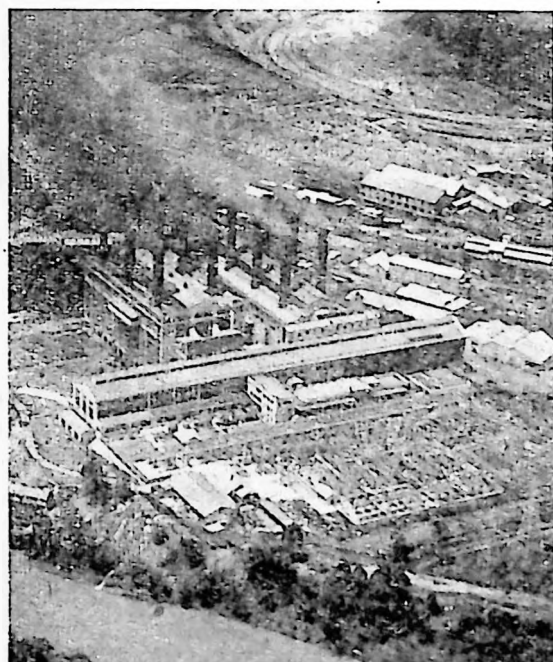
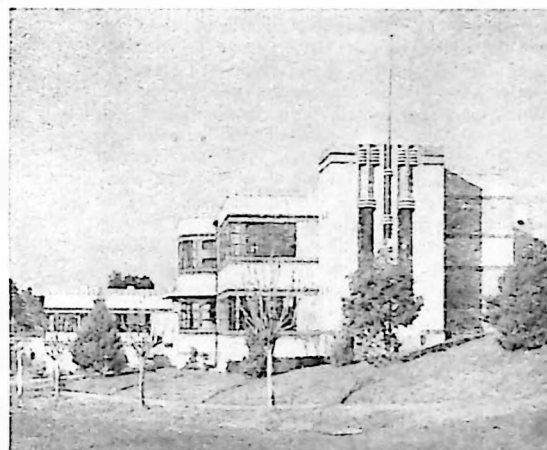
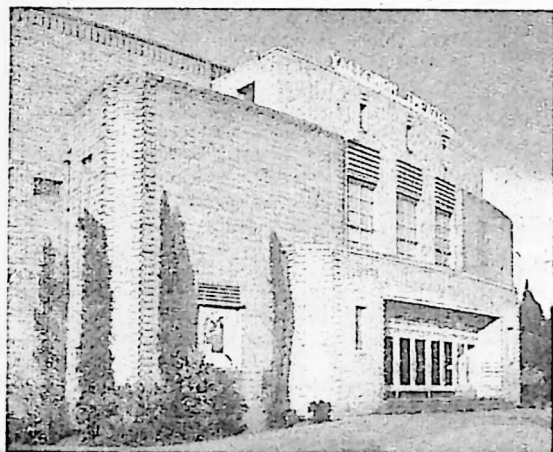


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## Expanding Opportunities in Gippsland



### A Future Birmingham

*Within the large area of land east of Melbourne, known as Gippsland, there are 80,000 people. Because this region possesses vast resources it is destined to be the Birmingham of Victoria.*

### Responsibility for the Church

*Two pictures above give some idea of the public buildings being erected at Yallourn. The aerial view at the left is of the great electric power station at Yallourn. Other Gippsland centres are growing. What can the church do to minister to the needs of this growing population?*

# World Seeks Christian News and Facts

## GERMANY

### Meeting of Christian Journalists

"CHRISTIANITY and world publicity" was the leading theme of the meeting of Christian journalists, who met in Goslar from May 9 to 22, at the invitation of the Association of Evangelical Authors and Journalists. One of the chief aims of this association is to arrange a new exchange of opinions and experiences with Christian journalists from abroad. The conference was characterised by the participation of guests from Denmark, Switzerland, France, England and the United States. The World Council of Churches was represented by Dr. Frederick E. Reissig, public relations officer for the assembly at Amsterdam.

Pastor Menn, head of the Ecumenical Centre in Frankfurt, gave a report at this conference, describing the spiritual concerns which are to be discussed at the assembly. Dr. Reissig spoke about the preparations for Amsterdam through publicity in the press, cinema and wireless. The practical discussion which followed was led by Dr. F. Lupsen, of the "Evangelical Press Service" at Bethel-Bielefeld, who will also attend the assembly at Amsterdam.

In addition to the official lectures, the ensuing discussions and the personal contact between the delegates, a number of practical decisions were taken at conference. These decisions were concerned with international co-operation in the exchange of press information and important literature, and the invitation and sending of delegates to similar conferences for ecumenical co-operation. The question of an international exchange of young Christian editors was also discussed. Within the Association of Evangelical Authors and Journalists itself, the questions connected with increasing the circulation of the evangelical press were urgently discussed. An Institute of Research for Publicity has been opened in Gottingen, which will be supported by the Association of Evangelical Authors and Journalists and by the Evangelical Press Association for Germany.

## SCOTLAND

### Council Meeting of the United Bible Societies

THE council meeting of the United Bible Societies was held at Dunblane, Scotland, from June 1-5, with Bishop Berggrav in the chair. Sixteen of the seventeen National Bible Societies who are members of the United Bible Societies were represented at the conference and two new members were accepted: the Federation of Swiss Bible Societies, represented by Pastors Rudolf Vollenweider and Hermann Witschi from Basle and the Federation of Evangelical Bible Societies in Germany represented by Pastor Bode of Hanover and Dr. Martin Niemöller.

The agenda included a review of world needs. The representatives of India, China, South America and Germany were called upon to give an account of the conditions and needs of their respective countries.

The Bible Societies hope to be able to produce from 20 to 25 million copies of the scriptures in the course of the present year. But this production figure is far from covering the needs expressed.

Several resolutions were adopted as a result of the various reports presented to the council on the problems of adult education, the translation of the scriptures, freedom to distribute the Bible, and the organisation and activity of the United Bible Societies.

The council resolved to publish a quarterly "United Bible Societies Bulletin," which will include sections dealing with all the problems of interest to the Bible Societies, particularly the questions of translation, literacy and home propaganda of the Bible Societies.

## PALESTINE

### Jerusalem Building Housing Women, Children and Refugees

ARRANGEMENTS have just been completed between the International Red Cross and the Y.M.C.A. for the use of the splendidly equipped Jerusalem Y.M.C.A. building as part of a scheme for the housing of women and children and of refugees during the present crisis in Palestine.

To make this possible, the Church of the Brethren, the Society of Friends, the Mennonites and the International Committee of the Y.M.C.A.'s of the United States and Canada have offered financial help to the extent of \$60,000 for six months' emergency operation.

Alvah L. Miller, for 15 years general secretary of the Jerusalem Y.M.C.A., has remained in Jerusalem. He and his staff have been asked to undertake responsibility for organising this important relief undertaking under the general leadership of the International Red Cross in Jerusalem.

### Vatican's Official Pronouncement on Participation in Ecumenical Meetings

THE Supreme Sacred Congregation of the Holy Office of which the Pope is the Prefect has issued a "warning" which appears in Latin in the "Osservatore Romano" on June 6, 1948.

"Since it appears that in various places, contrary to the prescriptions of the Sacred Canons and without previous permission of the Holy See, mixed meetings have been held of non-Catholics with Catholics, in which matters of faith have been dealt with, all are reminded of the norm of canon 1325, section 3, that it is forbidden to take part in such meetings whether for laymen or priests belonging to the secular clergy or religious orders, without previous authorisation. It is even much less permissible for Catholics to call and organise such meetings. Therefore the diocesan bishops should urge that these prescriptions be observed strictly by all.

"These prescriptions must be observed even more strictly when meetings which are called 'ecumenical' are concerned, in which Catholics, laymen or priests, cannot participate in any way without the previous permission of the Holy See. Since even, both in the aforementioned meetings and outside these meetings, common acts of worship have quite often been arranged, all are warned once more that any communion in sacred matters is altogether forbidden according to the norm of canon 1258 and 731, section 2. Given in Rome, at the Holy Office, June 5, 1948."

E.P.S. Editorial Comment.—The importance of this declaration will be clear to all who have followed ecumenical developments. Just as the beginnings of ecumenical activities in

the conferences at Stockholm and Lausanne became the occasion for the Encyclica "Mortalius Animus," in 1928, so the intensification of ecumenical activity leading up to the Assembly of the World Council of Churches now becomes the occasion for an even more definite statement concerning the practical implications of the Roman Catholic attitude to Christian unity.

The immediate consequences would seem to be that the informal conferences and study groups between Roman Catholics and members of other confessions which have become customary in several countries will have to be discontinued and that Roman Catholics will not be allowed to participate as unofficial observers in meetings of the ecumenical movement, and that no other meetings between Roman Catholics and non-Roman Catholics can be held except those in which participation is explicitly authorised by the Vatican, and which have therefore a more or less official character.

## U.S.S.R.

### Interview with Patriarch Alexius

"LES NOUVELLES RUSSES," a weekly paper published in Paris, reproduces an interview (May 21) granted by Patriarch Alexius to a Reuter correspondent.

Concerning the relations between Church and State, the patriarch declared once again that the Russian Church enjoyed the benevolent support of the Soviet Government, which is following its activities "with close attention."

