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For Those Who Stay

*I'll stay where you've put me; I will, dear Lord,
Though I wanted so badly to go;
I was eager to march with the rank and file,
Yes, I wanted to lead them, you know.
I planned to keep step to the music loud,
To cheer when the banner unfurled,
To stand in the midst of the fight straight and proud,
But I'll stay where you've put me.*

*"I'll stay where you've put me; I'll work, dear Lord,
Though the field be narrow and small,
And the ground be fallow, and the stones lie thick;
And there seems to be no life at all.
The field is thine own, only give me the seed,
I'll sow it with never a fear;
I'll till the dry soil while I wait for the rain,
And rejoice when the green blades appear,
I'll work where you've put me.*

*"I'll stay where you've put me; I will, dear Lord,
I'll bear the day's burden and heat,
Always trusting thee fully; when even has come
I'll lay heavy sheaves at thy feet.
And then, when my earth war is ended and done,
In the light of eternity's glow,
Life's record all closed, I surely shall find
It was better to stay than to go;
I'll stay where you've put me."*

Mr. Heard and Miss Berry are engaged and will marry and leave for India early in new year. Mr. Dixon will take further studies after leaving Glen Iris. Miss Skuce will finish course at end of year and probably proceed to India.



E. W. Heard.



Miss D. C. Berry.



Miss Hazel Skuce.



R. C. Dixon.

WORLD CHURCH SEEKS WORLD PEACE

SWEDEN

Churches Call For Peace

LEADERS of the Swedish churches have sent telegrams to President Truman, Mr. Atlee and General Stalin, urging them "to meet and discuss means of averting the threat of war." The telegram points out that "the people want peace, and so do their political leaders," and that common effort in the cause of peace is essential for the healing of the nations. The three statesmen are, therefore, urged to make these efforts "in the name of Christianity and of humanity." The telegram is signed, on behalf of the Swedish church, by Archbishop Erling Eidem and Bishop Manfred Bjorkquist. It also bears the signatures of representatives of the Swedish Mission Union, the Swedish Baptists, the Swedish Methodist church, the Salvation Army, the Quakers and others.

In addition, the representatives of the churches in Sweden have sent a message to the Christian

communist technique was to penetrate into rural areas, leaving in many cases the cities isolated. Chinese Christians were sharply divided in their attitude towards communism. Some of them, especially the younger, impressed by the communist policy of giving agricultural workers a stake in the land, were inclined to look upon their advance as being for the ultimate good of the country. The old Christians, generally, were convinced that in communist controlled areas organised Christian life was becoming impossible and that the communist advance was a terrible menace for the future of the church.

Speaking of his impressions of Japan, the bishop reminded his hearers that to declare that the war was "a mistake" was different from repentance. The Japanese as a whole had small appreciation of the immense wrongs that they had inflicted upon so many Asian peoples, and there did not seem to be any basis for a new national life. He referred to the organisation unity among Christian groups that the Japanese

that it belongs to the very nature of their mission that they should not be identified with any secular powers or policies, and believe that they serve the interests of peace best when they speak exclusively in the name of the Lord of all nations. That is also why no invitations have been sent to any governments to be represented at the Assembly. But the problems of the present international situation will be fully discussed at Amsterdam in the light of Christian faith and principle.

The World Council leaders also pointed out that they had worked for years on the problem of making the Amsterdam Assembly as inclusive as is consistent with the specific Christian and ecumenical purpose of the World Council. In this matter political considerations play no role, and the only question is whether the churches concerned are ready to co-operate with their sister-churches on the Christo-centric basis of the World Council of Churches. True ecumenicity knows no political or national boundaries.



GREAT BRITAIN

Archbishop of York on Religious Liberty

On May 5, the Archbishop of York delivered a speech in the House of Lords proposing a motion on the instructions given to the British Government's representative on the United Nations' Commission of Human Rights.

"I believe," said Dr. Garbett, "that there are universal human rights and they are based on definitely Christian grounds, namely that all men are of value in the sight of God, they have been created to do his will, to obey him, to love him, and to live in fellowship; and unless they have freedom they cannot fulfil the purpose of their existence."

The archbishop sees four groups of human rights which should be recognised: personal liberty of the individual; economic and social rights, such as right to work, the right to marriage and family life, the right to education; freedom of expression both for individuals and communities; and lastly, freedom of religion.



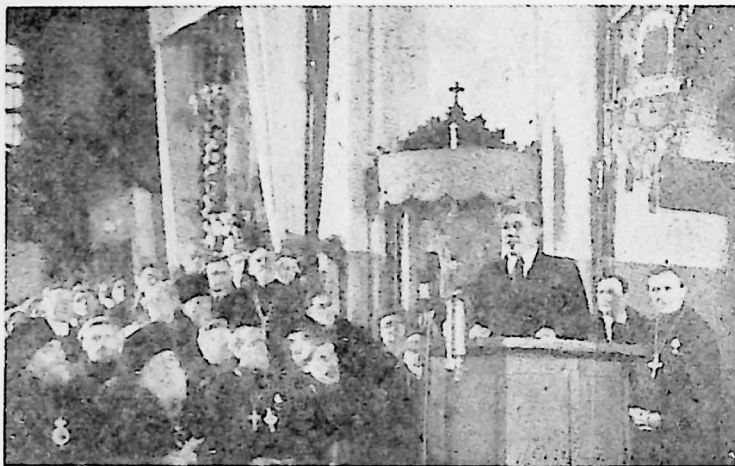
CHINA

Model Leper Colony

Land has been purchased and plans are under way for the establishment of a model agricultural lepers' colony, the first of its kind throughout China, at Hangchow, Chekiang Province. The project is to be sponsored jointly by the American Mission to Lepers and the Mission to Lepers of London, and will have the strong backing of Chinese Christians in Hangchow. Land for the new colony is being given by Mr. K. L. Dzen and other members of the Christian community.

The new colony will have accommodation for 200 patients, and will follow the pattern of "Happy Villages" successfully established in India and Nigeria. Through the development of craft industries, animal husbandry, and scientific farming, the colony will eventually become self-supporting and self-sufficient.

China, with its estimated million leper victims, has long been in need of adequate leper control centres. Missionaries have maintained in many parts of China a number of asylums for the care of the more helpless advanced cases that have come to their attention; but the difficulty of obtaining land, and popular indifference to lepers as a public health problem, have hitherto delayed the establishment of the "Happy Village" type of leper community found highly effective in other parts of the mission world.



Gathering of Church Officials, Russia.

churches in England, in Soviet Russia and in America, and to the Christians in Sweden itself, urging them to co-operate in efforts for peace and in prayer for peace.



ASIA

Problems Facing Christian Enterprise

Addressing the staff of the World Council of Churches on his return from his journey among the churches of East Asia, Stephen Neill recently spoke of his impressions concerning the whole Christian enterprise in that part of the world. Bishop Neill felt that, in spite of the immense difficulties that face them, the churches of Eastern Asia showed a spirit of hope and determination. Everywhere he noticed that Christians had a sense that their people needed a spiritual basis and unity, in view of their new national independence, which the traditional religions were not able to give them. He gave two striking instances of success in the preaching of the gospel. The first was among the "head hunters" of Formosa, where an old woman and a young man, by their steadfast witness, had brought large numbers to a belief in the gospel. In Celebes, in Indonesia, a young Moslem convert, working amongst his own people, had won three or four thousand persons to the faith.

In China, on the other hand, there was a strengthening opposition to the Christian gospel, mainly due to the spread of communism. The

war government had brought about, not only in Japan, but also in the Philippines, in Indonesia and elsewhere. When the pressure of the Japanese government was withdrawn, those churches, which had a more highly developed doctrine of the church, had left this unity, though several churches were still remaining together. There was the same need in Asia, as in the West, for the faithful, for steady seeking of the basis of true Christian unity.



WORLD PEACE

Mr. Myron Taylor and the World Council of Churches

Mr. Myron Taylor, personal representative of President Truman to the Vatican, has recently visited, at the request of the President, several officers of the World Council of Churches to discuss with them how the Amsterdam Assembly may best serve the interests of peace. The World Council leaders explained to Mr. Taylor that, in preparing for Amsterdam, the Provisional Committee has given very serious consideration to this aspect of the Assembly's task but that the churches, which will be represented at the Assembly, desire to accomplish this task in complete independence. The churches consider

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The Foolishness of Tweedledum & Tweedledee

"If that there king was to wake," said Tweedledum to Alice when she went "Through the Looking-Glass," "you'd go out — bang! — just like a candle!"

"I shouldn't!" Alice exclaimed indignantly. "Besides, if I'm only a sort of thing in his dream, what are you, I should like to know?"

"Ditto," said Tweedledum.

"Ditto, ditto!" cried Tweedledee.

"You know very well you're not real," added Tweedledum.

"I *am* real!" said Alice, and began to cry. "If I wasn't real I shouldn't be able to cry," she added. Then Alice thought to herself, "I know they're talking nonsense, and it's foolish to cry about it."

How many people are upset and are set to quarrelling over the foolish arguments of people like Tweedledum and Tweedledee!

