

The Australian Christian

National Weekly Representing Churches of Christ

People from all parts of the world meet at gatherings of U.N.O., and express their viewpoints. This free interchange of ideas helps to draw the peoples of the world into one family.



Mrs. Vijayalakshmi Pandit, Indian delegate to the United Nations, talks with a university student visiting the General Assembly. College and high school students have been numerous in waiting lines to hear world leaders at U.N.

WORLD CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

EXPRESSED IN GIFTS OF FOOD

AMSTERDAM

World Council Documents

THE main documents which the first assembly of the World Council of Churches will have to consider in its sessions dealing with the constitution, policy, programme and organisation of the council, have just appeared in a book of 104 pages. These documents have all been adopted by the Provisional Committee.

In the introduction to this volume, it is made clear, however, that "all arrangements made by this committee were provisional, and that the Assembly of the World Council of Churches would be entirely free in its decisions with regard to the constitution, the policy, programme and organisation of the council."

The volume contains the following materials: Letter of Invitation; Constitution for the World Council of Churches; Explanatory Memorandum; Proposed Changes in the Constitution; Rules and Regulations of the World Council of Churches; Report on the Programme and Policy; Constitution of the Department of Reconstruction and Inter-Church Aid; Statement of Policy of the Youth Department; Charter of the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs; Report of the Joint Committee of the World Council of Churches and the International Missionary Council; List of Member Churches.

This volume has been sent to the delegates. Others desiring copies may obtain them from the London, New York or Geneva offices. Price: 2/-, 50 cents, or 2 Swiss francs.

JAPAN

Protestant Christians in the Imperial Household

TWO leading Japanese Protestant Christians have been appointed to important posts in the Japanese imperial household. J. Tajima, trustee of Tsuda, one of the leading independent Christian colleges in Japan, and a student of the late Inazo Nitobe, Japan's representative to the League of Nations, was named Minister to the Imperial Household. Takanobu Mitani, former Japanese Ambassador to France, and brother of the late Miss Tami Mitani, president of Joshi Gakuin, Presbyterian Girls' School in Tokyo, was appointed Grand Chamberlain.

It has been announced also that Mrs. Tamaki Uemura, of the United Church of Christ in Japan, is giving regular Bible and English language lessons to the Empress and the Princesses.

SCOTLAND

United Bible Societies and the Human Rights

AT the council meeting of the United Bible Societies held in Dunblane, Scotland, from June 1 to 5, 1948, the matter of human rights and religious freedom was fully considered, and the following resolution has now been published:

"We, the United Bible Societies assembled in conference at Dunblane, Perthshire, in June, 1948, with representatives from 25 countries, desire to record our vital interest in all human rights and religious freedom, and particularly in the right and freedom of all people to circulate, receive and read the holy scriptures.

"We recognise with thankfulness the intention of the United Nations to secure an International Bill of Human Rights and Religious Freedom, and pledge our full support to every effort to

make the United Nations aware of the burning conviction of the world-wide church that these human rights and religious freedom are gifts with which all mankind has been endowed by the Creator.

"The purpose of the United Bible Societies is the widest distribution of the Bible, and we are convinced that every impediment placed in the way of circulating and reading the scriptures, now translated into over one thousand tongues, should be removed. We believe profoundly that the Bible is the source and inspiration of all human rights."

is not known how long each person will have to get along on this amount. Yet, despite the uncertain future, an anonymous donor, on the day after receiving his new money, sent Hilfswerk half of his allotment—20 mark—with this note: "Take this as the first new money stock to continue your relief work by which you have helped millions in these years of sorrows."



U.S.A.

Death of Dr. Rufus Jones

DR. RUFUS JONES, philosopher and historian, died on June 16, at Haverford, United States, at the age of 85. He has exercised a deep influence on the Society of Friends for two generations. He was a practical mystic, and his books—nearly fifty of them—show a wide appeal to the whole Christian church and not to the Society of Friends only. He took the lead in Quaker relief work.



GERMANY

Student Feeding

CHURCH-SUPPORTED student feeding programmes opened recently in 15 universities and theological seminaries in the four zones of Germany according to reports received at the World Council of Churches. Iain Wilson, Reconstruction Department secretary dealing with Germany, announced that 14,000 students would receive an additional 900 calories a day during the summer semester.

Funds for the \$75,000 programme have been provided by the following American churches: National Lutheran Council, Evangelical and Reformed Church, Missouri Lutherans and Methodists. Furthermore, Norwegian churches have sent shipments of fish to the universities of Mainz and Freiburg in the French zone. Additional students have been aided with flour from the CROP (Christian Rural Overseas Programme—joint agency of Church World Service and Lutheran World Relief).

While speaking at the openings in Tübingen and Mainz, Martin Dietrich, Lutheran World Federation representative in Geneva, pointed out that the food from abroad is a symbol of Christian fellowship. He marvelled at the zeal with which under-nourished students apply themselves to their studies. A number of professors pointed out to him that students study until they collapse, as a result of lack of calories and the rigor of travelling daily to the University.

The food from American churches is sent to Hilfswerk, the German Protestant Relief Agency, which turns it over to the Student Christian Movements in the universities. Efforts are made to help the most needy students, particularly tubercular people. Students were told by Hilfswerk leaders that the motive of the World Council of Churches in supporting such a programme was to further the inner renewal of the people by strengthening the University youth, the leaders of to-morrow.

Universities and seminaries where the programme is under way are Kiel, Tübingen, Mainz, Heidelberg, Marburg, Köln, Düsseldorf, Aachen, Erlangen, Münster, Hamburg, Göttingen, the Methodist seminary in Frankfurt and the Church High School in Berlin. The Berlin college began underground during the war to train ministers and had to evacuate when danger was at hand. Now it is training the majority of the theological students in the Eastern zone of Germany. Smaller scale student relief will be done in thirty other Universities.

—Items from E.P.S.

But who so bath the world's goods, and beholdeth his brother in need, and shutteth up his compassion from him, how doth the love of God abide in him?

1 John 3.17

PHILIPPINES

Church Union

EARLY in June there was an assembly that met in Manila from which resulted the new United Church of Christ in the Philippines. It includes the United Evangelicals (Congregational and Presbyterian), the United Brethren, and the Disciples (so far as mission groups are concerned), and locally the United Evangelical Church, the Evangelical and the Methodist churches. The new church has a combined membership of 123,000 Protestants. This figure is about one-third of the total number of Protestants in the islands. Four bishops were elected for the North Luzon area, the South Luzon area, the Visayan area and the Mindanao area.



GERMANY

Hilfswerk Appeal Follows Monetary Reform

IN an effort to alleviate distress caused by the monetary reform to millions of refugees, old and disabled people, Hilfswerk, the relief agency of the German Evangelical Churches, has issued a special appeal from its central office at Stuttgart.

It has asked the 30,000,000 Protestants in Germany over 14 years of age to contribute a "Diakonie Groschen" (a sort of "Samaritan nickel") each month for Hilfswerk's work. The monetary reform has made ready cash scarce again in Germany, and the groschen is appreciated once more, having acquired buying power and a genuine value.

Each man, woman and child received 40 new German mark under the monetary reform. It

The Vision of a United Church

AN apple falling from a tree made Sir Isaac Newton ask himself whether there was a connection between the movement of planets and the falling of an apple. As a result of his enquiry he found a common rule, or principle, which he called the "law of gravity." Great thinkers are able to see beneath the surface of many events a common cause. Doctors, knowing the cause of a common illness, are able to help people recover health. Thomas Campbell, having studied the religious activities of people in Great Britain and in America, was intelligent and generous enough to recognise that Christians, in all parts of the world, enjoy a common fellowship in Christ. He saw within the sectarian groups a common and universal fellowship of believers, which makes up the church of Christ upon earth. Unfortunately, since this fellowship of Christians in Christ has been hidden behind divided organisations built about varying creeds, it has been overlooked in the past. It is to the credit of Thomas Campbell that he saw that fact and made practical efforts to bring that fellowship out from the darkness of sectarianism into the full light of truth.

I.

A careful study of the "Declaration and Address" will show that Campbell recognised that the universal church of Christ on earth consisted "of all those in every place that profess their faith in Christ and obedience to him in all things according to the scriptures, and that manifest the same by their tempers and conduct, and of none else as none else can be truly and properly called Christians." It is evident, then, that Thomas Campbell did not hold that any one religious organisation incorporated all the catholic church of Christ. "Christians of every denomination" are to be indentified in this world-wide fellowship of the church. It is because barriers of sectarianism and sins of division exist that the real unity of the church of Christ on earth is not now expressed or made manifest.

II.

Unfortunately, the vision of the reformer, Campbell, was not accepted in those days when sectarianism was well entrenched. Deprived of fellowship with sectarian groups, these disappointed Christians of the Association of Washington were compelled to meet in a separate fellowship for worship.