The patriarch then replied to a number of questions, the first being whether the church enjoyed complete freedom in organising its internal affairs. "Yes," replied Patriarch Alexius, "that is an inalienable right, which is widely used by the church."

"Can you say that religious freedom exists in Russia?"

"Religious freedom is guaranteed by the Soviet constitution."

"How many Christians are there in Russia? Have their numbers increased since the beginning of the war?"

"As the result of the separation of Church and State and of the granting of religious freedom, we have no lists of church members, as we used to have. A great deal has been written in the foreign press about the number of people who go to church and who fulfil their religious duties. I may add that the number of parishes has not decreased; on the contrary, it increases in proportion to the number of churches opened."

"What is your opinion of Stalin as head of the Soviet people?"

"In this form your question has nothing to do with the position of the church. The fact that Marshall Stalin is the outstanding chief of the Soviet people is known all over the world, not only by the friends but also by the enemies of the U.S.S.R. The only thing that can be added is that the church receives benevolent support from Stalin."

"Is there any conflict between the theory and practice of communism on the one hand and religious beliefs on the other?"

"This question is not clear. The Orthodox Church is not in conflict with anybody within the Soviet State."

"Has the Orthodox Church to-day sufficient Bibles and other liturgical books at its disposal?"

"The demand is being met to an increasing extent. We are planning to increase the publication of religious and liturgical books which are indispensable to the church and to Christians."

—Items from E.P.S., Geneva

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# BE LOYAL TO THE CHURCH

**C**HURCHES in South Australia are holding a "loyalty" month during August. Throughout that period emphasis will be placed upon the ideals of the Restoration Movement and the teachings of the New Testament church.

Why is there need for such a programme to be presented to churches during August? At one period of our history the teachings of the apostles were so emphasised, Sunday after Sunday, that most members knew just where they stood. Without much thought, they could give a ready reply to any who enquired of the faith within them. To those brethren it was knowledge of the truth in God's word, and not the emotionalism created by some passing religious enthusiast, which guided them in their Christian walk.

What has brought about this new situation which makes it needful for a month of special services in which loyalty to the New Testament church will be urged? Where do the elders and deacons of the churches stand regarding such fundamental facts? Are they aware of the departures which have been made from the ideals of the church of the New Testament over the centuries and the consequent divisions which have created so many different camps in the army of the Lord? Do they study the word of God and enquire whether they are giving a lead to Christian unity or helping to create another division within the church? Have they ever read the principles of Christian unity which Thomas Campbell set down in his "Declaration and Address"? When they are considering making a call to a brother to be the preacher of the church, do they take into account his degree of loyalty to the New Testament church, or are they influenced by factors entirely different? The conditions in a local church exist, in the last analysis, because of the type of leadership which church elders and deacons give. If we want loyal churches, let us have loyal church officers; men who know God's word and will not be moved by every wind of teaching. Let these men give the oversight to the local group of Christians which will ensure that only the truths of the New Testament are practised and taught. Where there are godly courage and sincere devotion in men, it is amazing what leadership they can give to the local church.

## II.

**P**REACHERS are responsible for the instruction and teaching given to church members. If we need a loyalty month now, what have we, as preachers, been teaching over the years? Have we turned away from the facts of the gospel and emphasised social teachings or the uncertain speculations of prophecy which entertain people who have itching ears? While giving ourselves over to these questions, have we left our main task incomplete? Had we been loyal teachers of the word, giving emphasis to the great teachings of Christ and the church of the New Testament, we would not have been called upon now to engage in a "loyalty" month: we should have been so faithful in our teaching and preaching, it would not have been necessary. If we have failed, we should mend our ways quickly and try to do better in the future.

## III.

**P**ERHAPS the reply will come "We have been loyal; we have been teaching the truth, and we have been doing our best." What, then, has happened? It may be pointed out that local churches, where loyal work has been done, have been called upon to compete with many groups which make it their aim, or seem to make it their aim, to draw people away from local congregations. As a consequence, the only firm tie a person has to a church is weakened, and individuals go flitting

about, like moths, from one place to another. While some of these groups may be inter-church fellowships and have a value up to a point, they may be dangerous when they intrude too much upon the local church. However, there are some organisations which offer fellowship on the basis of the lowest common denominator of church doctrine. Appealing to emotions and making religion a kind of semi-entertainment, they enter into competition with the more routine and solid services of the church. While the mere amusing and entertaining services of these inter-denominational groups can be provided at intervals, they cannot be sustained. Church services of the New Testament order must be maintained week after week, and solidity must characterise such meetings.

There are people who desire the church to be at hand when they want it or are in need, but who fail to give constant and regular support to the services, running away to any religious meeting or appointment when it may suit them. If such members would stop and ask, "What would happen to the local cause if every member did the same as I do?" we think many would not be so apt to neglect the church. If such members were loyal to the doctrines and ideals of the New Testament, they could not so readily neglect the church to support organisations which do not declare or maintain the full gospel and worship of the New Testament church.

To raise the standard of church life and to make an effective witness, we must have loyal elders and deacons, loyal preachers and loyal church members.



## Prime Minister's Request to Workers

**I**F a man will not work, neither ought he to eat. That was the principle which Paul established for the early Christians. Unless a community works, it cannot eat. Only by labor can we produce the necessities of life. Little can be secured without effort. Even the bounties of nature, such as air and water, are ours only if we breathe and drink. The soil must be worked if we are to secure corn, vegetables and fruits. There must be workers, if we are to live. Even if we are not all primary producers, we are ought to make some contribution to them, giving of our labor, whatever type it may be, to enable them produce the fruits of the earth. Not all labor is manual: the mental work of scientist, planner or statesman may enable the producer to fulfil his tasks readily and effectively. By ministering to the spiritual needs of workers, preachers are also making a valuable contribution to the national income. So long as each is doing his part and giving honest work for what he enjoys in material comforts, he may be considered a worker who ought to have the right to eat.

Those people who do not put forth honest effort or do not contribute in any way to the national income, apart from the aged and the infirmed, have no moral right to live off other men's efforts. Let all who can, work, so that all may eat and live as worthy citizens.

The mere production of money is not enough. Goods must be produced in greater quantities by all the community, if there is to be sufficient for all to eat, to clothe and to shelter. The Prime Minister's call for more honest effort on the part of all ought to be heeded. In so doing we will not only help ourselves, but also peoples in Great Britain and Europe.

# Future Birmingham of Victoria

THAT great area of country east of Melbourne, known as Gippsland, has changed vastly within forty years. Once, horse-drawn sledges made their way over its slimy mud-tracks, but now motor vehicles speed along hundreds of miles of highway and well-made gravel connecting roads. Large forests have given way to encroaching farms and rich dairy pastures. Some twenty towns, with populations from two to nine thousand, are making rapid progress, growing rich from wealth gathered from coal mining, dairying and timber industries.

Twenty-seven years ago Yallourn was made up of a few pioneers' homes, away in the bush. Now there are four thousand people settled in that well-planned centre, with Moe only five miles away, where many workers live. Morwell is destined to become a great industrial centre. New briquette factories are to be erected shortly, requiring 1,500 men. As new families move into the town, there will be corresponding growth in many directions. Between Warragul and Sale, the population has increased by 8000 within the last nine years, bringing the population of Gippsland to 82,000. There is no doubt that we are witnessing the beginnings of a new period of growth in a region destined, in the opinion of many, to become the Birmingham of Victoria. Where there is coal, there will be industries. Gippsland possesses the world's largest brown coal field, much of it lying within easy reach of open-cut operations.

Into this great region many thousands of people will move within the coming years. These men, women and children will need the church to go with them and to minister to their spiritual needs. In response to those urgent demands, the Victorian Home Mission Committee sought a preacher who could initiate a programme to meet the opportunities offered. Cecil Jackel responded to the invitation of the church at Warragul and the H.M. Committee. He is the only full-time preacher representing the Restoration Movement in the large population of 80,000. While at one period there were several churches, these were reduced to one at Berwick, another at Morwell, and the vigorous cause at Warragul. Within recent years Warragul has taken on new life, and considerable progress has been reported since Mr. Jackel settled there.

There is reason to believe that there are hundreds of members of churches of Christ scattered throughout Gippsland.

Mr. Jackel's task is to encourage these brethren to hold fast to the New Testament teachings and not to yield up the ideal of the Restoration Movement. Within his first year he has visited twenty towns and districts, covering 6000 miles. Despite this, Mr. Jackel feels he has only touched the fringe of a vast territory with its great opportunities.

## Needs of Gippsland

Throughout the years many members have moved into this area, and have become isolated from home churches. These faithful brethren need some encouragement, but are often overlooked when changes take place in the home church. If names of all members now living in Gippsland could be on a roll, notices of meetings likely to be held in their neighborhood could be sent to them. If readers have names of isolated brethren in any part of Gippsland, they would render a service if they notified the Victorian home mission office.