Churches are often weakened and divided over a little question which has no claim for serious consideration. Alice could be wise and say, "It's foolish to cry about it." Why cannot Christians dismiss little differences which divide them and work unitedly for the salvation of men? Such divisions are caused, oftentimes, by the foolish philosophy of men like Tweedledum and Tweedledee. Instead of being united on the great facts of the gospel, they are divided by opinions set out in some human philosophy or theory.

II.

ONE of the reasons why the church has not made the advance it could make is due to the weakness resulting from the silent, internal strife within many local congregations. Such a divided church is like the man who is divided within himself and is without the energy to undertake positive action. Down in his subconscious mind, there are disturbing forces he must repress. The energy that could be used in outward actions is used to hold down the rebellious and divided self within.

Jesus pointed to the dangers of division. He declared that a kingdom divided against itself cannot stand. A church cannot be successful in a community if it is distressed by the silent resentment of one person against another.

Ofttimes the comparatively small differences which may be likened to a molehill can, in the imagination, be given the proportions of a mountain. By such means Satan can win some of his greatest battles. A divided church is so taken up with the internal battle that it cannot wage war on the forces of darkness.

III.

WE smile at the idea of Nero fiddling while Rome burnt. But how often we waste our energies and "fiddle" while men are being consumed in sin!

How can we best mend difference and unite divided churches? We realise it is difficult for people to be as wise as Alice, and laugh at the words of Tweedledum and Tweedledee! However, if we can set together on some great task and work to reach some high goal, we are more likely to forget our difference than by trying to justify ourselves by arguments. Those who venture in faith with Christ and set out to win men for the Lord soon forget little quarrels, and rejoice in the victories gained. The disciples who once argued about who would be greatest in the kingdom of God forgot their arguments on the day of Pentecost, when they stood together, pleading for men and women to turn to the Lord. Paul once argued with Barnabas about

the worth of John Mark. Later Paul and Mark were reconciled because of their mutual experiences in serving faithfully one Lord, in evangelistic efforts.

There is no better way of bringing unity within the church than by setting members to work on the various tasks related to evangelism. When Christians are engaged in such noble work, they discover a unity which they never believed could be possible. Such unity links, inwardly, active souls. When we perform the same deeds and work for the winning of men into the kingdom, we become united with the inner Heart of the universe and also with one another. In this experience we gain new strength for life, and we enjoy the power which gives us confidence to "attempt great things for God."

The crown of victory is not far from the church to-day, but we are too much like the man in Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress" who was so busy using the rake to gather up rubbish that he did not raise his eyes to see the offered crown.

Let us be done with the little philosophies of Tweedledum and Tweedledee, and set out on the tasks we now know a faithful church can perform successfully, even in this sceptical age! Let us add that we do not think this age is as sceptical as we once thought. We know it now as an age when reverent attention will be given to the sincere testimony of Christian witnesses. People are waiting for the church to go and speak to them. Why are so many holding back from Christian duty, at this opportune time?

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Amsterdam, 1948

WHILE holding fast to the ideals of the Restoration Movement, one can also rejoice with the results of the efforts to bring churchmen of various communions and from all great nations of the world, into one great conference at Amsterdam, August 22 to September 4. Apart from the immediate task of discussing ways and means toward union, the gathering of so many Christian leaders at such a time in world history may have consequences of great importance. Since politicians have found it impossible to settle international differences, there is every good reason why these church leaders ought to be encouraged in the task of laying down spiritual foundations upon which the world may build for peace. Only as those men lift up Jesus, will the world be drawn into a peaceful fellowship. At the Faith and Order Conference in Lausanne (1927) the late Dr. William Temple presented that truth to the delegates. "It is not any question of our own satisfaction or peace which is at stake; it is not only a question of efficiency of organisation. The great question is whether the Lord Christ shall be truly and fully presented to his people. We read in the gospels of people among whom he could do no mighty work because of their unbelief. If we are not seeking with all our hearts the way of unity which may be followed with full loyalty to truth as we see it, then upon us, in our day, must lie the heavy load of responsibility that, because of our failure to live together as members of the one body, the Saviour cannot do the mighty works he would, cannot speak to our distracted world the healing words he would."

Dr. Temple's call for unity based on truth is one that appeals to us. It is not a case of union at any price; such could not succeed.

As leaders face the problem of union, they are sent back to the Lord to ask him the way to that goal. There are signs which indicate that many leaders of Christian thought are searching the scriptures for the basis of unity. There is no doubt that the ideals of the Restoration Movement will be presented, at the appropriate time, for consideration. In this way the teaching of Thomas Campbell will reach a wide audience, and will, no doubt, bear fruit.

Except These Abide

L. E. Snow, B.A., Dip.Ed., shows the heroic tasks to be completed before the church can weather the storms of this distressing era.

"Except these abide in the ship ye cannot be saved."—Acts 27: 31.



DURING dark and difficult times there is always a tendency to escape if it be possible. But troublous times require an unusual measure of co-operation, harmony and self-sacrifice. In times of social, industrial or international crisis it is important that selfish ends be submerged for the good of the whole people. On the Mediterranean after a long period of crisis and trouble an opportunity presented itself whereby the skilled sailors might escape from danger, but in doing

so they would rob the remainder of the 276 travellers of any chance of escape they had. Paul forbade their selfishness and urged the support of all in a final salvation for all.

The world is passing through stormy waters. Winds of fury, greed, misunderstanding and madness are stirring up the waves; and we have so lost sight of the guiding principles on which life can run that we hardly know which way we have been tossed. This is no time for desertion or despair or dismay; those who see the plight we are in are the ones who may help most to bring the ship safely to land. There are speculators, selfish men, racketeers and black-marketeers who are out to make all they can out of the situation and escape well off. There are yet others whose only hope is in the nature of an escape from the world rather than in the redemption of the world. They can see no end for the world other than shipwreck, and only hope that they will escape before that comes. But the world needs the faith and the service of Christian people. We have a faith and a plan for which the crisis is calling. We have the guide, the pilot, the chart, the captain, the compass, all of which are absolutely necessary if the world is to come through this trouble. Would we rob the ship of state of the skill and craftsmanship which alone can save it? Should one become bewildered by the surrounding darkness; let him remember that Jesus said, "Ye are the light of the world." Should one become gripped with poverty and futility of current events let him remember the word, "Ye are the salt of the earth, and if the salt has lost its savor . . ." In these times of storm, the church must bring to bear all the faith, power, service and devotion to duty at her resource. Jesus came to his disciples during a storm on Galilee with the words, "Why are you afraid like this, have you not any faith?" (a modern translation). His call comes down to us over the centuries, and in the time of storm he yet speaks. Storms, troubles, tragedies, fear, of course, but what is your faith for?

But then the church, too, is passing through stormy seas. Men's faith appears to be lost. Large numbers are deserting, losing their spiritual bearings, and others are floundering in a sea of confusion and despair. The church of the Lord Jesus will be the poorer if some of us who believe that the lifeboat is at our disposal get ready to jump into it as soon as possible. The salvation of the whole church may depend in no small measure upon the few who have the greatest knowledge. If we tend toward

isolationism, leaving others to their fate in smug self-satisfaction, we may find the boats we trusted cut adrift on us. The position of the church in the world to-day is such that all must work in co-operation and fraternity. Too many people are deserting the faith which alone can save. Here is a man who ought to know better leaving what he knows to be right, and joining a group he knows to be wrong, because of the prestige which the new group gives him; and he does not seem to realise that he is selling his birthright for a mess of pottage. Here is another man who admits openly that he changed his place of worship only because the new gave him more opportunity of preaching than did the old. Here is a large group whose critical faculties have been so highly developed that everyone else is wrong, and they are ready to take to their lifeboats and leave what they believe to be a sinking ship. Our brotherhood will come through the storm if members are big enough to surrender what is selfish and narrow and if we merge all we have in the common cause. The church of God in the world to-day will come through triumphant and without final loss if each church is ready to throw its weight into a common cause, surrendering what is exclusive and selfish. Of course the skilled sailors were not asked to throw away

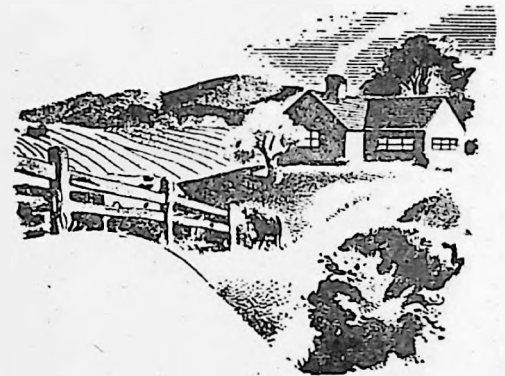
Sunrise

A Meditation and Prayer by
E. G. Rose

WHO has not watched the glorious pageant of the morning? No earthly monarch, clad in all the glory of his royal robes, can be compared to him, the monarch of the sky, as he comes forth in all his splendor! His robes of flaming roseate clouds, sweep, fold on fold, across the spacious highway. The earth, in breathless silence, waits his grand approach. I gaze and share the silence of earth around, an awed yet vocal silence—for it tells that the miracle of morn is soon to be enacted again. All earth is awakened; birds and fields, with grazing, mild-eyed creatures, are gladdened by the advent of this most beneficent monarch who rules with undisputed sway wherever man is found. His smile of sunshine fills our hearts with joy, and lights again the smouldering fires of hope within our breasts. How sad the hearts which cannot feel the magic touch bidding them to hope again! He comes, bringing health and happiness in his train. Old and young are cheered by his presence, and all nature joins in the rejoicing, while music from a thousand throats fills the air. No earthly monarch is more wholeheartedly welcomed than he. No monarch is so indispensable! Kings and queens, rulers and governments come and go, but still he marches on in strength. We can hardly imagine the world without his presence. Even if he hides his face for a day, our spirits are fain to languish. Oh, glorious sun! speak to my soul, and bid me think of higher, nobler things. Awaken my flagging energies by thy

their skill—they were wanted for the sake of their skill; and we are not suggesting that any should throw away vital principles or revealed truth for the sake of harmony. The need is for such harmony and brotherliness that others may share with us in our good things even as we share with them in theirs.

