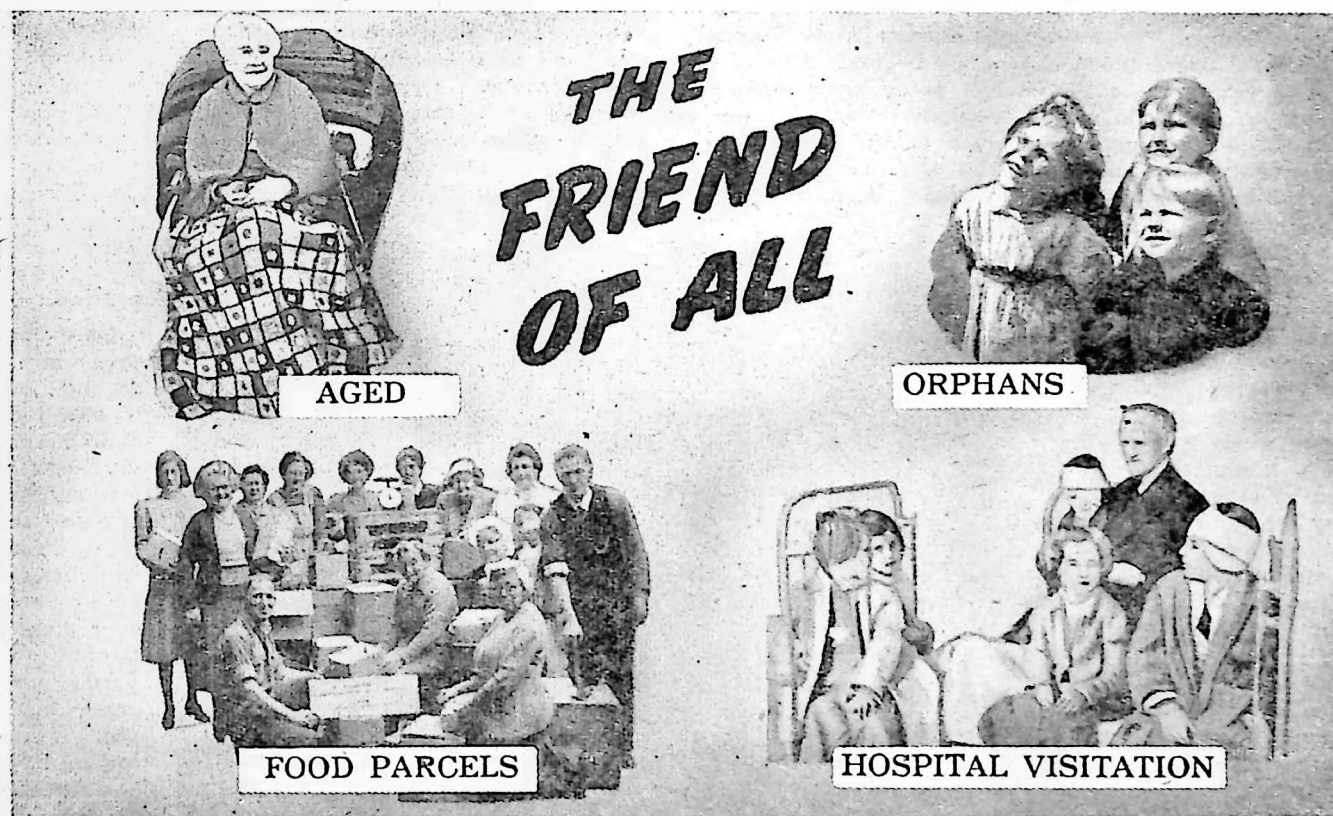


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SOCIAL SERVICE



NEEDS MANY FRIENDS

"Do good to all men, especially unto them of the household of faith"

(Galatians 6: 10)

NEEDS MANY FRIENDS

THE Social Service Department in Victoria has a record of work which brings favorable recognition from those who know the range of its activities. By providing institutions to help the needy, by organising social relief for church members in Australia and in Great Britain, by assisting the sick through hospital visitation and by stirring up the public conscience on questions concerning morals and justice, this department is showing initiative and foresight.

The Christian Guest Home at Oakleigh has given much-needed relief to many families and has provided a ministry of love and goodwill for 102 aged Christians in the last ten years.

Recognising the spiritual wants of many sick people in public hospitals, the department has made it possible for Chas. Young, a former chaplain in the Army, to devote his full time to hospital visitation. While all the Melbourne public hospitals are contacted, Mr. Young gives particular attention to the patients in the Royal Melbourne, Eye and Ear, and Children's Hospitals. During the past year he has visited 4000 patients. By distributing amenities and Christian literature, he helps to provide a twofold blessing for people suffering physical and spiritual ills. Mr. Young is at hand to pray with the sick and to help at times in domestic problems. All creeds and classes have been given this ministry, but especially the household of the faithful.

Concern for the mentally sick has been shown by the department. Aroused by statements appearing in the public press, W. H. Clay urged that a committee be formed by the government to enquire into the charges being made against the conditions prevailing in mental hospitals. Mr. Clay was honored by being appointed a member of the committee. As a consequence of public enquiries the sad plight of patients in such institutions was revealed. Promises have been made that conditions will be set in better order.

There is need for a constant vigilance to prevent people gaining profits by exploiting human weaknesses. The liquor trade and racing community are not concerned about the lives ruined in their pursuit of easy profits. Because huge sums are involved in such activities, much money is spent on propaganda and on ways and means of extending these wicked businesses. Against these selfish forces in the community, the department raises strong protests, along with similar religious social service organisations in Victoria.

During the years hundreds of church members have received positive and practical help by means of the Chris-

tian Fellowship Association. In addition, the Social Service Department has been able to send five tons of food parcels to members of British churches of Christ. Clothing has been forwarded to suffering peoples in devastated areas of Europe. The spirit of the good Samaritan has been active in all this work.

Much suffering is due to causes other than any lack of the physical requirements of life. Some persons have found themselves entangled in legal and family problems. In many such instances the department has helped to restore happiness and to bring new confidence into many lives. A Social Service Department, with such a varied programme and helping in so many different ways, needs the sympathetic co-operation of members of churches of Christ in order that it may minister to the uttermost to those who have a just claim upon the church. Because the department helps the needy, it needs the help of all.

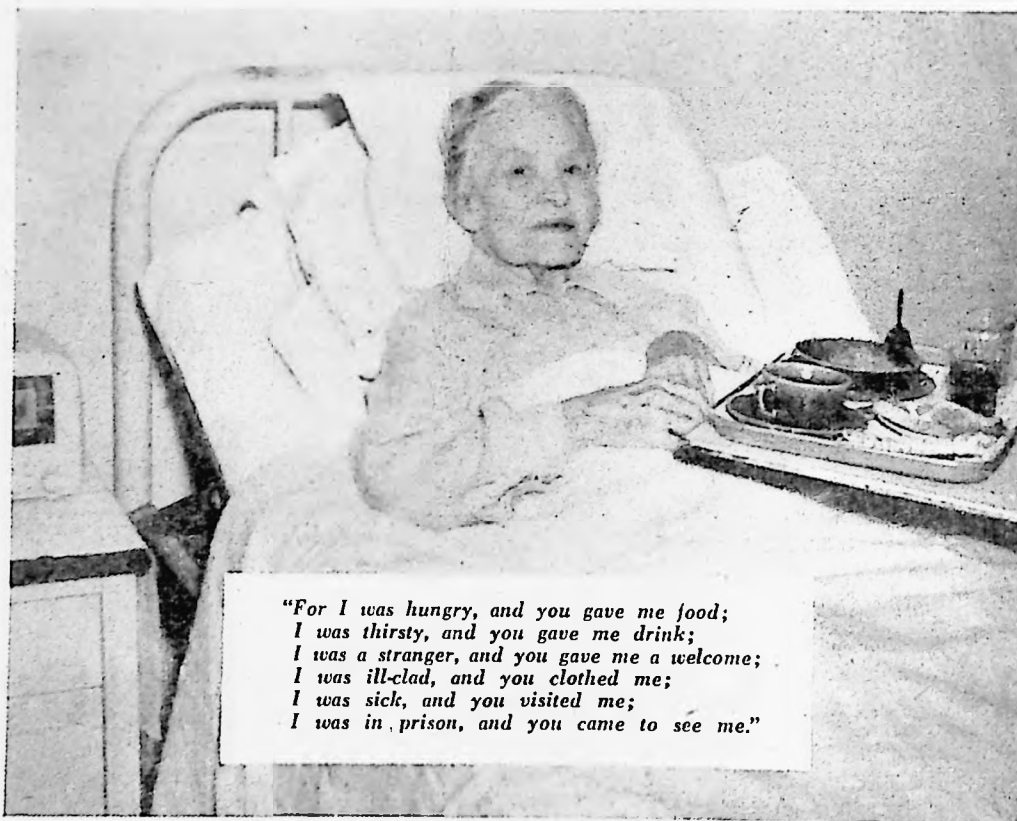
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A Crusade Begins

THE theme of the sessions for the Federal Conference, to be held at Perth, Oct. 15 to 22, is, "Crusading for Christ." During that conference time will be spent discussing plans for a Commonwealth crusade. The Victorian effort has been launched publicly, and has had an encouraging beginning. There are many evidences indicating that churches in Victoria are already out of the rut of former years, and are now eager to be more evangelistic and progressive. South Australian churches have set up a crusade committee, and the State Conference will be giving prominence

to a progressive programme for future expansion.