Mr. Jackel considers that a mobile unit, fitted with living amenities and carrying equipment to aid Bible instruction to children, etc., would be a valuable asset. While the purchase price

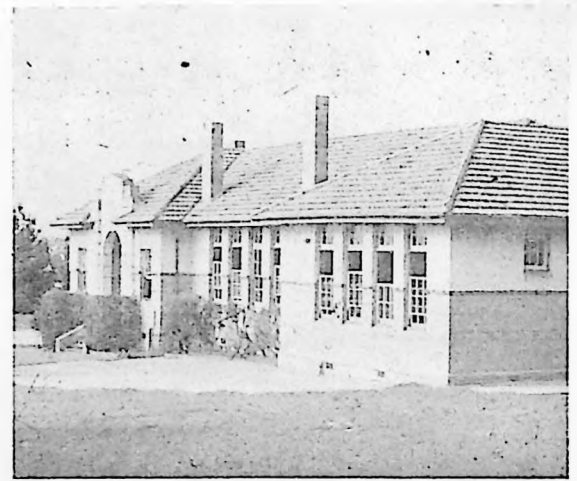
★ Opportunities and Needs of Gippsland are set out in this article—prepared for the Victorian M.H. Committee—based on information supplied by C. Jackel.

puts such a project beyond us for the immediate present, the day will come when such a unit will enable a visiting evangelist to contact many homes of isolated brethren.

By means of a duplicator news-sheets could be despatched regularly to brethren at distant points, keeping them in touch with the churches in Gippsland.

At Morwell there is need for plans to be fulfilled and land purchased for a chapel site. At present Mr. Jackel can make only occasional visits there. At Moe there is a young man who is free at week-ends and who is prepared to co-operate with Mr. Jackel and others, and to assist the church at Morwell. However, he needs a car to make travel more convenient. Now, at times, he rides a bicycle through the Haunted Hills, a distance, there and back, of 20 miles. Our brethren in the Warragul-Morwell area ask for the co-operative assistance of brethren in ways and means of securing a suitable car to help the brother serve the church regularly.

Mr. Jackel realises the magnitude of the task before him. He has set a vision



School, Yallourn, Vic.

before the Victorian brethren of what was to be achieved. Unless opportunities offering now are seized at once, we may be too late. We can do great things if the brotherhood will co-operate in prayer and in financial support. The call from Gippsland is urgent, just as the call is elsewhere. The Victorian H.M. Committee has made the first step toward the goal, but the brotherhood must be ready to co-operate if victory is to be achieved, and if churches are to be planted in Gippsland. Those who are able to give the information sought or render other help are asked to communicate with W. Gale, secretary, H.M. Committee, T. & G. Building, Collins-st., Melbourne.

## A Missionary Arrives

Miss Florence Kennedy, who left Australia in May, tells of her arrival on Aoba.

"MY first greetings to you in the name of Jesus Christ from this island of the seas, the land of my adoption for the Master's sake. It is four weeks since I actually left Sydney. The plane trip was excellent—to Noumea for the first night, and on to Vila and Santo on Saturday, arriving there about 3.30. There was no one there to meet me, and I felt very much like a stranger in a strange land. When

Mr. Finger eventually did arrive, bad seas held us up for a week. I had met a trader and his wife in Sydney, and they proved to be good friends to me in Santo. My first night there was a bit of a nightmare, my second one a little better, and after that, the 'Southern Cross,' the Anglican mission ship, came in and Mr. Finger came over on that to meet me. The seas were still bad, and we could not continue the journey to Aoba, so we stayed on the 'Southern Cross' and enjoyed their hospitality."

## ANNUAL OFFERING

UP to the time of writing, reports have only been received from Victoria and South Australia. Most churches reporting so far show an advance over last year, some of the amounts being outstanding.

## ANNUAL INCOME

THE annual statements prepared for Federal Conference show that whereas for the year 1946-47 we lived beyond our income, during the current year 1947-48 we not only lived within our income but made up the lost ground. Both years showed record incomes, but a decrease in expenditure for the current year, plus an increase in income, closed the year in a healthy position.

For the first time in our history, income exceeded £12,000 for general funds (approximately £12,900). Fuller reports and figures will appear shortly. This splendid giving encourages the board to go forward and carry out long-deferred plans. The cover page of "The Australian Christian," 13/7/48, showing the pictures of new missionaries, should inspire and encourage the brotherhood.

The board thank all for their practical sympathy and support.



Second Mission House, Nduindui, Aoba. Picture shows Mrs. Waterman's home (centre) and school buildings. An army hut has been brought over from Santo, and some of the materials will be used to add another room to the "ivee" house, so that Miss Kennedy can also share the home.

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## PROGRAMME FOR SEPTEMBER

Call to Worship.—

"I will sing of the lovingkindness of Jehovah forever; with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations."

Hymn.—Churches of Christ Hymnal, No. 209, "Stand up and bless the Lord."

Bible Reading.—Luke 10: 25-37.

Meditation.—"Who is My Neighbor?"

A lawyer asked Jesus a question about eternal life, and our Lord, understanding the motive behind the question, asked the man to bring his own knowledge of the law to remembrance in answering it. When he said, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind: and thy neighbor as thyself," Jesus told him he was right. "This do," he said, "and thou shalt live." It all seemed so simple when Jesus said it that the lawyer, wishing to justify himself, asked, "Who is my neighbor?"

Our Lord did not enter into a discussion about the matter, but he told a story of a man going down the robber-infested Jericho road, where he was robbed and wounded. Three men saw the stricken man, but they reacted in different ways.

One saw the needy man, but it was no concern of his. He passed by. Another saw him and stopped to look, and probably muttered, "Poor fellow," but his sympathy did not go far enough to helping the afflicted man. The third man saw him and was sensitive to his immediate needs. He gave up his own comfort and money to help the man back to health, and he also showed his willingness to help further if necessary.

Then Jesus put the question to the lawyer: "Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbor unto him that fell among the thieves?" When he replied: "He that showed mercy on him," Jesus said, "Go and do thou likewise." In his reply the lawyer unwittingly filled the idea of neighbor with content that "a neighbor is one who helps a man in need and anyone in need whom he can help."

Jane Addams, the noted American social worker, gave her life to serving others. When a small child she drove into Chicago with her father and passed through the poverty-stricken districts of the city. "I knew," she said, "that when I grew up I would have a large home. But it would not be among other large homes; it would be right in the midst of those dirty homes."

After visiting "Toynbee Hall" in London, the first of the world's great social settlements, she acquired an old mansion, and in 1889 opened "Hull House" in Chicago, a model settlement. Here immigrants learned the language and the customs of their new land. Here, too, they found one who was neighbor.

Albert Schweitzer has been a neighbor to many in Africa. With his great gifts of music and scholarship he could have said, "Poor fellows," and have passed by on the other side. Instead he studied medicine to be able to heal their bodies, and has spent years in bringing life to many of these otherwise doomed people.

Who is neighbor? "He that showed mercy on him." "Go and do thou likewise," said Jesus.

Prayer.—Only thou, almighty and loving Father, art secure in the knowledge of that which is to come, and we beseech thee to grant us the grace to follow thy commandments in ordering the routine of our daily lives. Help us to overcome the sinful desires and selfish nature and to turn our thoughts to thee and thine, toward the life everlasting rather than the things of to-day. Create in our hearts a spirit of love and charity toward those less fortunate in ability and possessions. Help us to understand the meaning of thy command to carry the gospel to all men. Forgive us our sins as we for-

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# Who is My Neighbor?



*The Good Samaritan.*

give those who trespass against us, and lead us to thee in greater service. We ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn.—No. 179, "Spirit of Truth, indwelling Light."

Business.

Home Base News.

Overseas Letter.

Prayer.

Solo.

Address.—"Christian Strategy in the South Pacific."

Hymn.—No. 608, "Sow in the morn thy seed."

Benediction.



## EXECUTIVE NOTES

### Western Australia

**W**OMEN'S Auxiliary held monthly meeting in Lake-st. hall on June 1 at 11 a.m. Claremont sisters led devotions under leadership of Mrs. Taylor. Collie sisters selected programme. Mrs. Smillie read opening prayer. Mrs. Kidd read Psalm 9, followed by a solo from Mrs. Smith. Mrs. Isaac sent a devotional paper which was read by Mrs. Mercer. Roll-call: 63 sisters present. President (Mrs. Humphrys) welcomed Mrs. Ellis from Kalgoorlie, who gave a greeting. Matron Taylor reported on "at home" at Ross Memorial Church. President and secretary accepted an invitation to a civic reception to meet Miss Helen Keller and Miss Polly Thomson; also to opening ceremony of new Royal Perth Hospital. Letters of sympathy have been sent to Mrs. Clay, of Bassendean; Mrs. Anderson (Fremantle); and Mrs. Holliday in their illnesses, also to Mrs. Whitham in her bereavement. Social afternoon on June 22 was successful. First half of programme was devoted to young married women, items of music being given by Maylands, Lake-st. and Subiaco groups. Second

half, "business and professional women in church," was led by speaker, Miss J. Robertson, of 6PR radio station, followed by discussion. Proceeds of afternoon were for "Guest Speaker Fund." On July 31, district rally at Subiaco commences at 11 a.m.