Perhaps the sailors in their concern over the plight they were in did not realise just how important was the service they could yet render. After all, there seemed to be little hope of saving the vessel; and it had been so battered that they would hardly sail it again in any case; would it be very wrong to take their leave at this stage? In the work of the Lord Jesus Christ there are very many who trust in the narrow lifeboats of their own personal salvation because they do not realise the real value of the contribution they can make to the cause of Christ. Those with high positions are not so likely to desert. The captain and the centurion did not talk of leaving; but those who think they do not matter so much are likely to become lax. It is so easy to leave the ship with the captain, to leave the winning of souls to the preacher, to leave the task of evangelism to the few; it is easy to leave it to others to invite people to come to church. There are many who cannot sing a solo, or lead the choir; they cannot play the organ, preside at the Lord's Table; they could never preach a sermon; but they can invite a friend to church; they can help by their presence to make the meeting bright; they can by their loyalty encourage preacher and singer, and by their prayers hold up the hands of those who labor. Except these abide in the ship, there is no hope of life for any.



example of untiring faithfulness to duty! May I, in my little sphere, like thee, bring sunshine and gladness and warmth to the hearts of men well-nigh frozen by the cold indifference of their fellows! May I, like thee, seek to make the society in which I move, more healthy for little children to dwell in! Bid my thoughts rise above to him who is himself a "Sun and Shield," that I may receive from that all-gracious Source something of his warmth and his glory to cheer and to gladden, and to strengthen my own heart, and to reflect his beams to all I meet, that they, too, may be gladdened and blessed.

"I heard the voice of Jesus say,
I am this dark world's Light!
Look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
And all thy day be bright!
I looked to Jesus, and I found
In him my Star, my Sun,
And in that light of life I'll walk
Till travelling days are done."

TELL your business acquaintances how faith in Christ gives you poise, confidence, security! Tell your friends who are struggling with home problems how Christ can inspire peace, removing the ceaseless worry characterising those who cannot hold communion with him."

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Spectators or Friends

*Pertinent comments by an "Observer" on
attitude of the church members to strangers.*

A FRIEND of mine attended two churches one Sunday in a city he had never visited before. In one place he was besieged with hand-shakes, greetings and invitations to dinner and was made unforgettably welcome. At the other church scarcely a soul spoke to him and he came away feeling unspeakably lonely. The point in these incidents doesn't lie in their contrast, but in the fact that, although this friend is an intelligent listener, he cannot recall the sermon in either place. But the welcome in one place, and the lack of it in the other, he will never forget.

This incident gives rise to the following reflections.

We church-going people are not guilty of wilful discourtesy or intentional smugness. But we are guilty of the common, everyday failing of thoughtlessness. Week after week we enter our wonted place of worship. "It's a friendly old Bethel," we think to ourselves. And to us, it is. But to the stranger how different! He comes in, and heaven knows what he will find, but he doesn't. There may be pews or forms or Austrian chairs. The aisles might run north and south or east and west. He might sit where no one ever sits, or he might sit where someone else always sits. To put it bluntly, he's nervous. Afraid (like us all) of making a fool of himself. Worse than that, he thinks everyone is watching him and knows the haunting fears which arise in his mind over the outwardly

simple process of entering a place of public worship.

If church-goers would only remember that the friendly old windows which beam down at them, positively stare at a stranger! Pews, which look so inviting to local worshippers, look as austere as a regiment of soldiers to the visitor.

If only we realised that visitors are the guests of the church, we should offer our hand, share a hymnbook, find the place in the Bible and share that too. We would never let a stranger sit alone in a pew.

What a pity it is that, when evangelism is on every tongue, there are so few who even raise their voices to say "Good evening" to a stranger within our gates. Visitation evangelism isn't a kind of one-way traffic in souls. Surely it means evangelising our visitors as well as visiting to evangelise.

A generation ago our churches thrived because of home evangelism. It was simple. People asked other people home for dinner. The story of many a mighty conversion began just that way. Nowadays, when the housewife has fewer children and more household facilities — and in some cases, more money — this form of "meal-table" evangelism is the exception rather than the rule.

But personal evangelism is not the sole right of the housewife and the preacher. There is not a member of our churches so devoid of ability as to be unable to offer a friendly hand and say "Good evening" or "Good morning." Some can do more, but all at least can do this.

It's grand to see whole families in the church — uncles, aunts, cousins, in-laws and all the rest

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of them. But no one wants to see them in groups "according to their tribe" around the chapel door, like Israel camped around the tabernacle. The exclusive family circle around the chapel door spells death to the spirit of evangelism and fellowship in our churches. What does it avail with strangers or new converts if, after an address of evangelistic fervor and prayers for the brotherhood of all mankind, these visitors or converts must wend their way past family groups and little cliques out into the world again — alone? The only way to get into the fellowship of some church is to marry into it. And of course, for married people this last desperate method would be too late, even if it were worthy.

We should remember that courtesy, not to say Christianity, demands that at least we should speak to visitors.

Introduce people audibly. Don't mumble. Repeat the name if need be, so that others may use it. Tell the folks about one another. Bring them together by common interests, such as "You're both from England," or "You are both house-hunting." Be friendly. The world doesn't want preaching; it wants friendship. Start with this universal need of mankind. Start there and work out. When the preaching of the cross is adorned and commended by homely Christ-like living, then, but not until then, will the cross win.

Nature of the Church and Evangelism

ADDRESSING ministers of Brisbane churches Dr. Newton Flew, president of British Methodist churches, declared that the crucial doctrine of our time concerned the nature of the church. It is the only one of the ten doctrines taught in theological colleges on which there is any serious difference of opinion between the denominations. It is planned to produce four treatises, one dealing with the scriptural teaching on the nature of the church, another dealing with the history of the doctrine; a third setting out the various doctrines now held, and a fourth entitled, "An Attempt at Reconstruction."

"The success or failure of evangelism goes back to this doctrine," said Dr. Flew.

Evangelism

Regarding evangelism, Dr. Flew said that if we lay stress on method it doesn't get us very far, but emphasising the message does. He had no time for such questions as, "Do you think the cinema should be used more extensively for evangelistic work?" but if we can give an adequate answer to such questions as, "Has science destroyed belief in God?" then we will achieve something. All possible methods are needed, but attend to the message, and methods will fall into their place. One of the cardinal principles of evangelism is that it be united.

The Shut-ins

Our conference executive commended to churches the idea of making the first Sunday in June a day when: (1) Special invitations to church be sent to "shut-ins"; (2) Car trips

Comments on current events in Queensland

land by P. C. D. Alcorn, B.A.

be arranged where possible to convey such incapacitated to church, and also for afternoon outings; (3) "Sunshine" meetings be held in hospitals and sick rooms; (4) If visitation cannot be made to "shut-ins," personal letters or suitable text cards be sent in the name of the local church. The scheme received front page publicity in the press.

The Christian Student

In his address, "The Task of the Christian in the University," Dr. Coleman, of the World Student Christian Federation, said, "In Toronto it was quite an accepted thing to see a student come to the university as a freshman who had come from a family which had brought him up as a Christian, but by the end of his second year he found that he was no longer a Christian."

"Every lecture which goes on in our university really proves that the university is a theological school, and what it teaches is that God, whether he exists or not, is irrelevant, and this is in the long run a very bad thing to do."

The chief responsibility of students while they are at university should be to glorify God by being good students.

"The Christian accepts all knowledge, and he will be just as intellectual as anyone else. He should be more so than other folk, but he will see that all the knowledge we have is very small; in fact, it is vanity. All the mysteries we can look at through microscopes are just the beginning of never-ending mystery. And so the Christian student will be characterised by a spirit of reverence."

"The world is desperately in need of world government. World government will never come to us unless we have people who can think in world terms. To achieve this it will need the most rigid and best intellectual efforts that the students can bring to it. It will require also some humility which is prepared to acknowledge the inadequacies of our own national background and our own social prejudices and pettiness, which will keep us at work to understand what a world citizen is. It is the job of the Christian student in the university to be active in the community life of the university."

