at Lygon-st, Carlton, Vic., was called on to miss the fellowship of a very faithful attendant at the services. After his wife passed away some years previously, our brother found the fellowship of this church a source of encouragement, and in turn his presence was appreciated by the members. The funeral started from Holdsworth parlors and proceeded to Fawkner Cemetery, where a Christian service was conducted. The sympathy of the church is extended to all who mourn. "He giveth his beloved sleep." —R. M. Wilson.

Mrs. Mary Ann Edwards

ON Thursday, May 27, Mrs. Mary Ann Edwards, in her 87th year, was called to be with her Lord. For the past three years she had not enjoyed good health and was confined to her home. Following a bad turn which she took off the previous Monday evening, she was unconscious until her passing. For many years a resident of Ballarat, her birthplace, Mrs. Edwards, although a Wesleyan, attended the Dawson-st. church whenever possible, because she liked the Lord's day morning order of service. Coming to Brunswick about thirty years ago, she attended regularly our church in Glenlyon-nd, where, after obedience in baptism, she was received into fellowship. Always bright and cheerful in spite of her ill-health, she was a blessing to all who knew her. After a brief service at Allison's chapel, Brunswick, conducted by the writer, her remains were taken to the Ballarat Cemetery, where A. J. McKenzie officiated. The brethren and sisters extend their love and sympathy to her daughter May, and to others who mourn the loss of a friend.—R.W.V.

Mrs. Lavinia Elliott

AFTER an illness of almost eight weeks, Mrs. Elliott received the home-call on Friday, May 28. Entering the church at Maryborough (Vic.) during the ministry of William Wild Davey, Mrs. Elliott was a member of churches of Christ for fifty-five years. Coming to Melbourne twenty-nine years ago, she spent four

years at Noble Park, after which she came with her letter to Brunswick, where she was a faithful and constant attendant until her recent illness. The large number of floral tributes sent, and the equally large number of friends attending the services at the home and graveside, showed the love and esteem in which our late sister was held. Our sympathy goes out to those who sorrow in the loss of a mother and friend.—R.W.V.

Daisy Engblom

LYON-ST. church, Carlton, Vic., lost one of its faithful members in the sudden home-call of Mrs. Eric Engblom on June 15. Our sister was associated with this church from childhood days. Her mother, Mrs. Agnes Martin, passed away only very recently. On Thursday, June 17, after a service in the presence of the conference president, Mr. Hurten, the funeral left Nelson's parlors for the Footscray Cemetery for the graveside service. Loving Christian sympathy is extended to Mr. Engblom and Stan Martin and his wife in the loss of their wife and mother.—R. M. Wilson.

F. S. Steer

WITH the passing of F. S. Steer on April 12, the church at Chatswood, N.S.W., suffered a great loss. Born in Launceston, Tasmania, over seventy years ago, Mr. Steer became associated with the church at Margaret-st. in that city after being baptised by Mr. Moffitt. Early in this century he made his home in Sydney, and entered the fellowship of the church at Enmore. In 1936 he was welcomed into the church at Chatswood, where he remained an active member until the time of his passing. Mr. Steer gave himself unsparingly in the work of the brotherhood, serving on many committees. In 1908 he served for a year as secretary of the Bible Schools Committee, and was on this committee for more than ten years. During 1939 and 1940 he was a member on the Overseas Mission Committee. He served longest, however, with the Home Mission Committee, to which he was first elected in 1918, for one year. In 1930 he was elected again and continued on that committee till conference, 1948, when ill-health prevented him standing for re-election. Dr. C. A. Vero writes of his work in another sphere: "F. S. Steer joined the Preachers' Provident Fund Board on Dec. 1, 1924, and because of his long association with

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Here and There

We received this message on July 5: "Hinrichsen-Machin mission commenced at South Perth, W.A.; new field; one confession; unusual start; tent blown down; no trams.—Machin."

From Yarrawonga, Vic., the following telegram reached us on July 5: "F.M. offering one hundred forty pounds, incomplete.—Houghton." We offer sincere congratulations to these brethren for their splendid contribution.

Attention is drawn to the advertisement, announcing a spiritual rally and dedication service in the chapel at Lygon-st., Melbourne, on July 28. This service will be held prior to the commencement of the Victorian churches' Crusade for a Christian World.

"Any church desiring a visit by the Victorian conference president, A. E. Hurren, is asked to write the conference secretary, W. G. Graham, Churches of Christ Office, T. & G. Building, 147 Collins-st., Melbourne, C.I., so that any appointment may be finalised."

At the Assembly Hall, Collins-st., Melbourne, on July 12, at 2.15 p.m., Mrs. Margaret Watts, who has just returned from Europe, will tell the story of the hungry, sick, maimed and orphaned children, who must be saved if future peace is to be safeguarded.

The third annual public meeting of the youth auxiliary of the British & Foreign Bible Society (Vic.) will be held in the Collins-st. Baptist Church at 8 p.m. on July 30. The speaker will be Gordon Powell, his subject being "Modern Proof of Bible Truth." Choral items will be rendered by the Victorian Baptist Youth Choir under the baton of Rowland Thomas.

Gifts of clothing for European relief are coming regularly to the Victorian Social Service Department, where they are sorted and packed. Already hundreds of garments have been despatched. These will be distributed on our behalf by the Society of Friends. Churches are earnestly requested to set aside a Sunday on which members might bring their gifts of clothing (clean, mended and warm) for men, women and children. By using our labels, parcels will be carried freight free by the railways.

Mrs. Austin, a member of church at Hampton, Vic., who was associated with churches in the Melbourne area for many years, died a month short of her 95th birthday, on June 28. One son, J. E. Austin, has been a loyal worker at Balwyn church, a member of the Social Service Dept., and chairman of the Victorian Properties Corporation. Daughters of Mrs. Austin have been able workers in several churches in Australia. To all who mourn the loss of a mother and friend, we extend our sincere sympathy. We rejoice, also, in a life so rich in faith and so noble in spirit.

