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“Am I My Brother’s Keeper?”



WORKMEN PULL HEAVY CART THROUGH STREETS OF BOMBAY

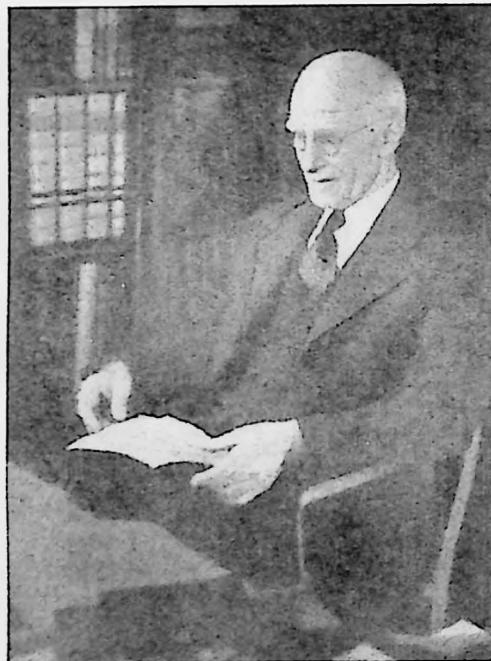
LIVING in Australia and enjoying the riches of a prosperous country, we are inclined to forget that millions live and toil more like beasts of burden than human beings. To-day many in the East are revolting against these unequal conditions in life. “Of one thing we can be dead sure. We shall never be able to win the whole world for Christ as long as the nations that call themselves Christian sit on top, with a corner on the world's resources and riches, and brand us aggressors every group or nation that reaches out for a share of the good things of life.”

Prejudice and Ignorance Hinder the World Church

UNITED STATES

Dr. Laubach on Results of His Teaching System

DR. FRANK C. LAUBACH, the well-known missionary and pioneer literacy expert, returned to New York on July 19, 1948, after a nine months' tour through eleven African countries. Dr. Laubach told a press conference that more than 250,000,000 illiterates throughout the world have learned to read by using the phonetic method which he advocates. Literacy classes in 63 different African



Dr. Frank C. Laubach.

languages and dialects were established by Dr. Laubach during his journey. In twenty years as a missionary educator he has taught people in 156 different languages to read.

According to Dr. Laubach, the basic principle of his system is the association of pictures, words and syllables. His method—similar in many respects to ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics and Chinese characters—uses charts and graphs which depict objects or ideas through pictures of familiar objects. The average illiterate can learn to read his native tongue in about two weeks. At the end of the first learning period, the illiterate is given a diploma in recognition of his progress, and introduced to a primer or reader which contains a 1600 word "recognition vocabulary." This list embraces about 90 per cent. of all the words the pupil will encounter in his native tongue. Once the pupil is familiar with Dr. Laubach's teaching method he is urged to teach someone else. This "chain-letter" method of instruction has greatly accelerated the literacy rate among world populations.

During his African tour Dr. Laubach was asked to establish literacy programmes at a Firestone Rubber Company plantation in Liberia for 30,000 native employees, another for subjects of Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia, and a third for the subjects of King Farouk of Egypt. In Mexico last year the government taught over one million people to read by their own adaptation of the Laubach method.

Dr. Laubach has been invited by the Government of Siam to spend two and a half months of next year establishing a literacy pro-

gramme in that country. He also plans to visit Korea, Australia and New Guinea in 1949.

Dr. Laubach's work is sponsored by the Committee on World Literacy and Christian Literature of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America.

UNITED STATES

Religious Statistics

ACCORDING to the annual report compiled by "The Christian Herald" (New York), national interdenominational monthly, church membership stands at 53 per cent. of the population, "the highest in the United States' history." The total number of persons allied to religious bodies—Protestant and non-Protestant—stood at 77,386,186 at the end of 1947, a gain of 3,713,006 over 1946.

Of this total, 223 Protestant denominations have a membership of 46,149,676, or a little more than 60 per cent. Roman Catholic membership was 25,286,178 as at January 1, 1947—a little more than 33 per cent. (Later Catholic statistics report 26,075,697 Catholics in the United States.)

The Jewish congregations, "for whom we have had no new figure since 1936," last listed 4,641,000—or about 6 per cent. The remaining 1 per cent. is divided between such bodies as the Greek and Russian Orthodox (300,000 each), Polish National Catholic (250,000), International General Assembly of Spiritualists (150,000), and others.

Commenting on these statistics the "Herald" said: "America is still preponderantly Protestant, and is likely to remain so for a long while. But what do the figures tell about comparative gains made last year? Just this: percentage-wise, the Roman Catholics made a somewhat better gain than the Protestants."

INDIA

Syrian Church and Russian Patriarchal Church

IN one of its last numbers, the "Journal of the Moscow Patriarchate" published a long article, describing the affiliation of the Syrian Church of India to the Russian Orthodox Church. According to a news item appearing in "The Christian Century" (Chicago, July 21, 1948) by P. Oonman Philip, the Syrian Church referred to can only be that section of it which is under the Jacobite Syrian Patriarch who lives at Homs in Syria, who took part in the church congress in Moscow.

About thirty years ago this foreign patriarch made the claim that he exercised complete spiritual and temporal authority over the Syrian church in India. A large majority of members of the church in India, with the bishops and clergy, resisted his claims and later organised an independent Eastern church, now known as the Orthodox Syrian Church of Malabar. It elects its own Indian Catholicos, who has Indian bishops under him. That section of the Syrian church which still acknowledges the authority of the patriarch at Homs is known as the Jacobite Syrian Church of Malabar. It has foreign bishops sent in by the patriarch, as well as Indian bishops. According to inquiries made in India, the leaders of both sections of the Syrian church declare that they have not heard of any such alliance with the Russian church in Moscow.

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The Results of Church Congress in Moscow

CONTRADICTORY reports have been published in the world press concerning results of church congress in Moscow. These reports are also inadequate.

On July 23 the Tass Agency in Moscow published the news that the churches represented at the congress had refused to co-operate in the World Assembly at Amsterdam. Tass is probably only giving an extract from the resolutions, and cannot therefore be regarded as complete. The declaration, from which the news was circulated in the world press, runs as follows, according to the Russian weekly "Les Nouvelles Russes" (Paris, July 30):

"The subjects under discussion at the Church Congress in Moscow were the following: (a) The Vatican and the Orthodox Church; (b) The ecumenical movement and the Orthodox Church; (c) The hierarchy of the Anglican Church; (d) The church calendar.

"With regard to the first question a unanimous resolution was adopted, condemning the active role of the Vatican in stirring up another war and in the whole political struggle with world democracy. The resolution states that the popes in Rome 'have always made friends with the powerful in this world' and have taken action against the weak and exploited. To-day the Vatican is still working against the interests of the workers. The Vatican is the centre of intrigues against the interests of the peoples, especially the Slav peoples; it is the centre of international Fascism. All Christians, without distinction of nationality or confession, must brand this policy of the Vatican as anti-Christian, anti-democratic and anti-national."

"The resolution emphasises that the congress draws a sharp distinction between the Catholic hierarchy with the pope at its head, and the mass of Catholic believers, who are innocent of the crimes committed by the Vatican.

"With regard to the attitude of the Orthodox Church to the so-called ecumenical movement, the congress unanimously opposed participation in the First Assembly arranged in August, 1948, by the temporary headquarters of the ecumenical movement, the World Council of Churches, in as much as the aims pursued by this movement are mainly political and anti-democratic and not ecclesiastical."