NO PLACE FOR ALCOHOL

WE congratulate Professor Harvey Sutton (Professor of Public Health of Sydney University) upon his statement that "Alcohol is obsolete and has no place in the modern world." The statement is not new, but the publicity given by the daily papers made it news, and good news. — "The Rechabite."

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Commonwealth Activities

CONFERENCE

Plan, Pray
and Prepare
FOR PERTH,
OCTOBER 15-22.



ALL West Australians are looking forward with eager anticipation to Federal Conference in Perth in October. Such an event of major importance to our Australian brotherhood will give many in the Western State an opportunity of showing their hospitality and also their interest in and enthusiasm for our movement.

The Federal Executive learned recently that petrol shortages are likely to curtail to some extent the planned excursions, and in consequence readjustments in the proposed schedule of outings for interstate visitors have had to be made. However, a grand time of inspiration and fellowship is assured all those who come to the conference. With less petrol buses available, the willing co-operation of the local railway authorities will be called upon so that visitors may have ample opportunity of seeing the beauty spots of the West. Springtime is "Wildflower time" in W.A., and that speaks for itself.

We understand that many people have made inquiries regarding concession fares on the railways. At the moment it seems very unlikely that concession fares will be available, either on the Commonwealth or State lines. The Commonwealth railways have not been able to arrive at any decision to date in the matter of a special train. This delay is due to the extremely difficult position in regard to rolling-stock on the trans-continental line, and it may mean that we shall not be able to charter a special train. However, as soon as particulars of special transport are available, they will be made known through these columns.

It is good to learn of increased registrations being recorded every week. Those who still hope to be in Perth in October should not fail to get in touch at once with our hospitality convener, A. M. Bell, 90 Guildford-rd., Mount Lawley, W.A.

We believe that this coming Federal conference will be a spiritual high-water mark in the history of our Australian brotherhood. Plan and pray that it may be so.—A. G. Elliott.



OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

Co-operation With Baptists

LATEST figures issued by the Baptist-Church of Christ Recreational Council show that 1300 young people are in recreation together. Seventy-six teams from fifty-six clubs are registered in the current tennis tournament. In the recent cricket matches there were twelve teams competing. There are also twelve men's and twenty-six girls' basketball teams.

Good Companion Clubs are now launching their £150 appeal for the work of the Youth Department. The appeal is expected to last one month.

The Austral Graded Lesson Board and the Baptist Department of Religious Education will co-operate as from Jan. 1, 1949, in the preparation and distribution of lesson material in Primary, Kindergarten, and Bible Class Departments. It is hoped that as a result of this wider distribution of teaching material better and more useful matter will be presented.

Mr. A. White, youth director for New Zealand, is visiting Melbourne. Mr. White has been in conference with State and Federal departments on youth work.—B. F. Huntsman.

NEW MISSIONARIES

Indian Field Rejoices

"WE unanimously wished to express our appreciation to you for your effort to secure reinforcements for the India field. We will look forward to the coming of these young people, and do hope and pray that they may find much satisfaction and joy in their chosen life work. Yesterday I wrote to a friend that I am so glad that this is the work that I am permitted to do; it has always been a cause of great happiness to me, and I sincerely trust that these other young people will feel the same after spending many years in India."

FOR THOSE WHO GO

"SEND us, Lord, without hesitation, without qualification, without unwilling excuse, without faint-heartedness, without pride and self-glorification. Let us ask for nothing but to bear thy gospel faithfully, with the humility that takes nothing for granted except thy love for us in Jesus Christ, and with the simplicity that is ever ready to acknowledge the miracle of thy presence among us."

CONGRATULATIONS

A. ANDERSON, secretary of Federal F.M. Board, supplied photographs and copy for front page. We congratulate the young people on their appointment, and wish the department every success in raising funds to continue their vital work in overseas lands.



JESSE M. BADER

Delegate World Conference

THE executive of the Federal Conference requested Dr. Bader to act as a delegate for churches of Christ in Australia, at the World Conference of churches to be held at Amsterdam, August 22-September 4. Dr. Bader writes: "I am eager to be a good delegate in behalf of my dear Australian brethren." Our brother will attend the conference as the official delegate of the Australian and New Zealand churches of Christ. He will also be the fraternal delegate of the World Convention of churches of Christ. He has been assigned to the study group number two, entitled, "The Church's Witness to God's Design." This is one of the four groups dealing with evangelism and foreign missions.

Dr. Bader has planned to leave La Guardia Field, New York, on the Pan-American Airways at 10 p.m. on July 30, arriving at London 6 p.m. on July 31. On Sunday morning, and evening, August 1, he has been planned by invitation to preach at the Twynholm Baptist church, where R. Wilson Black and family are church members. Our brother leaves London by plane on Aug. 10, for Warsaw to attend the convention of churches of Christ in Poland, August 12-15. He expects to remain in Poland for several days to visit churches and study the general religious situation. Later he will take a plane to Amsterdam to attend the World Council of Churches.

During this 30-days' trip, Dr. Bader will send despatches to the "Australian Christian," which should be of great interest to all readers. We expect, also, to present his report on the proceedings of the World Conference.

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VICTORIA

Sunraysia District Conference

THE Sunraysia District Conference took place at Mildura, Vic., June 19-21. At the business session on Saturday, increases in church membership and in Sunday school attendances were reported for the district. A committee was appointed to co-operate with a similar committee from the Swan Hill district to endeavor to begin a work at Robinvale; a fund for this purpose was opened. District activities include a healthy women's conference, which met on Monday afternoon; a new district youth council which conducted a youth rally on the Saturday night; a district men's society; and a district church paper which has been printed monthly for nearly two years. A P.S.A. was held on Sunday with a packed congregation, and a further inspirational conference session on the Monday night. Happy fellowship round tea tables each night was a great feature. D. Wakeley, of Hartwell, was guest speaker for general conference, and Mrs. Washfold, of Caulfield, for the women. The women reported a fine year's work with substantial sums for the Miss Foreman refrigerator and the X-ray. The theme of the whole conference was evangelism, and Mr. Wakeley helped with splendid addresses on the theme. The district churches are grateful to visiting speakers and to Hartwell church for help given.



LORD'S SUPPER

Three Classes at Feast

IN the upper room, at the time Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper, there were three classes of professing disciples represented.

Judas was there. He dipped his hand into the common dish, and shared with the Master its contents. That person, showing such great promise at the beginning, stooped to undertake a most despicable deed. For thirty pieces of silver he sold the Master and his hope of glory. Despair and horror were consequences which blinded him to the light of hope, set out in the feast to every sinner.

Peter was there, too. He was a man of great self-confidence. He considered himself stronger than all others. "If all others deny thee," he could boast, "I will not." "He that thinketh he standeth, let him take heed lest he fall," is the warning that comes to us as we think of Peter at the feast. Peter failed. He denied the Master. He saw himself in a plight. Perhaps he recalled his experiences when he was sinking in the waters, and cried, "Lord, save me, I perish." Jesus did save Peter. The power that can cancel sin, set out in the feast, was made available to Peter. While Judas perished; Peter lived.

There were the ten. Those men were unaware, at the feast, of the nature of the trial before them. At the testing hour they failed. Left to themselves, they would have drifted back to the common stream of history. However, the power symbolised in the feast laid hold of them. It was the power of God's forgiveness, revealed in the cross and demonstrated at the resurrection, which saved.

We may be weak. We may be betrayers of the Master. Whatever we may be; we can find in the great power signified in the feast, all that is needed to save. Like Paul we may say, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

THE number of licensed hotels is still decreasing. Since 1933 no fewer than 105 have gone out of existence. The present total is 1678, according to the "Argus." With the increased production and consumption of beer, the turnover of the fewer hotels must be much larger and the value of each licence correspondingly increased.—"The Rechabite."

Here and There

J. Machin wires, "Hinrichsen-Machin mission, South Perth, W.A., had crowded service, July 11, when there were seven confessions."

Church members in the Melbourne metropolitan area are urged to attend in large numbers the important spiritual rally and dedication service at Lygon-st. on July 28, in connection with a crusade for a Christian world.

We are pleased to report that a Bible school will be commenced in the Wattle Park area, on Sunday, August 1, 1948, at 3 p.m., in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ashley, 8 Stott-st., South Box Hill (off Elgar-rd., near Kildonan Children's Home), Victoria.

A list of migrants who arrived in Melbourne by the "Ormonde" on June 24 last may be inspected at the office of the Victorian Conference Executive, Youth Department, and Social Service Department. Approximately 500 immigrants arrived by that ship.

Following many enquiries as to the date of "Bible Sunday" 1948, we wish to bring to the notice of our readers that Sunday, September 12, is the correct date, this being the second Sunday in September and the day annually observed by the churches as "Bible Sunday."

H. J. Horsell, a preacher well-known in South Australia, and in past years a leader in brotherhood work, died on Tuesday, July 6, after a few days in hospital. We record our appreciation of his services to churches, and offer deepest sympathy to those who have suffered the loss of a relative and friend.