"While there are virtually hundreds of aged men and women seeking refuge in homes, public and private," W. H. Clay, of the Victorian Social Service Dept., writes, "it is a matter for extreme thankfulness that our own aged are comfortably housed in our own home. It is difficult to imagine what the position would have been had we been dependent entirely on other homes. Staff problems are always with us. Any willing worker is invited to write us. A piano is an urgent necessity at the Murrumbeena Home. Terms to Social Service office."

At gospel meeting at Theodore, Qld., on June 20, two young lads made the good confession. Services at Rockhampton that day were conducted by W. Hutcheon in morning and by Christian Youth Fellowship in evening, sermon being preached by F. C. Holmes, their leader. Attendances were good throughout day. Several visitors have been welcomed. Sisters J. and B. Williams are back from holiday in north; they had privilege of meeting brethren in Cairns and of having fellowship with Townsville church. V. Jones and Miss J. Cameron, formerly of Mackay, were married in chapel on June 26, G. T. Millar officiating.

Speaker on morning of June 13 at Kalgoorlie, W.A., was Lyle Harris. Seven young people were received into fellowship of church who had been baptised on June 6. On June 20, church had fellowship with Mr. and Mrs. Reeson and family, passing through to mission at Carnarvon. On June 26 a youth rally was arranged, occasion being a visit from Stan. Davies, youth director. He was speaker in morning on June 27 and preached in evening. Youth took an active part and rendered special items. Youth combined with teachers and staff of Bible school in a tea on June 27.



Sister Florrie Kennedy, who left Sydney the first week in May, arrived on Santo two days later. After waiting a week for rough seas to abate, she arrived safely at Nduindui, Aoba, New Hebrides. She had a warm-hearted welcome from the island Christians and missionaries.

Church building at West Preston, Vic., was filled to capacity on morning of June 27, when D. Thomas, of Balwyn, addressed church preparatory to visitation campaign due to commence on July 6. Three were welcomed into fellowship. Inspiring meetings were held on July 4, Mr. Withers preaching at both services. 120 broke bread. At age of 87 years, and after a life of devoted service, Mrs. Quinsee was called home on July 3. A foundation member at West Preston, she was in early years a member at Nth. Fitzroy.

Arrangements at Gardiner, Vic., are well in hand for visitation evangelism campaign to commence July 11. Visiting speakers during past month were Doug. Nicholls at gospel service, when members of sporting clubs paraded, and W. Atkin. Dr. Kemp visited Men's Fellowship and Dr. A. J. Saunders 2nd Degree K.S.P. Club. At gospel service on June 20, a film, "The First Easter," was shown instead of gospel address. K. Jones was speaker on morning of June 27, and at conclusion of gospel address Mr. Bolduan gave a lantern lecture on New Hebrides and India. Annual meeting of Women's Mission Band was held during June, and retiring officers were re-elected. Sunday school staff has decided to have a six months' trial of morning school. July 4 was 25th anniversary of church meeting in present building, and there were good attendances. Mr. Bolduan was speaker at each service. Miss F. Cowper assisted at gospel service with two solos. Betty Tandy, from Bible school, accepted Christ. Sympathy of church has been extended to Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. Duncan (Ilma Bradley), Mrs. Woolley and Mrs. Fleer, who suffered bereavements during month.

Chapel at Bendigo, Vic., was meeting place for Central Northern District Conference, held June 14. The president, H. Langley, of Bendigo, presided over well-attended and helpful sessions. In morning the president of the Victorian conference, A. E. Hurren, gave an interesting account of the "Crusade for a Christian World." Mrs. M. Ploog, State president of Women's Conference, was guest speaker of women's session in afternoon. At the evening inspirational service, Mr. Hurren spoke encouragingly of the church's glory. Enjoyable musical items were rendered during day by Miss Verco, Mrs. R. Goudie, Miss Goudie and Mr. C. Robinson. The Midland Youth Fellowship was under leadership of R. Goudie. Special thanks were accorded the Bendigo ladies for the excellent meals provided.

Meetings that closed at South Yarra, Vic., during mission at Prahran have resumed. July was family night; Mr. Hargreaves was speaker, visiting soloist being Mr. Haisley, who sang two beautiful solos. Members of football club attended. At morning services during past month, converts of Hinrichsen mission, Pat and Ron Brown, Joan Williams, Phyllis Blakely, Miss Renkins (visitor from Benalla), Mr. and Mrs. Trevethan, Mr. and Mrs. Sadington, were immersed and received into fellowship same morning. On June 13, about 50 young people met for tea and Mr. Hinrichsen was speaker. On June 5, a social was given Hilda Newman, one of the kindergarten teachers, in honor of her 21st birthday. She was recipient of a gold chain and pendant. An enjoyable thanksgiving social was held at home of Mr. and Mrs. Brown on July 3 for blessings received at mission and as welcome to new converts.

On evening of June 26, church at Mosman, N.S.W., gathered at a thanksgiving service at conclusion of Temple Day, then for a gathering in social hall to farewell Mr. and Mrs. Acland prior to their departure to Mayfield church. Representatives were present from local ministers' fraternal, conference and other churches. Kind words were said of Mr. and Mrs. Acland's work. Farewell messages were also given from local church auxiliaries. At conclusion of evening Mr. and Mrs. Acland were presented with a mantel model radio set as a token of the esteem in which they were held. On June 27, Mr. Acland at morning meeting gave his farewell exhortation, and at evening meeting a farewell gospel address. Church looks forward to coming of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Burns on first Sunday in September. In intervening period, R. Greenhalgh will take gospel meetings for month of July and Stuart Stevens for month of August. Morning meetings for next two months will be taken by brethren of churches.