Once again we urge how useless all these plans will be unless each local church can be revitalised. The drive for any future extension must come from strong local churches. Each officer and preacher must take the burden of the Lord's work in his area upon himself. If each man can give loyal support in attendance, prayer, finance and faithful devotion to the church's task, we shall see a great future. We have seen in many churches in recent days that local members are responsive to adventurous leadership. We have witnessed again the power of the gospel in modern conditions. We have no excuse for delay; let us go forward and crusade for Christ!



*"For I was hungry, and you gave me food;
I was thirsty, and you gave me drink;
I was a stranger, and you gave me a welcome;
I was ill-clad, and you clothed me;
I was sick, and you visited me;
I was in prison, and you came to see me."*

Giving a Practical Expression to Faith

Crusading for Christ

A Message from the President of the Social Service Committee, F. P. Chipperfield, B.Com.

THE success of "visitation evangelism" as part of the "Crusade for a Christian World" has stirred our imagination. The church is now being seen in action, and enthusiasm is at a height. We are tasting the joy of winning men and women for Christ, and perhaps as never before we are realising that they are being saved to serve.

While we do not desire to introduce a note of pessimism, we must realise the importance



F. P. Chipperfield.

The youngest man to occupy the presidential chair of the Social Service Department. Frank is a Bachelor of Commerce in the employ of the State Electricity Commission. The committee is fortunate in having young men of this type and ability in its composition.

of following up these successes. The proverb, "Where there is no wood, the fire goeth out," comes to mind. The fire must be kept going.

In the normalised atmosphere, enthusiasm will only be maintained when every member has a definite objective for service. While it is of primary importance to bring people to a realisation of their need of a Saviour, to regard this as the whole function of the church is to miss entirely the second commandment of Jesus, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." The joy of serving those in need is second only to that of winning someone to Christ.

The Social Service Department has made it possible for every member to co-operate in service. Together we can do what would be impossible individually. Never before have we faced greater opportunities nor have such obligations presented themselves. Jesus seems to say, "Behold, I have set before you an open door."

We propose to enter the threshold, and invite you to share this work with us. Your vote of confidence is prayerfully solicited on Sunday, August 15.

Everyman's Need — Our Concern

A LITTLE girl, a member of a State school class, in answering the question of the lawyer, "Who is my neighbor?" gave the excellent reply, "Anyone who is in need."

It is a good thing that we are coming more and more to feel that it is the duty of Christians not only to bring people for personal surrender to Christ as Lord, but also, where necessary, to pour in the "oil and wine" of human kindness and practical help. In other words, the Christian gospel must be made to apply to the whole of life's relationships.

The true test of faith is in the kind of action it promotes in us. James, in his very practical letter read in our churches recently, says in chapter 2, verses 15 and 16, "If a brother or sister be naked and destitute of daily food, and one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?" Surely we agree with James, "Faith without works is dead." As a people we thank God for the Social Service Department which is a very important means, by which, according to our ability, we can give practical expression to our faith in helping to meet the physical as well as the spiritual needs of men.—A. E. Hurren, President Victorian Conference.



Meaning of Social Service

I BELIEVE social service is giving out and sharing, in a friendly way, the things that are needful and helpful to those who lack.

We could liken the Social Service Department to a tree. The office is the trunk, and all its many activities as branches, reaching out to all the State. Hundreds have been touched by its ministry.

An old doctor once said that nothing in his practice paid so well as the chances that came to him of investing himself in others.

The Social Service Department is surely investing itself in others. It was Christ himself who said, "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these, ye did it unto me."—Florence M. Ploog, president, Victorian Women's Conference.



A Message from England

"FELLOWSHIP" is a wonderful word, bringing with it a sense of Christian community-feeling, a kinship unknown outside the realms of the Christian religion. We all belong to the "household of faith." If ever such interpretation of the word "fellowship" has been shown, it has been manifested by our brethren in the Australian churches. "One touch of nature makes the whole world kin." Yes, truly, "kindred in Christ." Such fellowship makes our hearts aglow with indebtedness to you all.

"All one in Christ Jesus." This thought strikes deep into our hearts. We have realised how great can be the association of fellow-Christians. By your magnanimous gestures through the years, you have brought untold joy and relief to hundreds of homes here. Words fail us to adequately express our grati-

tude to you all, but you will all be enriched with blessings from above, because you have interpreted aright the teaching of Jesus Christ.

Yours in the Master's service,

W. W. HENDRY, chairman,
WALTER LISTER, secretary,
Social Questions Committee
of Great Britain and Ireland.



Dream With Us

THE plight of needy people in the world to-day is appalling. Whatever is the cause, and whatever will be the outcome of the economic and social upheaval which has thrown upon our consciousness the army of the needy, we are forced to face the situation. We are confronted with a fact and not a theory.

This is not a time for the church to mark time in its social service programme. It is a time for clear thinking, for definite planning, for aggressive action. Secular social work is recruiting hundreds of workers, thousands of pounds. The government is attempting to help as it has never done before. The church should not only shoulder her share, but should lead the way in many instances, especially in rendering the unique contribution which only she can make.

"The church that does not extend eager, willing hands to the suffering is not the church of Christ. Her stately walls may be decorated with art; her eloquence may plead like angels; but—if she has not a love that can turn sorrow into joy, misery into laughter, and set the joy bells ringing in moaning lives, he may say in that day which shall try men's hearts, 'I never knew you; I was in need and you passed me by.'"

The Social Service Department is dreaming dreams of rendering greater service. At present we are caring for approximately 35 old people each year. Based on the size of our brotherhood, its wealth of spirit, consecration and money, we should be caring for many times that number. In other avenues we should be expanding.



Mrs. Florence M. Gill.

For twenty-one years Mrs. Gill has had the confidence and goodwill of the members of the Women's Auxiliary which continues to elect her to lead them. The committee is planning a special recognition service to pay her the honor which is her due.

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The Story of The Growth of Social Service

Will. H. Clay.

ON Sunday, August 15, every member of the church is asked to cast a vote for social service, and to let it be a vote of confidence. For a quarter of a century the Social Service Department has been functioning in the churches and the community. During that period it has survived the aftermath of the first war and the problems associated with the second.

For Such a Time as This

Twenty-five years ago, in 1923, the committee were almost without funds. Offerings were solicited at Sunday evening meetings. Only few churches responded, and the results were disappointing. The secretary, at that time acting in an honorary capacity, was giving up his lunch hour and was spending much of his working time, either interviewing the needy or answering telephone messages. His evenings, often to the midnight hour, were given up to planning and working to keep the promises he had made during the day and to build an organisation without which he was convinced no adequate provision could be made to provide the remedies to meet the demands for relief which were so insistent and inescapable. The strain was too much for him, and he suffered a serious breakdown. It was here that the committee realised that a full-time secretary and organiser must be found. C. R. Burden had, with the assistance of a few voluntary workers, including a typist, carried on for three years, but could not continue.

A Bold Venture

To appoint a secretary to a full-time job was perhaps a simple thing, but in addition, to find an office and go into a full-time business was not so simple. A little thought will give the reader some idea of the magnitude of the proposed forward move. Really a new department of the conference was contemplated. How will the proposal be received by the brethren? Will the churches respond to the appeal for financial assistance? Are we big enough in heart and purpose to undertake such a responsibility? Where shall we find the man sufficient for the task? These, and many other questions demanding an answer, caused forebodings which gave rise to fears. To the credit of the men and women of that time, a few of whom are still with us, faith triumphed. What was at first thought of as a venture, now became an opportunity to advance. The door opened and it was entered.

Faith Rewarded

Much prayer followed that decision. The committee was committed, and surely that is the primary function of any committee. The search for a man began. When found, he, like many another, protested that for several reasons he could not accept. He was not looking for a change. Eventually, however, he accepted, fully realising the enormity of the task, and something of the tremendous possibilities of the future.

The First Office

A room was taken in the high building, 49 Elizabeth-st., which served as an office, where consultations took place as well as ordinary routine business carried on. It was also the depot where parcels were received and from which distribution was made. A voluntary typist was found, and an assistant who desired some office experience. She is now an accountant in a well-known business. Both these ladies have maintained a practical interest in the work ever since.

Small Beginnings

The extent of the work was, to a large extent, governed by the amount of money received. Secondhand clothes began to pour in, but these brought with them a need for service. The few women on the committee could not cope with the work. This necessitated the forming of our auxiliary; some of the original members are still with us. The work was increasing, and our existence was becoming known to all the mendicants of the city. There were, however, many seeking our assistance to whom adversity was a new thing. It was about this time that we realised that the home for our aged should be provided. Money was in hand, but not sufficient to meet the need.