The announcement of the commencement in Victoria of a crusade to win the world for Christ has been made in these columns in several issues. Churches have been set goals to reach within the next two years. We hope this crusade will lay the foundation for even more progressive work after 1950. These aims make a good beginning, but are not sufficient for the zealous disciple. 1950 cannot be considered the time when we can relax and give up the fight. Let us make present achievements only the basis for greater victories! Why not work after 1950 toward the Victorian churches' centenary in 1953?

After five years of faithful and fruitful ministry at Bentleigh, Vic., R. J. Anderson asked church to release him as from January, 1949. After much deliberation the church agreed reluctantly to his request. Young people took a leading part in gospel service on Sunday, June 27. Ian Law presided, Brian Ratten delivered a short address. Valda Nugent read the lesson. Mr. Anderson summarised. J. K. Bond, Springvale, made an exchange with R. J. Anderson for gospel service, July 4. After Mr. Bond's challenging sermon, Miss Joy Hands confessed Christ. Mr. and Mrs. Tate sen. and Miss Y. Tate, and Mr. Weeding have not been well lately. Miss J. Chivell, College of the Bible, is now assisting in Sunday school, and playing organ at gospel services; her help is appreciated. Thirty-six sat for S.S. examinations.

The church at East Emerald, Vic., misses the familiar face of Mrs. John Nightingale, who at the age of 89 is laid aside from active church work after many years of faithful service. Transferred from Berwick church to Emerald, or Gembrook as this church was known in 1890, she with her late husband John Nightingale settled in the big timber to make a family home next to the Christian chapel. Very many preachers were provided with hospitality, the old home ever being open to the Lord's people. Church secretary for 20 years, Mrs. Nightingale always attended to the various annual appeals, as well as a continual correspondence with missionaries abroad. All the Nightingale family have been active workers for many years, Will Nightingale being at present preacher at Pal-

myra, W.A. Now in life's eventide her constant companion has been her well-worn and well-read Bible, and she is lovingly ministered to by her three daughters.

J. K. Robinson, of Lake-st., Perth, has been invited to continue to be preacher of the church, as from August 1, for another two years. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson have served already a period of five years.

This Spells

B-R-O-T-H-E-R-H-O-O-D

The editor of "The Western Christian," A. T. Thomas, makes a gracious gesture on our behalf. We appreciate this act of brotherly co-operation and this practical offer to brethren in Western Australia. We take the following from the July issue of "The Western Christian" to let readers know how the spirit of brotherhood works throughout the Commonwealth.

"The publishers of 'The Australian Christian' have succumbed to the inevitable, and during the month announced an increase in price. The rates as from July 1 will be: Per copy, through church agents, 3d.; posted direct, 15/- per year. Over the years the worth of 'The Australian Christian' as a medium of information and education in brotherhood matters has been proved, and even at the increased rates, is indeed low priced. The brotherhood in Australia would be helped and more united if a copy of the journal found its way to every home. To prove our sincerity we make a special offer. If you are not at present subscribing to 'The Australian Christian,' which is issued weekly, send a postal note for 15/- to the editor of this paper, and he will arrange your sub., and will also post you 'The Western Christian' free of charge for one year. Get that postal note to-day and send to us."

How many in Western Australia will avail themselves of this offer?

In Siorapaluk, 125 miles north of Thule on Greenland, there is, according to the Ecumenical Press Service, a little settlement with 50-60 Eskimos. Now a wooden church has been erected, the most northern church in the world, and a Danish pastor holds services in Greenlandic.

Increased congregations of 130 and 140 worshipped on July 4 and 11 at Oakleigh, Vic. Eighty were present at gospel service on July 11. Addresses by S. Neighbour have been inspiring. On evening of July 4, Miss L. Sommers rendered appreciated solos. A young man who made confession at Prahran mission was baptised. 100 confessions have been recorded during Mr. Neighbour's ministry. Overseas missions offering totalled £16/10/-. 26 Bible school scholars sat in scripture examination. Women's mission band meeting at Guest Home on July 6 was addressed by conference president, Mrs. Ploog. Women have packed and sent further 30 food parcels to Britain. Prayers of church are with Mrs. Gracie and Mr. Ashley, laid aside in hospital, and with Mrs. Crump and Mrs. Plant and family in time of sudden bereavement.

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Visitation Evangelism

At West Preston, Vic., where A. B. Withers has been serving successfully with the church for many years, D. Thomas, of Balwyn (one of our young preachers), assisted the brethren in a visitation campaign. Eight teams visited during week commencing July 4. About fifty persons were contacted. At the evening service of July 11 150 were present, extra seating being needed. At the close of the gospel address two made the good confession. Many new contacts were made and indications suggest many others will be led to Christ in near future.

At Gardiner, Vic., D. Wakeley, of Hartwell, is assisting R. Bolduan this week in a visitation campaign. Brethren at Carnegie and Cheltenham are also engaged in this work.

We learn that the preachers in New South Wales are organising and planning to introduce this type of evangelism into churches of that State. We are encouraged as we see signs of a new appreciation of New Testament evangelism.

The third school of Victorian preachers for visitation evangelism has just concluded. Students at the College of the Bible, Glen Iris, Vic., have made the request for two lectures on the subject; these will be given in the next two weeks. Plans to help our country churches are being prepared, and some announcement will be made later.



British Churches Plan Conference

THE British churches are eagerly looking to the annual conference — the 102nd of the series — which will open at Chester on Aug. 1. The arrangements made by the Central Council and the local committees are almost complete. The programme will centre on "Amsterdam," and the following are included in the panel of speakers:—W. W. Hendry, formerly of Australia, now the chairman of the Social Questions Committee; A. L. Brown, former secretary to the Home Missions Committee; R. Penry Pryce, recently returned from India; Dr. Gaines M. Cook, Indianapolis, fraternal delegate from U.S.A.; S. Mason, Social Questions organiser; W. Robinson; N. Walters, graduate of Cambridge, and James Gray, of Overdale college.

Oliver W. McCully, chairman of the All Canada Committee, has promised to speak at the missionary tea, always one of the highlights of conference.

The conference will close with an all-day coach tour to North Wales, visiting places at which Alexander Campbell preached in 1847.

Lyle Burdett, missionary at Bhandaria, India, reports that one result of India's independence is the removal of the ban on Christian missionaries in the adjoining province of Sarguja. He plans a chain of churches or mission stations through Sarguja to link up the British mission at Palamau with Disciples (U.S.A.) mission in Central Province, 200 miles away.

Though officially retired, William Webley, who has just passed his ninety-first birthday, still preaches regularly, and recently conducted a mission campaign at Merthyr, a church he himself established fifty years ago.

Overdale college is holding weekend courses for youth leaders connected with Fellowship of Youth. The second has just concluded.

Will Baker, who has been in U.S.A. for a year, will represent the British churches at the Disciples' (U.S.A.) International Convention at San Francisco.

R. S. Tuck, minister for 25 years at Wooster, Ohio, is spending part of a year's vacation at Overdale college. J. G. Clague, formerly of Leicester, now engaged in academic work in U.S.A., will preach for Mr. Tuck during his residence in England.—G. J. Hammond.

News of the Churches

Queensland

Townsville.—July sees commencement of Mr. and Mrs. Beale's third year of ministry with church. Sunday school picnic was held in June enjoyably. At annual business meeting of church, Mr. Flint was appointed elder, and O. Irwin, T. Day, F. Beale and Mrs. Flint deacons and deaconess. On July 4 Mr. Beale took anniversary services at Mackay church, while Mr. Flint ably conducted services at Townsville. On July 18, morning service will be broadcast over 4TO Townsville. These broadcasts are always well received by local residents. Monthly working bee has commenced an attractive front fence for chapel.

South Australia

Nailsworth.—Bible school had record again with two new scholars on June 27. One was welcomed by baptism on 27th. District C.E. Union rally was held in chapel on 26th with record attendance of juniors in afternoon and of Y.P. at night. S. E. Riches presided over meeting, and Nailsworth church Endeavorers gave two items. Good Band of Hope was held on June 25 with several new members signing pledge.

Kilburn.—Church appreciated visit of conference president on July 4. 11 a.m. service was conducted by A. Roberts, of Prospect church, when 25 adults and 33 young worshippers enjoyed Mr. Russell's addresses. Sister Mann was present after sojourn in hospital, and is much better. Offering for overseas missions exceeded £11. Attendance at 10 a.m. Bible school was 100. 7 p.m. gospel service was addressed by F. Collins, there being 18 present.

Long Plains.—Church continues to meet in memorial hall pending rebuilding of chapel. Mr. Baker has given encouraging and informative addresses on alternate Sundays, others assisting being M. Daniel and M. Jenkin. K. Aird, of Adelaide, addressed both meetings on June 27. C.E. continues to meet in homes of members and other interested families, and an encouraging attendance plus study of worthwhile subjects made month of June a profitable one for young people.

Fullarton.—On morning of July 4, Stafford Young, of Borneo Evangelical Mission, gave an appreciated address. Contributions for day were £10/1/5, general offering; £11/9/-, foreign missions; 7/8 for other purposes; and copper offering 12/- for debt reduction. B. W. Manning was speaker at gospel service. It being first Sunday in month, usual prophecy address was given to a good audience, including many visitors. Mrs. Robt Burns helped with a solo. Four teams have been arranged to enter homes of interested people in district in visitation evangelism; great interest is being created.