CHINA

Dr. Daniel Nelson's Tragic Death

DR. DANIEL NELSON, relief director in China for the Lutheran World Federation, his wife and two children, were among 25 persons who died when a flying boat crashed off the coast of southern China.

Dr. Nelson is the third member of his family to die a violent death in the Orient. His father, the first American Lutheran missionary to enter China, in 1890, died in 1926, the victim of a stray bullet during the Chinese Civil War. A brother, also a missionary, was killed by communists in 1932.

Dr. Nelson wrote a new chapter in the history of foreign missions when he pioneered missionary aviation in China. In July of 1946 he purchased a C-47 transport from the U.S. Army, calling it "St. Paul," and used the plane to transport missionaries and supplies in various parts of China. He was president of the World Missionary Aviation Conference.

Modern Scholarship and the Bible

THE Bible is the centre of conflict.

Men attack the Bible and strive to discredit the facts it records. Some of these unfortunate criticisms are made by men who are being paid by the church to encourage belief in the teachings of scripture. While none desires to encourage ignorant nor unreasonable attitudes toward the Bible, it is only just to expect from paid teachers of the word of the Lord, that they have reverent regard for facts and less concern for theories.

I.

WHEN a leading churchman writes a book which sets the Bible in a poor light, the world press will hail the statement with delight and give it wide publicity. But when facts concerning the Bible record are brought to light little is written of these in the popular papers. There is a natural inclination, which belongs to the desire of the flesh, to discredit the word of the Lord. So strong is this natural bias against the Bible that many people will shut their eyes to Bible facts and recognise only the weakly-based theories of the human mind.

Some months ago Dr. Barnes, the Church of England Bishop of Birmingham, wrote a book entitled, "The Rise of Christianity." Because this statement by the bishop discredited belief in the miracles and the authority of the Bible, it was given wide publicity. One would have thought that the bishop was stating something new, whereas he was doing little more than merely repeat what certain German writers were saying over fifty years ago. Unfortunately, it has not been stated in the press that men of undoubted scholarship have shown that recently discovered facts will not support Bishop Barnes' flimsy theories nor those of this German "Tübingen School" of F. C. Baur, which he seems to support.

II.

TO-DAY news is considered to be a report of an unusual event. If a dog bites a man that is not news; but if a man bites a dog that is news. When, therefore, a bishop, or a churchman, writes a book discrediting the Bible story, it is considered news. What numerous churchmen are saying in support of the scriptures is not seized upon as news. Declaring belief in the Bible is what one expects and considers to be normal.

If people went to church regularly and listened to faithful ministers, and learnt from reliable sources more about the Bible than they do from the public press, it might not matter. The tragedy to-day is that many do not read the Bible nor attend church services. The common knowledge of the Bible, as revealed in the radio quiz tests, is distressingly meagre. Because of this ignorance of the Bible and the natural inclination of the flesh to revolt from the ideals of the spirit, any criticism of the Bible will be welcomed by many.

While, therefore, the public press has given much that Bishop Barnes wrote, little information has been given in the press of the statements by other churchmen. Since Bishop Barnes sought to defend his position by saying that bishops usually defend the Bible so as to support the institution of which they are a part, it was fitting that a champion of the Bible speak who could not be charged with acting from a motive of self-interest.

Churchmen are indebted to Sir Frederic Kenyon, G.B.E., K.C.B., Litt.D., for his reply to Bishop Barnes. This able scholar was formerly the director and principal librarian of the British Museum. Because of his undoubted scholarship he was invited to give a lecture before the

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University of London in November, 1947, as the first in a series on Biblical

Archaeology and Criticism. Because of the publicity given to statements by Bishop Barnes, Sir Frederic found himself in a position in which he was compelled to point out that much which the bishop had written could not be supported by recent archaeological discoveries nor by Bible documents that had come to hand in the last twenty years. In other words, he pointed out that Bishop Barnes was not up to date in his scholarship. His views had been out-dated by the discovery of manuscripts which had not been given much publicity.

Sir Frederic Kenyon was urged to publish this lecture in an extended form. As a result we have the small book entitled, "The Bible and Modern Scholarship."

III.

THE arguments of scholars in this school which Bishop Barnes represents have been based upon the theory that most of the books of the New Testament were written as late as the second century after the birth of Christ. If the gospels were written then their authors were not the apostles. Therefore the accounts of the deeds of Jesus cannot be accepted as reliable history.

These views were difficult to refute because one scholar's theory might be considered as good as another's. But now the argument has been taken out of the realm of theory and brought into the world of fact. By the discovery of fragments of John's gospel which were found in the rubbish heaps of Egypt a few years ago, we have evidence that John's gospel was in existence in the first century. As Kenyon says: "(We) have confirmatory evidence of the existence of the Fourth Gospel by about the end of the first century; and the implications of this evidence are of the first importance. If the gospel was written before the end of the first century, as seems now to be irrefragably proved, not only are the contentions of Baur, van Manen, and all that school shattered to pieces, but the probability of the authorship of the apostle John seems to be enormously strengthened."

IV.

MANY may not be aware that Bible scholars recognise that John's gospel was the last of the four gospels to be written. If it can be established that this fourth gospel was written about 90-95 A.D., as tradition claims, then Mark, Luke and Matthew must have been written some years previously. This would also give enormous support to their apostolic authority. We are not dependent upon ancient tradition nor worn-out theories for the basis of such an argument. We have as a confirmation of our beliefs documents which have been discovered in recent years. Therefore Sir Frederic Kenyon is able to state "It is sufficient to warn the reader that he has in the bishop's book, not the results of the latest scholarship, but only a belated revival of a long discredited school of criticism, which in in no way invalidates the conclusions of more recent scholarship."

The Bible has come through another period of great testing with greater merit. Christians ought, therefore, to give more earnest heed to God's word. They ought to study it with greater zeal and allow God to speak to them through its story. In the Bible we have "wonderful words of life." While the "wisdom" of man will lead us to disaster, the wisdom of God will bring us peace in Christ Jesus.

Are You Ready to be a Crusader?

By Stan Neighbour, of Victorian Crusade Committee.

WE live in an age of speed. People are in a hurry to get somewhere and don't know what to do when they get there. Christians cannot afford to be ignorant of their destination. They cannot afford merely to beat the air. God arrests man with these words: "Be still and know that I am God." It is well that, as we embark upon a crusade, we strengthen our devotional life. The Christian ought to be familiar with the person and purpose of Christ. The New Testament will provide us with a knowledge of the words and thoughts of our Lord. It is not magic. We must read it and meditate upon its message. The South Australian Crusade Committee in its literature has selected the following passages (Gal. 5: 22, 23; Romans 12: 9-21; Phil. 4: 8; 1 Cor. 13; Matt. 5, 6, 7), as an appetiser for personal Christian discipline. We heartily commend the study of those passages. With the study of the word will go also the approach to God in prayer. Can we call ourselves Christians if we neglect consistently these means of grace? We need, too, to revive the practice of the family altar. Turn off the wireless, still the chatter, sit down, reserve time for quiet family fellowship with the word of God, and learn to pray naturally together!

It will be seen that crusading for a Christian world is not something new. It is doing with a new compulsion what we have been doing all the time, doing it with a fresh enthusiasm. Arrange "every-member-present" services, "achievement Sundays," when stock of progress made can be ascertained.