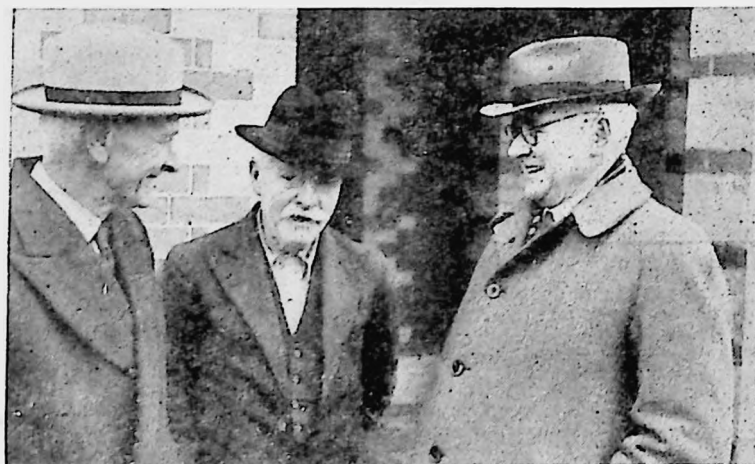
Properties Secured

The property known as the Christian Guest Home was purchased ten years ago, and has met a distinct need. A further property was secured to accommodate the infirm, but this cannot serve its original purpose until building alterations have been effected. Another property is in our possession which it is intended shall be used for work among children.

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The Secretary talking with two guests at Murrumbena.



Mrs. H. Miller.

A worthy successor to Mrs. Ross as matron of the Christian Guest Home, Mrs. Miller has already proved herself, in every respect, to be the woman for the position. She is loved by all the guests and honored by every member of the committee and auxiliary. The reputation of the home is quite safe in her hands.

Progress Costs

The Social Service Committee has a record of achievement which constitutes in itself a valid reason why the support of the churches should be given. Where the department is to-day, and the need which it has created, is surely according to the will of God. He has led and we have followed.

Social Service Not a Liability

Let us not look upon social service as a financial liability, but rather as an asset. The department has won for the churches of Christ a reputation at least the equal of that of any of the denominations. We are recognised by the government and kindred organisations, and are accorded a place in the councils of social affairs. Our institutions, although only in an unfinished condition, are monuments of our Christian enterprise, and express in a positive way the faith we practise.

"The friend of many needs many friends."



BACK TO THE BEGINNING

The first organisation of the church was for the purpose of benevolence. The seven were selected to look after the daily ministrations to the necessities of the widows. The first general collection taken in the churches was to assist those who were impoverished by a famine. The only definition or description of religion given in the New Testament has to do with benevolence: "Pure religion and undefiled before God is this, to visit the fatherless and the widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world." When he describes the gathering of all the nations before the throne, Jesus says the basis of separating the righteous from the unrighteous will be their benevolent record: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me."



Some people have no cares because they don't care. Christians are people who care. There has always been and always will be a heart-breaking amount of need in the world.



Mrs. A. G. Saunders.

A fully qualified nurse with wide hospital experience in New Zealand. She and her esteemed husband, the late A. G. Saunders, both served as missionaries overseas. Mrs. Saunders is now serving as matron in the home extension at Murrumbidgee.

Social Service In Our Hospitals

Appreciation of the Chaplain and his Ministry.

NO service rendered by the church to the community is more appreciated than that of the hospital chaplain. Roman Catholics feature this service in all hospitals, and we have reason to believe they find it pays. Protestants and Catholics alike are appreciative of a visit and the kindly work of the chaplain, especially when the patient is low or in pain, is both a physical and spiritual tonic. Stella Chappell, one of our young women who has spent some months in one of our city hospitals, writes to say how much our own chaplain is appreciated. "Nothing is any trouble to him. He has won the esteem of all the patients, who regard him as a true friend." Stella is only one of the many whose appreciation has found tangible expression. Mrs. Stan Neighbour, who was a patient in another hospital for four months, also expresses her appreciation, and that of many patients, referring especially to his cheerful manner and kindly word and the skill with which he introduces and applies the Christian message. Mr. Young is able to touch but the fringe of this service, and to appoint another to it is a financial obligation we cannot yet assume. "Social service, the friend of many, needs many friends." The prayers of the church are earnestly solicited for the chaplain and the many to whom he ministers.

Tired of Giving

J. N. Darling, who is the famous author of "Ding" cartoons, once drew the picture of a dejected woman and her little girl, sitting with bowed head in the midst of bombed ruins. Their clothing was tattered, their home was destroyed, their faces showed nothing of hope and faith—only despair and helplessness stood out in bold lines. The caption of the cartoon was most piercing. It read: "Tired of giving! You don't know what it is to be tired."

Christianity and Social Transformation

THERE was a time when insane people were thrown into cages as public spectacles; when unwanted babies were exposed to die; when the sick were left to care for themselves if they could, and if they couldn't to die alone; when the blind were allowed to shift for themselves as best they could. How different is the treatment of these folk to-day!

Improvements in prison conditions and the treatment of criminals that have taken place in recent years are well known. Great strides have been made in our thinking regarding the worth of the individual and the equality of men. Slavery has been abolished.

Nothing is heard to-day of cannibalism. Not many years ago the population of the Fijian Islands was composed of cannibals, bloodthirsty and cruel. To-day almost the entire native population is in the Christian church.

All these changes have been accomplished by Christianity. "All social transformation goes back to somebody's sensitised conscience." Their consciences sensitised by Christ and Christianity, men and women have gone forth to do battle with the world's array of sin and wrong, to reform, remake and uplift society.

We can thank God for a Social Service Department which in our day gives us a constant awareness of this phase of Christian service, and by vision and effort leads us into accomplishments which are for the good of the socially needy and the glory of Christ.—W. W. Saunders.

Thanks From England

W.M. writes: "What a splendid lot of work you are doing, and what joy you are bringing to the hearts and homes of your distant brethren! I'm sure you will never know of the thrill the arrival of a parcel from Australia gives to those to whom it is addressed and to the family circle."

Mrs. G.L. writes: "I arrived home tired and feeling lonely after a fortnight spent helping with children at a holiday home. A neighbor had taken in your parcel. It gave me a lovely warm feeling; tiredness went, and I thanked God for the loving thoughts of Christian friends."

Mr. and Mrs. J. write: "Thank you very much for the second parcel of good things. It does give us both a thrill to be so remembered. Our

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heavenly Father has been mindful of us, and we shall soon be going through the gate into our Father's house. The older and weaker we become, the brighter the outlook. While we enjoyed that lovely honey you sent, we could see and hear the bees, a bright vision of a country garden we once had. God bless you for your thoughtful care of old folks."



European Relief

BY an arrangement with the Society of Friends, the Social Service Department has despatched over 2000 articles of clothing to relieve needy families in Europe.

The response from some of our churches has been very gratifying. Other churches are planning to help.

Only clothing (men's, women's and children's) that is warm, clean and mended should be forwarded.

Boots and shoes with reasonable wear left in them are also needed.



DISPLACED PERSONS

If these hungry, homeless people were your neighbors, would you close your door, pull your curtains, and try to forget about them?



THE CHOSEN PEOPLE

We are the chosen people!
Anointed by God's own hand!
Chosen

To comfort those who mourn,
To clothe those whose clothing is worn;
To open mouths of the hungry to feed,
The fertile soil to put in seed;
To harvest this earth's golden grain,
To enjoy the patter of life-giving rain;
The importance of small things to understand,
The sick and needy to take by the hand;
To serve every color and creed,
We are the chosen people, indeed!

—Paula S. Bishop.

God loves the giver who gives cheerfully. God is able to bless you with ample means, so that you may always have quite enough for any emergency of your own and ample besides for any kind act to others

— 2 Cor. 9: 7, 8 (Moffat).

Chinese Church Witnesses for Christ

DESPITE many difficulties, the Chinese church continues her witness—crippled because of inflation, shortages, breakdown in transport, hundreds of church buildings and properties destroyed, insufficient pastors and teachers. The exact number of missionaries working in China is not known, but the numbers cannot exceed more than 60 per cent. of the pre-war figures, whilst in many areas no missionaries remain.

President Chiang Kai-Shek Broadcasts

In the course of a message to the nation, the president said: "All Christians, whether in China or elsewhere, are sorely distressed at the wave of disillusionment which has followed the war. The bright dreams of a better world which sustained men in the hour of trial have faded. Men everywhere are asking, What can be done to realise the universal longing for peace? Man seems condemned to spin for ever in a cycle of ever-recurrent greed and selfishness. Is there no escape? Christianity," he went on to say, "points the way. The transformation of the world must take place in men's hearts. We will have a better world when we have better men."

National Christian Council

Seeking to encourage Chinese Christians, the N.C.C. sent a message throughout China. Part is herewith reproduced. In sending the message forth the council said: "We have waited upon him; we have prayed and pondered long; this is the message which we speak in our Master's name."