Port Pirie.—Average attendances for June were: morning 42, evening 29. Average weekly offerings: general fund, £6/4/4; brotherhood appeals, £1/9/8; renovation fund, 14/7. Annual appeal for Northern District Scholarship Fund realised 9/6; food for Britain appeal, 13/6. Letters of appreciation have been received from Britain. A feature for June was week-end when G. R. Stirling, of Youth Department, visited. A social evening on June 26 produced £1/8/- for the department. G. R. Stirling on June 27 spoke morning and evening. On afternoon of 27th, a demonstration lesson with aid of blackboard and scholars' active participation was a feature. A club for girls 11 years and over has been formed, and three successful meetings have been held to date. Several members have been indisposed, and Sisters Harrison and Lofts are still unable to meet with church.

Cottonville.—Average weekly offering for June was £10/16/10. On evening of June 13, a good congregation heard Mr. Anderson preach, and witnessed his films of missionary work. £52 was given on first Sunday for missionary offering. Members are already preparing in an encouraging way for Temple Day for manse fund in August. A group of kindergarten teachers and Bible class girls, with Mrs. Major as leader, had a camp at Norton's Summit on King's Birthday week-end. On last Sunday in each month an informal youth fellowship is having tea at chapel to continue Bible study, discussion and prayer.

Mt. Compass.—Church appreciated addresses of Mr. Skewes, Mr. Mercer, Mr. Fisher and Mr. Thrum during past month. Annual church business meeting was held on May 24. Secretaries' reports showed attendances: gospel services, 50; communion services, 54, at which there was average of 40 members; Sunday school, 52 members, average 44; C.E., 28 members, average 20; Ladies' Auxiliary, 15 members, average 9; C.F.A., 17 members. General feeling was that financial reports showed good balance, but that there was much work needed in getting gospel to people a few miles out from centre, especially children of Sunday school age. A. Anderson inspired church with his visit on June 20, representing foreign missions. Ladies' Auxiliary held a sacred concert and social evening in chapel, at which 120 attended and £11/16/2 was raised for Old Folks' Rest Home, making total of £33 now raised by Ladies' Auxiliary for this home. A choir, under leadership of Mr. Pickup, gave items besides 17 other individual items. Some more pine trees have been chopped down and front of chapel renovated.

New South Wales

Broken Hill.—R. Warmbrunn gave a helpful address on morning of July 4. R. Hilford finished a series of addresses at gospel service. On Tuesday night Y.P.S.C.E. met at home of Mrs. W. Edwards. Ladies' Guild held meeting at manse on June 24, when Mr. Hilford gave an interesting talk on overseas work. Afternoon tea was served.

Wagga.—Since the fire another piano has been purchased, and hall and kitchen completely restored and repainted. Y.P. Club conducted an amateur hour and J.C.E. a juvenile jury, both for food for Britain appeal, with excellent results. Juniors arranged and ran juvenile jury social themselves. Young people had tea in hall on recent Sunday, when Mr. Pope, of the Baptist Church, gave tea table talk. Despite much sickness among members, meetings have kept up well. On July 4 Miss Mary Snowden, a daughter of the secretary, made the good confession.

Rockdale.—A visit was received from Hyman Appelman mission party. Use of a theatre seating over 1200 for five successive nights was obtained. From first night on June 28 until closing night on July 2, theatre was filled each evening. At close of each service a score or more responded to the invitation. Church of Christ, with minister, G. E. Burns, acting as secretary, took a leading part in campaign. Together with other Christian groups, it will benefit both by reconsecrations and conversions. Mr. Burns has resigned from ministry here to again take up work at Mosman. He leaves a healthy, flourishing church, strong in all departments, with a bright future.

Canley Vale.—Morning speaker on July 4 was R. Hume, formerly of Canley Vale, now preaching at Wingham. At evening service six young people who confessed Christ at Bible school anniversary, and who have since received instruction from Mr. Saunders, were baptised. 68 were present.

Kingsford.—Anniversary of church was celebrated on June 20. Morning meeting took form of a family service with L. G. Read, a former minister of church, giving address. A. W. Ladbroke conducted evening service, and both meetings on June 27 and July 4. Two members of Bible school were baptised at latter evening service. Sympathy and prayers of church go out to members recently bereaved. In his first three months of ministry, A. W. Ladbroke carried on his duties as pastor very well, doing extensive visitation, and as a result several members have returned after long absences.

Mosman.—Meetings during June were well maintained. H. C. Gowans exhorted church on 6th and 20th; Roy Acland preached at all other services. Month culminated in Temple Day offering on 26th, when a thanksgiving service brought it to a close; £60 has so far been received. Following that service Mr. and Mrs. Roy Acland were farewelled on eve of their departure for Mayfield, where he began his ministry on July 4. N. D. Morris, past president of conference, represented conference executive; Mr. Archbold, Methodist minister, spoke on behalf of Mosman Ministers' Fraternal; leaders of auxiliaries also expressed appreciation of Mr. and Mrs. Acland. The chairman, J. L. Stimson, pointed out two unique features: (1) Mr. Acland had completed a second ministry of four years at Mosman, he having been farewelled 13 years ago after six years' service. (2) G. E. Burns, who had ministered during intervening nine years at Mosman, will return for a second period in September. Mr. and Mrs. Acland were presented with a mantel model radio received as a token of esteem and remembrance; they each suitably responded. Mr. Acland preached farewell sermons to church on 27th. Arrangements have been made for Roy Greenhalgh to conduct gospel services for July and Stuart Stevens during August.

Victoria

Kaniva.—A record overseas mission offering was received on July 4 — £342. At 11, C. M. Wheaton gave address on visitation evangelism. 66 were present. At 7, Mr. Combridge preached; 33 were present. On July 6, first of a series of group discussions of personal evangelism was held under leadership of Mr. Combridge. At Y.P.S.C.E. on July 1 two new members were welcomed; 17 were present. Mr. Combridge gave consecration address.

Surrey Hills.—Church regrets passing of aged Mr. Marshall after many years of faithful witness. To his family church extends sincere sympathy. Attendances at Bible school and at morning and evening services continue to increase. An interesting programme for year has been arranged for newly-formed Men's Club, which meets on alternate Wednesday evenings. Membership of Explorer Club exceeds 50. Percentage of attendances is very high. On evening of June 27, Mr. D. Robertson, of Ormond College, outlined work of Student Christian Movement.

Thornbury.—Church rejoiced in experience of visitation evangelism, under leadership of W. A. Wigney, of East Kew. Ten decisions were recorded to June 27. Three week-night meetings were held, and proved an inspiration. On July 4, 126 broke bread for day. Three were received into membership in morning. There were two baptisms at night, and two young men made decision for Christ. Appreciation of services of W. A. Wigney and of East Kew church for making him available for the campaign, was expressed by F. N. Lee at close of campaign on July 1.

South Richmond.—Eleventh anniversary of combined Women's Sunshine Circle and Mission band, held on afternoon of June 29, had 60 present. Mrs. Jeffery gave an interesting travel talk on her trip to Buffalo, U.S.A. Soloist was Mrs. Randall. Fifty sat to afternoon tea. Mr. Payne voiced thanks of all to speaker, soloist and Social Committee under leadership of Mrs. Cantwell.

Malvern-Caulfield.—Preacher for month of July will be E. L. Williams. C. Cole, the minister, has been able to attend church service, but is still unwell. C. L. Lang, of Hampton, spoke on morning of July 11, outlining plans of "Crusade for a Christian World." A new member was initiated at last Phi Beta Phi meeting. Midweek prayer meeting on July 6 was taken by P.B.P., each girl present taking part.

Collingwood.—Good attendances have been maintained, but sickness has kept many away. Church is enjoying Mr. Cook's services and fellowship. On morning of July 11, Mr. Chipperfield, from Richmond, presided at morning service. Church was grieved at passing of Mrs. Hanger, one of the earliest members, and sympathy has been extended to loved ones. Sunday morning school has been keeping good attendance. Girls' club and boys' club have also had good attendance.

Springvale.—J. K. Bond continues to give inspiring addresses at all services. Mr. Seymour, who made his decision at Hinrichsen mission, has been welcomed into fellowship. On June 20 there was one decision at evening service. On June 27 one young man re-consecrated himself. Offerings for last three months have averaged over £11 per week. Overseas offering for day (July 4) was £47/11/-. Mr. Anderson, from Bentleigh, gave a fine address illustrated with films.

Cheltenham.—In preparation for visitation evangelism week, T. Hagger instructed visitors on July 8. He addressed church on July 11. After service ladies of church supplied dinner for visitors, and then a second instruction class was held under Mr. Hagger. Eleven members have been set aside for this task, visitation being planned for July 13, 14 and 15. Church regrets passing of Miss J. Butler, and sympathy is extended to loved ones. Mrs. A. E. Huntley has been added to Bible school staff.