Our Victorian Home Mission Committee has organised Visitation Evangelism in many churches with gratifying results. A. W. Stephenson has given able leadership. Already about 300 confessions of faith in Jesus as the Son of God have been registered in recent months. Other States are proceeding with plans for this type of evangelism. An extension of personal evangelism is needed. On an average it took 17 Christians a whole year to win another for Christ. The Victorian Crusade Committee is seeking to encourage every member to take a pledge which reads as follows: "With God as my helper and in complete dedication to Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, it is my purpose to be a crusader for Christ. I will set some time apart each day for regular soul nurture through Bible study and prayer; I will seek to win at least one person to Christ and his church each year,

especially during the 'Crusade for a Christian World.'

Provision is made on the pledge card for a prayer and responsibility list, where names of friends, relatives, workmates, etc., can be entered. By praying for these people members will take a deeper interest in others, offering them literature that will turn their thoughts to Christ and his church. Preaching missions will also play their part. simultaneous preaching missions in the autumn have been suggested. The aim is for 3000 converts in Victoria and 500 in South Australia in 1949.

Victoria's 16,129 losses by revision of rolls constitute a challenge. We can adapt the method of Visitation Evangelism in an attempt to restore lost members to active fellowship. An eldership, co-operating with preacher to shepherd the flock, keeping an attendance roll and contacting absentees by a visit, letter or phone call, could help considerably. Many of those not appearing on the active members' roll still consider themselves members of the churches. This is made clear by comparing Victorian Census figures of 29,722 with its active members' roll, as at last conference, of 11,439. There is, then, a great pool from which the 3000 restorations may be secured.

Bible school figures are almost 4000 scholars and almost 400 teachers lower than our peak year for Victoria in 1932. The Victorian Youth Department is aware of the challenge, and is arranging rallies for new scholars and training classes for teachers. We suggest to young people that they enlist for special Saturday afternoon drives for new scholars, visit every home within the vicinity of a selected Bible school, call at every house and ask if there are children in the home not attending a Sunday school. Young people from a group of churches in a district may arrange to co-operate in a drive for some particular school.

Why should not some young people do research into evangelistic methods, others into young people's work, yet others into overseas missions or social service, or aborigines' problems?

We hope to have available material on stewardship with special reference to proportionate giving. The aim is to have every member practising stewardship. Let us support the departments in their work.

By joining the Christian Fellowship Association we will be helping to use the persuasive power of Christian kindness which speaks more convincingly than mere words.

Last month they gave opportunity to Sir Patrick Duff, High Commissioner for Great Britain, to speak. To a packed hall of men he spoke in a forthright manner about communism's "Noughts and Crosses." Sir Patrick is a man of intense Christian faith, and his attack was in the nature of a broadside. His appeal was that the only defence against the menace is the rebirth of Christian things. It is planned to publish the address and place it in the hands of as many young men as possible.

The polio visitation is once more causing concern. Sunday schools are closed in some places. In Wellington area State schools are closed, and it seems as though the emergency

Our correspondent, E. P. C. Hollard, gives some account of "queer" sects, of movement of preachers, and general religious activities.

lessons of last year will have to operate once more. Our own D.R.E. is preparing for any eventuality.

The most significant movement of recent years was the Blenheim camp just concluded. Young people from every non-Roman communion met at Blenheim in the South Island. A formidable array of lecturers presented the theme, "God's House and Ours." The emphasis was upon the church in the community, membership in the church, God in history. Those who were there came away inspired. It is planned now to send the young people into as many churches as possible to give reports at the Sunday services.

Brotherhood Items

The Purnell-Grundy mission team finished at Whangarei in the north with 20 decisions and a thankoffering of £350. From there they moved to Nelson, where the brethren were well prepared. In two weeks there have been three additions. Free buses to the tent, a sound system sending the music and the message over the town are innovations.

Preachers on the move are H. C. Bischoff from Newtown to St. Andrew-st., Dunedin; Murray Savage from Greymouth to Newtown, and F. B. Marshall from Northern Union to Greymouth. G. Brown, of Sydney, is settling into Mornington, a Dunedin suburb, and now Dominion-rd., Auckland, announces that L. G. Burgin, of Ipswich, Qld., is their new preacher. Thus our preaching ranks are being gradually built up. Dunedin now has a fairly full contingent, and Auckland will be better off than for some years past. Phil Griffith goes from Wanganui to Butler University where he plans to remain for two years.

Death has removed three from among us whose names were honored. Our esteemed Brough family, of Nelson, is bereaved of Mrs. Brough, a loved member of the church. Invercargill reports the passing of Stewart Wright, son of the late John Anglis Wright. Vivian-st. has lost Miss Annie Mansill, who was a sister of Walter Mansill, one of our early missionaries to Africa.

The church at Ponsonby-rd., Auckland, recovers slowly under the ministry of C. G. Flood, Invercargill is anxious to begin a new church in the eastern part of the city, and is raising money for that purpose. Vivian-st. reports 35 additions for the church year. The increase campaign of the D.R.E. is refreshing, with over 200 new children reported.

(To be concluded)

I know he is, and what he is,
Whose one great purpose is the good
Of all. I rest my soul on his
Immortal love and Fatherhood;
And trust him, and his children should.

—Whittier.

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Hueili Again Staffed

EARLY in the year the Chinese H.M. Society forwarded a letter stating that workers had left Shanghai for Hueili. By some strange mischance, the letter was re-directed to several places in South America, finally returning to Shanghai. Subsequently a further letter was received.

Mr. A. T. Y. Chow, president of the C.H.M.S., in his first letter writes: "With reference to our work in Hueili, Sikang (Szechuan), we are glad to inform you that in answer to our much prayer, the Lord has given us a good couple, Pastor and Mrs. D. T. Wong, who are graduates of the Bethel Seminary, Hongkong, and have had nine years' experience in evangelistic and orphanage work. They are highly recommended by our friends of the Bethel

This department is conducted by A. Anderson, secretary of our Overseas Mission Board, 261 Magill-rd., Tranmere, S.A. M.O.'s should be made payable at Adelaide.

Mission, and after my interview with them before I went to the States last October, our committee have had several meetings with them, and have found them satisfactory in every respect. Now they are waiting for the plane of the Lutheran mission to fly them to Sichang, which is only 130 miles to Hueili, and in three weeks we shall have the satisfaction of having these good workers in our needy station.

"The Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society, represented by their China Field Director, Pastor L. A. Lovegren, has approached us for co-operation in Hueili, and we have reached an agreement that they be allowed to share our chapel and premises for the purpose of preaching the gospel, bearing the responsibility of repairing, keeping them in good order and helping our work and workers and supplying us with reports of what is going on, etc. We shall ask them to make an extra copy of the reports for your reference.

"Please pray for us."

In Mr. Chow's second letter he says that because of transport problems Mr. and Mrs. Wong had not been able to proceed beyond Chungking, but adds—

"Be assured that the work in Hueili has been going on well under the ministry of our medical evangelist Dr. Chi, in co-operation with the Conservative Baptist F.M. Society, who have been sharing our premises and our work there. Pastor and Mrs. Wong in the meantime have been preaching the gospel in Chungking where they have had good opportunities of working in the jail, in the churches and in the schools. We trust, however, they will be at the station before very long."

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MISSIONARIES IN COMMUNIST CHINA

To Flee or to Stay?

"WE are facing what is the most difficult question for a missionary—to flee or to stay? It is not simply a question of doing one's duty, but of considering the effect of one's personal decision on the lives of others. Also there is the question of rejecting the advice of the British Government. . . . The communists have reverted to their pre-war policy of kill, burn and destroy. They are anti-Christian and anti-foreign, and do not allow organised Christian work to be carried on. They are atheistic, preach class war, and use methods of violent cruelty. We should be cut off from financial support and become a burden and even a danger to our Chinese Christians. . . . On the other hand, it would be cowardly to

leave the Chinese church to face this trial alone. I myself feel that I would rather stay and witness boldly for Christ and share the suffering with the Chinese church. But do the Chinese want me to do so? Would it not be selfish of me to endanger others who would need to support me? Is the day of foreign missionaries ended in China, and has the time come for the Chinese church to face the conflict alone?"