### Victoria

Mrs. Ploog, president, was in chair at July meeting, at which there was attendance of 97. Devotional period was led by Mrs. Cartmel. Welcome was extended to Mr. E. E. Watson, Baptist missionary from Bengal, who later addressed the meeting on "The Position of Women in India at the Present Time." A report of Women's Conference of Churches of Christ in Western India was read. It was decided to circularise all churches with regard to Welfare Fund which now went towards support of Miss Gill, of Youth Department. Mrs. Ploog reported on visits to Bendigo and Wangaratta, and Mrs. Washford reported having visited Albury, Dareton and Mildura. Reports were received from Missionary Department and Overseas Committee. Mrs. Ward, of Social Service Committee, reported response to appeal for clothing for Europe, and read a letter of thanks from Society of Friends through whom these goods were sent. Mention was made of passing of Mrs. Austin, of Hampton, and Mrs. Hanger, of Collingwood. Loved ones of these sisters were remembered in prayer.

### Queensland

Annual overseas mission rally at Albion on June 29 was attended by 68 sisters representing eight churches. Mrs. Hughson, representing United Aborigines Mission, gave a splendid address on work of mission among aborigines. Offering amounted to £14/19/-. Albion sisters provided and served luncheon. Devotions for monthly auxiliary meeting on July 2 were led by Mrs. Haines. Business session was presided over by Mrs. Haworth. A helpful address on "Life and Service" was given by Mrs. Freeman-Davies, president of Baptist Women's Union. £10/10/- has been forwarded to help relieve members in distress as a result of recent floods at Lismore.

### South Australia

Monthly meeting of Sisters' Auxiliary was held on July 1, with attendance of 73. Devotional session was presided over by Mrs. H. Brooker, who gave a helpful address. Mrs. Green presided over business session. A letter was received from Mrs. McQueen, resigning from her position as secretary. Mrs. Charlick was appointed acting-secretary until conference and Mrs. Trowbridge assistant. Mrs. Verco stated £170/18/9 had been given for home missions over past year. Mrs. Trowbridge reported three meetings for overseas committee. 190 visits were paid by Hospital Committee to hospitals and institutions. Mrs. Green thanked Mrs. Thomas for her work over 14 years she has been superintendent, and offered congratulations of auxiliary on occasion of her 80th birthday. Temperance and Dorcas Committees reported good work done. Prayer Meeting Committee paid five visits to "shut-ins." Mrs. Whitwell (Mile End), Mrs. Lomas (Colonel Light Gardens) and Mrs. Paddick (Unley) had received the home-call. Miss Leedham led in prayer for bereaved.

### New South Wales

An all-day meeting was held on July 2, when reports of committees were given and discussion followed. 112 were present at morning session, when Mrs. Evan Lewis opened meeting with a devotional meditation. Mrs. Greenhalgh presided at both sessions. Morning meeting was considered so successful that it was decided in future to meet at 11 a.m. instead of 1.30 p.m., different societies to take it in turn to provide and serve cup of tea at 1 p.m. Opportunity was taken to wish Mrs. Acland, past president, a happy time in her new home at Mayfield, Newcastle.

# From the East and West of Australia

## Norseman Mission Has Electricity

**F**OLLOWING quickly after the installation of electricity at Carnarvon, the Federal Aborigines Mission Board was able to operate plans for the installation of a diesel-electric set at Norseman.

Some twelve months ago Victorian sisters donated £100 towards this project. The board already had at the mission a 5-6 h.p. Crossley diesel engine of the latest type. This engine was taken over with much other equipment



*Workshop, Garage and Power House.*

when the settler's lease was originally bought out.

Our electricians have for months been searching for the right electric dynamo. We were not prepared to pay extortionate prices, but waited until the right unit became available. Its conversion and fitting were completed in Perth, and we were able to arrange with an employee of one of our competent electrical men to spend three weeks at Norseman undertaking the installation. Incidentally this young man, who also installed Roelands mission electrical plant, was greatly impressed with the mission and its work, gladly giving a hand with many of the duties in odd moments.

Meanwhile, during the preparations, Edgar Park erected, almost single handed, a large building 32 ft. x 30 ft., which was purchased two years ago with a gift—from one of our West Australian brethren, dismantled by the eastern wheatbelt brethren and railed to Norseman. A carpenter should have been on the job, but being delayed, the work went through to completion with the assistance of only two native men who hardly knew how to use a hammer. There are still a few finishing touches to the roof capping and a coat of paint is required; but this building, housing the electric plant in one corner, is substantial protection for our utility, workshop, storage, etc., and driven from the engine on the outside of the building is a circular saw.

The equipment provides 40 lights and 8 power points. The generator pleasingly passed very heavy tests, and is capable of all the loading we are likely to need for some years to come. If requiring heavier loading than at present, we could easily put a larger engine on to the same generator.

With the £100 available from the Victorian women and the engine already purchased, the board will not need to call very much on general funds to completely pay for this equipment.

It has been the board's policy all along not to go into debt for its capital expenditure, and to keep the running expenses of both missions within the income.

Carnarvon's electrical unit, reported in "The Australian Christian" of June 22, is working

splendidly. A few adjustments to the engine have brought complete satisfaction in its operations.

We wish to correct a mistaken statement. The £94 from Victoria was given by the Victorian Christian Endeavor Societies, and we express the brotherhood appreciation to all those who organised and contributed to this substantial gift. The balance required to clear the cost of the plant is £380/10/-.

The board has much pleasure in advising that on its invitation the trustees of the Campbell Edwards Trust have undertaken to share, by providing pound for pound up to half this amount if the Australian Brotherhood will provide the other half. That is to say, they will give £190/5/- and the brotherhood must be responsible to give the other £190/5/-. They have sent their first £50. The board, therefore, in expressing appreciation of this substantial assistance, invites brotherhood contributions for the early clearing of this amount. Donors are asked to forward amounts to the honorary secretary, A. M. Bell, 90 Guildford-rd., Mt. Lawley, West Australia.

In view of the substantial amount of voluntary labor and other gifts that have been made to establish the Carnarvon mission, we trust that the brotherhood will quickly respond to this further opportunity.

Please allow us to quote a letter received yesterday from the Commissioner of Native Affairs:

"The photo, which you so kindly presented to me last week showing the progress that has been made with the buildings at the Carnarvon native mission has been seen by the Hon. Minister for Native Affairs, who has expressed the view that the advance made is a tribute to the enterprise and energy of the mission authorities.

"Please permit me to congratulate the members of your board and also the mission staff in the field, for I am well aware of the untold difficulties and personal privations associated with such an effort. I sincerely hope that the same success will attend the efforts of Mr. and Mrs. Reeson upon taking over the duties and responsibilities of Mr. and Mrs. Hammer.

"I was extremely sorry to learn of the transfer of Mr. and Mrs. Hammer to other fields of mission activity, but it is pleasing at least to know that our association will not be entirely broken."

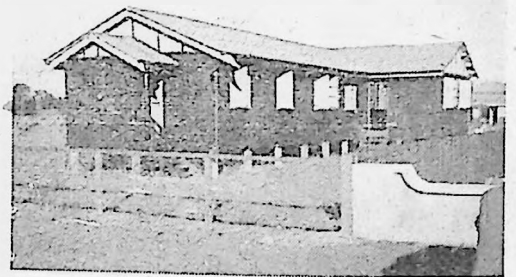


## New Chapel and Hall at Thabeban, Queensland

**T**HABEBAN is a rapidly-growing suburb situated two miles south from the centre of the city of Bundaberg. Many new homes are in course of construction, and provision is made for churches and other public institutions. It is highly commendable that our chapel is the first one to be completed, and that it occupies a strategic position on a main thoroughfare known as Sims-rd. As a suburban work it will receive the oversight of the parent church in the city. Not far distant from our own chapel the C. of E. and the R.C. communions are also erecting chapels. The city water supply and electric current are reticulated throughout this area, and both amenities are connected to our chapel.

Sunday school work in this locality was commenced as long as 20 years ago for the benefit of the children unable to attend the city schools. Classes were conducted by various brethren in the local State school, among these being Messrs. V. Cedargreen and A. DeOberitz. The former superintended the school for some years until compelled to resign owing to the serious illness of his wife. Commenting on the fine structure on the day of opening, Mr. Cedargreen said: "It is a dream come true." The work at present has the oversight of V. S. Dallinger, minister at Bundaberg. The school has an enrolment of 30 scholars. Church services which could not previously be held in a public place will now also be held; there being sufficient members living in the vicinity to form a strong nucleus.

The present chapel and Sunday school hall is a converted R.A.A.F. hut (80 ft. long x 18 ft. 6 in. wide), which was cut in halves, and moved bodily to the present site, and erected in a "T" position. Each building is 40 ft. x 18 ft. 6 in., and the workmanship is a credit to the contractor W. Proudley and his men. Originally the exterior walls were of corrugated iron, but this was exchanged by the builder for hardwood weatherboards. While the hall is, for the present time at least, left unceiled and unlined, the chapel is lined with oak panelling and ceiled with designed fibro-cement sheeting, and has a very neat and attractive appearance. The platform extends across the chapel and is covered with lino.; the platform furniture is tastefully arranged and new pews have been installed. The total cost of this fine brotherhood property amounted to only £575. The "League of 500" contributed £200 as a gift, J. Wissman generously purchased the allotment, costing £45, and the money collected locally for the original project at Goodwood amounting to £50 was also donated. These amounts, together with offerings on the day of opening, leave approximately £250 still to be paid. It is estimated that the buildings



*Chapel and School Hall, Thabeban, Qld.*

would have cost at least three times as much to erect had new materials been used.