Melbourne (Swanston-st.).—Despite restricted transport, there was a good congregation on July 4 for the first of K. A. Macnaughtan's new series of Sunday evening addresses on "Back to the Bible" truth. Overseas offering so far has reached over £34. Dorcas Society members are busy on preparation of parcels for Britain and Europe. Meetings of Central Christian Fellowship, with study group at 4.30, are being well attended, and K. A. Macnaughtan's talks on the Holy Spirit have proved of great instructional value.

Warracknabeal.—Morning meetings increased in number during month. On June 20 Mary Earl and Pat Wills were welcomed into fellowship. W. Gale was with church on June 27. Mr. Barnett, who returned home for a short while, has found it necessary to return to hospital. A. V. Parsons has been confined to bed for past fortnight. Ladies' Aid members packed five food parcels for Britain, and held a successful afternoon in home of Mrs. Parr. Boys' Explorer club and girls' Good Companions club are increasing in numbers.

Brunswick.—Special speakers during May provided great uplift and inspiration. Theme, "Christ is the Answer to All Our Problems," was expounded capably at successive gospel services by B. F. Huntsman, L. A. Trezise, Mrs. Gillam and W. Atkin. Sincere thanks are extended to these helpers. Two young people were added to membership by baptism during June (Joyce Crowthers and Violet Robinson). Church regrets passing of Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Elliot, and W. Thompson, in recent weeks. The preacher, Mr. Vautier, and his wife are again without housing, and a concerted effort is to be made to find suitable accommodation.

Footscray.—On June 27 Mr. Burns (College of Bible) gave a splendid address at 11 a.m. Attendances at both meetings are still very good. On July 4 Mr. Hurren gave address at men's meeting. Visitation to scholars of Sunday school by Mr. and Mrs. Hurren and Mrs. Carter has brought attendances up to 100. L. Howarth is still in St. Vincent's Hospital. K.S.P. and church wish him a speedy recovery.

Echuca.—Attendances dropped a little during June, but the church has been heartened at giving of four young lives to the work of Christ, and two others have been added to church by restoration. Boys' club, youth fellowship and basketball team continue enthusiastically. Whilst Mr. Dudley was away preaching for foreign mission appeal, services were taken by Messrs. Dusing and Payne. A very happy afternoon was spent in home of Mrs. Rosendale, and £7 raised for auxiliary funds. Ladies are preparing for a sale of goods. Sympathy of church is felt for Mrs. Horne, who recently lost her mother (Mrs. Austin, of Hampton). An organ has been procured which is a great improvement on past one. Officers are still looking for a better one. A buyer has been found for the old one.

East Kew.—July 11 marked commencement of 25th anniversary of church. 167 past and present members crowded the family service at 11 a.m., when L. A. Trezise preached. Many visitors received hospitality at members' homes, and came again to afternoon and evening meetings. T. Fitzgerald held undivided attention of children and adults at afternoon meeting, at which children under baton of F. Elliott provided special choral items. Evening meeting was crowded to overflowing to hear singing of Miss Frances Cowper and Arthur Haskell, with Mac Sandland at piano. Past preacher F. A. Youens gave a challenging address. Foreign mission offering, aim of which was £25, amounted to over £60. Intermediate C.E. Society is being re-formed as from Sunday, July 11, under leadership of Lois Lempriere.

Carlton (Lygon-st.).—There have been good congregations at all services. R. M. Wilson's addresses and visitation are greatly appreciated. Mr. and Mrs. Sanders, from Mayfield, N.S.W., held fellowship with church on July 4. Mr. and Mrs. R. Enniss have been away for a well earned rest. Christian Men's Fellowship held an enjoyable social at home of Mr. and Mrs. Haddow on July 3, when a good sum was raised towards manse fund. Cottage prayer meetings held at homes of Mrs. Lee and Mrs. Magilton were well attended. At gospel service on July 4 Narda Twomey, Rex Banks and Reg. Darville were baptised, and received into fellowship on morning of July 11. Miss McLean was also received in by transfer from Ascot Vale. One of foundation members of Lygon-st. church, William Allemby, at the age of 95, passed to his reward on July 2, just five weeks after his wife was called home. Sympathy goes to bereaved.

Red Hill.—On June 19, Y.W.L. held a birthday party, Mrs. Tringham supplying a birthday cake. Twenty-one young worshippers received honor diplomas for satisfactory church attendance during year. Two special prizes were donated and presented for best behaviour. On June 20 N. Moore spoke in morning, also giving an address to Y.W.L. on their first Sunday anniversary. Young worshippers took part in service. Monthly food for Britain appeal amounted to £4/17/1. Several letters from brethren in England have been received. On June 27 N. Moore conducted morning and evening services. Students and faculty of College of Bible held retreat at Red Hill on June 30, a great day of fellowship being enjoyed. Mr. Matthias was speaker afternoon and evening. Y.P.S.C.E. society held a camp-

fire meeting on July 1. N. Moore spoke to a large congregation on July 4. Several visitors were present. Foreign mission collection to date is £20. Church held annual meeting on that day. Reports from all auxiliaries were encouraging. Officers of church are W. Torney, secretary; A. Greaves, treasurer; R. Holmes, V. Holmes, N. Brown, M. Wright, A. Salmon; Sunday school superintendent, L. Brown (re-elected). At a meeting of Sunday school teachers, it was decided that Ray Salmon be assistant superintendent.

Wangaratta.—Bible school held annual meeting in June to decide on work for new year and to elect officers. Several new scholars have been added. Ladies' Guild held anniversary on June 23, and enjoyed Mrs. Ploog's address as visiting speaker. Many other ladies from various churches in town were present, and an enjoyable afternoon tea was partaken of. Mr. and Mrs. Wakefield have entered fourth year of ministry with church. Lionel Dudley gave an interesting address on work overseas at evening service on June 13. Sick are progressing and returning home from hospital. Sisters Kershaw, J. Macintosh and Athol Jackel, and three scholars from school (Lyle Jackel, Mary Maurey and Roy Blandfold) are all home. Congratulations are extended to Reg. Mitchell and Miss M. Giblett on their marriage on June 6. Visitors during month were Mr. and Mrs. Ian Sproule, of Albury, N.S.W. Girls' club choir sang at gospel service on July 4. At close of meeting one of the number, Beryl Symmons, made the good confession.

Essendon.—At Ladies' Fellowship on June 29 Miss B. McKay gave her testimony and Miss A. Hitch showed interesting lantern slides on Japan. Both young ladies are going to Japan under direction of Central Japan Mission. On July 1 Ladies' Guild held "Curio and Sale of Gifts." Items were given by Mrs. Marr, Mrs. Semmens and Mrs. Aitken, Miss Pittman being accompanist. A beautifully decorated cake was cut by Mrs. Hainsworth, who celebrated her 80th birthday during week. Officers of church held an enjoyable social evening at home of Mr. and Mrs. Pearce on July 3. At conclusion of Mr. McIlhagger's evening address on July 4, two girls from Bible school decided for Christ. Free Day Kindergarten was officially opened by Mayor of Essendon on July 5. Appropriate speeches were given by Mrs. McIlhagger, Mrs. Ploog, Mrs. Cheal and Mrs. Bowman (directress). On July 8, Ladies' Mission Band, Ladies' Fellowship and P.B.P. club combined for quarterly devotional meeting; Mrs. Washfold gave an interesting talk. Mr. McCallum (Ascot Vale) presided at morning service on July 11. Men's tea was held; 25 men enjoyed an interesting lantern talk on Toc H by Mr. Holt. At commencement of evening service Mr. McIlhagger baptised six who recently decided for Christ. C. Ferguson sang a solo, choir an anthem. A collection was taken for "Food Appeal," £4/13/- being received. Mrs. Wakefield (Nth. Melb.) was welcomed into church at evening communion service. Miss J. Southwick is present at meetings after recent accident. Graeme Ferguson is home from hospital. Sickness prevails among members. Those laid aside include Mrs. Glover, Mrs. Hambridge, Mrs. Alloway and Mr. Withers.

COMING EVENTS

JULY 21 (Wednesday).—Victorian General Dorcas will meet in Swanston-st. lecture hall from 10.30 a.m. till 4 p.m. Any sister interested in this work is invited to attend.

SWANSTON STREET
(opp. Public Library).

SUNDAY, JULY 18.

11 a.m., "Getting Ready for the Crowning Day."
4.30 p.m., Study Circle, "The Holy Spirit."
5.15 p.m., Fellowship Tea.
7 p.m., "Is the Jew the Curse of the Nations?"
Preacher, R. A. Macnaughtan.

Visual Aids

★With Motion-Picture and Still Projector Equipment once more available, churches are asking "What, Where and How?" Here are some of the answers.

WHEREVER ministers, church workers and teachers meet in conference, they are asking the question, "What are you doing with visual aids?"

For some years now the widespread expansion of Christian teaching and worship programmes have anticipated a ready supply of equipment and suitable visual materials. But a considerable number of ministers and teachers, convinced of the necessity to use the most effective methods of teaching, have hesitated to instal projectors, whether still or motion-picture, until a continuous supply of acceptable visual material was assured. Now with the availability of machines and the promise of top-quality films, churches from all denominations throughout Australia are devoting time, effort and funds for programming with visual aids. The fact is that with an intelligent and properly directed use of visual aids, religious education — and worship too — may make its greatest progress in a century.