These are questions with which missionaries are wrestling as the communists advance. Their prayer is that they may be purged of all desire for self-glory or self-preservation, to act

Dr. Chi (known to us as Dr. Gee) is mentioned in Mr. Chow's letter. He remained in Hueili during the whole of the Japanese trouble and still remains there. Here he is seen examining a Hueili boy.

neither rashly nor timidly, but with a single desire for the glory of God and the victory of Christ's kingdom.

Chinese Prepare to Die for the Faith

A Chinese pastor recently warned Christians to prepare to die for the faith, because the Chinese church must face persecution in this spiritual conflict with communism.



Visit to Norseman Native Mission

David G. Hammer writes of new developments
in the ministry among Australian aborigines.

TAKING over the tasks of organising secretary for our Aborigines' Mission Board gave me the opportunity to visit the Norseman Native Mission again after the passing of some years, during which time I was engaged in commencing the Carnarvon Mission.

During those few years Norseman Mission has developed from its previous limited activity on a small native reserve located close to the township, to a thriving and growing community on a large area of well-timbered land, with good buildings, electric light, its own railway stop, and great prospects for the future. During that time it would seem, too, that the mission has succeeded in finding its true vocation . . . the best outlet for most effective work for Christ Jesus. Norseman Mission is now essentially a place to train and teach underprivileged and ill-cared-for native children to the full understanding and status of Christian citizenship. Evangelistic work is carried on amongst the adult natives, and necessary social and medical care is given them. Visiting their children, groups of adults camp around the mission for periods, and work is carried on among them. But mission time and finance can best be used for the Lord in putting emphasis upon teaching the children from early years, and giving them the much-needed Christian background across which the pattern of their lives in Christ can be woven.

The buildings are well laid out, and form a compact "compound," which is enclosed with a fence. The large workshop building, housing the engine and generator which provide the

lighting and power, is a great asset. The children live in a number of dormitory rooms, under close supervision of the missionaries. Kitchen, dining room, school room, handcraft room, as well as missionaries' rooms are all in operation. The next and most useful addition to the buildings should be a separate school building, including several class-rooms, and room for proper equipment.

The children at present number over 30, and range from pre-school age to those about to leave the mission. They are all clean, well-fed and happy. The mission normally keeps children up to the age of 16 years, at which age child endowment ceases. The authority prefers that the children should then be launched into a useful life, without the danger that would attend their future independence, if they were kept too close to mission control. That is to say; the missions want to help the young people to independence, and not to make them hangers-on, receiving a dole or food from the mission *ad infinitum*. The children will have been learning to work, before they reach 16 years of age. To ensure their spiritual and temporal welfare, Christian employment and oversight are sought. Several older boys and girls at Norseman are ready now for employment outside.

The missionaries at Norseman are Mr. and Mrs. Park and Miss Flo Schurmann. At present they receive the assistance of a temporary worker. These missionaries are doing a splendid work, and the children and the whole mission are a credit to their sacrificial labors. More workers are needed . . . people who can share in hard work and disappointments, for native mission work is no easy road. But for those of consecration and determination, there is wonderful joy to be found in this type of service for the Lord.

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Here and There

"Mission at Roma, Qld., had marquee crowded on Sept. 26, nine decisions up to end second week.—Parker."

"Hinrichsen-Machin mission Northam, W.A., despite heavy rain on Sept. 26, had marquee crowded; four adults decided.—Thickins."

Kenneth T. Henderson advises that the following broadcasts of overseas talks in connection with the World Council of Churches will be given over station 2BL: Oct. 10, "Evangelism," by John Foster; Oct. 17, "Church and Society," by Katherine Bliss; Oct. 24, "International Questions," by Kenneth Grubb.

The annual offering for the College of the Bible, Glen Iris, was received on Oct. 3 in churches throughout all States of the Commonwealth except New South Wales. On Oct. 10 the New South Wales College Board, in accordance with an agreement with the Federal College of the Bible Board made some years ago, will make its college appeal to churches in New South Wales only.

Continuing Visitation Evangelism Campaign at Geelong, Vic., five teams of visitors were organised, and on evening of Oct. 1 they contacted homes not reached during special week. Visitors reported a happy time of fellowship with further promises of prospects to make public confession. Enthusiasm is being maintained. On Oct. 3 Mr. Stirling was the preacher. At evening service four were baptised. On Oct. 2 Sunday school held a social evening, when prizes were distributed.

On Tuesday, Sept. 21, in Gardiner chapel, Vic., the Overseas and Aborigine Committees met missionary students of the College of the Bible and other candidates. A happy company of forty enjoyed a meal prepared by Mrs. Cartmel, Mrs. Kinrade and Miss Headland. Greetings were given by A. E. Hurren, Mrs. F. Ploog, E. L. Williams, Mrs. J. Turner and F. Funston. E. Heard, missionary-elect, responded on behalf of young people preparing for missionary service. Dr. G. H. Oldfield thanked sisters for providing the meal. Mrs. Mudie, elocutionist, Mrs. Corlett, pianist, and Mr. Corlett, soloist, entertained. After period of fellowship C. L. Lang closed with prayer.

On Sept. 25, at Wiley Park, N.S.W., a large congregation gathered outside new chapel to witness the "turning of the key," at 3.30 p.m., by Mr. Mansell. Mayor of Canterbury, Mr. McPherson, was present. H. J. Patterson, principal of Woolwich Bible College, was speaker. Thankoffering of £95 was received. Greetings from other States were read by Mr. Dewberry. Those present then went to Belmore chapel where tea was provided by Wiley Park ladies. At 7.30 p.m. building was packed for inspiring thanksgiving service. A presentation of a clock, on behalf of church members, was made to Mr. Mansell, who had supervised building. An address was given by P. E. Thomas. On Sunday, 26th, new building was filled to capacity, when first Lord's day services were held.

D. H. Butler preached farewell addresses at Shepparton, Vic., on Aug. 29. Church met on evening of 31st to honor Mr. and Mrs. Butler prior to their departure for Gilgandra, N.S.W. All auxiliaries were represented, members paying high tributes to popularity of Mr. and Mrs. Butler and to their excellent work. Presentation of a wallet of notes was made by E. H. Paul. Also present were ministers of local Methodist, Presbyterian, Baptist churches and Salvation Army, who praised work done by Mr. Butler for Protestant people in Shepparton. J. W. Lewis commenced his ministry on Sept. 5, and he and Mrs. Lewis were welcomed at a social on Sept. 7. Morning services continue to be well attended, and evening attendances have improved during past few weeks. Sunday school scholars are practising for anniversary in October. Kindergarten children were entertained by parents and teachers at a party on Sept. 25.

Past weeks at Brunswick, Vic., have been eventful and encouraging, three Sunday school scholars having confessed their Master. Visitation Evangelism campaign, under direction of Mr. Lloyd, Coburg, achieved marked results, five confessing their Lord at evening service conducted by Mr. Vautier. Church is still handicapped by lack of manse. During September an Explorer Club was commenced. Good Companions' Club continues to thrive under leadership of Miss Dorothy McKinnon. Prior to her marriage Miss Audrey Duncan was given a kitchen tea by Sunday school. Best wishes were expressed to her prior to her departure to live at Sydney.