It was the writer's privilege and honor to accept the invitation of the deacons of the church at Bundaberg to be present and to officially open the buildings to the honor and glory of God, and to represent the "League of 500," under whose direction the project was made possible. This was an especial honor, because this was the first new cause to be opened in Queensland for many years. The Mayor and Mayoress of Bundaberg (Ald. F. H. and Mrs. Buss) also attended, the Mayor offering congratulations to the church on its vision and initiative and wishing the new work God's richest blessing, in which I feel the whole brotherhood will join.—V. G. Boettcher, hon. secretary-organiser, "League of 500."

# Here and There

J. Machin sent following from South Perth, W.A., July 25: "Hinrichsen-Machin mission had crowded meeting; six confessions; thirty-one to date."

At Carnegie, Vic., on Sunday evening of 25th, five young people responded to gospel appeal presented by R. Coventry, making twenty confessions and five restorations since visitation campaign began.

Frank Broussard, of Balwyn church, Vic., paid appreciated visits to College of the Bible on two Saturdays recently, and with his saw-bench equipment cut up a big stack of timber. This generous gift of time and free use of equipment are very gratefully acknowledged by college students and board.

Victorian churches are commencing a Christian crusade on August 1. This is planned to last two years. Each local church has been set objectives; these have been set out on a chart. S. Neighbour will now give his full time to this task, encouraging churches in their efforts to reach their goals. Activities of Social Service Department will be featured in our next issue.

Towards the required £1600 for X-ray plant for Dhond Hospital, India, A. Anderson reports that donations total £577, and plus Campbell-Edwards Trust first grant of £250, equals £827. The additional amount promised by the trust (£250) brings the total to date £1077. States have advised that further amounts have been received, but these totals will be insufficient to bring in the required amount. Meanwhile the appeal will remain open.

At Inglewood, W.A., there have recently been six added to the church—four by baptism and two by letter—Mrs. Wortlehoek (nee Miss Gwen Wells) and Peter Miller. The 22nd church anniversary on July 18 was held on very date of commencement of church. Services on Lord's day, well attended, were followed by a special social on 22nd, when the 17 received as new members during year were guests of church. Mr. Raymond concluded his first year as preacher on June 27. Overseas offering was £22/3/-, an improvement on last year. Mr. and Mrs. Greenwood, occupying manse, are in membership with church.

Recent morning speakers at Subiaco, W.A., have included F. J. Stephenson, J. W. Gordon, I. W. Nixon. Young Women's Fellowship held delightful musical afternoon on July 1. Preparations are well in hand for visitation evangelism campaign. Three cottage meetings were held on July 8, and in three other homes on July 22. Thirty-four pupils from Bible school sat for scripture examination. School is preparing a jubilee anniversary. A debate, "Modern Inventions and Human Happiness," was held at Girls' Club on July 13, between young women and young men. Table tennis club is making good progress. More than 60 food parcels have been forwarded to England this year. All departments of church work are in a healthy condition.

There have been a number of baptisms and three further decisions at Wollongong, N.S.W., and services maintain a good attendance, with a number of strangers present in evening. Church has purchased its own Gestetner duplicator, and will produce a weekly church paper. Ladies are working enthusiastically, and will attain aim of 100 hand-made toys for New Hebrides, in addition to which they have held a social evening in aid of food for Britain. Second youth tea saw 40 young people present, who later paraded at evening service. At both youth teas and Men's Fellowship, Mr. Jones has given his travelogue on New Zealand. Arrangements are being made for pulpit supply during absence of Mr. Jones, who has been released for a month to conduct a tent mission at Roma, Qld., during September.

A. W. Ladbroke spoke at Kingsford, N.S.W., on July 11 morning and evening. One young woman made her stand for Christ and was baptised following Sunday morning and received into fellowship. Several Bible school scholars sat for scripture examination. Church again enjoyed fellowship with Mrs. Leggett, from Caulfield, Vic.



Australia is being asked to give £1,000,000 toward appeal of United Nations' Organisation to help 30 millions of starving children. Each Australian is asked to give one day's income to help.

The amount for purchase of ambulance for the Indian mission station is expected to exceed £1000. Special monies to hand reduced the grand total, leaving something over £600 to be raised. Members of Foreign Mission Board are happy to state that two donors, to be known only as "A Brother and Sister of Balwyn," have made a donation of £600. All are grateful for this generosity, and especially for the fact that so many people to-day are taking their stewardship seriously. Two other generous gifts of £50 each, with some smaller love offerings, bring the total to approximately £708. Other balances are anticipated, but any additional amounts will reduce drawing on hospital funds in India.

A ten-day Bible camp held at Taroona, Tas., has finished, and organisers feel something was accomplished. Six study classes were held each day, object being in main to study fundamental teachings of Jesus in light of New Testament. In addition to members from Dunally church there were members from Dover, Higheroft, Kellevie and West Hobart. A discussion was held in camp with five members of "Jehovah's Witnesses," and result was that all students were impressed with strength of our position when we stand firm on New Testament truth. Another similar camp and training classes will be held at Taroona early in February. Leader of classes was Colin Smith, of N.S.W. The camp was unique in that it was conducted without a committee and without rules.

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The blocks of Yallourn, Vic., were loaned by the Publicity Department of the Victorian State Electricity Commission. We appreciate the kindness and courtesy of members of the Publicity Department.

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## FEDERAL CONFERENCE

### Transport Arrangements

IN common with all Australian railway systems, the Commonwealth railways have been suffering acute rolling stock difficulties, and it is only after several months of doubt, which have caused the Federal Executive considerable concern, that advice has been received that it will be possible for a special train to leave Adelaide on Saturday, October 9. Delegates from further East will leave correspondingly earlier.

The train will carry 116 second-class passengers, and will arrive in Perth on Tuesday, October 12. Other passengers will be accommodated on the regular trains arriving in Perth on Monday, October 11, and Thursday, October 14. We regret that, due to lack of unanimity between the various State railway administrations, concession fares will not be available. They were abolished during the war, and it is likely to be some time before they are restored.

Return arrangements are not yet finalised, but it is expected that a special train will leave Perth on the night of Sunday, October 24, and the majority of delegates will be expected to travel by that train. Others will travel by the regular trains. It should be noted that trains are regularly crowded at this time of the year owing to Melbourne Cup visitors.

All registered delegates will receive a letter giving full details as early as possible, and the hospitality convener will be pleased to receive immediate replies.

If you have not registered, and intend visiting Perth for the conference, **PLEASE REGISTER NOW**. The longer you delay, the harder it will be to arrange accommodation.

Programme arrangements are practically completed, and all who make the trip to the Western State are assured of a time of great inspiration and rich fellowship.—A.G.E.



## AN INTERESTING RECORD

### Fremantle Church's Contribution to Brotherhood.

ON March 6, 1898, the church of Christ building at Fremantle, W.A., was opened for public worship. On March 7 and 10 of this year, Golden Jubilee anniversary services were held to celebrate the event. Investigations made concerning these celebrations revealed the following interesting record of some of the men and women who entered the full-time ministry from amongst those who had been in membership. It is possible that some may have entered the ministry from other churches, but were previously Fremantle members.

1. Leslie Baker; 2. Herbert Clipstone. 3. Robert Hilford (now at Broken Hill, N.S.W.). 4. Rose Hilford (now Mrs. W. Leece). 5. John Leach (India, Claremont, W.A., and N.S.W.). 6. Walter Leece (Claremont, now of the "Brethren," Busselton, W.A.). 7. Cecil Robinson (now at Bendigo, Vic.). 8. W. W. Saunders (now at Bambera, Vic.). 9. A. W. Stephenson (editor "Australian Christian" and tutor at Glen Iris). 10. Gordon Stirling (youth director, S.A.). 11. Clifford G. Taylor (now at Brighton, Vic. and tutor at Glen Iris). 12. Kathleen Taylor (India, our "Living Link"). 13. Samuel G. Taylor (now at Claremont, W.A.). 14. Wilkie Thomson (now at Wagga, N.S.W.). 15. Victor Whelan (now doctor of medicine, Pinjarra, W.A., and formerly of Claremont, W.A.). In addition, 16. Frank Jones (a Fremantle Bible school boy). 17. Keith A. Jones (now organiser, Glen Iris, formerly Fremantle Bible school boy). And also, 18. Ruth Edgell (at Glen Iris in training). 19. Colyn Lansdowne (at Perth Bible Institute in training).—O. Fieldus, secretary Fremantle church.

# News of the Churches

## Tasmania

Launceston (Margaret-st.).—Despite wintry weather and influenza, attendances have been good—average of 112 communicants present over past few weeks. Annual offering for overseas missions to date is over £43. Speaker at Men's Fellowship on July 11 was R. L. Whitford, headmaster of Newnham Community School, who delivered an interesting illustrated lecture on "Modern Trends in Education." Auxiliaries of church are all in good heart and rendering loyal service. Bible school reports good attendances, despite much sickness amongst children; 96 were in attendance on a recent Sunday afternoon. Services on July 18 were addressed by W. Buck and J. S. Allen. W. Duff was welcomed back after some weeks' absence due to sickness.