How could these Christians express their worship before God? They could not follow the divisive customs of denominations, but must observe those acts of worship which allow for the expression of the spirit of the universal church. By setting aside non-scriptural customs and introducing the worship practices of the New Testament church, they sought to introduce catholic forms of worship wherein the unity of the church could be expressed. It was the avowed aim of these reformers "to prepare the way for a permanent scriptural unity amongst Christians." Unity, they saw, must be grounded upon a scriptural basis. The Bible was placed in the midst of their plan for unity.

III.

The scriptures, however, must be interpreted. Acceptable catholic interpretations of the Bible need not proceed from a general church council, nor need they be the common decisions of the multitude. Only "the voice of truth," said Campbell, has power with conscience and can produce "rational convictions" and acceptable obedience. Those reformers did not accept any man's interpretation, but sought interpretations that would create "rational conviction." Not the views that irresponsible persons might put out were acceptable, but only those interpretations that were based upon the truth in scripture and were de-

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duced in harmony with the acknowledged laws of reason.

It is not the private interpretation of scriptures which has caused division in Protestant churches that they adopted, but the rational interpretation that goes beyond the individual and has its court of appeal in "right reason." Thus not any interpretation, but only the rational interpretation will enable the unity of the church to be expressed.

As a result of this rational approach to the problem of worship, the members of the Christian Association of Washington perceived that, in the Lord's Supper observed each Lord's day in the language of the New Testament, a catholic act of worship is revealed.

Meeting as a church of Christ, these Christians did not consider themselves to be the only Christians, nor their fellowship the only church of Christ. They believed, however, that the great fellowship of Christians in the church would be assisted in the expression of visible unity by the regular and scriptural observance of the Lord's Supper.

We perceive that the spirit which animated those great-hearted souls was far from the narrow beliefs of sectarianism. They did not dream of commencing a separatist movement. They searched for forms of worship and modes of church life that would enable the church to throw off sectarianism and manifest unity to the world.

Are we big enough to carry on the pioneers' unfinished task? Can we avoid falling into the rut of our own sectarianism? We must be aware of the error which the pioneers tried to avoid, if we are to carry on their work. We must also see their vision of the catholic church and strive to remove the rubbish of generations so that, in the church of Christ on earth, unity may be revealed and the world brought nearer to Jesus Christ (John 17: 21).



United Nations Organisation

WE believe that the human spirit, horrified by two world wars and disappointed because of the failure of the League of Nations, desires to express itself in some universal organisation to prevent another world war. The United Nations Organisation is the best the human spirit can achieve to-day. The world is divided by race, religion, class and nation. To rise above all those barriers of human brotherhood is a tremendous task. Some do not think it is possible. However, we believe all sincere men and women are glad that an effort has been made to set up an organisation to adjust the problems which disturb the peace of the peoples of the world. Unfortunately, national differences are so strong that leading powers are not willing to submit their differences to the judgment of the U.N.O. Assembly. Perhaps racial differences and class hatred are the most serious hindrances to world brotherhood.

While we are glad to see U.N.O. making efforts to assist peoples throughout the world, we do not think it can be a substitute for the universal church. Christ will break down barriers of class, race and nation. Unfortunately there are only nominal Christian nations. Until Christ is made supreme in our own nation and in other lands, we cannot hope for a real solution to our national and international problems. Our greatest task to-day is to strengthen the church. We must build up a brotherhood of Christians around the world by missionary enterprise and by an evangelistic programme. From a strong universal brotherhood of Christians will arise the goodwill which will make such organisations as U.N.O. work effectively.

Loyalty to the New Testament Church

What Kind of Loyalty?

MUCH depends on what we mean by loyalty. Most of us have heard a great deal about loyalty, especially during the dark, uncertain days of the war, when we were being continually reminded of our obligation to be loyal to our king and country. In more recent times much propaganda has come to us in press and through radio with regard to "loyalty to our heritage" (whatever that means).

There are a dozen to a hundred different loyalties always demanding our attention and seeking to command our fullest allegiance. We as Christians have to distinguish between loyalties and the supreme loyalty to Jesus and his church. I simply mean we have to carefully distinguish between the sentimental, emotional jargon that in our day is dressed up and called loyalty, and the comprehensive demands of a personal loyalty to Jesus Christ.

Then, again, we must differentiate between a vague diffused loyalty to Jesus Christ that makes us feel good, and a clear, dependable loyalty that demands the sacrifice (setting apart for service) of the whole of one's life and talents. This loyalty that makes us "feel the price it cost us" is an amazing experience; it is the watchword of all Christian valor and true bravery; it charges those who possess it with a mysterious power that is beyond human ken. Such is true loyalty.

Loyalty Through a Personal Relationship

Loyalty, if it is not to lose its meaning and be lost in vagueness and mere sentiment, must be an experience between two persons. This is sound psychology, and is proved over and over again by experience. When a country needs to mobilise its manpower, it is not the country or the nation that calls men to service, but the personal head of the nation—the king or president. Thus the personal relationship is set up. So the experience or relationship called "loyalty" must be a personal relationship between "us" (as persons) and Jesus as our personal Saviour and representative to God. Our loyalty to Christ can-

J. H. Cain, preacher of church at Aldgate, S.A., sets out clearly that loyalty to Christ implies loyalty to his church.

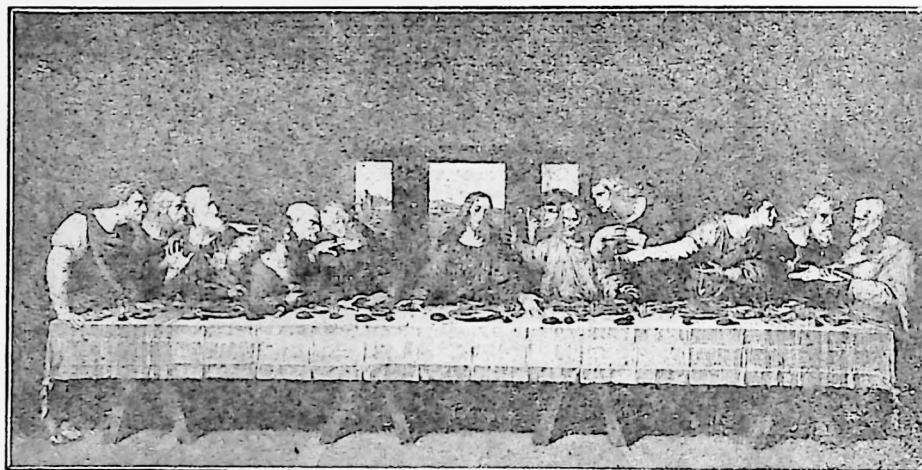
not be real until we know this experience of personal relationship with him.

If Jesus were only a man, then, at the most, we could only be loyal to his memory. This is just where our loyalty would break down—it would only be loyalty to the mental state we call "memory" and not to a person.

If Jesus were only God, then loyalty to him as a personal experience would be impossible; for whilst God is personal, without the human Jesus he would be beyond human apprehension. But Jesus is both God and Man. "God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself." Thus, because Jesus is both God and Man, there can be a permanent personal relationship between us and Jesus.

When this personal relationship becomes real

with "discipleship." All in the church were "disciples" and all "disciples" were in the "fellowship," so we see that this "fellowship" is permeated with a sense of unity, a unity that is both real and spiritual. It is true that most of the references to the church in the New Testament have a local significance, but there are references which have a universal significance, and it is clear from Colossians 1: 18 and 24 and Ephesians 1: 22 and 23, that Paul conceived of the many scattered churches as possessing a real unity. Here he refers to the church as the "body of Christ," and this mystical term surely designates the true relationship of the church to Jesus—it is his body—it is his church. This is the church which is worthy of our highest loyalty.



The Last Supper.

and we discover in it our redemption, there is let loose in us a mysterious power which impels us to worship and adore, to love and to imitate, and to give ourselves up in unstinted and sacrificial service. This is true loyalty to Jesus.

His Church in the New Testament

Too often we have thought of his church as the institutional set up (or the "government of the church") that so often goes by the name "church." The church in the New Testament is not an institution or merely a ministry of deacons and elders; it is a spiritual body of believers charged with the living spirit of Christ Jesus.

The word for church in the New Testament is "ecclesia," which means "an assembly of those called out"; so Jesus, our personal Lord, has called us out to follow him. We who have been "called out" are the church, for to couple this with Paul's idea of mystical union, we are in Christ. Where Jesus is, there is the church. The church in the New Testament then is "fellowship" with Jesus and with the brethren in him. In Acts the centre of this fellowship was always the observance of the Lord's Supper. We can see from this that the church was an experiential fellowship, and if our church is to be really true to the New Testament concept, it, too, must be a fellowship of believers whose experience of Christ is both real and personal. Then this "fellowship" was closely identified

Loyalty to Jesus Means Loyalty to His Church

To-day we meet a great deal of "academic belief" or the kind of modern Christianity which owns no allegiance to the church. Many church members have told me that they can be good Christians without the church. This is virtually saying that loyalty to Christ has no real connection with loyalty to his church. But is this so?