A WONDERFUL UPLIFT VISITATION EVANGELISM AT PRESTON, VICTORIA

*C*URCH at Preston has had a wonderful experience of revival through the Visitation Evangelism campaign held from Sept. 18-26. J. E. Searle was assisted by H. Hargreaves, of South Yarra. A splendid spirit of unity was evidenced through campaign, each member feeling he was part of team. Meetings for prayer were splendidly attended, over 60 being present at Tuesday night's prayer meeting, when visitation commenced. Throughout campaign there was much prayer, the 7.30 a.m. meeting, Sept. 26, was attended by over 35. Six teams visited 50 homes. The service on the Sunday evening was exceptional, over 200 being present. Prior to the preaching of the gospel four were baptised. At close of Mr. Hargreaves' sermon 22 responded to invitation to make the good confession. The singing of the doxology was a fitting conclusion to a memorable service. Church has received a wonderful uplift. Members realise what can be accomplished by earnest prayer and personal Visitation Evangelism.—J. E. Searle.

Sunday school anniversary services, held at Red Cliffs, Vic., on Sept. 26, were successful. Meetings were well attended. Singing of scholars reflected credit on Mr. Chivell's training. Mr. Whitmore, of Merbein, gave interesting talk. Prizes were distributed to successful scholars on 29th, when a successful concert was given; this was preceded by a tea on lawns of manse. All auxiliaries are in good spirit, C.E. and Explorers' Club functioning well under leadership of Mr. Chivell. Endeavorers are aiming at purchase of a projector for use in young people's work.

A. D. Pyne, secretary of Federal Conference, writes concerning transport arrangements for return journey from Perth: "A special train (second class only) will leave Perth on Sunday, Oct. 24, and the balance of the delegates (the special will carry 116), excepting those who have asked for a longer stay, will leave on the regular train on Monday, Oct. 25. I shall be in Kalgoorlie to meet the train which arrives there from the East on Sunday, Oct. 10, and will check return bookings with the delegates on that train. I will then travel to Perth on the special which arrives in Kalgoorlie on Monday, Oct. 11, return to Kalgoorlie on Tuesday night and travel down on the 'Westland,' which will arrive in Perth on Thursday, Oct. 14. I should thus be able to contact all delegates before conference. Incidentally there are about 230 visitors expected from the Eastern States. Some have already arrived, and are holidaying beforehand."

The Australian Christian

Fourteen have been baptised at Georgetown, N.S.W., since Visitation Evangelism campaign. Another man and wife decided for Christ. Thankoffering is being used to present every new member with a New Testament. Many contacted in campaign are attending gospel services. Sunday school is having an increase drive. Eleven pairs of visitors went out on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings at 6.30 after prayer in chapel. All met again in chapel at 8.30 to report. Names of 23 babies for cradle roll, 27 for kindergarten, 15 for Bible school, 2 for club and an ex-Cub master to assist the boys' and girls' club were reported. Older people promised to attend gospel services. Inter. C.E. society had six entries in district C.E. eisteddfod and gained five first, one second place, and won choir, and also voice-speaking choir items, finishing second in points scored for their division. The C.Y.F. has entered two teams in district cricket competition. East Lambton Sunday school had successful outing to Salty Creek last Saturday. Mrs. Brookes is too ill to attend services.

The Victorian Home Mission Committee held a half-yearly conference on Sept. 30 in the Lygon-st. chapel. After an encouraging devotional period, there were interesting discussions on ways and means of establishing churches in new housing areas, on new methods for handling the transference of members from church to church, on how to develop "the Crusade for a Christian World," plans for new ventures in Visitation Evangelism, the part of women in home mission work and the place of home missions in the brotherhood scheme of things. Valuable contributions were made by singers and organist. The Women's Conference Catering Committee provided appreciated meals. During afternoon about 120 were present, including brethren from country centres. Rain affected evening attendance. In the main, discussions were on a high level. Important suggestions were made which will be taken into account in Home Mission Committee's deliberations. Recognition of the fundamental value of home missions was emphasised in addresses and discussions. The need for large sums of money to be raised to enter new fields was stressed by those who took part in the conference.

PREACHERS' REFRESHER COURSE SOUTH AUSTRALIA

THIS year's refresher course was most successful for many years, 28 preachers, almost all in State, attending for whole or part of period. The course was held at Mylor National Fitness Camp from Sept. 23 to 30.

The president, A. J. Fisher, led sessions, and G. R. Stirling was efficient commandant. W. E. Fisher, secretary, handled all arrangements with care. Mrs. Thorpe's help as cook was appreciated.

The Adelaide Bible College generously sponsored course, and made possible the visit of R. T. Pittman, B.A., Dip.Ed., as lecturer. Mr. Pittman, who gave two series of lectures on "The Restoration Movement" and "The Preacher as Expositor," was greatly valued for his own sake, for his fine fellowship, for the splendid matter and gracious manner of his lectures, and for the encouraging contact with the College of the Bible at Glen Iris. The men realised again their indebtedness to the college.

Stan Neighbour stayed over for two days, and gave valuable lectures on Crusade for a Christian World and Visitation Evangelism. Conference president, Dr. Trevor Turner, paid a visit, and spoke on crusade, as also did G. R. Stirling and J. H. Cain, members of State Crusade Committee.

It was decided to have course at same time and place next year. It will also be a recommendation to Adelaide Bible College Board that Mr. Pittman's visit be the first of a permanent annual feature, to be known as Thomas Magarey Memorial Lectureship, in honor of that pioneer of our State.

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Western Australia

Wembley Park.—All meetings and auxiliaries are well maintained and church continues to make good progress. Mrs. Mazzuchelli, Ken Mazzuchelli, Robert Walters, John and Eric Hogben have been received into church by faith and baptism. Visiting speakers have been Mr. Hillier, of Victoria Park; D. Hammer, of aborigines mission; and S. Davey, of Youth Department. Visitors include Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Woolley, with son and daughter, of Burwood, N.S.W.; Miss E. Chappell, of Silvan South, Vic.; Miss Shannon, of Caulfield, Vic. 150 names appear on Bible school roll, with a teaching staff of 25. Three State prizes and thirteen merit certificates were gained by scholars in scripture examinations. Church has been pleased to accommodate branch of kindergarten union. The hall has been fitted with kitchen and other necessary equipment. Young children are being accommodated five days each week for instruction by teachers. Allen Pyne, church secretary, has been busy with organisation of plans for Federal Conference.

Tasmania

Higherst.—Services on Sept. 12 were addressed by B. Golder, of West Hobart, and R. Edmunds, of Invermay; both services were well attended. H. Street's Bible studies at afternoon services are appreciated. C.E. Society held social on 22nd, and donated proceeds to Indian Christmas cheer. Visitors during past month have been from Hobart, Invermay, Dunalley and Nubeena.

Hobart.—At Sunday school anniversary on Sept. 19, B. Golder gave afternoon address and Mr. Burt spoke in evening. Enjoyable singing was provided by school children. Demonstration was held on 22nd. Young people's fellowship tea on Sept. 5 was addressed by Rex Townley. Ben Lewis died at age of 85. His mother was a foundation member. Miss Whitworth, an aged member, is very ill in hospital.

Nubeena.—Every-member-present Sunday was held on Sept. 19, about 40 members being present at morning service. In afternoon Mr. Street conducted a special service at which children of Bible school rendered items. In evening Mr. Street concluded a series of sermons on John's gospel. Sisters' meeting on Sept. 16 decided to purchase covering for church platform. Mrs. A. J. Suckling, being improved in health, is able to resume duties as secretary of Sisters' Sunshine Class.