"Let Us Take Courage"

"Lift up your hearts, brethren! Christ never promised us freedom from trials or suffering; he offers us the victory which overcomes the world. We have no faith in the processes of history; we have an implicit trust in the Lord of history, whose judgments are abroad in the earth. Again and again the church has been refined in times like these. Not even the gates of hell, as Christ declared, can ultimately prevail against her. Fear not for the church; fear only lest we prove ourselves unfaithful. God can never fail; as his Spirit calls the worldwide church into a closer fellowship, we glimpse anew his purpose to 'sum up all things in Christ.' Let us individually rededicate ourselves to the service of that holy will, 'casting all our care upon him, for he careth for us.'"

"Let Us Witness"

"In our present circumstances there are two special tasks of witness to which we call upon all our brethren to exercise the utmost fidelity. First we must strenuously maintain man's liberty to worship and serve God according to his conscience. Many are the martyrs who have already laid down their lives in this glorious cause; their blood has been the seed of the church. Let no man take from us the joy of openly confessing Christ our Saviour. Secondly, we must not only rejoice in every endeavor towards political and economic justice, but must ourselves practise these things. Let us in the sight of Christ, whose care was ever for the poor and afflicted, the outcast and oppressed, examine our own mode of living, our personal relationships, the fulfilment of our vocation, the running of our business of factory, the conduct of governmental affairs, and ask whether in these spheres we are glorifying God by showing true Christian love. 'Let us be doers of the word, and not hearers only.'"

"Let Us Seek God's Grace"

"God calls us now as ever to confess our sins and repent of our failures, to cast ourselves upon the redeeming mercy of our Saviour, to watch and pray, to maintain the unity of the Spirit, and to manifest love by mutual help and care. His guidance will not fail if

we seek it in loyal faith; his grace will more than meet our needs.

"To our Father's care we commit one another; to the wholehearted fellowship of Christ we dedicate ourselves afresh and in the one Spirit we find our eternal fellowship. God's peace be with you all."



FORMER CHINESE AMBASSADOR SPEAKS

DR. C. T. WANG, one-time ambassador to America, said recently: "I am trying to be a Christian who works at it. I have a pew in my church at home, and I sit in it regularly. I take time to talk over my political moves and statecraft with Jesus Christ. I think that needs

Chinese Refugees.

Many of these people come from areas dominated by communists. Some of them are Christians who have been driven out by persecution.

"Suffering humanity calls us who believe in Christ to find the way out of this abyss of suffering. We know that way—we have an ever present Guide in Christ, but we must walk the path ourselves as individuals if we would lead others.—Sir Stafford Cripps.

to be done in China, in America, and in diplomatic circles around the world. We all need to listen to his voice. I have been playing the royal game of statecraft now for a good many years, as foreign minister, prime minister, and minister for this and that, not one of which is as important as being a good minister of Jesus Christ. I am proud of the fact that Christ is gaining the heart and sympathy of China. Believe me, that is happening. His footsteps become clearer and clearer in the good earth of China with every passing hour. Once we looked at the handful of Christians on the one hand, and the massed millions of China on the other, and said, 'You had better go home and forget it,' but the handful stayed. To-day the handful is winning China for Christ."

Our Young People

Bible Schools

BIBLE school teachers and leaders are urged to examine the additional expression work suggestions now on view at the Victorian youth office for the current kinder, primary and intermediate sections of our Austral graded lessons. These suggestions should be used in conjunction with the Austral lesson handbook. In many schools, scholars of intermediate age are receiving great benefit from the use of this work.

Postal Bible School.—The newly-formed Victorian Postal Bible School Department is anxious to have names and addresses of boys and girls in isolated or outback areas. Anyone knowing of such are asked to contact the youth office immediately.

New Bible Schools.—The Victorian Bible School Committee is surveying new housing areas with a view of organising new Bible schools in such places. Any helpful suggestions by interested members would be appreciated.

Clubs

Four girls have completed the physical course of the National Fitness Council.

Miss I. Gill reports the formation of several new Good Companion clubs.

150 boys of the Victorian Explorer movement met at North Richmond on July 10 for annual indoor sports competitions. Fourteen clubs competed. Results were: 1st, North Richmond; 2nd, Caulfield; 3rd, Gardiner.

At recent Y.M.C.A. Suburban Clubs Indoor Athletics Championships, Surrey Hills church of Christ won Eastern District finals.

The efficiency drive of Victorian Explorer movement concluded on July 17. Results now being received indicate a considerable advance in this work. Registrations are now being received for the Explorer camp at Monbulk commencing August 30.

Camp Properties

The Victorian Youth Department is anxious to proceed further with the development of the Waterman Memorial Youth Camp. Workers are needed to do internal painting, excavations for tanks and drains, preparing the ground for trees, landscape gardening, putting a floor in the girls' dormitory, and erecting fences. Secretaries of churches and leaders of men's groups are asked to arrange teams of workers. Please ring Mr. Trezise for further information.

Mr. Waters and Mr. Munyard, with teams of helpers, recently erected a retaining wall and made necessary repairs to the home in which Mr. and Mrs. Davis are residing.—B. F. Huntsman.

Here and There

J. Machin, writing of mission at South Perth, W.A., Aug. 1, says: "Much heavy rain, wonderful meeting, many standing, six confessions."

The Victorian Executive Committee desires to commend to Victorian preachers and churches a fitting observance of Education Week, August 18 to 25. Sunday, August 22, is being observed as Education Sunday.

I. Nixon, after six years' service with church at Bassendean, W.A., has resigned to undertake, in new year, a ministry with the new cause at South Perth. At present Mr. Nixon is giving part-time week-day service to the South Perth church. Efforts are being made by Bassendean church to find a preacher to follow Mr. Nixon when he leaves for South Perth.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Webb will conclude a five-years' ministry with church at Mile End, S.A., on Aug. 15. Mr. Webb will then be available for part-time service in the metropolitan area of Adelaide. Throughout the years Mr. Webb has served five churches in Victoria and two in South Australia. He has also conducted 25 evangelistic missions. Mr. Webb considers the Restoration Movement to be a priceless heritage, but there has been failure on part of churches to give it full expression.

R. Enniss and W. Gale, churches of Christ representatives on the Victorian Churches Standing Commission on Housing, report that the commission is planning to interview the Minister for Housing, respecting permission to proceed with the building of chapels and school halls. Churches having plans in hand should submit them to either of our representatives at the earliest, so that they may be placed before the Standing Commission for approval and inclusion in the lists to be placed before the minister and his directorate.

Mr. M. J. Pettigrove, writing of the Royal visit to Victoria and massed choirs says, concerning combined rehearsals, "In several districts a start has been made. . . . In the meantime we stress the importance of individual choirs rehearsing regularly the choruses chosen, which are as follows: 'And the Glory of the Lord' (Handel); 'Hallelujah Chorus' (Handel); 'Hallelujah' (Mount of Olives) (Beethoven); 'The Heavens are Telling' (Haydn); 'Thanks be to God' (Mendelssohn); 'Gloria' (12th Mass) (Mozart); 'National Anthem' (Elgar)."

At the Chinese church, Queensberry-st., Carlton, Vic., attendances at Sunday meetings are very good. Brethren are happily looking forward to having a Chinese preacher from China in the new year. Mission school attendance has greatly improved. All are delighted to know that overseas committee have appointed Mr. Turner to be superintendent. A welcome is being arranged for him on Tuesday evening, August 10, at 8 o'clock at Chinese church, with representative speakers and musical items. A hearty invitation is extended to all past teachers and friends to join in this welcome.

Students from the Melbourne University Evangelical Union will visit Hamilton during their second term vacation from August 14-23 to conduct a Christian crusade. The group, which will be led by Mr. Marcus Loane, M.A., of Sydney, and Mr. George Pearson, B.A., a missionary from Tanganyika, East Africa, is going at the invitation of the Ministers' Association and the Hamilton Christian Youth Council. The students will work in close co-operation with churches, a small team being attached to each of the Protestant churches. Mr. John Renshaw, B.A., will lead the team at the church of Christ, where Mr. C. E. Curtis is the minister.

Hospital Sunday this year will be celebrated in Victoria on Sunday, Oct. 24. As this is the 75th celebration of this historical appeal to the people of Melbourne and the Silver Jubilee year of the Lord Mayor's Fund, a very special effort is being made to raise a record sum for hospitals and charities.

American Disciples have appointed G. Gerald Sias as their organiser for "A Crusade for a Christian World." He accepted this position after a four-year pastorate with the First Christian Church of Ponca City, Oklahoma. In the crusade, Mr. Sias works especially with the ministers of the local churches. Before going to Ponca City in 1942, Mr. Sias was the pastor of the First Christian Church, Little Rock, Arkansas, for eight years.