On June 27, church at Northcote, Vic., held 45th anniversary services. In morning three former and present preachers occupied platform. Dr. Hinrichsen presided; W. T. Atkin and W. Graham read scriptures, and W. W. Saunders preached. 255 were present. At 2.45 p.m. a pleasant Sunday afternoon was held at Northcote Town Hall. The mayor presided, Northcote Choral Society gave concerted items, individual members of the choir rendered solos and duets. Dean Langley spoke on "Christian Action in the Modern World." An offering for food for Britain amounted to £23/8/- 575 were present, including councillors and their wives. At gospel service 212 were present, W. G. Graham preaching. 245 broke bread for day. After gospel service 30 Endeavorers had a reunion at home of Mrs. H. Prideaux. Les Miers, church pianist, was instrumental in winning a 3AW music scholarship. Ladies' Mission Band had annual meeting; 160 ladies present. Mr. Langton (Y.M.C.A.) gave an address on life in Japan. Much sickness prevails. Mr. Morgan and Miss Win Crawford are very ill in hospital. Mrs. Collins is very sick. Mr. Woodgate is still confined to his home. Mr. Robinson has been admitted to Caulfield Convalescent Hospital. Tom Williams has returned home after hospital treatment. For June average attendance for breakfast was 181. Average attendance at gospel service, 140.

News of the Churches

Tasmania

West Hobart.—R. Boxhall (Collins-st.) and B. J. Golder have been speakers at services during past two weeks. Attendances at morning services are good. On June 25, Bible school held a "florin" social evening in aid of school funds, and proceeds to date total £1/10/6. Kindergarten enrolment is now 31, with average attendance 24. There were two new scholars last week.

Queensland

Boonah.—During Mr. Boettcher's absence at opening of new chapel at Thabeban (Stn. Bundaberg), C. Abbott spoke on morning of June 20, and Church Fellowship took service in evening. Southern Queensland Country Conference annual sports day was held in Boonah showgrounds on King's birthday holiday.

Roma.—On evenings of June 22, 23 and 24 Mr. and Mrs. Hartin, of "Interdenominational Mobile Talkie Unit," conducted scriptural talkie pictures in chapel which were interesting and helpful. On June 27, the services morning and night were best attended for many months. Mr. Hartin addressed church in morning service and Mr. Parker spoke at night. Visitors were welcomed.

Albion.—On June 27, a representative from Australian Student Christian Movement spoke at morning meeting. Mr. Mills, Temperance League, gave an address at gospel service. Church is pleased to receive transfer of Mr. Burdeu from Moreland, Vic. Recent visitors to meetings have included Mr. and Mrs. A. McLean (Ashfield, N.S.W.), Mrs. Westcott (Lygon-st., Melb.), Colin Hall and Mr. Bradshaw (West Preston, Vic.).

Silverdale.—Good attendances have been maintained, but sickness has kept many away. Church is glad to have fellowship with Mrs. Schulz, who has now recovered from her illness, also with Mr. and Miss Abbott, who have been absent on account of sickness and transport difficulties. Youth Fellowship has begun meetings again. Joan Kruger, who is in hospital, is progressing favorably. Mr. Boettcher has given some interesting and valuable lessons. Mr. Mandelkow took service at Silverdale in absence of Mr. Boettcher, who was invited to Bundaberg to open a new chapel there.

Toowoomba.—On King's Birthday holiday 45 from Toowoomba travelled by bus to youth rally at Boonah. Despite rain, which prevented the outdoor sports programme arranged by Southern District Conference, a happy time was spent. Plans are materialising for tent mission to be held at Harlaxton in October. This will be first mission under auspices of conference. Nurses from local hospital conducted evening service on Red Cross Sunday, followed by a gospel address from S. Vanham, who was holidaying here. A young woman responded to the invitation, and a young man was baptised at conclusion of service. On June 18, Y.P.F. held thanksgiving service and welcomed F. B. Stow, youth director. Offering received from fellowship at this meeting was £22. Other amounts contributed during year brought total to £52. This was handed to Mr. Stow for Caloundra youth centre. Several letters have been received from grateful recipients of food parcels sent by church to people in Britain.

Brisbane.—A fellowship tea held on June 13 launched "Men's Month," a further planned step in jubilee anniversary celebrations of church. Over 40 brethren were present with W. Clothier presiding. Roy Feeney and C. J. Mackenzie contributed a vocal duet, and several brethren spoke on theme, "Loyalty to Christ." At gospel meeting, W. Howard conducted, and newly-formed men's choir, under

W. Hack, sang. Don Risson, of Ipswich, was soloist. F. C. Hunting gave a challenging address. 153 were present at Lord's Table during day. C. J. Mackenzie was speaker on morning of June 20, and at night, in place of usual address, there was a "question and answer" session. Three young men (Roy Burnham, Doug. Bamford and E. Adermann) addressed a series of questions relating to vital beliefs of church to F. C. Hunting, who endeavoured to present replies helpful to questioners and congregation. It was a marked success. Choir again sang well. Attendance for day, 186. In line with other metropolitan churches, congregation was addressed by visiting speaker, Miss P. Slatyer, of Toowoomba, a member of Student Christian Movement, on morning of June 27. C. J. Mackenzie conducted evening service, when Ken Campbell, R. Cardew and W. Clothier presented testimonies of influence of Christ in their daily living. 167 met. for Lord's Supper throughout day. On June 8, following regular meeting, members of Y.P.C.E. went to Brisbane City Mission to see film of work of mission. Visitors have included Mr. and Mrs. F. Lewis, South Yarra, Vic.; M. M. Stevens, Mitcham, Vic.; L. and W. Moss, Edwardstown, S.A.; and J. M. Wilson, Gardiner, Vic.

New South Wales

Marrickville.—Services on July 27 were taken by R. Greenhalgh in absence of P. E. Thomas on home mission work at Mudgee. Anthem by choir and solo by Mrs. Roberts were appreciated at evening service. Churches of district held combined prayer meeting in our chapel on 23rd for Hyman Appelman mission. Church is poorer for passing of aged Sister Scrimshaw, whose cheery personality was an inspiration to all.

Broken Hill.—On June 20 J. Cremer exhorted church and R. Hilford addressed evening service, which was well attended. Male quartette contributed an item. Ladies' Guild held meeting at manse on June 24, when Mr. Hilford gave an interesting talk on overseas work. Mrs. Hilford presided; 12 ladies were present; afternoon tea was served. On morning of June 27 Mr. Hilford gave a fine address on overseas work, and spoke again at night, when L. Warren sang a solo. At Wills-st. R. Hilford and A. Clark were speakers.