Queensland

Charters Towers.—Ten delegates attended Northern Queensland Conference, Townsville, Sept. 4 and 5.—Conference is planned for Charters Towers next year. On Sept. 4, Mr. Bowen (Presbyterian) conducted morning service and F. Hammond evening service. Church appreciated this help, enabling many delegates to attend conference. Visit of Mr. Stow (Young People's Dept.) on Sept. 7 was enjoyed.

Rockhampton.—Bible school's 20th anniversary was celebrated on Sept. 12. F. B. Stow, State youth organiser, was speaker. Annual prizes and scripture examination certificates, with special prize for Miss D. Sear, in acknowledgment of her twenty years' service on teaching staff, were presented at afternoon service. Choral items were well rendered in parts by school trained under J. H. Cooke. Mr. Stow was speaker at newly-formed men's brotherhood meeting on Sept. 11. Inaugural meeting on Aug. 14 was addressed by conference president, who also spoke at services on following Lord's day. Speaker at Theodore on Sept. 19 was G. T. Miller. Rockhampton services were conducted by J. Stabe

and A. M. Johnson. Visitors have included Mr. Millar, Roma, and Mr. Oldfield, Brisbane. During recent weeks fellowship has been enjoyed with Mrs. Williams and Miss Stella Williams, who have now returned to home in West.

Boonah.—A successful social evening was held in show pavilion recently in aid of church fellowship and Sunday school. On Sept. 19, J. McKenzie, of Brisbane, spoke at both services. During Mr. Boettcher's absence, when taking part in 28th anniversary services at Silverdale on Sept. 26, Cliff Jenner preached at morning service. Mr. Boettcher has been on a tour of western churches on behalf of "League of 500."

South Australia

Fullarton.—On Sept. 26 attendance was fair at morning service when J. K. Bond gave a good address. J. K. Bond conducted gospel service and Archie Dawkins' (a steward on s.s. "Macedon") dynamic message was appreciated.

Glenelg.—J. Webb has commenced a short ministry and his messages are giving much help. An informative chart address was given on the subject of Christian unity. Young people were associated with Forestville in providing the choir for young people's night at conference.

Prospect.—Choir members assisted in Northern Districts' choir on foreign mission night of conference. Basketball and football clubs held a picnic at Myponga; a happy day was enjoyed. Bible school anniversary services commenced on Sept. 26, with R. Vincent speaker at all services. Attendances were good. Junior and combined I.C.E. and Y.P. societies continue to be active. C.E. is assisting in sending food parcels to Britain.

Adelaide (Grote-st).—Since last report H. Norris and W. Marshall have been visiting speakers at morning services. On Sunday morning, Sept. 26, service was broadcast from 5KA, Will Beiler being speaker. Choir rendered an anthem and Mrs. F. Willing a solo. Mrs. Beiler, the wife of preacher, has been laid aside with illness for several weeks; her helpful presence is missed. There were many visitors during conference period. Special gatherings have been planned for church anniversary.

Owen.—Fair attendances have marked morning services of church, and better attendances are shown in gospel meetings. Mr. and Mrs. Baker are ably serving church, being present alternate Sundays. Girls' and Boys' Brigades have been formed. C. Schwab visited church during August in interests of Christian Rest Home. Sisters' Guild has been busy raising funds for home and for food parcels for missionaries in India. Helpful sermons have been given by W. J. Marshman, A. Harkness, J. Gibson, M. Daniel and M. Jenkin.

Hindmarsh.—Members of K.O.C. society, under leadership of Reg Price, spent a happy afternoon in hills on Sept. 25. F. T. Holden, senior elder of church, died on Sept. 25. Aged brother Kersley is at present confined to his home because of sickness. Mr. and Mrs. E. Jacobs and Mr. and Mrs. Stan Roberts worshipped with church on Sept. 26. Dorcas ladies have sent three parcels to missionaries in India. Recently 19 large knitted scarfs were sent to Mission for Lepers. Church has reached its quota in giving to young people's work for year. Services have been well attended. Eleven members hope to be in Perth for Federal Conference. A good spirit is manifest in all phases of work.

Croydon.—At evening service on Sept. 5, Mr. Hughes, of Temperance Alliance, gave a fine address. An appeal was made for financial gifts for alliance. In evening of 19th H. T. Lawrie, of Tumby Bay, preached. One young man decided for Christ. On 26th, during absence of W. N. Bartlett, Arnold Brown spoke in morning. Three young University men assisted Alan Wilson in evening, his address being helpful. Average attendances for month were, morning, 106; evening, 93.

Forestville.—Work in all auxiliaries continues harmoniously. One young lady from Bible class has recently been immersed and welcomed into church. Ken Dunstone has returned home after twelve months in North Pacific islands. W. A. Russell has completed three years with church, and has accepted a further term of service at an increased salary. Visitors during conference included Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Killmier, of Naracoorte. Tennis club held a successful opening day on Sept. 25. Mr. Hardinge, after a long period of ill-health, passed away on Sept. 19.

Semaphore.—Attendances have improved. Exterior of chapel has been repainted, and improvements made. Youth demonstration at Royal Show was held on Sept. 10, the Boys' Brigade and other young people taking part. Mr. Riches was evening speaker on Sept. 12. Mayor of Pt. Adelaide visited Boys' Brigade during month. J. Cain, of Stirling, was morning speaker on Sept. 26 and S. Matthews in evening. A young lady has been received into fellowship through faith and obedience. Bible school is practising for anniversary under N. Bray.

Kilburn.—On Sept. 26 Bible school attendance at 10 a.m. was 125. F. Lawrence has recovered from operation. At morning service, forty young worshippers enjoyed story by T. R. Morris, of Brighton, Vic., and 28 adults appreciated excellent sermon by F. Collins, who also preached at gospel service. Sister Gillies, of Grote-st., Adelaide, and Erica Gillies, of Mile End, are attending services, having come to reside at Kilburn. Sisters Lawrence are making pot-holders and kindergarten teachers are dressing dolls to sell to raise funds for Christmas tree. £2 has already been raised. Toys are being made by men.

Colonel Light Gardens.—Church, under G. T. Fitzgerald's leading, maintains good attendances despite sickness. Over last six weeks averages were, morning 50, evening, 32. Loyalty Sunday was observed; visitors from Clare, Kadina and Mr. Read, a missionary from Goulburn Island, were welcomed. Fifty were present in evening when a young people's service was held. First annual rally of newly-formed Intermediate C.E. society was held on Sept. 7, 85 being present. M. Fitzgerald spoke and supper closed a successful meeting. On Sept. 26 there were five visitors from Ballarat, Vic.—Mr., Mrs. and Miss Hovey and the Misses Stronach. When Mr. Fitzgerald was at Blackwood on Sept. 12, his son, Lin, from Kangaroo Island, preached at evening service.

Cowandilla.—During recent weeks church has enjoyed fellowship with many visitors. A kindergarten mothers' club, formed two years ago, still holds monthly meetings and provides a spiritual and social programme. Mothers are busy making toys for Christmas time, average attendance being 16. Church is thankful to a member who defrayed cost of a very good collection of shrubs and roses that have been planted near dividing fence of chapel and manse. Attendance and interest at all meetings have been satisfactory. C.E. annual meeting on Aug. 17 was film evening. G. E. Stirling made an appeal for decisions for Christ. Miss G. Grigg responded. Bible school held a successful anniversary on Aug. 25 and 29. Singing under R. Kemp was appreciated. Reports given by Keith Simons show 133 scholars and 24 teachers in school. During August W. E. Fisher discussed need of loyalty to brotherhood and church. A teachers' dedication service was held on Sept. 12. On Sept. 19, at worship service, N. Kingston, of

Murray Bridge, was preacher. Two young girls, previously baptised, were received into fellowship. At gospel service A. O. S. Baker, of Bordertown, spoke.