On July 26, at North Richmond, Vic., youth hall, 36 young people, representing Richmond-Collingwood District Conference, held an enjoyable missionary night. Programme included song session led by L. Blackburn; elocutionary item by Miss June Goldsmith; duet by Miss J. St. Auburn and Miss I. Winstone; missionary quiz under leadership of H. Gross; missionary talks by Miss H. Skuce, Miss D. Berry and E. W. Heard, missionaries-elect to India.

South Australian Youth Department reports that youth departments in New South Wales, Queensland, Western Australia and Tasmania have agreed to encourage the aims of the loyalty month, now being stressed in South Australia. A study book entitled "The Master Calls for Loyalty" has been issued by the S.A. Youth Department. This booklet sets out the principles of the Restoration Movement and the history of churches of Christ in Australia. It is suitable for young people's groups.

An official statement issued by Presbyterians in Victoria urges loyalty to the local church. It states: "If the drift from the church is to be arrested, it must be arrested in the local congregation. If there is to be a steady flow of students for the ministry, they must be supplied by the local congregation. If the good fight is adequately to be financed, the sinews of war must be furnished by the local congregations. If the church is to extend and develop at home and abroad, extension and development must begin in the local congregation. Conversion is the article of a succeeding or a failing church, and not only must new converts to Christ be won, but old converts must convert, turn anew to God, again and again. . . ."

FEDERAL CONFERENCE

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS ANNOUNCED

"I HAVE just received word from the Commonwealth Railways," A. D. Pyne, the secretary, reports. Provision can be made, on trains arriving at Perth on Oct. 11, 12 and 14, for only 200 delegates. Since provisional registrations exceed 200, confirmation of intention to go to Perth will be needed from all who have registered. The committee will write to all who have registered. Others who intend to register will need to make their own travel arrangements. If they intend to travel by train, they ought to enquire at railway booking offices as soon as they are able. Final registrations must reach Perth by Aug. 15. Those delegates who have asked for hotel accommodation are asked to forward £1 each, as deposit, to A. M. Bell, 90 Guildford-rd., Mt. Lawley, W.A.

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CRUSADE BEGINS

WELL-ATTENDED SERVICE AT LYGON-ST.

THE Victorian "Crusade for a Christian World" was launched officially on July 28. The chairman, Reg. Enniss, set out, in brief, the object of the meeting, saying that it was for the purpose of calling all church members to dedicate themselves to the tasks of Christ's commission. W. F. Nankivell, of Camberwell, Vic., in a forceful address, presented the tragic situation of the world and indicated the failure of the church to rise to meet these dangerous world conditions. He called upon churches to go forward, and not waste time on unessential action.

Stan Neighbour, who has been given the task of organising the crusade, indicated the difficulties and sought co-operation of brethren. He told of the successes which the Home Mission Committee's Visitation Evangelistic Campaign had had in many churches. He urged that this method be used, with other means, to extend the kingdom. He briefly outlined the organisation being used to bring the crusade under notice of churches.

Mrs. C. G. Taylor and Miss Pittman provided appropriate musical items. The chairman thanked all who had contributed to the programme and the Lygon-st. church for use of building.

VISITATION EVANGELISM

CARNEGIE, VICTORIA.

AFTER several weeks of preparation, the campaign commenced on July 11, and on the following Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights home visitation was carried out by six teams. About 80 contacts were made. A splendid dinner was served each night at 6.15 p.m. to the visitors. Mrs. Ward was ably assisted by ladies of church in catering arrangements. The church at Carnegie is grateful to the brethren at Geelong for releasing their preacher, D. R. Stirling, who ably led the devotional period each night prior to visitors going out at 7.15 p.m.; also for his stirring addresses on each Sunday. The climax to a very wonderful experience by visitors in their visitation took place on Sunday evening, July 18, when, after a very impressive gospel address by Mr. Stirling, 14 confessed Christ and five consecrated themselves. It was a never to be forgotten experience in the history of the church at Carnegie, and the church has been greatly enriched and uplifted by this wonderful effort. We give God all the glory and praise for what he has done. At the close of the service a cup of tea was served in the hall, when an opportunity was given to meet the new converts. Each night while the visitors were out, a number of the members gathered in the chapel for prayer, and remained to hear the reports of the visitors as they came in. So impressed were the visitors in their visitations that it is the intention of some to keep on in their spare time. It has indeed been a mountain-top experience for all, and Carnegie church can recommend visitation evangelism to all who have not yet shared this wonderful experience. On July 25, at gospel service, God continued to bless us further when, in response to the invitation by Mr. Coventry, five young people came forward to confess Christ.—S. Jenner.

EAST DONCASTER CHURCH OF CHRIST.

SILVER ANNIVERSARY,

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7.

5.45 p.m., Tea. 8 p.m., Concert.

Musical, elocutionary and vocal items.

Speaker, Mr. W. H. Clay.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15.

11 a.m., Communion Service. Speaker, Mr. Baird.
3 p.m., Special Service. Speaker, Mr. Hurren.

Soloist, Mr. Smith.

News of the Churches

Western Australia

Subiaco.—Bible school teachers canvassed district for children not attending Sunday schools; many homes were contacted. Youth council recently organised a successful barbecue for young people. A number of carloads of men's fellowship members visited Hinrichsen-Machin mission at South Perth on July 26. Services on July 25 were well attended. F. L. Ewers' exhortation was appreciated. A. G. Elliott's gospel address was supported by choir's beautiful renderings of old-time gospel hymns, to old-time tunes.

Tasmania

Mole Creek.—B. Burt, of Hobart, visited and showed several reels of pictures illustrating missionary progress in India and on Islands. T. Orr conducted meetings at Caveside and Mole Creek on 18th. Local speakers for month were J. E. Byard, P. J. Byard, C. Burt and A. R. Harvey. Two pupils sat for scripture examination. Annual offering for overseas work amounted to £13.

Devonport.—On June 13, A. Higgs, of Ulverstone, gave morning address, and at night E. Stevens preached. On 20th F. T. Burt was morning speaker and R. Pitt at night. On 22nd B. Burt gave an illustrated lantern lecture on India and New Hebrides mission. On 27th S. Bruton gave morning exhortation and F. T. Burt preached at night. R. Pitt was morning speaker on July 4 and F. T. Burt at night. On 11th F. T. Burt and S. Bruton were speakers. R. Pitt spoke at both services on 18th. On 25th S. Bruton and F. Burt were speakers. Overseas offering amounted to £23/7/6.

South Australia

Mt. Compass.—Prior to wedding of Audrey Peters, Mt. Compass, and Harold Schomburgh, of Naracorte, Ladies' Auxiliary organised a kitchen evening. Bruce Leane and Douglas Chigwidden helped Mr. Manning with address at one of the gospel services. Thanks are extended to those who made available time and cars. Mr. Manning has during past month been able to travel many miles visiting homes of district. In this way Sunday school hopes to encourage parents to organise transport for their children to attend Sunday school.

Stirling East.—Attendances are gradually increasing after a period of wet Sundays. F. Hallday has been in hospital for some time, but is now at convalescent home. Several members of church have recently conducted a "two by two campaign" in connection with plans for Loyalty Month services commencing on Aug. 1. June meeting of Women's Bright Hour was one of best held yet, speaker being Sister J. Clarkson (Nurses' Christian Home), and Mrs. Bristow and her party entertained. Speakers who have assisted with preaching are J. Hemer, R. Knight, G. Cox and J. Hoyle.

Adelaide (Grote-st.).—Annual offering for overseas missions amounted to £108, including £37 raised and given by Ladies' F.M. Band. Y.P.S.C.E. held a "back to Endeavor" meeting on July 13. Greetings and apologies were received from some past and present members unable to be present. S. E. Riches gave a talk on behalf of past members. On July 12 women's meeting was addressed by Miss Aza Child, a missionary from Bihar, India. Offering taken was given towards R.B.M.U. work. On morning of July 19, service was broadcast. W. Beiler delivered the address. Choir was ably led by Frank Willing. Mrs. R.

Cotton and Mrs. Crowe were soloists. There was one confession at evening service at close of Mr. Beiler's address.

Kilburn.—Monthly prayer meeting was held at home of B. L. S. Mann on July 20, when gifts of money were received for food for Britain appeal, and F. Collins explained visitation evangelism. 93 attended 10 a.m. Bible school on July 25, including a new scholar. F. Collins addressed 20 adults and 30 young worshippers at 11 a.m. service, which was conducted by F. Lawrance, who took opportunity to thank Joy Riches, of Prospect, for helping as emergency Bible school teacher and to extend best wishes for her forthcoming marriage. Children were specially catered for at gospel service, when at 7 p.m. F. Collins gave flannelgraph talk and Bible quiz. A. Mackenzie is still busy repairing and manufacturing kindergarten equipment.

Fullarton.—At morning service on July 24, there was a fair attendance, considering amount of sickness prevailing. A number have been unable to attend for three or four Sundays. B. W. Manning commenced a study of John's epistles. Fellowship was enjoyed with visitors during day, including Miss McKay, missionary-elect to Japan. B. W. Manning preached a splendid gospel sermon. Jennifer Outlaw, who decided for Christ in Appelman mission children's session, made the good confession. At annual business meeting on July 20, two deacons were appointed to eldership and two new deacons were elected. At morning service B. W. Manning made recognition of incoming officers—elders, W. V. Wright and A. G. Wickham; deacons, A. C. Mau and Errol Lucas. An increase has been made in preacher's salary.