Dareton.—Women's Mission Band held tenth birthday afternoon on June 15; there were 60 ladies present, including visitors from Red Cliffs, Mildura and Merbein bands. A pleasant afternoon was spent, Mrs. Washfold (Bambrard) being speaker. Mr. and Mrs. R. Gray have been welcomed by letter from Mildura. On June 27 Mr. Whitmore, from Merbein, gave a helpful address to church in morning and at night H. Williams, from Kaniva, gave a talk and showed films on mission work in New Hebrides. Mrs. Morey and Mrs. Wright, of Box Hill, Vic., have been visitors.

Canley Vale.—On June 20 Mr. Saunders exchanged with Mr. Adams, of Loftus Park. An enjoyable film evening was held on 26th by courtesy of the Parents' and Citizens' Association of local school, who lent movie-talkie unit. Ladies provided supper at interval in aid of manse fund. £2 was also raised at a "snowball" afternoon at home of Mrs. Le Masurier. Ladies have raised £185 since last June for manse. Bible school is issuing its own news sheet, Miss F. Thomas being editor. Teachers held an evening for Mrs. Parkes and made presentation in recognition of her service as Secretary and primary superintendent. Slide

projector is being used in the various departments of school. At Hargrave's Park Housing Settlement, where Mr. Atkinson, one of the Canley Vale members, conducts gospel services, there were four confessions on June 20.

South Auburn.—During June, services kept up to high standard, average attendance for day being 93. E. W. Taylor continues to give helpful addresses, and by his faithful visitation is gaining his way into hearts. G. Gray and R. T. Hickin have also given addresses. Young people's club and football clubs had two church parades in month. In Bible school special afternoons have been held — on 6th an archaeology lecture on Jericho by Miss Porter, illustrated by slides and strips; and on 27th Mr. Taylor gave a flannelgraph talk. On June 12 an outing to Picnic Point by motor truck for scholars and friends was enjoyed. All other branches of work are healthy. Visitors have been welcomed.

Beverly Hills.—On May 23 and 30, helpful addresses were given. Mr. Schofield, from Bankstown church, and Mr. Savill, from Bexley North, gave morning exhortations, Mr. Munro speaking at evening services. Youth Fellowship arranged a concert on May 22, at which an offering of £8/10/- was taken towards funds for a cricket kit. Church is missing fellowship of many members through sickness. Mr. Munro gave addresses to church on June 6, and on 13th Mr. Sparks spoke in morning. Evening service was a memorial to late W. Dane, another plaque in memory of him being placed over doors inside chapel. One reconsecration was made at this service. Church suffered a loss in passing of young brother Frank Kerr, who was much loved by all. Sympathy is expressed to wife and relatives.

South Australia

Croydon.—On June 6. Men's Bible Class held special afternoon service, followed by tea. The service was addressed by Arnold Brown; over 30 men were present. At gospel service, a presentation was made to David Hele, who has resigned as church organist. He was presented with a Bible suitably inscribed. A young lady made the good confession. On June 7, K.S.P. Club held a mother and son banquet. A happy social time was spent. Sixty persons sat at banquet table. G. R. Stirling (youth director) addressed gathering. Mrs. S. K. Cox was present at morning service on June 13 after lengthy absence occasioned by sickness. Croydon Men's Fellowship met on evening of June 16. Subject for discussion (White Australia policy) was introduced by W. L. Bartlett. A young lady who decided for Christ previously was immersed and received into fellowship at morning service on June 20. Average attendance for month: morning, 107; evening, 73.

Cowandilla.—On May 10 Bible school held an enjoyable social. Annual meeting of Band of Hope was held on May 19. J. Dixon was elected president, Miss L. Trowbridge secretary. On June 2 Betty Docking, who has been selected "queen" to represent society at competitions, arranged a social for raising funds. Girls' basketball club held a similar social on June 7. C. P. Hughes, representing Temperance Alliance, gave address on morning of June 6. W. E. Fisher at evening service was assisted by male quartette. On evening of June 9 a special mid-week service was held. W. E. Fisher presided. V. Taverner addressed meeting. Ron McLean baptised Miss Gwen Beams. Mrs. W. E. Fisher helped with a solo. Attendances each Lord's Day are encouraging. W. E. Fisher continues to give helpful addresses. All auxiliaries report favorably. On June 20 W. E. Fisher spoke morning and evening. Gwen Beams helped with a solo. Thirty young people met at manse for singing after evening service. Youth Council meets third Wednesday in each month. Consideration is given to plans for future of auxiliaries. On June 26 W. E. Fisher spoke in morning. Church had fellowship with visitors, including preacher's mother and father. At night W. E. Fisher gave inspiring address, and Mrs. D. Hemer sang a solo.

Ellen Williams was baptised. Three members were received into fellowship by transfer. Attendance at each service was very good. Mrs. Tregilgas, who was involved in a motor accident, has been able to return home. W. E. Fisher will be absent for three Lord's Days, and with his mother, father and brother will visit Adelaide River Cemetery at Darwin, the resting-place of their son and brother, who was called to higher service whilst on duty in that area. On June 30, church officers and wives paid a surprise visit to home of esteemed church elder H. Hemer on occasion ruby wedding anniversary.

Kilburn.—Sister Mann is improving and has returned home from hospital. Joy Riches, of Prospect church, is assisting in Bible school during Sister Mann's absence, and her help is appreciated. Attendance at 10 a.m. Bible school on June 27 was 89. John Manning conducted 11 a.m. service, when F. Collins gave excellent talks to 25 adults and 35 young worshippers. At 7 p.m. gospel service 13 adults and 6 children enjoyed splendid address by Keith Crosby, of Prospect church, assisted by A. Fax, who presided. F. Collins is systematically visiting parents of Bible school scholars in interests of church services.