No Substitute for Orthodox Worship

Few indeed question any longer the role of such aids. The attempt to use pictures to attract crowds and as the last resort of a failing ministry to fill pews, is a fundamentally different proposition from the use of visual aids for religious teaching. Motion pictures are only one form of visual material, and the screen is not a substitute for the recognised and orthodox forms of worship. The projector does not take the place of the minister, but places in his hands and in the hands of the evangelist and teacher an instrument that will strengthen each in the discharge of his high task.

Three Basic Steps

So "What, how, how much and where?" In general three basic steps should be followed, whether the projected materials are for use in religious education, as a stimulus for discussion groups, or as part of the service of worship.

The first of these steps is to learn what materials are available. The second is to correlate these materials with the individual church's programme. The third is to present them in such manner as to attain maximum effectiveness.

Begin by making an inventory of filmstrips, slides and 16mm films, sound and silent, that are available on free-loan or hire basis, or for out-right purchase. Enquire from the Home and Overseas Mission Departments, the Youth organisations in the church in each State. Write to the secretaries of the various missionary societies, to the British and Foreign Bible Society Auxiliaries in the various States, to the Auxiliaries of the Australian Religious Film Society or the main office of the Society at 156 Collins-st., Melbourne. Some of these have good visual material of their own work and a few are producing good publicity films that will certainly be acceptable to the average church group.

Another source is of course the commercial makers of 2 in. x 2 in. slides, filmstrips and motion-pictures. From their catalogues it is possible to select suitable material for almost any programme.

Your inventory of suitable materials for church work is essential but must not be an end in itself. The second step is to prepare a church programme in which the visual materials are correlated with the Sunday school's standard curriculum; the work of discussion groups and with the worship service. This necessitates

a careful evaluation of slides, filmstrips and films and their integration into the over-all programme.

Filmstrips or Motion Pictures?

Shall you purchase a filmstrip (still) projector, or invest in a motion picture machine? For the uninitiated the choice is solely one of expense. But there are more serious reasons for choosing carefully. Still films, slides or filmstrips, illustrate the spoken word whether in Sunday school lessons, sermon or lecture; they are never shown by themselves and are not designed normally to tell their own story. Still pictures may be "held" on the screen at will and so provide the teacher with added opportunity to stress particular points. The composition of slides may be changed to suit the particular needs of groups or occasions. Still projectors are comparatively cheap and visual material used with them is increasingly plentiful, they have a wide variety and the cost is within range of schools with limited resources. The effectiveness of still films depends more upon the lesson being carefully taught and intelligently presented, than upon the picture itself. Every congregation should own a still film projector.

Motion picture films tell their own story and depend for their effectiveness largely on the quality and suitability of the picture and dialogue or commentary that is part of the film itself.

A Combination is Best

A combination of still and motion pictures is of course the most effective method of all. For instance, a motion picture of life during Biblical days in Palestine will give a Sunday school or church the vitally interesting background material leading to a new appreciation of the Bible. A filmstrip will present particular stories and lessons; for instance — the story of the journey to Bethlehem and the birth of Christ.

Training Class a Necessity

Whether you use still or motion pictures, the successful teacher should preview them first. The teachers' training class becomes more necessary, and regular attendance essential. The alternative to previewing, and only a second choice at best, is careful study of a detailed guide, prepared by the producer or church magazine or graded lessons' editors. Commentary must always be planned. To think that any visual aid can do a complete teaching job by itself is to make a grave error. Visual materials do not perform miracles. They represent resources of time, talent and training in production; they are the product of sound exegesis, extensive research and technical skill, but they are intended to strengthen and help the minister or teacher, but never to take his place.

Australian Religious Film Society

The Australian Religious Film Society operates the only comprehensive hiring library of religious films in Australia. These films can be hired by any congregation or individual who pays £1/1/- annual membership and is accepted by the society as a member. Air freight guarantees your programme. Separate libraries are now established in Perth, Hobart, Adelaide and Melbourne. On February 1, 1948, there were 150 churches using 16mm picture films regularly every Sunday throughout Australia. On March 1 the number had increased to 178, on April 1 to 215 and on May 1 to 240. With the availability of more projectors the number of users will very greatly increase. This society also provides an excellent service of advice and suggestions to all churches with problems concerning the use of visual aids.

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WATSON (Mallett).—On June 19, at Nooralie, Ormond, to Beryl and Ray—a daughter (Joan Marie). Both well.

IN MEMORIAM

DOWNING.—In loving memory of my dear brother William, who passed away on July 16, 1945.

And with the morn those angel faces smile,
Which I have loved long since and lost awhile.
—Inserted by his loving sister Rose.

EMMETT.—In fondest memory of our dear one, Geoff, presumed to have lost his life, July 12, 1943. "Until he come."

—Inserted by Kit and little Margaret.

GARTH (on active service).—In loving memory of Ralph, VX16588, accidentally killed M.E., July 12, 1940.

"So long thy power hath blessed me, sure it still

Will lead me on
O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till
The night is gone,
And with the morn those angel faces smile
Which I have loved long since, and lost
awhile."

—Mother, father, sisters, brothers and families.

HOLLAND.—In loving memory of Grey, dear Christian friend of L. Robertson, passed away suddenly on July 13, 1945.

"Forever with the Lord." Sadly missed.

SMITH.—Loving memories of my dear wife Margaret, who was called home on July 16, 1946.

Grief passes, but she who died must remain forever a splendid memory.

—A. Smith.

STREADER.—In loving memory of our dear parents—father, called home June 21, 1912; mother, July 15, 1942. "Forever with the Lord."

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Obituary

Mrs. C. W. Brown

AFTER a lingering illness, the church at Camwell, Vic., has lost a faithful member of more than twenty years standing. It was over forty years ago that Mrs. Brown as a young girl gave her heart to Christ. For more than twenty years she was associated with the Baptist Church. Sunday school, Christian Endeavor and Mission Band activities commanded her interest and support. At the time of her decease she was vice-president of the local branch of the Sudan United Mission. Mrs. Brown had a deep interest in everything relating to the welfare of people. Needy and troubled hearts constantly engaged her interest and attention. In this she often revealed a self-sacrificing spirit. Her heart of kindness extended to children, and many of them considered her to be their kind friend. She performed many unobtrusive acts of generosity, never seeking recompense or renown. She loved flowers, good books and gems of poetry. Above all she loved God's word, and delighted in reading and discussing its message. Right to the end of the road she maintained a firm faith in her Lord and in those promises that are so rich toward us in Christ Jesus. The sympathy of the church has been extended to her family, and especially to C. W. Brown, a faithful member and deacon of this congregation.—W.F.N.

Miss Lydia Huntsman

MISS LYDIA HUNTSMAN, for many years a faithful member of the Swanston-st. church, Melbourne, received her home-call on June 8 and was laid to rest the following Tuesday in Melbourne General Cemetery. Our sister was baptised in her girlhood at Prahran chapel, her parents having moved from North Fitzroy to Malvern, where they became foundation members of a church of Christ which then met in Malvern Town Hall. Later, however, Miss Huntsman united with Swanston-st. church, in which she has given many years of quiet and faithful service. The funeral services in the home and at the graveside were conducted by the Swanston-st. preacher, with whom was associated Mr. Coventry, preacher of Carnegie church. To the bereaved relatives, some of whom are widely known members of the brotherhood, sincere sympathy is extended by Swanston-st. assembly, especially to her sister and our fellow-member, Miss Elsie Huntsman. We commend her to the God of all comfort with the assurance that, for a child of God, to be absent from the body is to be at home with the Lord.—K.A.M.

A. Tomkins

ON Wednesday, May 19, A. Tomkins, of the church at Croydon, S.A., fell asleep in Jesus, after a long and trying sickness, at the age of 76. He was baptised in Hindmarsh by E. J. Paternoster in May, 1922, and from then on his loyalty to Christ and the church was an example to all. Both before and after his baptism he took a great interest in the welfare of the young men at Hindmarsh, especially in the field of sport. In his younger days he took part personally in their football and cricket matches. In 1921 he captained the cricket eleven. Our brother transferred to the church at Croydon over twenty years ago after the death of his first wife and his marriage to Mrs. Moyse, widow of the late A. Moyse. Throughout the years since he did what he could to extend the kingdom of God at Croydon. Nine years of painstaking service were given as treasurer of the church. Outside his church activities Mr. Tomkins worked untiringly in the interests of Hindmarsh Municipal Band. Many were added to the membership of that body as a result of his efforts. His remains were laid to rest in Hindmarsh Cemetery. F. G. Banks conducted the service. He leaves a widow, two sons and a daughter, and four

stepsons and a stepdaughter, to mourn his loss. They all are members of the church, and have the comfort of knowing their dear one is resting from his labors and released from his sufferings, and that one day a joyful reunion will come.—W. N. Bartlett.

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