For two hundred years, from Nero to Valerian (roughly from A.D. 65-260), Christian worship (fellowship among believers) was a capital crime. From contemporary records we know that during this period thousands of men and women were killed, tens of thousands more suffered grievously in their fortunes, and persons in hundreds of thousands had to put up with the opposition of their families and the suspicion and ostracism of their neighbors, and the storm centre throughout the whole period was undoubtedly the simple act of corporate worship, the Christian observance of the Lord's Supper.

Why, then, should Christians expose themselves to such dangers? Couldn't they be Christians without worship and the observance of the Lord's Supper? In those days there was no place for any type of so-called Christianity which owned no allegiance to the church. Belief and feeling which did not express itself in fellowship would have seemed both pointless and fruitless to these Christians. The church, being what it was—the body of Christ—offered, in the fellowship of the Lord's Supper, the supreme, positive affirmation before God of the Christian life. There can be no genuine loyalty to Jesus Christ which does not result in genuine loyalty to his church.

A Reverie

A BATTLE I am call'd to fight,
Just here and now;
A path, untrodden all, to walk,
I wonder—how?

The foeman may be strong, and fight
With cunning skill;
Unswerving confidence and trust
My heart must fill.

Deceptive haze may fall upon
And dim the way,
Wisdom, beyond my own, I'll need
From day to day.

One walks beside—unerring Guide!
Both brave and true,
Surely his arm will lend me aid
The journey through.

The foeman's steel, the untrod path
Need not appal,
He will both fight and point the way
And temper all.

Then let me fearlessly press on:
The Stronger Hand
Shall be my strength—until I reach
God's Summer-land!

—Francis R. Widdows.

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Impressions of a Mental Institution

A CHALLENGE TO CHRISTIAN SERVICE

By W. H. Clay.

FEW people can speak authoritatively about the inside of a mental hospital. The inmates are mentally sick, and are, in most cases, admitted for treatment. Few only are regarded as incurable upon admission.

As in the case of an admission to a general hospital, there is a history attaching to each patient. Not only is the case itself a matter for consideration, but there are loved ones, relations, friends, and homes involved; and of all hospital cases, none has more pathetic associations than that requiring mental treatment.

We must get away from the erroneous impression that a mental hospital is a lunatic asylum where raving maniacs only are to be found. In an institution such as Mont Park, where there are nearly 2000 inmates, there is every type of mental patient, but few are violent and dangerous. Most of them appreciate a kind word, and nearly all can understand a kindly act.

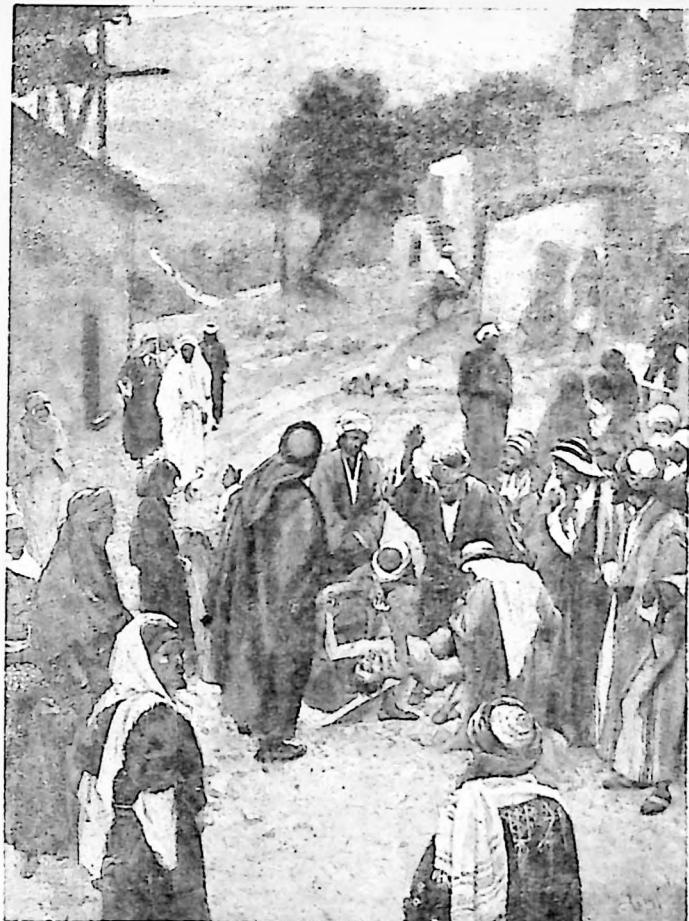
Every mental institution offers an open door to Christian service, be it only a casual visit involving only a sympathetic smile or a small gift, or better still, a surrender of self in that spirit with which Christ sacrificed himself, to serve another, who, unless somebody comes to his aid, must die.

The Staff of a Mental Hospital

The Enquiry Committee appointed by the government of which the writer was a member, agreed that by far most of the problems associated with mental hospitals could be traced to the human element. The organisation was faulty and the machinery lacking and incomplete; but for these defects we could find a remedy, but for failing humans, whether because of unsuitability to the task, or of incompetence, or shirking of duty, abuse of privilege or power, and more often because of overwork (for staff in every institution was being asked to carry nearly a double load), we had no remedy. We shuddered when we asked ourselves "what would happen, and what will happen, if and when this little more than skeleton staff breaks down?" Such a thing is quite a possibility. In some mental hospitals the present staff is more than 50 per cent. below normal in strength.

Another Question

As we moved from one institution to another, and saw the dreadful conditions under which the staff are working, we asked ourselves, "What is it that holds these men and women to these institutions?" It cannot be the salary; it cannot be the special conditions of employment, although these are the equal of those obtainable elsewhere. For the answer, we enquired of the nurses, maids and attendants themselves. It was invariably, "We simply cannot desert these helpless and needy people; we have come to love them." One highly qualified female attendant particularly impressed us, a woman of middle age and of good personality. It was Saturday afternoon. This woman with three assistants was in charge of about 70 unfortunate women whom she regarded as her sisters. I shall not attempt to describe the scene. To my question, "How long have you been in the service?" she replied, "Nearly twenty-five years." "And how long have you been in this particular part?" I asked. She replied, "Fourteen years." "You surely must desire a change; it must be very trying for you," I commented. "No," was her reply, "this is my job, and I am quite contented." We came away with the one irresistible impression. In this woman we had found a heroine. Such sacrificial service, and we are confident



Jesus Heals Mentally Troubled Boy.

it is not an isolated case, is worthy to be ranked with the finest that history records.

As a Christian minister I had looked for the Christian motive, and frankly, I had failed to find it. All with whom I had spoken seemingly had a strong sense of vocation, but not in any case was Christianity admitted to be the source of inspiration. Each had discovered his or her place and task in life, and could not be diverted from it. It would appear that the missionary aspect of this service has been almost entirely unrecognised.

Men and women well known in history have, in the name of Christ, forsaken loved ones, homes and temporal prospects to serve their less fortunate brothers and sisters, sometimes in the darkened places of the earth, and have not counted their lives dear unto them. Nothing could dissuade them from their life's choice of service.

The picture I have in my own mind, for several reasons I cannot translate into words. If, however, I have been able to give you, dear reader, the vision of a field of service which is so wide and inviting, or bring to your ears the imaginative voices of 7000 helpless unfortunates, many of whom, unless you respond, must suffer cruelly and indefinitely and die prematurely, then I shall have accomplished what I set out to do.

Are there not those, perhaps hundreds, who will give effect to their claims to allegiance to Christ, who will say, "Here am I, send me"? Information regarding the service will be supplied by the writer or by the Department of Mental Hygiene.

CAN you hear the Saviour pleading,
Praying; his people to be one,
'Tis the sign the world is needing,
For full acceptance of God's Son.

Yet warring sects, belie his name
And man-made creeds his saints divide,
Self-righteousness and pride defame
The sacred cause for which he died.

By schisms rent and superstitions
His church by heresies deterred,
The baleful fires of false traditions
Destroy the meaning of his word.

The Only Creed, His Word

Think less of form; more of the cross,
Let pride ecclesiastic cease,
Discard the ritualistic dross
That shames the lowly Prince of peace!
Cast off those robes of pomp and pride,
The mocking sceptre dare to scorn,
And travesties that would deride
The Saviour in a manger born.

For on no regal throne he sat,
And no distinctive robes he wore,
But in his earthly habitat
The stress of poverty he bore.

And though all power to him was given,
The humble path he chose to tread,
And for "the church" now sadly riven
His blood upon the cross was shed.

That church on earth is still his bride,
And loyalty to her his claim;
His name he gave; be this our pride
To honor thus the bridegroom's name.