## Western Australia

Kalgoorlie.—E. C. Smith was speaker on morning of July 4. Cottage prayer meeting was held at home of Mrs. K. Martin on July 7. On July 11 R. Beard was speaker in morning. Plans are well in hand for 50th anniversary services. Ladies of Mission Band are holding "at homes" at members' homes to help new building fund. All services are bright and well attended. Among visitors has been Miss E. Styles, of Roelands mission station.

Cottesloe.—B. Saunders has been speaking at evening services for past few weeks. Ladies' Aid held a sewing rally, and as a result several boxes of garments have been sent to W.A. missions. A special weekly prayer meeting is being held in chapel. It is of united churches, in preparation for Hyman Appel-man mission. Invitations have been sent out in connection with proposed commencement of a Junior Endeavor Society. Tennis club recently defeated Bassendean at a match held on Claremont showground courts.

Fremantle.—Sunday school anniversary services, after postponement due to epidemic of infantile paralysis, were held on June 20 and 21 with encouraging results. Visiting speakers giving helpful addresses at church meetings have been A. D. Pyne, S. Glanville, F. Stephenson and A. A. McRoberts (to Sunday school anniversary gathering). F.M. living link fund, including recent F.M. offering, stands at £30 for first three months of fourth year. Church regrets death of Mrs. Dunne, loved and aged mother of members Joe, Hilda and Mrs. Mack, and also death of Mrs. W. Cooper, a loyal and faithful member for many years, and extends sympathy to the bereaved.

Harvey.—On July 1, Doreen Higgins was given a party and present on attaining her majority. On June 29 F.M. evening, "bring and buy," was held, £7 being realised. A talk on a trip to Queensland by Mr. and Mrs. Ottrey was also given; they have benefited in health. Mr. and Mrs. Wooders left on July 15 by train for Eastern States, celebrating their Silver Wedding anniversary. Sisters presented Mrs. Wooders with a spray and small gift. Miss Varley gave an interesting talk on South African mission, and slides were shown. Mrs. Logan is enjoying fellowship with church. Mr. Thurrowgood is in charge of boys' club. His addresses are of a high standard.

Wembley Park.—Church and auxiliaries maintain good averages. Youth work was helped by a visit from S. Davey on May 23. He spoke at a youth leaders' tea, and preached at a youth service at night. A Temple Day offering was taken on May 29, and at a tea held in evening Mr. Greenwood, organising secretary, gave an appreciated talk. As

a result of Temple Day offering £100 was raised, and another £100 has been added to this by a Christian man who in like manner has helped serve other churches in district. Visiting speakers at morning meetings have been C. Landown and A. A. McRoberts. Church sympathises with Mr. and Mrs. Archie Ware in home-call of Mr. Ware's mother. Geoff. Whiting has accepted a request from church for a further two years' engagement as from February next. On July 11, at gospel service, two young people, a man and a woman, made the good confession. Mrs. Ross-Bennett, who recently underwent an operation at St. John's Hospital, Subiaco, is well again, and convalescing at Mount Hawthorne.

Maylands.—On morning of July 11, three adults were received by transfer. At night a Sunday school scholar was baptised, and at conclusion of Mr. McRoberts' address a girl from country confessed Christ. Visiting speakers have been Mr. Taylor (B. & F. Bible Society), Mr. Peacock (Inglewood), Miss Monica Farrell (evangelist), Mr. Robinson (Lake-st.). Instead of usual prayer meeting on Wednesday evening, members attended Hinrichsen-Machin mission at South Perth. Young Women's Fellowship meet at manse every Wednesday evening, and have been instrumental in installing a gas heater for baptistery. Men's Fraternal was held at home of Mr. and Mrs. Thornhill on July 16, an interesting and profitable time being spent. Youth Council entertained youth at a games evening on July 15. Badminton is played on Friday and Saturday evenings. Church sympathises with several members who have suffered bereavement. Mr. and Mrs. Higgot's daughter met with a fatal accident. Mr. Tom's father died on July 17.

## Queensland

Roma.—On July 18 Mr. Miller spoke at worship service. At gospel service, which was broadcast, Mr. Parker was speaker and Miss Dawn Pitman soloist. At conclusion Neville Cooper, who recently decided for Christ, was baptised. On July 15 meetings at Wallumbilla were recommenced after several years. Fourteen young people journeyed down for service, there being seven present from district. Eight children sat for the scripture examination.

West Moreton Circuit.—Enthusiasm and optimism are still key-note of evangelistic work throughout five churches (Rosevale, Mt. Walker, Rosewood, Marburg, Fernvale). In spite of sickness and flu epidemic, an average of 200 or more continue to break bread each Lord's day. A. C. Caldicott, preacher of circuit, has been concentrating on Rosewood, inaugurating again midweek prayer meeting which had lapsed for many years. Open-air work with use of amplifier and recorded music is stirring town and causing greater interest. Plans are in hand for jubilee of West Moreton Executive Conference. Young people's work is on high level. Many sat for scripture examination. Manse has been completed, and is a credit to builder and circuit. Recent visitors include Dr. and Mrs. W. Hinrichsen, Northcote, Vic.; Mr. and Mrs. W. Younghusband, Auburn, N.S.W. Dr. Hinrichsen and Mr. Younghusband both exhorted churches, and their addresses were appreciated. Miss Zahl and Paul Schumann are still sick. Appreciation is expressed to all who have taken services in circuit.

## New South Wales

Broken Hill.—On July 10 R. Hilford spoke in morning and gave an appreciated address at a largely attended evening service. Mesdames E. Griffiths and A. Thurgood sang a duet. R. Warmbrunn gave a helpful address on morning of July 17. W. Peckham was welcomed after holidays followed by sickness. R. Hilford preached at evening service; male quartette gave an enjoyable item. Foreign mission offering was largest for many years (£17). Wolfram-st. societies, J.C.E. and Y.P.S.C.E., joined with other C.E. societies at Broken Hill and district annual rally. At junior rally on July 16, 100 were present, when the society joined with others presenting illustrated item based on the hymn, "Standing on the Word of God." On Sunday morning at 10, junior and intermediate consecration meeting was held in Wesley Church. R. Hilford gave an inspiring address.

## South Australia

Balaklava.—Attendances for last five weeks averaged 115 communicants; highest attendances for a morning service, 136. Church has raised preacher's salary 15/- in last five months because of basic wage increases. Mr. Burrow, of B. & F. Bible Society, had charge of evening service on July 11, followed by united lantern lecture with Methodist Church. A. E. Cremin was speaker at all services, except on July 11.

Kilburn.—Church extends sympathy to Mrs. Baker, who recently lost her mother. Frank Lawrance is now captain of Boys' Life Brigade in place of Keith Caldicott, who has been promoted to State director of Boys' Brigades. 106 was attendance at 10 a.m. Bible school on July 18, including a new scholar. 11 a.m. service was conducted by John Manning and addressed by F. Collins, there being 21 adults and 36 young worshippers present. F. Collins was also speaker at 7 p.m. gospel service.

Hindmarsh.—Work in church continues happily. J. E. Shipway is presenting a special series of subjects at evening services for month of July; these are, being well received. Letters from India write of thanks and also of help received in parcels sent each month to missionaries. E. Frost has been in hospital, but is improving. Health of F. Holden, H. Tomkins and Mrs. Pierce continues about the same. Overseas offering should reach £30. Church will also give about same amount through duplex envelopes over year. Fifteen scholars sat for Bible school examination. Mr. and Mrs. E. Ratcliff were present at morning service on July 11. Mrs. Johns, recently returned from Victoria, is attending services. Mothers' afternoon was held in kindergarten on July 11, when a number of babies were enrolled and certificates presented.

York.—Half-yearly business meeting on July 14 was well attended. The preacher, L. Johnson, was invited to stay for a further three years. Basketball girls had a further victory from Henley Beach team on July 17. 64th anniversary of church was celebrated on July 18. Morning service was attended by about 75 people, mostly members. Mrs. Leslie Matthews sang a solo; R. Vincent gave an appreciated address. Evening service was well attended. Special items were sung by choir and a duet by Mrs. L. Johnson and Mrs. E. J. Harding. W. Russell, conference president, was preacher. At morning service a pulpit Bible which had been given to church by Mrs. H. J. Horsell, jun., was received for service of God. In evening service Mr. J. Pollet unveiled an electric clock given by Pollet family to church in memory of their late parents, who had been tireless workers for Christ and his church at York for many years. Sunday school anniversary is being prepared for, Mr. Magor, from the Prospect church, conducting singing.

**Berri Circuit.**—On May 30 church anniversary was held, followed by tea on June 1, attendance at which was 90; Mr. Russell was speaker. For June average breaking bread has been 50; at gospel services 55. On June 6 Mr. Burrows, of B. & F. Bible Society, addressed church, his talk and lantern lecture being appreciated. For month four have been welcomed to church, two by baptism and two baptised believers restored. Berri Sunday school reports steady attendance, with decline of 12 to 14 age group. Winkie Sunday school had slight increase of scholars. School feels loss of Ruth Chapple, who has left for city to enter nursing profession. Auxiliaries of church are working smoothly. Additions to manse are in final stages. Sickness is prevalent in district.