Glenelg.—Following her confession of faith and baptism, Pat Paul was welcomed into membership. A generous response by church and Sunday school has enabled a good consignment of clothes and blankets to be forwarded to stricken areas of Europe. S. E. Riches, of Mission to Lepers, was present at evening service on June 20 to show films on work of mission. An offering was taken to assist this cause. Ross Welsh was married on June 26; church wishes this couple every happiness. Colin Handley, representing Student Christian Movement, was at communion service on June 27 to say a few words concerning the movement. Midweek meeting is now held in homes of members, and helpful times of fellowship are enjoyed.

Adelaide (Grote-st.)—On June 16 Mr. Anderson at Ladies' Mission Band showed moving pictures of mission work in India and New Hebrides and challenged to a worthy offering for F.M. work. At women's monthly "Bright Hour" a delightful programme was presented by visiting and local singers, a happy hour being spent. On June 30 a social gathering was held. Reports were received from Junior C.E. and Church Attendance League, Y.P.S.C.E. and Bible school. All revealed good work being done, in spite of setback caused by infantile paralysis epidemic. Prior to this meeting a blind brother was immersed by W. Beiler. On June 26 Mr. Beiler was speaker at both services. Choir is rendering good service. A number of visitors have been welcomed to meetings.

Semaphore.—S. Matthews continues to give appreciated addresses morning and evening. Mission Band held annual meeting on June 1, when Mrs. Mildrum and party presented musical and other items. Afternoon tea was served to about 50 ladies. Men's Fellowship held bi-monthly tea on June 6. A. Anderson, secretary F.M. Board, gave a talk on "China as I Saw It." He also gave the address at gospel service, followed by pictures taken by him in tour of India and China. Boys' Brigade in charge of their officers journeyed to Aldgate on June 12, and joined by Aldgate Brigade, took part in a march past. G. Stirling took salute, and W. Morrow had charge of parade. The whole parade was an inspiration to officers and boys. At close of Mr. Matthews' address on June 13, a married lady and a lad from Boys' Brigade made the good confession. Attendances at "Happy Hours" for month were 62, 60, 65, 70. Puppets were used at Flinders Park during month, Margaret Spangler and Daphne Hayter being puppeteers. New members are being added to C.E. societies. About 70 people attended social evening arranged by Y.P.C.E. in aid of projector fund. Takings amounted to £5/8/-. Four scholars entered for scripture examination. J. Thoday has been received

into membership by letter of transfer from Whyalla. At close of Mr. Matthews' address on June 27, a young man decided for Christ.

Maylands.—Services have been well attended, and five confessions made during June. On 5th a musical concert was presented by Mrs. Bristowe and party. Concert was sponsored by Ladies' Guild, and £11 was forwarded to Christian Guest Home funds. Twenty-five food parcels have been despatched from Bible school, and five Bible schools in London will be recipients. As a result of a special effort £8/10/- was raised for Youth Department talkie equipment. Parents and friends saw boys in their club work at "open" night on June 18. Endeavorers marked annual meeting and graduation with a rally and tea on June 19. Evening service of June 20 was ably conducted by Endeavorers. Superintendent of Magill Boys' Training School thanked Men's Brotherhood and friends for two-hour social evening and supper at school on June 25. In preparation for opening of a Bible school on July 18 at Koongarra Park, Magill, visitation work is being done. Church of England friends have kindly consented to use of their hall for this new work.

Victoria

Hampton.—On morning of July 4 C. L. Lang expressed sympathy of church with relatives of Mrs. S. Austin, who died on June 28, within a month of her 95th birthday. F.M. offering for July 4 was £22/10/5. Hospital auxiliary held a successful social on evening of July 3.

Kyneton.—On June 20, church welcomed back student preacher E. K. Skillicorn, who had been absent several weeks, recovering from an operation. Appreciated addresses have been given by C. Dunse, D. Grant, L. Armstrong, M. Roberts, R. Dobbs, of the college, and R. and G. Goudie.

Newmarket.—On June 27 Mr. Gardiner addressed both services. Owing to illness of Mr. Sack, Messrs. L. Armstrong and Smith, from the college, are assisting with the services. On June 22 a Food for Britain afternoon was held at home of Mrs. A. Goss. On June 29 Bible school held a social and prize night.

East Preston.—A young people's fellowship with average attendance of 12 has been meeting each Sunday afternoon under direction of C. Watson. Church welcomes back Mrs. Whitmore, who has been prevented from attending for some time owing to illness of her children. All services continue to be well attended. There have been five decisions during last few weeks.

Dimboola.—Recent speakers on circuit plan have been Messrs. Mathieson, Miller, Smith and Sherriff. Morning meetings are well maintained. Mr. Kramer, of B. & F. Bible Society, spoke on June 30. At annual meeting of Mission Band Mrs. H. Holland resigned as president after nine years of loyal service. Mrs. A. Werner was elected to position. C.E. is functioning well under leadership of Neil McDonald. On June 14 young people held a hike and picnic. Visitors have been welcomed.

Mitcham.—Attendances during May and June were well maintained. Lord's Day morning gatherings had an average of 27. June 2 was Temple Day. £21 was given. Food for Britain appeal had a ready response. Ladies' Guild packed and sent away parcels to English churches. Church is indebted to Alan V. Thomas, H. McLean and George Breach for splendid help, the addresses being much appreciated. Mr. and Mrs. Cameron have returned from South Australia. On May 19 A. V. Thomas baptised Mr. Booth, who had confessed Christ during Hyman Appelman campaign. He and Mr. and Mrs. Breach, from Kew Baptist, have been received into fellowship. Mr. Whitford

is in Eye and Ear Hospital. Sister Howgate is in Alfred Hospital with a compound fracture of leg. Sister Priddle is making slow progress after serious operation in Melbourne General. Mr. Searle, of the Bolivian Indian Mission, gave a splendid lantern lecture on June 30, in preparation for F.M. offering on July 4. Young people's clubs under supervision of D. Rhodes and Sister I. McLean have splendid attendances.

Maryborough.—District conference was held at Wedderburn on King's Birthday. A bus left from Maryborough with a good number on board, picking up delegates at Bet Bet and Dunolly. A happy day was spent in conference, and many helpful sessions were held. The address by Mr. Lee was appreciated. Young people's conference was held same day at Bendigo. Betas held birthday social on June 22. Mr. Alcorn continues to give helpful addresses during part-time ministry.