Cottonville.—Misses Joy Butler and Margaret Rittberger have made their decision and have been baptised. Mr. Brooke closed his fifth year of ministry on Sept. 26, and secretary, Mr. Glyn, expressed church's support for a further three year term. Sunday school anniversary was held on Oct. 3, speakers being Messrs. Bartlett (Croydon), Stirling and Brooke. Mr. and Mrs. Glyn, Mr. and Mrs. Coventry (sen.), Mrs. Ferris and John Ferris, Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Tansell and Mr. Brooke travelled to Perth for Federal Conference.

New South Wales

Earlwood.—At annual business meeting W. Thomson and N. Matthews were elected elders; W. Gaspersohn, secretary; R. Goldstein and W. R. Smith, treasurers; R. Carrick, A. Gabb, R. Greenup, H. Hudson, W. Roots, deacons; and W. Reeves, auditor. Secretary's and treasurer's reports for 1947-48 showed progress. There have been ten confessions and six reconsecrations. Anniversary offering totalled £87. Chapel was packed when A. Hinrichsen presented splendid gospel message on 17th.

Gulgandra.—Senior C.E. took part in united C.E. meetings held at Gulgandra on Sept. 25. After marriage of Miss E. Tilley and J. Dodd, Junior and Senior Endeavorers formed a guard of honor. D. H. Butler, having resigned from ministry at Shepparton, with wife and young son arrived at Gulgandra, on Sept. 10 and ably addressed gospel meeting on following Sunday. Church is still without services of a resident preacher. Mrs. Mudford, R. Mudford and W. Hodgeskiss are visiting brethren at Broken Hill, where Miss Thelma Mudford is attached to teaching staff. Recent visit of Mrs. McCallum was appreciated. Sisters have despatched patchwork quilts and medical supplies to Indian mission. Little Jean Parker is seriously ill.

Broken Hill.—Successful Bible school anniversary services were held at Wolfram-st. on Sept. 19. Children sang well under lead of R. Warmbrunn, Mrs. A. Clark being pianist, and Mrs. R. Warmbrunn, organist. H. G. Alexander gave an illustrated address. Kindergarten's items were enjoyed. At evening service R. Hilford's illustrated address was interesting. Bible school children and adults spent happy time on Sept. 21, when annual tea and public meeting were held, Wolfram-st. children being delighted to have Railways-town school present. A. Clark (superintendent of school) presented 1st and 2nd prizes to scholars. Children again provided anniversary music and items. Bible school examination certificates were presented to Roma Hilford and Neil Schorn. B. Moore, secretary, reported on school. Since February Mr. and Mrs. Hilford, Alan Hilford, Alan Hosking, Mr. and Mrs. R. Warmbrunn and Miss Thelma Mudford have been added to staff. On Sept. 26 Mr. Duff-Forbes was preacher. R. Hilford gave a flannel-board lesson in evening.

Bexley North.—During September church welcomed Olive Malthy and Lyn Peterson into fellowship. An effort by parents of scholars and Women's Fellowship helped stock cake stall at Boys' Home fete, Pendle Hill. Under direction of A. McAllister this effort raised £264 from combined churches. Christian Endeavor anniversary was a success, commencing with happy hour on 25th, under leadership of R. Greenhalgh. At night intermediates gave a challenging message. W. Dalrymple illustrated address with a model lifeboat. Tribute was paid to Misses Elva Peterson, Dorothy Yelds and Gwen Dowding (junior C.E.) and to Stan Craven, Shirley Saville and Bert Bush (Inter. C.E.) for consecrated leadership during year. Endeavorers conducted morning service, when P. Goodger, Woolwich Bible College student, preached. At night S. Craven conducted gospel meeting, and following T. Hallop's sermon combined Endeavor

Societies presented a play entitled "The Secret." At conclusion the parents of a Bible school scholar and a scholar made their confession. On Saturday deacons provided a tea to Endeavorers in appreciation of their loyalty to church, 84 being present. Church is seeking a pastor to fill vacancy caused by T. Hallop's resignation on account of ill-health.

Victoria

Geelong.—Continued enthusiasm was experienced at both services on Sept. 26. Mr. Stirling was speaker. At evening service one young lady made her confession. On 25th a party journeyed from Carnegie to Geelong for tennis. A delightful day of fellowship was held.

Springvale.—B. Manning gave inspiring sermons at both services on Sept. 19. A young man was baptised at evening service. On Sept. 26 church anniversary services were well attended. Temple Day offering reached £94/12/-. At evening service 111 were present. Mr. Anderson's assistance in showing films at anniversary concert and prize-giving on Sept. 16 was appreciated.

Footscray.—A successful commencement to Sunday school anniversary was made on Sept. 19 when R. Clarke spoke in afternoon and R. Edgar in evening. Services were continued on Sept. 29, when Mrs. Kershaw spoke in afternoon and A. Hurren in evening. Cradle Roll cards were distributed at afternoon service. Phi Betas and Kappas attended spiritual rally on Sept. 21 at Collins-st. Baptist church.

Kaniva.—About 60 attended morning worship on Sept. 26. D. Welsh preached. In evening 65 were present when Mr. Combridge spoke and three were baptised. Y.W.C.F. met on 27th, 24 being present. Y.P.S.C.E. has had splendid meetings, 24 being present last week. I.C.E. has average attendance of 8. J.C.E. had 33 present recently. Sunday school anniversary was held on Sept. 19. A. F. Williams presided and Mr. Combridge spoke at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Ormond.—Youth Council has ordered a lantern for use of church and Sunday school. Sunday school has been practising for anniversary. Cricket club had annual meeting and planned to organise junior and senior teams. Ladies had a knitting demonstration in afternoon and evening of 16th. Sympathy is offered Mrs. Jowett in loss of her mother. Miss Edith Mitchell was married a few weeks ago. Mr. Martin continues to lead in excellent services.

Silvan South.—Fellowship during past months has been encouraging. Attendances at communion average around 22 to 28. College students have assisted in services. Their messages have been helpful. Visitation Evangelism in this scattered country centre has not yet produced visible results. F. T. Morgan was thanked for his help. Mr. Saynor, Methodist preacher, also joined in the campaign. Esteemed Sister White received her home-call. She manifested a deep love for brotherhood. The children of Europe appeal reached a total of £12/18/-.

Maryborough.—In absence of Mr. Alcorn on Aug. 29, Mr. Drake gave address in morning and Mr. Robinson, of Bet Bet, at night. Mission Band held successful bowls night organised by Mr. Black on Sept. 9. Owing to illness Mr. Alcorn was not able to preach on evening of 12th, and Mr. Living gave appreciated help in service. Mission Band continues to hold enjoyable fellowship evenings in homes of members. Church held half-yearly business meeting on Sept. 22, when reports from auxiliaries were received. Officers of church entertained Explorers and cricket club on Sept. 20, when trophies won during cricket season were presented to Ron Branton and Bruce Hosken.

Merbein.—Work continues to make steady progress under leadership of P. Whitmore. Two young ladies made their confession during month. On Sept. 12, 20 members gathered to farewell Mrs. Brand, who is leaving district; suitable presentations were made. Mrs. Brand being church organist will be missed. Mr. Trezise's visit on 15th was enjoyed. During Mr. Whitmore's absence at Daretton on 26th, Mr. Williams, of Daretton, conducted gospel service.