## Victoria

**Preston.**—Attendances at morning services have been good, and at night have been fair. Mr. Searle's evening subjects have been on facts of gospel, and his forceful addresses are appreciated, as are also his exhortations at morning worship. Church officers were entertained by K.S.P. Club recently. A building fund appeal has been inaugurated and will continue for several months.

**Boronia.**—Sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Finger and family, also to Mrs. Watson, Phil and family, in loss of loved ones. Mrs. J. Maguire and H. R. Chandler are in hospital undergoing operations. Foreign mission offering to date is £48. B. grade tennis team reached semi-finals. C. Shields is assisting at organ. Mr. and Mrs. P. Mann have been received into church from Brighton. A youth council has been formed.

**St. Kilda.**—On July 4 a fellowship tea was held so that members could welcome E. C. Randall, Mrs. Randall and their daughter Lorraine. Also welcomed were 12 people who recently decided for Christ at Hinrichsen-Machin mission at Pralbran. Thirty-five sat to tea, and Mr. Randall spoke a few words on future work of church. He has started a Bible study and prayer night each week, at which there has been a good attendance. Preparation is being made for visitation evangelism.

**Malvern-Caulfield.**—Continued improvement in health of C. Cole, the minister, is cause of much satisfaction and thankfulness. He was able again to attend morning service on July 25. Progress in all departments was evidenced in reports read at annual business meeting on July 21, when election of officers took place. Women's department held business meeting on July 14, when a fruitful year's work was reported, Mrs. C. Cole being elected president, Mrs. Ashcroft secretary, and Mrs. Cooper treasurer.

**Dunolly.**—On King's Birthday week-end a number journeyed to Wedderburn for district conference. Next conference in January is to be held at Dunolly. Six scholars sat for Sunday school examinations. Attendance at Sunday school averages 30. Practice has commenced for school anniversary. On July 17 a social was held in aid of Sunday school funds. Ladies' Guild continues to send food parcels to England. Good Companions Club is progressing, and a church parade was held on July 18.

**Frankston-Moorooduc-Mornington.**—There have been two confessions at Frankston. Cold weather and much sickness have had an effect upon attendances. At Moorooduc, R. V. Holmes has spoken at recent services, and also at Mornington at last monthly service. Thomas Hagger has been helping church at Cheltenham in visitation evangelism campaign. During his services there, R. J. Hinde and J. Wiltshire spoke at Frankston. Overseas annual offering for circuit came to £18/2/3—a record. E. G. Cuthbert has been seriously ill in hospital, but is now recovering.

**East Preston.**—On July 24, newly-formed Youth Fellowship group held a commencement dinner, about 40 young people being present. Miss N. Pinchers, accompanied by Bill Pinchers, sang a solo. J. Robinson (Campaigners for Christ) gave a challenging address. On behalf of the young people Mr. Watson thanked members of Friends of Youth for work done in preparation for dinner. At gospel service on July 25, the mother of a young lady who was recently baptised accepted Christ.

**Portland.**—Church had fellowship with Mr. and Mrs. Williams, of Kaniva, on July 11. Mr. Williams preached at morning service. In evening he presented pictures of work in New Hebrides, and told of experiences during his stay in those islands. All appreciated the services of Mr. Williams. Three scholars sat for scripture examination on July 11. An organ in good condition has been purchased by church. Attendance at services continues to be fair.

**Brighton.**—In absence of C. G. Taylor, who was in bed with influenza, speakers on July 18 were N. R. Arnott and W. McDowell (Blackburn). Mrs. Robert Franks (nee Alma Regis) passed away recently. Favorable comments were made after a special hymn service was conducted by Mr. Taylor, assisted by Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Taylor. Foreign missions offering totalled £71. Mr. Kuhn, public relations officer, P.M.G. Engineers' Branch, gave a fine film evening to Men's Fellowship. Members of Brighton Baptist Men's Fellowship were present. K. A. Jones delivered a fine address on July 11 in support of Christian crusade.

**Wangaratta.**—On July 18 Mr. Gale had fellowship with church. He spoke at morning and evening services. At night Mr. Wakefield conducted two baptisms, Beryl and Les Symmons, senior scholars of school. Mrs. Aubrey Jackel sang a solo. Mrs. J. Macintosh and Lyle Jackel have again been in hospital; both are progressing favorably. Bible school is practising for anniversary under B. Franks, superintendent. Wangaratta branch of W.C.T.U. enjoyed a visit from Mrs. Nance-Kivell recently at fifth anniversary. She gave an address and several elocutionary items.

**Essendon.**—On July 18 E. W. Heard, college student, was speaker in morning. Mr. McIlhagger conducted a baptismal service in evening; Mrs. Sambell sang a solo. Young Women's Fellowship held a successful sports evening on July 20. On morning of July 25, Mr. McIlhagger welcomed into church those who recently decided for Christ. In evening choir rendered an item in song. Mr. McIlhagger delivered an inspiring address. 15 Bible school scholars sat for scripture examination. Church regrets passing of Mrs. Hambridge, sen. Sympathy is extended to loved ones, also to Mr. S. Sambell in loss of his father. Sickness still prevails among members.

**Parkdale.**—Ladies' Mission Band held a successful birthday meeting at which Mrs. Jeffery was speaker. Sunday school scholars recently enjoyed a tea party, followed by a happy meeting at which Mr. Le Page, superintendent, gave an interesting illustrated talk. Several scholars sat for scripture examination. Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Pittman are now living in district, and church is glad to have them in membership. Mrs. Holmes has also been welcomed from Moreland and Mr. Apperley from Coburg Baptist. Mr. Wiltshire and Mr. Le Page gave appreciated addresses the Sunday Mr. Manning visited Shepparton church. Attendances have been good at morning services, evening services being a little smaller. On July 17 a musical entertainment arranged by Mr. Cuddy was well attended. Proceeds were in aid

of kindergarten department. Overseas mission offering amounted to £40.

**Gardenvale.**—Dr. Farrar, missionary on furlough from Egypt General Mission, was speaker on morning of July 11. Sister Gladys Kelson, in Egypt, has now left hospital after a serious operation. Mr. Notman, who has returned home from hospital, is improving. Many other members are away due to sickness. Ten scholars entered for Bible school examinations. Tennis team reached semi-finals, but were defeated.

**Horsham.**—An effective working bee was held on June 26 for improvements in chapel yard. Youth of church co-operated with other Protestant youth groups in canvassing every home for collection of food, clothing and money to help people in British occupied territory of Europe. Local speakers are assisting War-racknabeal circuit in absence of minister through illness. G. M. Mathieson visited Dimboola on July 22 to assist youth work. An enjoyable tea and concert took place in school hall on July 23. A number journeyed to Kaniva on July 24 to attend a C.E. rally. F. J. Sherriff has been absent through illness. Overseas offering amounted to £77.

**Mildura.**—Attendances have been well maintained, especially for worship. Excellent services were held during district conference in June. Mr. Wakeley, of Hartwell, was speaker at all meetings, with exception of Monday afternoon ladies' session, when Mrs. Washfold gave an interesting talk. From all talks and discussions much good should ensue. June broadcast service, conducted by a group of Christian men and women from University Branch, was appreciated. The preacher, L. Snow, was speaker. Many visitors have enjoyed fellowship with church of late. Geoff. Cameron is back after two years in Services. L. Snow is doing excellent work both inside and outside of church. With help of boys' club and others, he now conducts a mobile library in T.B. chalet which brings joy to inmates there.

**Dandenong.**—Work continues with good heart under faithful ministry of Mr. Youens. At annual business meeting on July 21, all reports revealed much accomplished. Mr. Badenhop and Mr. Stocks were re-elected elders; following as deacons: Messrs. Selby, Williams, Reveleigh, Pitcher, Hansen, Smith, Bowman, Zeuschner and Holloway. A manse committee has been formed to arrange plans for erection of a manse. This new work is expected to be begun about end of year. On July 21, prior to their wedding on the 24th inst., a happy evening in form of a shower tea was tendered Moira MacDowell and Bill Weymes, arranged and held in home of Mrs. Flett and family. On July 25, members of Y.P. and J.C.E. conducted morning meeting, occasion being Endeavor anniversary. The meeting proved an inspiration to the packed audience.

**Carlton (Lygon-st.).**—Mr. and Mrs. Enniss are back again after holiday. The minister, R. M. Wilson, has taken up residence at the manse. Miss Prittie, Miss F. Haines, Mrs. Prescott and Margaret Ward have recovered from illness, and were able to attend worship on July 25. A barbecue organised by Girls' Club, held at Alphington on July 23, was a success. Hayden McCallum addressed the party on World Youth Conference. Badminton Club held a social and C.M.S. a bowls tournament in aid of manse appeal. Beverley Loneragon, of Bible school, is dangerously ill following serious accident on July 17. All were shocked to hear of the sudden home-call of Mr. Osborne, on July 22. Loving sympathy goes to Mrs. Osborne and family in their bereavement. Sympathy is extended also to Mr. Green in passing of his elder brother. John Hodgson was received into church by transfer from Swan Hill on July 25, and Miss Ann Freeman, from Wangaratta, on 18th.