Geelong.—Meetings on June 27 well attended. In morning Mr. McCulloh exhorted church, and in evening Mr. Stirling preached. All enjoyed a solo rendered by W. Colman. On June 25 a squash evening was held. On July 4, Mr. Stirling spoke at both services. In morning he gave an inspiring missionary talk, when F.M. offering was taken. At night choir rendered an item. On Wednesday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Stirling entertained the "Aid" ladies at an "at home" at their residence.

Reservoir.—All activities continue in very healthy condition. On May 16 Shirley and Nellie Hannah, Clifford Johnson and Doug Dunkley were baptised. Morning speakers during May and June were R. Bethune, J. Plummer, C. Fletcher, Mr. Burns speaking at all other meetings. Mrs. C. E. Watson has been visiting Phi Betas to instruct in leather work, and girls are showing great interest. Newly acquired tennis club was opened and dedicated to service of church by Mr. Burns on July 3. Speaker at morning service on July 4 was Ken Clinton, from college.

Bendigo.—On June 14, Northern District Conference was held in chapel. There was a good representative gathering of churches. Mr. Hurren was speaker morning and evening. Mrs. Ploog was speaker at women's session. Evening services are fairly well attended, and Mr. Robinson's addresses well received. C.Y.F. had a camp-fire meeting on June 22; 18 attended. On 26th Mr. Trezise, youth director, and team gave a demonstration to Sunday school teachers. A profitable time was spent. A car-load from Harcourt and Castlemaine came to join with Bendigo teachers.

Carnegie.—On June 20, at morning service, F. C. Hinrichsen gave a stirring address to church. Twenty-five men and lads attended Men's Society tea. Mr. Woodbridge (East Kew) was speaker, representing central churches of Christ Men's Society. H. R. Coventry was speaker at gospel meeting. On June 27, J. K. Martin, of Ormond, was speaker in morning. Hugh Owen, of Student Christian Movement, was speaker at night. Preparations are in hand for visitation evangelism campaign. Sympathy is extended to Mrs. E. F. Ryall and family, who recently sustained a bereavement.

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Crusade Makes Good Start in New Zealand

★ E. P. C. Hollard gives news of churches and movement of preachers.

THE churches in the Dominion are now crusade conscious, for at last conference in Christchurch the American suggestions were "sold," and are now being implemented by the Home Mission Committee. When two of the delegates to the World Convention returned from America, they at once set the crusade operating in their local churches. So it is that at Nelson and Vivian-st. the crusade has been working for some time with most gratifying results. Nelson district is making rapid strides with the men of the churches eager to move into new fields. Along the east coast of the South Island is the strategic town of Blenheim, and into this place the churches from Nelson intend to go, and if possible, set up a New Testament church.

At Vivian-st. aims were accepted by the church, and the result has been close to 40 additions to the church since the beginning of the year.

As it is a little late to give all details of the conference held at Christchurch, we will mention a few of the highlights. Possibly the most encouraging feature was the report from the churches indicating that during the conference year there had been 130 additions to the kingdom. The missions conducted by the Purnell-Grundy party have been instrumental in building up the work, although many of the churches which had not held a mission also reported additions. Similarly the Sunday schools reported an increase. At present the Department of Religious Education is busy with a "Build Your Church" campaign, and in two months report an additional 192 scholars. Naturally this gives cause for thankfulness, particularly as reports for some years have not been very encouraging.

The new president of conference is Mr. Russell G. Dick, whose father before him held the office. Mr. Dick is Surveyor-General for the Dominion, and a man held in high esteem throughout all phases of the community. He is a member at Vivian-st. The vice-president is C. G. Flood. Mr. Flood has just concluded eight years of splendid ministry at Moorhouse-ave. church, Christchurch, and is now at Ponsonby-rd., Auckland.

A fine gesture was made by A. E. White, director of the D.R.E. He is due to terminate his work next Easter, but conference and the youth made overtures to him to reconsider his movement, and he agreed. The reception to this announcement was one of the most overwhelming that we have heard in years. With the going of Frank Purnell next Easter, and the moving into full-time work again of A. W. Grundy, there would have been quite a gap in the ranks.

Conference sermon was in the able hands of one of our younger preachers, the virile Ray Blampied, of Nelson church. His theme, "The Unfinished Mission of the Churches of Christ," was as timely an utterance as has been heard at conference for many years.

Among the Churches

Several movements are pending. A. J. Templeton has taken a short ministry at Moorhouse-ave. pending the arrival of A. W. Grundy, and reports indicate that he is doing a fine work there.

After six years at Wellington South, H. C. Bischoff moves to St. Andrews-st., to succeed L. E. Jones, who has returned to Australia. Murray Savage now comes from Greymouth to South Wellington, and both preacher and church are anxious to get to work. F. E. Slattery has moved out from Pt. Chevalier, and is now travelling secretary of Auckland Sunday School Union. Mr. Slattery is well equipped for the work, having built a fine

youth work whilst at the Point. Recently Dr. Tyrrel-Baxter was missioner at Spring Grove, where a "rural institute" was conducted with 30 additions to the church. Thos. Bamford is working in well at Spring Grove.

The mission party has now moved to the North Island to miss the extreme cold of the south. The mission at Mataura and then at Gore did not bring large results, but in both cases the small groups there were built up. At present they are at Whangarei, north of Auckland. With the mission only in progress a week or so, it is too early to report results. James Crawford has ministered there for some years.

General News

The new housing areas are offering a great challenge to the churches. The Anglican bishop of Wellington recently appealed for £10,000 for work in these areas, and in quick time his people responded with an amount in excess of that called for.

Presbyterians, Methodists and Congregationalists are still talking of the unity move, but there seems to be little coming from the discussions. In all three communions there are those who rather militantly oppose the idea, and as a certain percentage must vote in favor, it seems that the idea may collapse.

In August of this year the youth of all the churches are to go into conference at Blenheim. The speakers are of a high order, and themes to be developed centre around the church and personal relationship of the individual to the church. At long last young people are to be faced with something real and concrete.

EASTERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE, VICTORIA

THE annual sessions of the Eastern District Conference were held at Bayswater during King's Birthday week-end, June 12 to 14. The meetings were well attended by delegates from practically all churches affiliated with conference. The president, F. Langford, presided over all meetings, and gave the address at the devotional session on Saturday afternoon, June 12. The church at Mt. Evelyn was admitted to conference, following application made at 1947 conference. Conference theme, "One Master, One Message," was the dominant note emphasised by the speakers. F. T. Morgan, speaker at Saturday evening meeting, spoke on "The Church's One Message." H. Earle gave the conference sermon to a large congregation in Bayswater Hall on Sunday afternoon, June 13, on the subject, "And Deliver Us From Tameness." A well-attended hike, arranged by the Youth Committee, engaged the attention of the young people on Monday, June 14. On Monday afternoon the Women's Conference was held under presidency of Mrs. Jordan, of Boronia, Mrs. Jeffrey holding the attention of the well-attended meeting as she told of her experiences in connection with Buffalo Convention, U.S.A., 1947. The final session of the conference, a youth rally, was held on Monday night, the speaker, H. McCallum, B.A., speaking on "Already We are One." The following ably assisted with musical items during the meetings: the Misses Jones, Miss V. Barnden, Miss D. Clark and Miss J. Williams.

Election of Officers.—General Conference: President, W. Quirk, Blackburn; vice-president, A. Cameron, Mitcham; secretary, R. J. Sandells, Box Hill; treasurer, F. Rogers, Montrose; auditor, J. Maguire, Boronia; pianist, Miss B. Lowen, Blackburn; song-leader, P. Jordan, Boronia. Women's Con-

ference: President, Mrs. F. Rogers, Montrose; secretary, Mrs. Handasyde, Bayswater. Nominating Committee: R. Langley, D. V. McDowell, V. Burden, F. Burden, R. Wilkie, Handasyde, Wieland. Youth Committee: Messrs. Charles, Handasyde, Wilkie, Rhodes, Finger, Graham, Davis, Avery, Golder, Cooke, Rayment, Sisters B. Lowen, L. Jeeves, O. Gill.

Next conference will be held at Blackburn, King's Birthday week-end, 1949.

RELIGIOUS FILMS.

V. C. Stafford.

THE number of church projectors for which films are regularly hired increases every month. On February 1 last there were 154; March 1—172; April 1—215; May 1—230; June 1—242. As more machines become available and back orders can be overtaken, the number of churches regularly using religious films will soon be in the region of 500. Two years ago only three churches throughout Australia had projectors!"

So reports the Australian Religious Film Society in a recent bulletin.

The society invited the churches to contribute, and suggested quotas for each body and each State. Churches of Christ have contributed £336 of the £600 quota as follows. (Figures in brackets give suggested quota.)

Victoria, £200 (£300); Queensland, £25 (£25); South Australia, £42 (£100); Western Australia, £50 (£50); Tasmania, £19 (£25). The total fund stands at £5,993.

There are now four 16 m.m. sound film libraries in operation, viz., W. Aust., S. Aust., Tasmania, Victoria. Hiring rates have been reduced to the present rental for English films of ten shillings per 400 feet reel.

Sixty-eight separate subjects supplying teaching aids for Bible schools are scheduled for production over the next two years.

With two hymns per strip, these will be available for purchase at 2/8 each. There is no film strip hiring library. Color film strips are out of the question by reason of high costs.

To handle production of film strips and 16 m.m. films in Australia, Aurel Ltd., an Australian company, has been recently established. Negotiations are nearly completed to purchase 17 acres of excellent country at Doncaster, near Melbourne, on which the permanent studio will eventually be built. A temporary studio is being used at present.

Further imports of the S.V.E. machine will be impossible until the dollar restrictions are removed. The society recommends the Aldis triple-purpose projector, which will be available to churches and schools for £27/10/- when supplies are received, and also advises the purchase of the triple-purpose machine. Single-purpose projectors cannot project English full frame film strips nor 2 in. x 2 in. slides.

The end result of the producer's efforts is the picture on the screen, and just any screen or piece of yellow wall won't do. The visual aid will lose out unless a good screen is used.

"Frontier Parson Reads the Bible" (color), twenty minutes. Rental, £2/2/- per screening. The film depicts the frontier parson visiting a group of children to whom he reads portions of scripture, illustrated by American scenic sequences. The sound track, including the Lutheran choir, is good.

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BIRTHS

STOW.—On June 29, at Women's Intermediate Hospital, Brisbane, to Fred and Dot—a daughter (Bronwyn Doris).

TINKLER (Lang).—On June 25, at Devon, Glenhuntly, to Jessie and Allan—a daughter (Helen May).

DEATHS

ALLAMBY.—On July 2, at Berwick, William, of 30 Antibes-st., Parkdale, dearly beloved husband of the late Jessie, loving father of Alice, Walter (dec.), Myrtle (Mrs. Bradley), Jessie (Mrs. Talent), Leslie (dec.), Arthur (dec.), in his 95th year.

Mother and father re-united.

AUSTIN.—On June 28, at 7 Hastings-st., Hampton, Sarah, beloved wife of the late F. F. Austin; dearly beloved mother of Win. (Mrs. Lang), Amy (Mrs. Tunbridge), Cordelia (Mrs. Ashman, dec.), Edwin, Victoria (Mrs. Horne), Perc., Dorothea (Mrs. Finger), Irene, Clifton (dec.), and Walter. Aged 94 years, 11 months. A colonist of 94 years. Privately interred Wednesday, June 30.

"Our wonderful mother called home."

MURDOCH.—On June 21, George Thomas, dearly beloved husband of Ethel May, of 63 Victoria-st., Flemington, loving brother of Lillias (dec.), Mary, Mrs. Round (dec.), Isabella (dec.), Elvina, Mrs. Burden (Sydney) and John. Gathered home.

IN MEMORIAM

DAVIES.—In loving memory of my dear husband, E. J. W. Davies, called home July 13, 1938. Not only to-day, but every day.