—A. Lee-Archer, Gardiner, Vic.

Problems in Island Work

A. Anderson, secretary of the Australian Foreign Mission Board, reports on difficulties which missionaries in New Hebrides are facing.

INSTEAD of easing, our workers in the islands are facing graver problems than ever. At one time they could be certain that ships would call, even though they were not frequent; now there is no guarantee that boats loaded at Sydney will land the cargo at the required place, or whether they will be dropped off at Santo or elsewhere. Besides the inconvenience of having to make provision for bringing cargo over from another island, freights are high, making the cost almost as heavy as the original loading at Sydney.

Along with these problems, our workers wait months for supplies, and find when steamers arrive that export controls have held the goods up in Sydney. H. J. Finger, who has written about these problems, faces the situation with



Group of Pentecost Island Women.

This picture was taken at the opening of a new church a few years ago. A similar smiling group, all "done out" in their best clothes, would greet our missionaries when new churches were opened recently.

courage and determination. The closing phrase of his letter reads: "For the present may God's grace continue to overshadow every plan and need."

Purchase of Huts

Two more Army huts have been purchased of the type now used for the home of Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Pentecost. Because of these added materials, Mr. Finger has been able to do some further work on the hospital-dispensary block, Aoba. He says: "We are waiting for the cement to go ahead with the hospital, and can do nothing until it comes." Unfortunately Mr. Finger is still waiting for cement. Advice from Sydney says, "The situation is hopeless here to ship any—the island groups are on a quota."

Extra Accommodation

An extra room has been added to the home occupied by Mrs. Waterman to make provision for Miss Kennedy. The completion of this room is also delayed. The frame, roof and floor are finished, but there is no material to add the walls.

Furloughs

The old island steamer "Morinda" is on the island run again, though rumor has it she will not call at Aoba. Should the rumor prove true, it would complicate the passage of Mr. and Mrs. Finger, who hope to come up to Australia before the hot season. It is probable that Mr. and Mrs. J. Smith will be able to board the "Polynesian" for Australia from Pentecost about October next.

Opening a New Church

A month or so ago five new churches were opened on Pentecost. Something of the rugged nature of the country can be gained by a report given by Mr. J. Smith when the journey was made to open one of these places.

"We made a trip to the other side of the island to open a new church there. Not having the launch, we rowed in the dinghy to Ramputel, six hours' pulling, and stayed there for the night. Early next morning we started off to walk the rest of the journey. At first the walking was easy, but soon we started to climb up the mountain, and what a climb! The track averaged about sixty degrees. It was late in the afternoon before we reached this village of Lomby, where the church was. The next morning we opened the church, which was quite nicely decorated for the occasion. After that there was a small kai-kai, and in the evening we had a sing-sing. The following morning we began to return home, accompanied by several people whom we found needed medical treatment. The trip to the beach, being mostly downhill, was covered in four hours, but then

it was too hot to continue in the dinghy, so we waited there until mid-afternoon before rowing home, which we reached about 8.30 p.m."

RETURNING TO AUSTRALIA

THE field management is seeking to book a passage for Miss Caldicott on the November sailing from India, which should ensure her return to Australia by Christmas.

Mrs. Vawser, who has been in India since her return from the World Convention, Buffalo, is likely to return about the same time.

They are also seeking to book Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Coventry for September, 1949, and Mr. and Mrs. Colin Thomas for December, 1949. These workers left for the field together, and should be due to return at the same time. For working arrangements on the field, it was better to space their furlough periods.

LIVING LINK REFRIGERATOR

THROUGH the generosity of the Women's Mission Bands, Victoria, £196 was donated to defray cost of a refrigerator for their living link, Miss Foreman. The Committee of Management has authorised Miss Foreman to purchase an electrolux (kerosene) refrigerator, 4½ cubic ft. capacity. It is the desire of the sisters that the balance remaining after the costs of the refrigerator have been met be placed in the X-ray fund. Thanks once again, sisters.

The Church in the Modern World

★ P. C. D. Alcorn, B.A., sums up recent religious events and statements made in Queensland which have significance for these dangerous times.

NORMAN COCKS, a vice-chairman of the National Missionary Council of Australia, made the following observations in four lectures he delivered in Brisbane.

Speaking about "The Church and the Churches in the Modern World," he said that as long as the church strives to be the church she has within her the possibility of renewal.

Interest in the world church must not be an escape from the responsibility of the primary purpose of the church, which is evangelism.

"The Gospel through Press and Paper" was a most interesting and informative discussion. Emphasising the need for Christian literature, he said that in the cargo of a ship that left Australia recently for one of the South Sea Islands were eleven different kinds of tracts, several thousands in each bundle, issued by a militant, materialistic organisation and printed in the language of the people of the island to which they were being sent.

There is a longing among the peoples of the world for an understanding of the scriptures. As preaching is likely to be banned in some countries, the need for Christian literature is all the more urgent. The kind of literature needed is a transition type. The natives, although not fully educated, are not babies. They talk on all kinds of topics, and the Christian literature provided must present the Christian viewpoint on marriage, the ethics of business, the claims of the State. The speaker cited the Seventh Day Adventists who, in 1944, sold nine million books on the mission fields. In the Philippines they have one hundred colporteurs, everyone trained for his job, and all self-supporting. He advocated that we introduce into our colleges a course in journalism.

In the final lecture, a "Christian World Strategy," he reminded us that the world mission of the church was a dominant passion of New

Testament Christianity. There must be a broader basis of understanding between the churches and those who are striving to better their economic conditions.

In a discussion with Mr. Kenneth Henderson, Director of Religious Broadcasting for the Australian Broadcasting Commission, it was suggested that reality and vitality of message should be an essential quality. We should speak on the great aspects of our faith. Often times there is a temptation to speak a message to soothe the man in his complacency when he should be roused out of his complacency. There should be the intimate note. We don't speak to a congregation when broadcasting but to one or two in a room. An attempt should be made to convey the atmosphere of the service. Long voluntaries, long hymns, long prayers have a devastating effect on a broadcast service. Five seconds' silence "on the air" seems a long time to the listener-in.

A recent check of hotels in the heart of Brisbane revealed 900 young men and women in bars and lounges between 7.30 and 10.30 p.m. Inadequate sporting, recreational and educational (including library) facilities are said to be a contributing factor.

Quite the most interesting personality we have listened to for a long time is Miss Helen Keller, the blind, deaf and dumb authoress.

Discussing her education she said that she liked philosophy best because it made her conscious of her inner powers and helped her to live a harmonious life. She enjoyed Greek more than Latin, because although Greek was more difficult it was richer in thought and more marvellous in speech. We do not understand people unless we know their language, she said, because language is the expression of their thought.

If I could have one wish granted, she said, it would be that there would be peace and brotherhood between the peoples of the world. World peace is a responsibility from which none of us can escape without reproach. Peace is an order based on love. The welfare of each land is rooted in the welfare of all. If information flowed more freely throughout the world it would be easier to win the peace.

Asked why she was so happy she replied, "Because I have confidence in God and I trust my fellowman."

Here and There

On Sept. 12 the closing service of the World Council of Churches at Amsterdam will be broadcast in the interstate programme, and will be followed by a talk by the B.B.C. Director of Religious Broadcasts.

Members and friends who have knowledge of church members or Bible school scholars moving into the new Hightett-Moorabbin, Victoria, housing area are asked to contact W. F. White, 6 Viola-cres., Hightett, S.21.

E. C. Hinrichsen has forwarded following message: "Hinrichsen-Machin mission at South Perth, W.A., had wonderful day Sunday (Aug. 22); one hundred fifteen communed; thirteen decisions; ninety-nine to date."

At City Temple, N.S.W., on Aug. 20, preachers from Sydney and Newcastle areas met in a "school" of visitation evangelism. Practically every available preacher was present. There was keen interest in lectures. A committee has been set up to organise visitation evangelism in Newcastle and Sydney churches.

Dr. R. Miller, editor of "The Christian Evangelist," has been unwell for some time, and has been compelled to resign as editor. He will complete his duties on Oct. 1. Dr. Miller is a man with a great love for the church. We found him a gracious and friendly brother. It is our hope that Dr. Miller's health will be restored after a period of rest from his heavy duties.

At Hartwell, Vic., where D. Wakeley is the preacher of the church, R. Bolduan, of Gardiner, assisted church in conducting a Visitation Evangelism Campaign from Aug. 15-22. At the evening service of Aug. 22, over 200 were present. In response to the gospel appeal by Mr. Bolduan ten made the good confession. Mr. Wakeley writes, "The church is greatly encouraged."

Dr. Hyman Appelman and Mr. Homer Britton have conducted evangelistic missions in Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia, New South Wales and Queensland. They passed through Melbourne on Aug. 16 for Perth, where they will conduct meetings for thirteen days. The Melbourne council of the Appelman campaign has planned a farewell meeting in the Exhibition building on Sept. 6.