**Hartwell.**—Reports from all auxiliaries are encouraging. During Mr. Wakeley's absence at Mildura and Gardiner, J. I. Mudford has been speaker. Mr. Dick (Camberwell Baptist) was speaker on morning of July 11. On evening of June 27, four University students attending church took service on occasion of University Sunday. Table tennis club has been successful, and one team is heading local competition. Young Worshipers' League is growing. In recent weeks four members of league have confessed Christ. A record number of 45 scholars sat for recent scripture examination. Church extends sympathy to relatives of late Mr. Kennedy, sen., in their bereavement.

**Camberwell.**—During recent weeks, as result of visitation evangelism campaign, ten have been baptised and received into fellowship of church, also two by transfer. Bible school reports increased enrolment as result of 16 workers canvassing over 200 homes for new scholars and additions to cradle roll. Attendance at communion service improved during July, and each Sunday from 100 to 110 have partaken of Lord's Supper. On July 25 W. F. Nankivell outlined programme for crusade, and challenged church to give utmost support to campaign. Mrs. Lawrey advises that a large contribution of clothing and shoes of high standard has been sent to Europe through Society of Friends, also that many food parcels are being despatched to British brethren. July monthly offering for this purpose exceeded £8. Overseas offering has reached £45. A supply of unused hymnbooks and £5 have been made available to new Bible school commencing at South Box Hill. Combined monthly prayer meeting of Camberwell churches held at Baptist church was addressed by W. F. Nankivell.

#### ADDRESSES

A. P. Blanden (secretary Edwardstown West church, S.A.)—36 Stuart-ave., Harcourt Gardens.  
A. C. MacLean (preacher Epping church, N.S.W.)—38 Victoria-st., Epping.  
G. P. Pittman.—259 Como-parade, Parkdale, S.12, Vic.  
R. M. Wilson (preacher Lygon-st. church, Carlton, Vic.)—894 Lygon-st., Nth. Carlton.

#### BIRTH

**SEATH (Webb).**—To Joyce and Laurie, at Dunstaffnage, Burwood—a daughter (Carolyn Joy); sister for Judith Ann.

#### DEATHS

**CLEMENTS.**—On July 16, at Launceston, Harry Valentine, dearly beloved and loving husband of Evelyn Maud Clements, of 39 Forster-st.; loved father of Bert and Iris (Mrs. S. Robertson), and precious daddy of Marlene (dec.), Denise, Jocelyn, James and David, in his 70th year. "His duty nobly done."

**OSBORNE.**—On July 22, at 118 Rathmines-st., Fairfield, Alfred, beloved husband of Eileen, devoted father of Margaret (Mrs. Walmsley), John, Alan, Judith, Tui; dear papa of David (dec.) and Josephine; loved father-in-law of Harry.

"Only a little while—

To let us keep our memories glad  
Of all the happiness together had,  
We know he would not have us sad,  
E'en for a little while.

Only a little while—  
And we will try and gather up the strands  
Of life work fallen from his hands,  
Our love for him this due demands,  
'Tis but a little while."

**OSBORNE.**—In memory of my darling daddy and pal.  
—Margaret.

#### IN MEMORIAM

**BROWNRIGG.**—Treasured are the memories of our dearly loved only son Arthur, who was called home July 30, 1937.

"Until the day breaks and the shadows flee away."

**DEMERAL.**—Sweetest memories of my beloved husband Claude, who passed away July 31, 1948.

"Sunset and evening bell,

But in the morning, together, with him,  
We'll dwell."

**DONALDSON.**—In loving memory of my dear husband, J. L. Donaldson, passed away on July 21, 1946.

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 and family.

**GIBSON.**—In fond remembrance of our dear mother and grandma, Ada Millan, who was called home Aug. 1, 1945.

—Jessie and Bert and grandsons Bill, Ron and John.

**GIBSON.**—In ever loving memory of my dear mother, Ada Millan, who passed away Aug. 1, 1945.

—Dorothy.

**LEWIS.**—In loving memories of my dear husband, who was called home on July 26, 1939.

Forever with the Lord.

—Inserted by his wife, Priscilla Lewis.

**WALMSLEY.**—Treasured memories of our adored baby David, called home July 26, 1945.

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#### COMING EVENTS

**AUGUST 6.**—The next meeting of the Women's Conference Executive Council will be held at Swanston-st. on Friday, August 6, at 2 p.m. Leader of devotions, Mrs. Scambler. Speaker, Sister Ellis, of Bethesda Aborigine Mission.

#### SWANSTON STREET

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 1.

11 a.m., Preacher, Mr. A. E. Hurren conference president.

4.30 p.m., Study Circle. "Spiritual Gifts."

5.15 p.m., Fellowship Tea.

7 p.m., Special address: "Evolution Against the Bible."

Preacher, K. A. Macnaughtan.

#### BACK TO PRAHRAN SERVICES.

AUGUST 8.

11 a.m., "The Faith of Our Fathers."

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### LOYALTY, LIBERTY AND LOVE

IN your editorial 6/7/48, you wrote on "Loyalty, Liberty and Love." You mention "Let liberty of opinion create tolerance." Just how far are we to go in tolerance? Again you say, "Even when people are loyal to Christ, they may have different views on politics." Just how deep does this loyalty to Christ go, when we have people amongst us spreading the theory of Communism, and all it stands for? Our church, i.e., the church of Christ, is far too tolerant now; that is clear to see by the worldly activities which it has a hand in; the activities which were once frowned upon, and certainly once forbidden, have taken on a new look. Are we winning souls to the Lord? Yes, we can answer. But what of these new converts; are they experiencing a new life in Christ Jesus? Have all things become new and old things passed away? I doubt it very much, when they see the church allowing those activities that they themselves carried on before they took their stand for Christ. The conclusion that we draw is, that we are not concerned about the weaker brethren. Paul tells us to be very careful with our own witness, lest one of these precious ones should fall.—L. G. Pollock, Essendon, Vic.

[We stressed in our article the need of being loyal to Christ and living the full life for him. In essentials, we urged, there must be unity and loyalty. It was in matters of opinion where we pleaded for the right to have differences. We cannot see how anyone can be a real Communist and be loyal to Jesus. Unfortunately, the term "Communist" is not used always in its correct setting. It is used at times to mark out people who have views about new social orders. People may still be loyal to Christ and have varying views about the way society may be organised. So long as these views are kept private and not introduced into the worship of the church, we ought to be tolerant. The genuine Communist is a materialist and anti-God. We cannot be tolerant toward that viewpoint. If we are loyal to Christ, our life will reflect the virtues of the Lord. However, we must be careful not to take up the attitude of the Pharisee, who prayed that he was much better than others. By putting our own life right, the example we set our brethren will help them more than anything we may say.—Ed.]

## Obituary

William Allamby

ON Friday, July 2, our beloved brother Allamby was called to be with Jesus and to be reunited with his dear one who had, a few short weeks before, been taken from him. Born in England in 1854, he was brought out to Australia at the age of three years. He could readily recall, as a boy of six, watching the departure from Melbourne of the Burke and Wills expeditionary party. He attended many of the services of the church at Lygon-st., and was connected with the Sunday school, and often recalled the trips he took with the football and cricket teams as he transported them on his van. It was not until after they came to

live at Parkdale, however, and during the Hinrichsen-Brooker mission in 1928, that our brother confessed Christ and was baptised and received into the membership of the church. He was a faithful attendant at the church services, and always had a cheerful word for all. Having reached the good old age of 94 years, he was ready to depart and be with the Lord which is far better. A



The late Mr. and Mrs. W. Allamby.

short service was held at the home of Mrs. Bradley, one of the daughters, after which relatives and friends journeyed to the old Cheltenham cemetery, where his remains were reverently laid to rest. We commend the loved ones, who have been twice bereaved in such a short space of time, to the God of all comfort, who will cause the peace of Christ to fill their hearts and minds.—H.P.M.

Mrs. M. Hanger

AFTER a long illness, the church at Collingwood, Vic., has lost its oldest member. Our sister joined the church in the year 1890, under the ministry of Mr. Milner Black. In the year 1892 she was married, Mr. Milner Black officiating, and she remained in membership until the time of her death. During the 58 years of membership, she gained the love and the esteem of all the members, and continued loyal and faithful, being always in her accustomed place until her last sickness prevented her attending. Our sister departed this life on June 30, and was laid to rest in the Melbourne General Cemetery on July 2, a large company of friends being present. The church extends sincerest sympathy to all who mourn her loss.—T.A.F.

Mrs. Margaret Quinsee

AN old identity of the churches, Mrs. Margaret Quinsee, passed away at West Preston, Vic., on July 3. Mrs. Quinsee, it appears, was baptised while still quite young, and having reached the age of 88, was for almost 80 years a member of the church. Her earliest association was with North Fitzroy, but it seems that she came there, already a member, from the Fitzroy Tabernacle. Her children attended the Bible school at North Fitzroy. Later her membership was at Northcote, and for a short time, at Preston; but she was one of the original members of West Preston church, and for some eighteen years afterwards. Members here remember Mrs. Quinsee's interest in them and kindness towards them when they first came to the church. Her maintained zeal can be judged from the fact that immediately before her last illness, lasting only about two weeks, she was at the morning service. We value the memory of this woman, and look for her works to follow her.—A.B.W.

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