Semaphore.—S. Matthews has been giving helpful addresses. Attendances have been maintained, but sickness has kept some away. Ladies' Mission Band met on July 6, and discussed arrangements for annual church tea. A. Samuels was morning speaker on 18th, and at close of Mr. Matthews' address in evening a young lady made the good confession. Annual business meeting of church has been held, and reports given were encouraging. P. W. Brooker, R. Sellick, W. Lough and J. Brooker were re-elected deacons, and J. Brooker secretary. Interest is maintained in Y.P.C.E., J.C.E., Boys' Brigade, and Bible school. Attendance at "Happy Hour" averages 70 to 80 each week. W. Lough has resigned as Bible school superintendant after many years' faithful service. J. Thoday has been appointed to fill position.

Glenelg.—Wedding of Kath Haddrick and Kevin Kitto has been celebrated. Prior to this a kitchen evening was given in their honor, and an enjoyable time was spent by many of their well-wishers. A visit by Mr. Anderson, Federal secretary of foreign missions, was enjoyed on July 18. At morning service he gave a fine missionary address, and during afternoon paid a visit to Sunday school and showed some moving pictures, taken during his trip to mission fields of India, to scholars and visiting friends. At a recent midweek fellowship meeting, in lieu of usual Bible study, a talk was given by Mrs. Pike, sen., on her forty years' missionary work in West China. It was listened to with keen interest and evoked many questions. During month one of the young men, Trevor Sargent, was baptised and received into membership. Mrs. Bradley and Brian Pittman are back after

long term of sickness. There is still a good deal of sickness amongst members, and this is not helping attendances, which have been low of late. Following his resignation, D. Pike will terminate his engagement with Glenelg church at end of August.

Whyalla.—Members regret loss of Mr. and Mrs. Banks who, due to health reasons, had to terminate ministry with church. Gospel service re-opened on July 4, Mr. Barton, of Pt. Pirie, taking both services. Since opening night there has been increase in attendance. Boys' and girls' clubs have re-opened, and results are encouraging, aim being to increase interest by installing table tennis, indoor bowls, quoits, darts and horizontal bars, and by formation of junior cricket club. Land has been cleared for tennis and basketball court. J.C.E. and Bible school report good results. Congratulations are extended to Betty Thoday on her marriage to Brian Wastell. Church suffered a loss in Mr. and Mrs. C. Brougham, who have left to reside at Ungarra; both were foundation members. Mr. and Mrs. Levett and daughter were welcomed on Aug. 1 by transfer. Mr. Levett is ably assisting as organist in place of Mr. Pearce, who with Mr. Tregloan takes charge of gospel service each alternate week. Mrs. Pearce is an inmate of hospital. Fellowship with visitors has been enjoyed. Mrs. Laurie, after long holiday, is again in fellowship with church.

Maylands.—In a promising and growing centre, Koongarra Park Bible school was commenced on July 18 in presence of parents and interested friends. Scholars and staff enrolled on opening day numbered 49. At Croydon anniversary services, choir provided the music on July 8 and shared in enrichment of this service. Ladies' Guild donated a further £5 to Christian Guest Home as a result of a special afternoon. Overseas mission offering to date totals £123. Boys of Industrial Home, Magill, welcomed opportunity to challenge church football team. Two Wednesday evenings were devoted to study and discussion of recommendations of S.A. churches of Christ commission on declining membership. A representative of World Christian Movement addressed church at a morning service. Twenty-two scholars competed in scripture examinations, and on this day Mr. Burnard, of S.A. Alliance, presented "Faith Triumphant" and temperance work on screen. Workers of school entertained parents of scholars in a social evening. Thirty-seven teachers met round tea table in conference, pictures and discussion on work of a teacher being led by Mr. Bailey, director of Methodist Youth Department. Two confessions were made during July.

New South Wales

Lane Cove.—H. J. Patterson continues to minister to church and serve as principal of Bible College, Woolwich. A series of evening addresses during past two months has been interesting and instructive. An after-church monthly "sing together" with a cup of tea has been introduced. Officers of church are meeting weekly and after prayer are visiting long absent members, seeking their restoration to fellowship and regular attendance at meetings. Mrs. Bennett, sen., is making good recovery after recent operation. P. J. Pond has again been confined to his home through illness and compelled to miss attendance at Lord's day services. Bible school is showing good results under leadership of Mr. Ferguson. New scholars are being added to kindergarten and school. A post-war group of teen-agers is growing up and taking place in work and activities of church. A youth committee has been formed to meet needs of young people. Sister Bulcraig, of Camberwell, Vic., is having fellowship with church as a visitor.

Lismore.—At Sunday school examinations on afternoon of July 11, ten students sat. Improvements and renovations to classrooms are an adequate compromise to damage done by recent flood. Newly-arrived projecting lantern is finding plenty of use. Five new pupils were added to school when first afternoon classes began in place of morning school. An enjoyable afternoon reached a pleasant climax when afternoon tea was served by ladies after a meeting of officers of Lismore church and brethren of Byron Bay district, who met to discuss prospects of getting a minister for that area. A C.E. rally was held at Dunoon on evening of 20th. Preparations are being made for church anniversary. Response to month's special offering was pleasing.

Victoria

Geelong.—Mr. Stirling preached at both services on July 25 after being at Carnegie. On Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Cashmore entertained Ladies' Aid members at an "at home" at her residence. Plans are in hand for evangelistic visitation campaign.

Yarrawonga.—L. Dudley visited church in interests of foreign missions on June 13. Foreign mission offering is a record, over £188 being given. Mr. Colless, who recently decided for Christ, has been baptised and received into fellowship.

Castlemaine.—On July 25, after evening service, a young woman was baptised. On same day total attendance at Sunday school, 70, was largest for four years. Mr. Black continues in a very helpful interim ministry. Church is preparing for Mr. Banks' coming in September. Ladies are preparing clothing and rugs for mission fields.

Burnley.—At annual meeting of church on July 18, retiring office-bearers were re-elected. Men's Fellowship tea was held on July 18, E. L. Williams being speaker. A large number were present also at gospel service, H. Gross being speaker, and visiting soloist was Albert Barber, of Moreland. Boys' Club held church parade on July 25, boys taking active part in service. At gospel service on July 11 a young man confessed Christ; he was baptised on July 25.

Merbein.—Work continues in good heart. One young married woman made the good confession and was baptised on July 25. Mr. Whitmore ably addressed all services during July. Weekly prayer meetings are held in members' homes during winter months. Mrs. Whitmore has taken over kindergarten. Six scholars sat for scripture examination. A start has been made on renovating of manse, and it is hoped that Mr. and Mrs. Whitmore and family will be able to move in during August. Members of Women's Mission Band are holding a series of gift afternoons, money raised to go towards cost of new fence in front of manse.

Kaniva.—21st birthday of J.C.E. was celebrated on July 24 and 25 with special meetings. Visitors were present from Horsham, Broughton, Boyce and Nhill J.C.E. societies. At 2.45 on Saturday 130 met, when items were presented by juniors and an address was given by Mr. Mathieson, of Horsham. At 5 p.m. the birthday tea was held in the old chapel, which was beautifully decorated. 140 enjoyed the tea and watched lighting of candles and cutting of cake which was decorated as a cricket oval with scoreboard showing "Kaniva J.C.E. 21 not out." At 6.30 a short evening session was spent listening to more items from juniors and seeing several film strips on Bible stories. On Sunday morning at 10, the usual J.C.E. meeting was conducted by past juniors, several of whom were at first meeting 21 years ago. C. M. Wheaton, who gave an illustrated talk at meeting on July 31, 1927, gave same talk to this meeting. 77 were present. At gospel service

at 7 p.m., J.C.E. was again featured with 27 juniors and leaders on platform rendering messages in word and song, following which Mr. Combridge addressed the 104 in the building and confronted all with the challenge of Jesus Christ.

West Preston.—On Aug. 1 Mr. Blake, Congregational Church, addressed communion service; 140 attended. At gospel service 104 were present when Mr. Withers was preacher. Two (father and daughter) responded to invitation. On July 30, K.S.P. entertained Young Explorers' Club, and a pleasant evening was enjoyed. Opportunity was taken by K.S.P. chaplain R. Bradshaw to make a presentation to Ray Farmer, who has been transferred to Morwell.

Melbourne (Swanston-st.).—There have been a number of additions to church recently—one (Mrs. Fowler) by faith and baptism, and several by letters of transfer or baptised believers wishing to link up with Swanston-st. A. E. Hurren (conference president) spoke on morning of Aug. 1, and all other meetings have been addressed by K. A. Macnaughtan, who has continued his special series (Ten Timely Topics) before large congregations. Boxes of articles prepared by Dorcas Society for despatch to England were on view after morning service on Aug. 1, and were much admired. Mrs. Willoughby recently sustained a broken wrist, but is reported to be progressing favorably.