The Victorian Home Mission Committee invited representatives of churches at Cheltenham, Black Rock, Hampton, Brighton and Bentleigh to meet at Cheltenham on Aug. 16 to discuss a possible new cause at Hightett. All churches were represented at a very encouraging meeting. A. W. Stephenson (chairman) and A. W. Gale (secretary) represented Home Mission Committee and R. Enniss the Properties Corporation. W. F. White was appointed convener of a committee representing all churches.

S. Neighbour, organiser of the Victorian "Crusade for a Christian World," has made plans with the Youth Department in a drive for additional Bible school scholars, and the provision of teacher training courses. Cooperation is planned for work with other departments of conference. Churches visited by Stan Neighbour include Bentleigh, Chelsea, North Essendon, Springvale, East Malvern and Ivanhoe. Already some churches have local crusade committees. Mr. Neighbour visited Ballarat on Aug. 19 and spoke to church officers in a combined meeting.

"Bible Sunday" will be observed throughout Victoria on the second Sunday in September (September 12), when special prayers will be offered and sermons preached, with reference to the world-wide work of the society. This year the offerings will be devoted to the supply of scriptures for new readers of the world, as the Bible Society is making a gigantic effort to provide all new literates with the word of God. It was disclosed at the annual meeting recently held in London that the society's list of translations now stands at 778, nine new languages being added during the year.

Reports, literature and "Bible Sunday" envelopes will be gladly supplied from Bible House on request.

On Aug. 13, at Marrickville, N.S.W., Zest Girls' Club entertained their leader, Miss Jessie Thomas, at a pre-wedding social. Music, games and competitions, with a physical culture display by girls, followed by supper, provided a splendid evening's entertainment. Visit of Young People's Musical Society on Aug. 15 was appreciated, and their singing helped to emphasise Mr. Thomas' gospel sermon. A large number from local church fellowships accepted invitation of Women's Fellowship to a special afternoon, when Mrs. H. Weir gave a stirring address.

At morning service on Aug. 15 at Kadina, S.A., a beautiful new communion table and two chairs, the gift of Mrs. Ward and her late husband, J. W. Ward, were set apart for service. S. R. Trenwith presided, and in a few well-chosen words accepted the gifts on behalf of church. Two new pedestals and platform curtains, the gift of Mrs. Ward, were also used for first time on same day. Over 60 were present. Sympathy of church is extended to Mrs. F. Curnow, whose husband recently passed away, and also to relatives of Mrs. Byrne, who received the home-call on Aug. 12.

During July and continuing this month, Mr. Boettcher has been conducting special loyalty and evangelistic services at Boonah-Silverdale, Qld. On Aug. 8 there were two confessions, Ken Boettcher and Hazel Stubbins, and three other S.S. scholars signified their willingness to follow Christ. Overseas offering reached almost £60. £30 has been subscribed towards starving children fund. New church notice board has been presented by H. and F. Muller. Deacons decided to erect pulpit, communion platform and table, etc., costing £175. In recent scripture examination four scholars gained State prizes.

At Lidcombe, N.S.W., K.S.P. club held birthday celebrations, when members were installed by Mr. Maxwell, State scribe, and greetings were brought by R. Greenhalgh. In recent Bible school examinations several certificates and merit certificates came to Lidcombe. Prize-winners were Marion Davies and Ray Baker, each securing a fourth prize. Junior Endeavours collected 19,800 stamps for foreign missions over a period of two months. During last few months members of "Ladies' Happy Hour" have raised £18 for church improvements. Girls' Rhythmic Club is working hard for annual display. Church members are praying for blessing on an evangelistic mission to be held in chapel by Messrs. Luff and Dewberry.

Total raised toward overseas mission offering at Fremantle, W.A., was £11/13/4. "Living Link" fund grows steadily, with £30 in hand. In connection with "Living Link," Miss Kath Taylor, a special prayer meeting was inaugurated on July 27 at 2.30 p.m., and made a helpful beginning. Recent visitors have included Mrs. Hubert Marsh, of N.Z. Morning service on Aug. 1, with special features, was largely attended, when fitting tribute was paid to late Mrs. W. Cooper, an honored and esteemed member. A special offering in aid of "Bethesda" Hospital totalled £4/4/-. Mr. Scott, of B. and F. Bible Society, addressed church concerning work of that organisation on morning of Aug. 8. Mr. Gordon has been laid aside with influenza, as also has Mrs. Gordon. Mr. Fieldus and Mr. Hunt helped in services of Aug. 8 and 15. South Perth mission received support each Wednesday night. Kitchen of church has taken on a bright appearance, after much industry by the men, who devoted two Saturday afternoons in

busy bees. Ladies helped with afternoon tea. Sunday school scholars joined national appeal in funds for needs of children in Europe, this taking form of a self-denial effort.

Federal Conference

TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS

THE 200 berths reserved by the Commonwealth railways for Federal Conference delegates on trains reaching Perth on Oct. 11, 12 (special) and 14 have been allotted, and those concerned notified. All other registrations have been filed in order of receipt, and in the event of cancellations advice will be sent to the first names on "waiting list."

Commonwealth and State railway systems will be advised of names allotted to various trains. Delegates will receive final confirmatory letter from conference hospitality convener, and it will only be necessary to present this at the local railway station within 28 days of travel in order to purchase necessary tickets.

There are no first class berths available on special train reaching Perth on October 12, but this need not worry travellers. Second class passengers from Adelaide to Perth travel in comfortable four-berth cabins, provided with blankets, sheets, pillows, etc. They do not have to sit up all night as in Eastern States.

It will be quite in order for those who have not been advised that they have been allotted a berth to make their own travel arrangements, either by endeavoring to book as an ordinary passenger on either of the two regular trains, or earlier, or by plane. If sufficient notice is given, the committee will endeavor to arrange for accommodation required (there is still some available), but cannot guarantee it.

We regret that many who would like to come to conference will not be able because of travel restrictions, accentuated by absence of interstate shipping, but we have been forced to make the best arrangements possible in the circumstances. Should any find it necessary to cancel reservations, it will be greatly appreciated if it is done as early as possible in order that others may be given opportunity.

—A. D. Pyne.

TASMANIAN VENTURE

Bethany Boys' Hostel, Dover, Tas., celebrated its first year of service on June 14, 1948. The first superintendent and matron, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hindman, resigned on Aug. 2, 1948, and have returned to the mainland. Thanks for all they have done for Bethany has been expressed to them. A welcome was extended in Dover chapel on Saturday, Aug. 14, to the new superintendent and matron, Mr. and Mrs. E. O'Neill. Greetings and welcome were addressed to them by W. Rushton for Dover church; by Warden of Esperance municipality, R. Geeves; by B. J. Golder for brotherhood of Tasmania; by J. Park for Social Service Committee; and by A. E. Heard for Bethany committee. Mr. and Mrs. O'Neill suitably responded. A challenge has been extended to Tasmanian brotherhood to ensure that Bethany, now established, shall be adequately maintained financially and prayerfully, and be made a forceful and practical demonstration of Christian social service. "Inasmuch as ye do it unto these." —R. J. Boxhall, hon. sec-treas., 12 Frederick-st., West Hobart.

ADDRESS

A. J. Knee (secretary Ormond church, Vic.).
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Tasmania

West Hobart.—S. Cooper and R. Boxhall (Collins-st.), M. Richardson, J. Woolley, B. Golder and A. England have been speakers at services recently. Their addresses have been helpful and appreciated. Attendances have been good. Bible school scholars have commenced practice for anniversary under R. Lilly. On Aug. 15, school took part in radio session "Sunday School of the Air."

Launceston (Margaret-st.).—There have been good attendances, particularly at morning service. During absence of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Wilson and family on holidays, services were addressed by J. Allan, W. Clack, W. Buck and A. Griffiths, whose addresses were helpful. On July 31 Bible school held a successful mid-winter tea. Films were shown and a short concert programme given by kindergarten department. Sisters' auxiliary held a concert on August 6, when programme was given by West Launceston State school choir. There was a large attendance, and proceeds were for church carpet fund. At a social hour held after gospel service on Aug. 1, a presentation was made to John Piper and Jean Allan on occasion of their approaching marriage, which was celebrated in chapel on Aug. 7. Sympathy of church is extended to Mrs. Wells in loss of her husband, and to Mrs. J. C. Maxfield in passing of her father. Overseas missions offering totalled £82/9/10. Max Wilson has been received into membership by transfer from Rockdale, N.S.W. S. H. Wilson, whose ministry is much appreciated, commenced his sixth year of service on Aug. 1. At conclusion of gospel service, after a splendid address by Mr. Wilson, a brother came forward for reconsecration. Men's Fellowship on Aug. 8 was well attended, K. Van Strelitz speaking on "Early Tasmanian History."