In silence we remember.—Inserted by his loving wife and daughter Gladys.

PEET.—Treasured are the memories of my loving husband, Ernest William, passed away July 11, 1945.

There is no separation from those we love, No distance can divide; For to-day, in memory's garden, We still walk side by side.

—Inserted by his loving wife, Bella.

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it, he became secretary on the resignation of the late W. H. Hall, and was able to bring his great experience into the work of the board." Outside the brotherhood work he found avenues of service in the Sydney City Mission and the Business Men's Prayer Meeting. As a Christian business man he maintained a very worthy witness to the Master. Mrs. Steer, formerly Miss H. E. Kingsbury, passed away some years ago. Our sympathies, therefore, are expressed to his two daughters, Mrs. S. K. Shipway and Mrs. C. R. M. Graham, in the loss of their father.—R.V.A.

William Thompson

AT 6 a.m. on Thursday, June 3, the spirit of William Thompson was called home. Taking a stroke at Easter time, our brother made a temporary recovery, but soon declining health caused his removal to hospital, where he passed away. Joining the church at Brunswick in 1899, he became well known throughout our Melbourne churches. He served the church at Brunswick as secretary for ten years, and also as a deacon and church correspondent for some considerable time. He was very thorough in all his service, showing a sincere and earnest desire to serve his Lord and the church. After a service at the home, his mortal remains were laid to rest in the old Melbourne General Cemetery. Our sympathy goes out to his wife and family and brother in their loss.—R.W.V.

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For though perplexities may come,
And duties get entangled,
The sky, if dark, may still become
A heaven with stars bespangled."

A CENTURY AFTER

THE vicar of St. Simon's, Southsea (H. A. Eyston-Jones), notes that 100 years ago Voltaire said that in 100 years Christianity would cease to exist. To-day his house in Paris is filled with Bibles from basement to attics. It is the depot of a Bible Society!—"The Evening News."

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NOT SO NEW

PENICILLIN in the Bible. Believe it or not, says a recent commentator, but penicillin was first mentioned 3000 years ago, when the 51st Psalm was written.

"Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean," cried the Psalmist. Scientists know now that penicillin grows on hyssop in Bible times in the rite of purification.

This is yet another proof of the wonderful accuracy of the Bible in speaking of things long before science knew them.—S. John's Parish Magazine, West Chelsea.



SEEING an unused Bible lying about in his home, a small boy asked his mother whose book it was.

"It is God's Book," she said.

"Well," replied the boy, "don't you think we should return it? Nobody seems to read it."

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JUST A PLODDER

WILLIAM CAREY, who began life as a shoemaker, or, as he himself described himself on a memorable occasion, as a cobbler, became a missionary who, in the course of his service, acquired a working knowledge of many languages. Questioned one day concerning his linguistic gifts, he disclaimed any unusual abilities. "I am no genius," he said, "but I can plod." That is the type of man whom Jesus wanted and still wants—the man of many gifts and the man of few gifts who can plod and who is prepared to plod for the sake of accomplishing some appointed task; the man who, however dull and flat and monotonous the duties appointed him within Jesus' kingdom may be, is prepared to fulfil them faithfully and well. Without that type of man there is not a home, not a business, not a society which will exist for long. And without that type of man there is not a church that will exist for long. "No man," said Jesus, "having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."

BIBLE QUIZ

1. How many books in the Old Testament?
2. How many books in the New Testament?
3. How many books in the Bible?
4. What is the longest Psalm?
5. In what language was much of the Old Testament written?
6. In what language was the New Testament written?
7. How many tribes belonged to the original nation of Israel?
8. How many apostles were in the close company of Jesus?



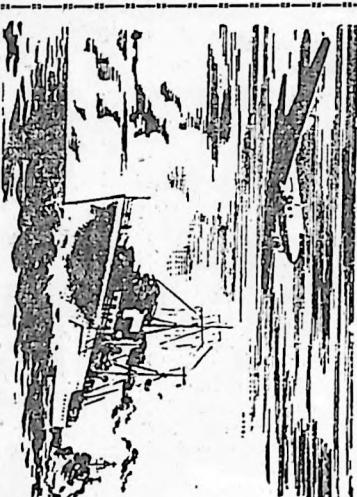
CHRIST NEEDS YOU

FOR Christ has no hands but our hands to do his work to-day, no feet but our feet to lead men in his way, no tongue but our tongues to tell men how he died. He has no help but our help to bring them to his side.

8. Twelve apostles.
5. Hebrews, 2, 39, 3, 66, 4, Psalm 119.
1, 27, ANSWERS.

Youths' Magazine

Ships Built on the Clyde



helped to pull the mighty "Queen Elizabeth", off a sandbank not long ago. That was something which even the powerful engines of the famous liner could not accomplish on their own. Big ships and little ships, mighty liners and squat tug-boats, had their place in the exhibition—all full of interest.

Being an Englishman, I had a smile when I went to see this exhibition of Clyde-built ships. There was a model of Noah's Ark on view. That was the first time I had ever heard the suggestion that the "Ark" was built on the Clyde. (The model was so built, even if the original was not.)

We are all proud of the great ships built on the Clyde—whether we belong here, or whether we only live here because our job called us to this area.

There is something in which we can have a greater pride—to belong to Christ's church and the kingdom of God, being built on the lines and the specifications of the New Testament, allowing God to build and make us what he wants us to be. It would be good to hear more people singing, "I belong to Jesus Christ." That is something to boast about. If you can sing this, if you are being built on these lines, you will be able to weather any storm that comes.

Yes, there was much of interest, and much of which to be proud in the Clyde-built exhibition. On the day I went to the exhibition I was somewhat disappointed. There was no model of the "Queen Mary," no model of the "Queen Elizabeth," no model of the "Vanguard." There was no model of the finest ship (to me)—the one that brought me home from India after some years' absence. My disappointment led me to think on this line: if we are not included in Christ's church in the kingdom of God, many people who have an interest in us are going to be very disappointed—and the Lord Jesus himself will be the most disappointed of all.—J. A. Needham.