Warragul.—Series of chart addresses by C. Jackel are almost completed. They have been helpful and inspiring, and have created interest at gospel meetings. Morwell has been served with following speakers: L. and M. Collyer, M. Byard, E. J. Waters, R. Hillbrick (Moe), Mr. Wellington (Traralgon). Car-owners are rendering an appreciated service. C. W. Jackel addressed Methodist Ladies' Guild anniversary at Yarragon, also W.C.T.U. meeting at Warragul. Bible school has gained eight new scholars; 20 scholars sat for annual examination. On July 11, at a fully attended service, a married lady made her decision, and was baptised on July 25. Much prayer is being exercised in relation to all future work. On Aug. 1 Mr. and Mrs. Davey were presented with a silver cake-dish, when good wishes of church were extended to them in their married estate.

Red Hill.—Ladies' Guild and Mission Band held annual meeting on July 8. Following were elected: Ladies' Guild: President, Mrs. E. White; vice-president, Mrs. Henry Holmes; secretary, Mrs. J. Holmes; assistant secretary, Mrs. M. Wright; treasurer, Mrs. D. Holmes. Mission Band: President, Mrs. A. Andrew; vice-president, Mrs. A. Salmon; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Hal Holmes; assistant secretary, Mrs. Henry Holmes. The ladies have held successful meetings and are all in good heart for the work. On July 10 G. Daff, from Cheltenham church, gave an interesting travel talk with lantern slides of his trip to Buffalo Convention. On 11th N. Moore spoke in morning to a good attendance, also at gospel meeting, when Mrs. Dave Holmes sang a beautiful solo. On 11th, thirteen Sunday school scholars sat for scripture examination. A combined Y.P.S.C.E. meeting and prayer meeting took place on July 15. Mr. Torney was speaker. On 18th N. Moore spoke morning and evening. Monthly food for Britain offering was taken. At combined Y.P.S.C.E. and prayer meeting on July 22 A. Salmon was speaker. N. Moore spoke at morning service on July 25, also giving a talk to Y.W.L., members of which sang a trio. Les. Brown is in Melbourne Hospital to undergo an operation.

Bentleigh.—At morning service on July 18 Mr. Payne was speaker. H. Waghmode was speaker morning and evening on July 25. On Aug. 1 special services were held, and a "Temple Day" offering was received; to date £33 is in hand. In morning K. A. Macnaughtan gave a very fine exhortation. At 3 p.m. Mr. Edgar, secretary of Mission to Lepers, showed a film entitled, "The Healing of M'Vondo." Tea at 5 p.m. was followed by gospel service, when R. J. Anderson was speaker, after which the film "Barabbas" was shown. Many visitors spent a happy day of fellowship together. G. Halsey sang two solos.

Warrnambool.—Mr. Weir welcomed 15 new members into church on morning of July 25—Marlene Conlin, Ken Dunlop, Ron Weir, Mrs. Q. Boyle, Mrs. W. Hill, J. Moulden, E. Reading, D. Cameron, Louise Carroll and Dorothy Bryant. Neil Pritchard, who has transferred his membership from the Portland church, was also welcomed. Offering for foreign missions totalled £8/5/-. Colin Le Couteur occupied pulpit on morning of July 18. Mr. Weir journeyed to Drumcondra to assist in campaign of visitation evangelism on July 31. During his absence pulpit was occupied by W. McConnell, of Baptist Church, C. Houston and C. Le Couteur. Men of congregation are contemplating forming a cricket club.

North Richmond.—Work continues with good heart under faithful interim ministry of C. Young. On July 18 he was welcomed back from holidays spent in Queensland. On that day he announced acceptance by Mr. and Mrs. Shaw of oversight of church. They expect to begin their ministry early in 1949. Services of W. Atkin were appreciated during absence of Mr. Young, as also was help of Messrs. Mudford, Smith and A. Thomas. A building fund has been started for purchase of a manse, and all auxiliaries have been given an aim to contribute further. E. Addcott has presented to church a pair of hymn cabinets which are appreciated. Sylvia Hammond was baptised on July 25 following confession of Christ. In Mr. Young's absence at Croydon on Aug. 1, Mr. Dodd, of the college, gave a splendid address.

South Yarra.—Mrs. N. Elliot has been baptised and received into fellowship. At youth tea on July 11, leaders of clubs gave pleasing reports of activities. There was good attendance at evening service, several young people taking part; Don Streader was soloist. Mr. Smith has presented church with a number of hymnbooks, which were dedicated to memory of Mrs. Smith. At evening service on July 18, the Mayor and Mayoress, Town Clerk and Councillors of Prahran were present in a good audience. A party from Coburg and Brunswick under leadership of F. Barnard gave two musical items. An offering for food for Britain was taken. One young girl made her confession. Evening service on July 25 was conducted by men of church. Dr. Kemp was speaker and A. Tait visiting soloist. A delightful time was spent at a social on July 31 arranged by C.E. society in aid of building fund. Ladies' Guild and Mission Band maintain good attendances, and are working for a fair to raise money for new church building fund. Sympathy of church members is with Pitts family in recent bereavement.

North Essendon.—Splendid services were held on July 25. After an inspiring address by C. H. J. Wright, Aub. Graham decided for Christ. Members rejoice with Hazel Skuce on her acceptance for missionary service in India. Splendid service is being rendered by her as superintendent of J.C.E. Members were glad to welcome Albert Fox to service on Aug. 1. There was splendid attendance at both services on that date. At morning service Mr. Wright launched campaign for "A Crusade for a Christian World." At gospel service, which was parade night for church auxiliaries, choir sang a nice anthem. Much

thought and preparation were given to both addresses delivered by preacher. Young Women's Fellowship reports much activity, and are active for proposed sale of works. Bible school is practising for anniversary with J. Burns conductor.

Springvale.—Splendid services were held during last month. Overseas missions offering has reached over £51, aim being £25. Mr. Bond continues to give inspiring addresses at all services. At morning meetings he has spoken on evangelism and has given prophetic talks at evening services. There were two baptisms during month. Splendid attendance at worship service on Aug. 1, when Mr. Bond brought before church the aims of Crusade for a Christian World. There was one consecration at evening service.

Gardiner.—Over 30 scholars sat for scripture examination. A time of uplift and fellowship was experienced during preparation for and week of visitation evangelism. Two weeks of 6.30 a.m. prayer meetings preceded going out of six teams of visitors. Mr. Wakeley exhorted church on morning of July 11 and gave helpful advice and instruction to visitors on nights of visitation. On July 18, at morning meeting, Mr. Bolduan told of blessings received and inspiration of week, and in evening chapel was comfortably full for decision night. Mr. Bolduan baptised Betty Tandy and Elaine Smith, of Bible school, and Mr. Wakeley delivered the address. Items were rendered by quartette party. At invitation nine young people responded. On July 25, girls from Bible school were received into fellowship, and in evening six young people were baptised. On July 12, Phi Betas joined with Women's Mission Band in an evening in honor of Alison Thompson prior to her marriage to H. F. Morris. F. L. Lee was speaker at Men's Fellowship on July 18, giving an interesting lecture on paper-making, illustrating Tasmanian mills. Church's sympathy has been extended to Mrs. Watts (mother), Mrs. R. Kemp (father), Mrs. Morrison (husband) and Mrs. Mudie (father) in loss of loved ones. On July 24 a church social was held to say farewell to Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Fisher who, after twenty years of faithful service, are removing to Lilydale. Gifts were presented on behalf of Mission Band and all church members. Church football team remains undefeated, and all three tennis teams reached final round; two of them are to play off in different grade for finals.

ANNUAL SCRIPTURE EXAMINATION

PRIZE-WINNERS.

Victoria.

Division 1.—1, Wendy Margaret Hartvigsen, Echuca, 98; 2, Barry Arnott, Brighton, 97; 3, Laurel Lillian Weir, Warrnambool, 96½; 4, Douglas Thomas, Gardiner, 96.

Division 2.—1, Margaret Nellie Haines, Surrey Hills, 98; 2, Lynette Joy Dudley, Echuca, 95; 3, Russell John Heath, Ascot Vale, 93; 4, Beverly Joan Smith, Bentleigh, 92.

Division 3.—1, Evan Williams, Coburg, 99; 2, Janice Elizabeth Cutchie, Horsham, 98; 3, Graeme Cecil Jackel, Warragul, 97; 4, Noelle Merlyn McIntyre, Doncaster, 96.

Division 4.—1, Marjorie Lynette Burns, Reservoir, 99; 2, Gwenneth Williams, Yearninga, 98; 3, Kenneth Jeffery Hodgins, Blackburn, 97; 4, Beryl Jean Swallow, Dimboola, 96.

Division 5.—1, Barbara Joan Barker, Surrey Hills, 99; 2, Margaret Ernestine Moody, Malvern, 98; 3, Leonie Joy Henshilwood, Hampton, 97; 4, Valda Lorraine Morrison, Hartwell, 96.