Western Australia

Bassendean.—All auxiliaries are working hard. Men of church gave time and service to renovate interior of chapel. Young men's club held a concert on July 30, resulting in over £7 being raised for new equipment. Combined youth and girls' clubs held a social on two separate occasions to raise funds for quota for youth director's salary. Endeavorers spent Aug. 8 trying to bring sunshine into lives of others, visiting Perth Hospital with flowers and oranges. Bassendean again rallied to call for labor. A number of young men did a day's work at Waterman's Bay working bee (youth camp). Ladies' Guild are packing parcels for Britain. Des Nelson (son of church secretary) made the good confession and was baptised at Hinrichsen mission, and received into fellowship on Aug. 15. Mr. Nixon, after nearly six years of valuable ministry, has tendered his resignation and commences a ministry at South Perth church immediately.

Maylands.—On Aug. 8 Mr. McRoberts addressed congregation. A boy from S.S. was baptised. Visiting speakers have been Messrs. Banks, Whiting, Nunn (Sudan Mission) and Park. Sickness prevails, and many members are absent. Mr. Harris took service on morning Mr. McRoberts was indisposed. On Aug. 9 junior and senior boys' clubs enjoyed activities. Tuesday evening, girls' club entertained mothers and friends. Their membership is 30. Wednesday evening prayer meeting, led by Mr. McRoberts, was helpful. Young women's fellowship met at manse also. On Thursday afternoon Mrs. Curtis, of Woorooloo visiting committee, addressed members of guild and told of work being done at sanatorium. In evening, Y.P.S.C.E. resumed activities after recess for three months. On Friday evening a kitchen social was tendered Joan Higgott and Dave Wood, many valuable gifts being presented to the young folk, who were to be married on Aug. 21. Saturday evening Bible

class presented an evening's entertainment for benefit of starving children in Europe; £5/12/- was collected. Officers of church invited members to supper and to honor pioneer members on evening of July 22.

Subiaco.—During Mr. Elliott's absence at Northam and York on conference presidential duties, A. Ware and H. E. Greenwood preached; other recent speakers were I. W. Nixon, F. L. Ewers and S. G. Taylor. Sunday services are well maintained; good evening attendances. Under leadership of A. G. Elliott and H. E. Greenwood, preparations are being made for home visitation evangelism. Aged Sister Corpe recently passed to be with her Lord. All auxiliaries are working well. School is practising for "jubilee" anniversary. Girls' club concert on Aug. 14 was appreciated. Young Women's Fellowship held a successful "bring and buy" afternoon on Aug. 5. Church members and friends met after evening service on Aug. 15 to farewell Gordon Moignard, who is going into native mission work at Carnarvon, and John Dobel, who is taking up mission broadcasting. Till he receives the call he will be attached to s.s. "Kybra" wireless office. A. G. Elliott made from church a book presentation to each.

Queensland

Wynnum.—Protestant Lodges paraded at gospel service on July 25. Church took part in services arranged by ministers' fraternal and united meeting with Dr. Appelman. Bible school rejoices at successes in recent examinations, and has gained several new scholars. Mrs. Genn passed away after many months of patient suffering.

Charters Towers.—At annual business meeting on July 28, reports revealed fine work being done by auxiliaries. All officers were re-elected; other office-bearers were also re-elected. There was a good attendance. A "back to church" service was held on Aug. 1. Mr. Richter gave an appropriate address; Mrs. Richter gave a testimony; Mrs. Wales sang an excellent solo; W. Coward and W. Peres assisted. Mr. Draney (conference president) paid an appreciated visit to church on Aug. 10. Fellowship was enjoyed with him at a social hour in school hall at conclusion of meeting. Mrs. Keegan (Annerley) and Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Coward (Ann-st., Brisbane) have been received into fellowship by letter.

Brisbane (Ann-st.).—Attendances during July were affected by sickness. At Women's Fellowship on July 15, Mrs. Pearson-Harrison was speaker. Members of Y.P.C.E. held an enjoyable camp-fire meeting at Mt. Coot-tha Dam on evening of July 17. Having recovered completely from his operation, F. C. Hunting conducted morning service on July 18. C. J. Mackenzie speaking at gospel meeting. Both meetings were conducted by Mr. Hunting on July 25, when combined choir rendered excellent singing. Mesdames J. Smith and James sang a duet. Y.P. members have been following up regular weekly meetings with visits to Appelman mission. At a musical luncheon on July 29, a large attendance of women enjoyed an excellent programme arranged by Mrs. R. Hinrichsen. Proceeds from meeting were contributed to women's home mission fund. Morning service on Aug. 1 took form of a baptismal service, F. C. Hunting conducting, when C. J. Mackenzie baptised a young nurse, Miss Montgomery, who was received in later. In absence of Mr. Hunting on holidays, C. J. Mackenzie conducted both services on Aug. 8, giving excellent addresses, assisted by choir and Miss Myrl Haworth as

soloist. At conclusion of evening meeting on Aug. 15, a Sunday school scholar, Margaret Parkinson, confessed Christ. £300 has been set as objective for 1948 towards five-year building fund which will be launched officially at Diamond Jubilee anniversary. Average attendance at Lord's Table during past month was 150. Many recent visitors included Mr. and Mrs. T. Jackson, Chatswood, N.S.W.; A. R. Horton, Hartwell, Vic.; Mr. and Mrs. Blackburn, England; Mr. and Mrs. V. Spry, Prospect, S.A.; S. Rasmussen, Ashfield, N.S.W.; Mr. and Mrs. Toole, Windsor, N.S.W.; and Mr. and Mrs. F. Jackel, Lakes Entrance, Vic.

South Australia

Queenstown.—Mr. Ewers concluded his ministry with church on Aug. 1. There were good attendances. After gospel meeting words of appreciation were expressed to Mr. Ewers for faithful and sincere service he has given to church. His addresses and advice have been inspirational. A small presentation was given to Mr. Ewers, followed by a social gathering. Ross Graham commenced a part-time ministry on Aug. 8 until coming of J. H. Cain in January.

Prospect.—Service on morning of Aug. 15 was conducted by R. Vincent. At tea held after Bible school, Albert Anderson gave a talk on overseas missions. At gospel meeting Mr. Anderson was speaker, when films of overseas work were shown to a good attendance. Mrs. Joseph sang a solo. Fellowship meetings held each Tuesday evening are proving a great success; 42 present. Mrs. Bell has returned home and is improving. E. Collins is still in hospital.

Balaklava.—On Aug. 15 W. Ewers was speaker at both services, his addresses being appreciated. Average communicants for last four weeks, 110; 53 for evening service. A. E. Cremin was speaker at all services, except on Aug. 15. Sunday school anniversary is being prepared for, E. Long conducting. Badminton has been played during winter months. Young people intend to play in local tennis competition during coming season. Youth of church held a successful united social evening with Methodist young people.

Cheltenham.—Church has been unfortunate in losing services of Mr. Cornelius through sickness. Prayers are offered for speedy recovery. Illness of other members has caused lower attendances but, with assistance of visiting brethren, officers have been carrying on very well. 24th church anniversary was held on Aug. 8, when cradle roll was called. Sisters Hyde and Vincent are both away sick, and are missed in Sunday school. Several achieved good results in scripture examination. Bronwin Young again received highest marks. C.E. societies are going along smoothly.

Adelaide (Grote-st.).—Choir provided an excellent programme at a concert on Aug. 12. There was a good attendance, and proceeds were in aid of sisters' cutlery fund. Meetings on Aug. 15 were well attended, a number of visitors being present at both meetings. W. Beiler's addresses on loyalty were helpful. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Willing were welcomed by transfer from Fullarton. Mrs. Bessie Barnes was welcomed at morning service after many months' severe illness. There has been a lot of sickness amongst members. Y.P.S.C.E. received a visit on Aug. 17 from Halifax-st. society, and a profitable time was enjoyed.

Kilburn.—Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Stevenson and family have removed from district and will be missed from church and Bible school. Large supplies of magazines and periodicals procured by A. Mackenzie for use in making baskets for Christmas tree are acknowledged. B. L. S. Mann took charge of Boys' Life Brigade on Aug. 14, and provided an interesting session. Miss E. Lambert (pianist), Ken Henley and David McQueen, all of Nailsworth church, and A. Roberts, of Prospect church, are thanked for assisting at 10 a.m. Bible school on Aug. 15, when 58 were present. 11 a.m. service was conducted by F. Stone, when 20 adults and 20 young worshippers enjoyed splendid address

of F. Collins. At 7 p.m. gospel service Mr. Allen, of Hindmarsh church, showed religious film, "The Kindled Flame."

Fullarton.—A children's campaign after school, conducted by Evangelisation Society, with V. Walter leader, was very successful. Attendances rose from 75 to 150. On July 15 B. W. Manning welcomed Mr. and Mrs. A. Blucher, who made their confession and were baptised at Torrensville previous Sunday, but are living in district. A beautiful gesture was made by Torrensville church in sending two Bibles to be presented to them. B. W. Manning was speaker. A new departure in presenting gospel was showing of film, "The Man who Forgot God." Young people arranged programme and put in much work in preparation, contacting homes in district with invitations. Chapel was filled. At commencement three young people gave testimonies of conversions and Christian experience. The film was shown, and B. W. Manning closed with a gospel appeal.

Cowandilla.—W. E. Fisher has continued his ministry after three weeks' visitation to Darwin, his addresses being appreciated. In his absence church was thankful to brethren who helped. Speakers were, July 4, morning, Dr. T. Turner; evening, A. H. Wilson, and Mrs. V. Davis, of Bayswater, Vic., helped with a solo; July 11, morning, C. Schwab; evening, A. Anderson; July 18, morning and evening, R. W. Burns, and Mrs. Burns assisted with a solo. On Aug. 8, at morning service, W. E. Fisher gave the address. K. W. Barton was preacher at night, and a young lady made the good confession. After much patient suffering Henry Fisher passed to be with his Lord. He helped all with whom he came in contact by his strong Christian faith. His loved ones are commended to the comfort of the Lord. On Aug. 11, Band of Hope held a successful meeting. On Aug. 14, 26 young people had a happy afternoon in hills. After a hike all met at Stirling chapel and had tea. On Aug. 15, W. E. Fisher spoke morning and evening. Services were well attended. At night a quintette (Miss Gwen Beams, K. Ewers, C. Simons, W. Docking and N. McLean) sang helpfully.

New South Wales

Broken Hill.—A happy time of fellowship was spent by Y.P.S.C.E., when they held meeting at home of Mr. and Mrs. Baker on Aug. 17. Meeting was followed by supper. Mrs. Peckham is recovering after illness. On Aug. 15 A. G. Thourgood gave a helpful address at morning service at Wolfram-st., while R. H. Langford gave exhortation at Wills-st. Mr. Langford gave a challenging address at gospel service. Much sickness is prevalent. A message in song by male quartette party was enjoyed. Wills-st. school is practising for anniversary.

North Sydney.—In recent school examinations 14 children sat, 13 passing. Allan Lindsay gained first prize in his division and Rosalie Rose third prize in hers. Overseas offering reached £29/16/-. Mr. and Mrs. Vic. Morris were recently received into membership. C.E. society is supporting an orphan girl in India. J. C. Thompson was recent Sunday night speaker. Church held farewell social to Mr. and Mrs. Glen Brown on eve of their departure to Mornington, N.Z., to take charge of work there. Presentation was made of Bible and book. I. A. Paternoster completes eleven years' ministry with church the end of August.

Bankstown.—Progress continues, in spite of difficulties. Mr. Moran, preacher, is obliged to relinquish work owing to health, and his presence and devotion to duty will be greatly missed. Sunday school work is progressing favorably under leadership of Mr. Coxhead. All scholars who sat for examination passed. Fellowship has been enjoyed with visitors, among whom were Sisters Leman, of New Zealand, and Sister Farnell, Melbourne. Mr. and Mrs. Flett have been received into membership by transfer from Melbourne. Mr.

and Mrs. Ruxton and family have transferred membership to Rockdale. They will be greatly missed. Preparations are in hand for Sunday school anniversary under Mrs. Cox. C.E. is making progress. A successful innovation has been establishment of physical culture classes for young men and women under auspices of Mr. and Mrs. Edwards.

Victoria

Geelong.—Both services on Aug. 15 were well attended. Mr. Stirling was preacher. Plans are well in hand for evangelistic visitation campaign to be held in September. Congratulations are extended to junior tennis team, which won pennant in Geelong Lawn Tennis Association winter competition.

Black Rock.—Ladies' Guild had 13th birthday on Aug. 5. An enjoyable and helpful afternoon was spent. Speaker was Mrs. McCann, who spoke on her visit to Buffalo, U.S.A. Items were given by Mrs. Winsor-Coe and Mrs. Loring. Church tennis club had a successful season and were runners-up to premiers. Mr. Sewell, student preacher, continues with church. There were three baptisms during last month.

Ararat.—On July 17 and 18, church had a visit from Mr. Waghmode. His addresses were interesting and his visit appreciated. On Aug. 8, 29th anniversary of church was held. Temple Day was observed with encouraging results. Mr. Miles, of Moreland, was speaker. His addresses were a challenge to church. Appreciation is expressed to Moreland church for releasing him. Afternoon service took form of a P.S.A., and church expresses thanks to party of helpers who came from Ballarat to give items in programme. All meetings were marked by increased attendances.

Carnegie.—On Aug. 8, 115 attended morning service; 12 were received into membership following baptism. F. N. Lee, representing Local Option Alliance, was speaker. H. R. Coventry preached at night, when two girls were baptised; there were 94 present. On Aug. 6 an illustrated lantern lecture, "Through the Holy Land," was given by Allan Brown, assisted by Claude Gadge and party who rendered musical items. A collection of £4 was received to aid Deaf and Dumb Institute, of which Mr. Brown is organiser. This effort was sponsored by Men's Fellowship. W. T. Atkin was speaker on morning of Aug. 15. One young girl was received into fellowship (previously baptised). L. A. Trezise was speaker at gospel meeting. He also met young people at tea and conference held at home of Mrs. Ward. Women's Mission Band held birthday meeting on Aug. 12. Mrs. Ploog, Women's Conference president, was speaker. Bible school has commenced practice for anniversary.

East Doncaster.—Church celebrated silver anniversary with a tea on Aug. 7. About 70 were present, including visitors and past members. Greetings were given by G. W. Mitchell for home missions, W. H. Clay for social service, and R. A. Banks for Eastern District Officers' Association. Shire council and local churches were represented. At an after meeting Mr. Haskill, of Williamstown, conducted community singing. Musical and elocutionary items were given and Mr. Clay gave an interesting address. A cheque which liquidated building debt was handed to R. Enniss, who responded on behalf of Properties Corporation. Anniversary was continued on Aug. 15, Mr. Baird speaking in morning and Mr. Hurren, president of conference, in afternoon. Two solos were sung by H. Smith. Prizes were distributed to scholars. A presentation was made to Mr. Baird, who has faithfully served church in past and is leaving, and also to Misses Bullen, who have been very active church workers and have left district. Offerings for distressed Europe amounted to £14.

The Australian Christian

St. Kilda.—On Aug. 14, a film night was held at chapel, and Christian Endeavorers from Bayswater, Sunshine, Williamstown, and others from surrounding districts made 62 in attendance. Mr. Anderson took charge of films with talkie projector, and L. Finger had charge of song service. Work is progressing in different departments, and instruction in visitation evangelism is being included in weekly Bible study and prayer night. Mrs. Randall is back after visit to S.A. Services of church are being taken by brethren during illness of Mr. Randall.

North Richmond.—C. Young's interim ministry is drawing to a close. D. Killey, who has moved out of district, presided at worship service, when Lorna St. Aubyn was received into fellowship by Mr. Young. Mrs. MacDonald is still ill, and all wish her a speedy recovery. Fifty broke bread on Aug. 14, when a start was made by Mr. Young on a series of talks on the church. Young worshippers, under leadership of E. Addicott, enjoy the talks of Mr. Young, who is encouraged by their regular attendance at evening service. Tennis club has won district premiership. Cricket club is fielding a side.

Springvale.—Church has been saddened to hear of the home-call of Mr. Parker, of Bendigo, who was a foundation member here. Mr. Bond gives helpful addresses at all services. M. Poulton has been received into fellowship. On evening of July 15 Mr. Neighbour gave a fine address, bringing before church aims of crusade for a Christian world. K. Fordham was received into fellowship on morning of July 22. Mr. Thompson is training children for anniversary. Mrs. Beanland was welcomed back after many weeks' illness. After a fine address by Mr. Bond two decided for Christ. Social service offering was £8.

Bayswater.—During last month meetings were satisfactory. Whilst Mr. Langford was in hospital, Mr. Hodgins and Mr. Dowell, of Blackburn, and Mr. Sandells, of Box Hill, gave helpful addresses. Work is in good heart. Commencement of tennis court has begun. Blackburn C.E. took service on Aug. 10, a time of fellowship being enjoyed. Church will celebrate its 50th year in November, and preparations are being made. All auxiliaries are functioning well. Ladies' Mission Band continues to do good work. A large consignment of clothes was sent for European relief. Mr. Langford has resumed duties after illness.