Division 6.—1, Aline Margaret Murnane, Warragul, 96; 2, Jacqueline Mary Dabb, Drumcondra, 93; 3, Alison Aldridge, Springvale, 91; 4, Gwendoline Isabel Scott, Northcote, 90.

Division 7.—1, Lorraine Doreen Chesterfield,

Gardenvale, 92; 2, Mildred Joyce Potts, Essendon, 91; 3, Irma Grace Morrison, Hartwell, 88; 4, Trevor Albert Banks, Doncaster, 87.

Division 8.—1, Joy Aileen Gray, Box Hill, 96; 2, Elsie Jean Banninger, Bendigo, 83; 3, Judith Rose Martin, Hamilton, 82; 4, Ada Ashley, Oakleigh, 81.

Division 9.—1, Albert Edward Stevens, Sunshine, 79; 2, Donald McNicol Elliott, Malvern East, 75; 3, Margaret Maureen Davis, Blackburn, 74; 4, Rita Cuddy, Parkdale, 71.

Division 10.—1, Mrs. V. E. O. Hannah, Reservoir, 79; 2, Alice Elizabeth Ashley, Oakleigh, 77.

Division 11.—1, Dorothy Crabtree, Caulfield, 85; 2, Alma Elizabeth Yewdall, Bentleigh, 84.

New South Wales.

Div. 1.—1, Valerie Thomson, Lane Cove, 99; 2, Margaret Powell, Wagga Wagga, 95; 3, Peter Johnson, Beverly Hills, 92; 4, Rosalie Rofe, North Sydney, 91.

Div. 2.—1, Frank Stimson, Canley Vale, 97; 2, Richard Powell, Wagga Wagga, 93; 3, John Marshall, Peshurst, 87; 4, Grayham Lawson, Hamilton, 86.

Div. 3.—1, Janice Saxby, Taree, 99; 2, Arthur Evans, Beverly Hills, 98; 3, Carole Pryor, Hurstville, 97; 4, Marlene Martin, Beverly Hills, 96½.

Div. 4.—1, Ken Greenhalgh, Bexley North, 97; 2, Gloria Hodder, Paddington, 96; 3, Lillian Cartwright, Mordale, 95; 4, Margaret Morris, Epping, 94.

Div. 5.—1, Elaine Willetts, Kurri Kurri, 99; 2, Fay Allen, Mosman, 97; 3, Jeanette Beekman, Hurstville, 96; 4, Ailsa Smallman, Cardiff, and Janette Norling, Taree (tie), 94.

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DEATH

COMER.—On July 20, at Launceston, Louisa, beloved wife of Thomas, of 34 Burn-st., loved mother of Frances (Mrs. A. Arnot, Melbourne), Geoffrey (deceased), Ralph (Launceston), Janice Mrs. E. Stevens, Devonport).

Now the laborer's task is o'er,
Now the battle-day is past,
Now upon the farther shore
Lands the voyager at last.
Father, in thy gracious keeping,
Leave we now thy servant sleeping.

IN MEMORIAM

DOWELL.—In affectionate memory of Ada Alice, who passed to her eternal rest, Aug. 8, 1947. A devoted wife, honored mother, loving grandmother, and friend to many of the household of faith.

"When the weary ones we love,
Enter on their rest above,
Seems this earth so poor and vast,
All our life joy overcast?
Hush! be every murmur dumb;
It is only till he come."

DOWNS.—In loving memory of our dear mother and grandma, Annie, who was called home on Aug. 6, 1945. "It is only till he come and shadows flee away."

—Inserted by H. and L. Annetts and B. and M. Whittaker.

THOMPSON.—Fond memories of our loved father and mother, who died at Footscray on July 27, 1935, and August 9, 1939 respectively.

"The passing of the years can never dim the memories of devoted parents."

—Inserted by their family.

VIVIAN.—In loving memory of our dear mother and grandma, Olive Grace, who passed away on Aug. 7, 1945.

"E'en for the dead I will not bind my soul to grief,

Death cannot long divide,
For is it not as though the rose that
climbed the garden wall

Has blossomed on the other side?
Death doth hide, but not divide,
Thou art but on Christ's other side.
Thou art with Christ and Christ with me
In Christ united still are we."

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Obituary

F. Burcher

THE home-call of F. Burcher, of Dulwich Hill, N.S.W., came as a great shock to his many friends, and the sincere sympathy of all is extended to the sorrowing family and relations. For many years in his younger days he was a hard and faithful worker both in brotherhood activities and particularly at City Temple. Mr. Burcher was a director in the firm of Middleton and Tanner, timber merchants, and amongst his many business friends was very highly esteemed. To those who knew him intimately he was a good and faithful friend, and was always keen to help the less fortunate in life, and never turned away an earnest enquirer in need of help. The funeral services both at the home and cemetery were conducted by Mr. Crossman and A. C. MacLean. Mrs. Burcher, formerly Miss H. Elliot, passed away some years ago.—A.C.M.

Horace James Horsell

H. J. HORSELL was baptised at the York church, S.A., in 1899, during the preaching of Mr. Ferdinand Pittman, while still a young man. He was one who gave of his best for the Master. When he responded to the call of Christ to the Christian ministry, he first labored in the church at Strathalbyn, where he is still lovingly remembered. Later he spent ten years as preacher at York, during which time he visited Henley Beach, working in circuit fashion. From York he went to Croydon, where he labored for six years. His long years of loyal service as union secretary and manager of the bookroom, and also his faithful work on several brotherhood committees, stamp his life as one of devoted service to his Master and to the church. Until just before his death Mr. Horsell attended, as regularly as possible, the services at York, where he was elder. In the face of great trials, his faith never wavered. His last illness was of a sudden nature. He was taken to hospital on Sunday morning, and quietly passed through the doorway to larger life on Tuesday afternoon, July 6. He leaves a widow, a son, and daughter, and a sister, Mrs. Verna, of Strathalbyn. These all rest in the knowledge that he is gone to be with God.—L. G. Johnson.

Mrs. Louise Hudson

THE church at Devonport, Tas., lost an old and faithful member in the passing to her heavenly home, on May 9, of Mrs. Louise Hudson in the Devon Hospital, Latrobe. Our sister was baptised in the open sea at Sulphur Creek by Mr. Dennis on April 24, 1904. She remained in fellowship at Sulphur Creek for many years. When her husband relinquished farming pursuits about nine years ago, they came to reside at Devonport, where our sister was a wonderful witness of her Lord and Saviour. Her kind and genial disposition won her many friends. She was never tired of speaking a word for her Master at every opportunity. Through failing health and eyesight she had to give up her little room, and went to live with a daughter in Launceston a little over a year ago, but a few weeks before her death she returned to Devonport, hoping to meet again with the church here, but ill-health prevented her doing so. Her husband predeceased her eight years ago. One daughter, Mrs. Plapp, is in membership. To her and her sister and two brothers the church extends Christian sympathy in the loss of a splendid mother and a faithful and devoted servant of Christ. S. Wilson, of Launceston, in a few well-chosen words at the service in the chapel and at the graveside, said he always felt the one to receive the help and blessing whenever he visited our sister, so beautiful was her Christian witness and cheerful disposition.—A. F. Burt.

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FOR "CHRISTIAN" READERS.

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

A KIND REQUEST

A GOOD deal of misunderstanding and harm are being done to the cause of Christ by the ill-advised, though possibly good motive of a country brother, who, for some considerable time, and to different towns, has been sending unsigned material to folk whose names appear on the electoral roll. Paul said that he was not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, but this brother does not put his name to the invitation included in the letters he sends out to attend the Doncaster church of Christ. The tracts included are good reading, but the invitation crude. The sad thing about the whole matter is that some who receive the letters are likely to believe that the local church, in a very underhand way, would strive to influence members of other churches. Would the brother who sends out these letters accept the suggestion kindly given that, at least, he will put his name and address at the bottom of the invitation? I do trust that this suggestion will be accepted in the spirit it is given.—R. A. Banks, Doncaster, Vic.



SEEKING PRAYERS

IN a missionary magazine I was impressed with the sentence, "Keep the saints praying, for we have many adversaries." I reiterate it as I send in a prayer request for our work among the half-caste Afghans at Marree, S.A. Conditions are truly deplorable. Drinking and gambling abound, and little children suffer in consequence. We are looking to you, kind friends, to support us by prayer. We think of days of happy fellowship in your midst. Here we have no one who cares for the things of God, but we cannot leave these little ones to perish. My husband and I have a little Sunday school going, and it would do you good to hear the lusty singing and see their bright, shining faces. Are these going to be on the Lord's side? We sincerely hope so, but the forces of evil are strong, and it much depends on those who have it in their power to wield the weapon of prayer, whether they win or lose in life's great battle. Pray that God will keep us faithful. Our opportunity is great, and we are anxious that we may seize it while it is ours. We have confidence that you will not fail us.—E. G. Rose, Marree, S.A.

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