Carlton (Lygon-st.).—Addresses of R. M. Wilson are appreciated by good congregations. At close of gospel meeting on Aug. 8, Misses Elsie and Pat Bruce confessed Christ, and on Aug. 15 Mrs. J. Hodgson made the good confession. All were baptised by R. M. Wilson at close of gospel address on Aug. 15, and they were received into membership on morning of Aug. 22, when R. Enniss was speaker. Mrs. J. Atkinson and Geoff Emmerson were soloists on evenings of Aug. 8 and 15. The talk of R. Enniss to C.M.S. on Aug. 13 was appreciated by 20 members present. Mystery social given by the preacher on Aug. 21, in aid of manse fund, was a great success. Prayer meeting at home of Mrs. Jackson, Glenhuntly, was a blessing. Dal and Max, son and daughter of the preacher, have won prizes in Queensland scripture examination.

Thornbury.—Encouraging attendances both morning and evening have been recorded since visitation evangelism effort, and others have been won for Christ. Those who engaged in that effort as "visitors" resolved to visit homes of "contacts" once a month. Church entered into crusade for a Christian world on Aug. 8, when some 60 members accepted crusaders' card. On Aug. 15, at morning service, F. N. Lee presented financial aspects of crusade. During second week in August some 25 men of church, under direction of Hugh Hine, engaged in renovation of interior of chapel. Appearance has been greatly improved, and work of men appreciated. A ladies' committee provided refreshment each evening. Bible school is practising for anni-

versary at evening service on Aug. 22. The film, "Faith Triumphant," was screened, preacher presenting the message. Many members have been laid aside by sickness during past two months.

Collingwood.—Church attendance is improving slightly. Some members are far from well. This month church has enjoyed fellowship of Mr. Grant, Mr. Gross, Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Smith, while Mr. Cook was away preaching at other churches. Morning Sunday school keeps good attendance.

Ormond.—At a youth tea on Aug. 8, all young people of church attended, and an all-club parade took place at gospel service. This will be a monthly feature. Cricket club held annual meeting on Aug. 18. Gospel services are down owing to sickness. On morning of Aug. 22, Mrs. Martin spoke on plight of children of Europe, and appealed for donations and clothing.

Prahran.—Aug. 15 was Men's Day. A rally was held in afternoon, and F. Lee and G. Kruse were speakers. Men had tea together. A. Tate was soloist at evening service. At close of Mr. Buckingham's address a man accepted Christ. A "Mission Echoes Day" was held on Aug. 22. Misses Machin sang at evening service. 94 broke bread for day. Women had a successful anniversary. There is much sickness among members.

Dandenong.—Approximately 200 were present at third of four special second-coming meetings held in town hall on Sunday afternoons; There has been one reconsecration. Mr. and Mrs. Kemp sang a duet. A young married women's social club has been formed. All other auxiliaries function well. Many items of clothing, etc., have been forwarded for U.N.O. appeal. Sunday school has begun anniversary practice. Harry Oakes is home on leave from Navy.

Cheltenham.—During absence of J. C. Cunningham at Frankston at 11 a.m. on Aug. 22, K. A. Jones gave an encouraging address. At 7 p.m. Mr. Cunningham preached. School and church have been shocked to hear of death of John Gardner, 11 years, as result of an accident in Nepean-nd. After a lapse of many years, a cricket club has been formed for coming season. A kitchen tea was tendered to Coral Follett and Rex Prosser. The couple were married on Aug. 21, and will make their home at Red Hill.

Brighton.—Following officers were elected at church annual business meeting: Elders, J. D. Lang, T. R. Morris; deacons, N. R. Arnott, A. Edwards, K. C. Hemsley, E. B. Hilbig, A. T. Mann (jun.), R. A. Morrall, H. C. Morris, R. P. Morris, R. Scott; Bible school superintendent, C. G. Taylor; treasurers, J. H. Charlesworth, C. W. Eminett; assistant, W. R. L. Rodgers-Wilson; secretary, K. P. Balson, assistant, J. McLean. An easy chair was presented to Norman Arnott by R. P. Morris after conclusion of eight years' outstanding service as church secretary. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor and daughter Wendy left on Sunday on annual vacation for Mr. Taylor's home town, Fremantle, W.A. Men's Fellowship had an interesting sports film evening. Cr. R. T. Breen spoke to Y.P. Fellowship on Brighton and its colorful characters.

Northcote.—Church has been saddened by passing of Winnie Crawford, a staunch Endeavorer. During past four weeks Glenda and Elaine Steer, Gwen Scott, Don Scott and Margaret Gluyas have made their decision and been baptised; and Valda Croft, Wilma Salmon and Relma Steer have made confession of faith. Mr. and Mrs. F. Steer have been restored to fellowship. Overseas mission offering, including duplex, exceeds £100. F. N. Lee addressed church in interests of Local Option Alliance; offering amounted to £6/7/8. S. R. Baker, representing B. & F.B.S., gave an inspiring address concerning work of society; £7/15/- was received in offering. £30 was received in offering for social service. United Nations appeal came to £56/2/-. Monthly average for July for breaking of bread was 155, and attendance at gospel service 107. Gwen Scott gained fourth prize in Div. 6 in scrip-

ture examination. In the examination 24 out of 26 entrants from school passed.

Essendon.—Mr. McIlhagger, back after illness, spoke on morning of Aug. 15. Mr. Finston (North Essendon) was speaker in evening. Choir sang an anthem, Mrs. Buttress a solo. A lantern service showing beautifully colored slides was held on Aug. 18 to bring to a close the successful children's mission led by Mr. and Mrs. Roberts. Members of cricket club paraded at evening meeting. Mr. McIlhagger gave an inspiring address. C. Ferguson and W. Alves sang a duet.

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Mr. and Mrs. Alf. Harmer have pleasure in announcing the 25th anniversary of their wedding, celebrated at Horsham church of Christ, August 25, 1923, by A. J. Ingham.

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—Annie and Joan.

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Not just for to-day, but always will;
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7 p.m., subject, "The Challenge of His Coming." Speaker, Mr. Ridley Kitchen.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27.

11 a.m., speaker, Mr. J. Wiltshire. Subject, "The Coming of the Lord and the Sanctification of the Believer."

7 p.m., subject, "Watching for Our Lord's Return." Speaker, Mr. F. E. Buckingham.

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In his early days our brother was actively associated in the work at the old Fitzroy Tabernacle, in the days of H. G. Harward. Here he was baptised, and worked faithfully with G. W. Mitchell, L. Gole and others. Such able leaders as the late James McGregor, Dr. Cook and Harry Swain, sen. (still living) had a big influence on these early days.

Tragedy came to his home with the early death of his father. As the eldest son, he stood by his mother, taking the place of father to a large family. He actually delayed his own marriage until he was sure all were securely cared for.

Following his own marriage he moved to Northcote, where he was associated with the church there for a number of years, taking his place on the church board.

More than twenty-five years ago, having removed to Balwyn, Mr. Austin, together with the late J. G. Hare, J. T. Mahony and others, became a foundation member of Balwyn church. He was on the first official board, but perhaps he is most lovingly remembered there for his work for more than twelve years as Sunday school superintendent. In latter years his wise counsel was often sought in his capacity as an elder.

His work as a brotherhood man surely speaks for itself. He was untiring in his efforts as a member of the Social Service Committee, of which he was recently made a "life member," a unique distinction. He was also chairman of the Properties Corporation, and had served also on other committees. He never sought after platform prominence, but always, in his own quiet way, was a tower of strength, both spiritually and materially.

On morning of Tuesday, August 10, after a beautiful service at his home, where more than 200 gathered, he was laid to rest at Box Hill cemetery. More than 100 cars followed to the last resting-place. W. H. Clay had charge of both services. He was assisted at home by A. E. Hurren and D. A. V. Thomas, and at graveside by Reg. Enniss and J. McG. Abercrombie.

To his dear wife, his daughter Mavis (Mrs. Taplin), his son Cliff, and to all his brothers and sisters, we desire to express our deepest sympathy in their time of sorrow.—D.A.V.T.

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THANKS AT THE TABLE

ON two occasions I heard two of our preachers give thanks at the table. It was very short, for the food only. I was disappointed. In Matthew 4: 4 we read, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Deuteronomy 8: 3 applies to the subject of living. By every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord doth man live. To give thanks for both is acceptable by God, our heavenly Father.—A. A. Chappell, Maryborough, Qld.

CONCERNING BAPTISM

I AM convinced that great numbers of those immersed in the name of Christ think of it simply as an act of obedience; that be-

ing complied with there is nothing more to it. Often one hears it said by people showing no interest in the work of the church, "I was baptised." If they realised the significance of the rite they would realise how utterly inconsistent their present living was.

I feel that, too often, prospective converts do not realise what is involved in baptism. At Pentecost there was no need to tell the people that baptism was a complete identification with Christ. For a Jew to be baptised into Christ meant a complete break. In these days, when the offence of the cross is lessened, there is a great need to emphasise what is involved in being baptised into Christ. There might be few baptisms, but they should be better.—S. B. Hibbard, Granville, N.S.W.

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