Hamilton.—In absence of Mr. Curtis on holidays, services have been conducted by Mr. Davey, of Portland, and Messrs. Renshaw and Wessen, of Melbourne University Evangelical Group. On evening of Sept. 3, a social evening was tendered Miss Joyce Miles, when Miss Miles received presentations from church and C.E. Society. Mr. Curtis officiated at marriage of Miss Joyce Miles and R. Pearce on Sept. 11. Mission Band ladies conducted an opportunity shop and raised £45 for local church funds.

Morwell.—Meetings over past few months have been encouraging, and keen interest is being maintained. Brethren from Warragul, Moe and Traralgon have given appreciated help in speaking services and motor transport. Ladies' Mission Band, under supervision of Mrs. Jackel, has been formed, following officers being elected: President, Mrs. Read; secretary, Mrs. Fletcher; treasurer, Mrs. Briggs. Meetings are held each month at homes of members. Two successful social evenings were held recently. Mrs. Blucher is much improved after recent illness and is now on holiday.

Dandenong.—E. L. Williams was speaker on morning of Sept. 19. Four who were baptised previous Sunday evening were welcomed into the church. Church was saddened by sudden death of Mr. March and sympathy was extended to bereaved. Mrs. Rookes continues to make steady progress. There was one decision at evening service. On morning of Sept. 26 Mr. Buckingham exchanged with Mr. Youens, his message being appreciated. Following Mr. Youens' appeal at night another young woman made her decision. Sunday school won shield for rally conducted by South-Eastern District Fellowship.

Carlton (Lygon-st.)—Bible school anniversary was held on Sept. 28, when singing of school, under leadership of N. Haddow, was enjoyed by good congregations at afternoon and evening services. W. W. Saunders was speaker at 3 p.m. and R. M. Wilson at 7. School presented N. Haddow with an attache case to show appreciation of help for twenty years. At social held on Sept. 30, the Frank Holdsworth memorial prize for boys was won by Rex Banks, and F. Prittie's prize for girls was shared by Margaret Ward and Gwen Lethbridge (equal). Church regrets that Mrs. F. McClean and her mother are not well. Miss McCrabb and Ken Saunders were baptised by R. M. Wilson after evening address on Oct. 3. Church cricket team commenced season well on Oct. 2. Prayer fellowship meetings have been held at homes of H. H. McKean and Mrs. Osbourne.

Carnegie.—During Mr. Coventry's absence at Geelong, services on Sept. 12 were taken by H. Waghamode and Allan Thomas. On Sept. 19 L. A. Trezise and W. W. McDowell preached. A tea was tendered Miss Acuross on Sept. 18 whose marriage to B. Ward will take place shortly. Mr. Coventry was morning preacher on Sept. 26. Bible school anniversary services were commenced. W. G. Organ spoke at 3 p.m. and Mr. Coventry at 7 p.m. Scholars were led by Clive Ward, Miss E. Organ (organ) and Rex Cleland (piano) (conductor). Sympathy was expressed to Miss Sherman whose brother died. David Walker is ill. Church rejoices that Mr. and Mrs. Coventry and family have been able to take up residence in manse. Bible school anniversary services were continued on Oct. 3, when N. Gavros was speaker at 3 p.m. and F. A. Youens at 7 p.m. Chapel was well filled at all services. A. Miller has been received into fellowship by transfer from Caulfield, Bambra-rd., church. Mrs. Lever was present at morning service after illness.

Bayswater.—On evening of Aug. 22 combined meeting was held in public hall. Mr. Bligh, of Ringwood Methodist Church, was speaker. Mr. Langford exchanged with Mr. Trigg, of Bayswater Methodist Church, on morning of Sept. 12. A kitchen tea was given Gwen Rees and Alan Westmore in honor of approaching marriage. Church and Sunday school made presentations. J. E. Allan, of Ringwood, was speaker on morning of Sept. 19. Y.P.S.C.E. held a camp-fire service on A. Kirkpatrick's property on Sept. 21. About 22 young people attended. Anniversary practice has begun under leadership of Claude Gadge.

Wedderburn.—Meetings of recent weeks have been below average. On Sept. 10 a social evening was tendered Mr. Quayle on occasion of his recent marriage, when a presentation was made by members. On Sept. 26, at invitation of B. A. Jackel, members of Masonic Order attended a church parade. Church has decided to introduce its own envelope system whereby each Sunday brethren will help all brotherhood departments. On Oct. 2, middle district circuit officers met at Wedderburn to discuss future of work in circuit. Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Jackel are attending Federal Conference at Perth. United Nation Children's appeal exceeded £4.

West Preston.—Chapel was filled to capacity for morning service on Sept. 26, when Allan West was speaker. Mr. Withers announced that Allan West, Viney Longthorp and Geo. Wood have indicated desire to enter Glen Iris Bible College next year to prepare for full-time ministry of the word. 87 attended gospel service when Mr. Withers was preacher, and an offering for children of Europe was received. Choir, under F. V. Brown, continues to make a valuable contribution. During past four weeks eight have been baptised by Mr. Withers, and received into fellowship of church. With a cradle roll of over 100 and the kindergarten hall filled to overflowing each Sunday, it is gratifying to report that a start has been made on new hall, this being first stage of building plan adopted by church some years ago.

North Williamstown.—School anniversary services were held on Sept. 5 and 12, speakers being A. Withers, D. Wilson, Bruce Smith and G. Grainger. A. Haskell trained children. Concert and prize distribution packed building for closing anniversary celebration. Attendances have shown an increase in recent weeks, average communicants for month being 77. Audrey Jinks and Joyce Morgan were baptised on 19th, when three young people also made their confessions. Because of increased membership, Young Explorers and Good Companions are each being divided into two groups. Mrs. Lane has accepted leadership of new girls' group. Les Armstrong was speaker at evening service on 26th. Meetings are being held in preparation for Visitation Evangelism. Church has decided to increase preacher's salary. Young Ladies' Auxiliary held first birthday on 15th; a visit from Footscray young women was enjoyed.

Essendon.—On Sept. 11 a basketball match was played between present and past Phi Betas. Thirty men attended C.M.S. monthly tea meeting, when an interesting talk on the Jewish problem in Palestine was given by Mr. Jacobsen. Mr. Neighbour spoke on Christian crusade at evening service. Choir rendered anthem. Officers held social evening at home of Mr. and Mrs. G. Strack on Sept. 18. Mr. Shaw was speaker at morning service on Sept. 19. A sale of gifts stall brought in sum of £2 to assist day kindergarten. Half-yearly business meeting of church was held on Sept. 22. On Sept. 26, Squire Nicholson (Local Option Alliance) was speaker at morning service. At evening meeting choir rendered delightful anthem and C. Ferguson sang solo. Mr. McIlhagger was speaker at both services on Oct. 3, Mrs. Jame being welcomed into church at morning service. Mrs. Withers and Mrs. Martin are home from hospital following operations. Miss Middleton is progressing after recent illness.

Ballarat (Peel-st.).—Meetings at all services have been well attended. At worship service on Oct. 3 R. J. Clow (Canberra) gave a helpful address. Sunday school attendances and interest are maintained. Ladies' Guild held successful afternoon at home of Sister Trew, when £3 was raised. Officers are putting new floor in Bible school hall.

Warracknabeal.—During month ladies held successful social afternoon. In recent months Horsham brethren have given appreciated help in services. On Sept. 24 a farewell social was tendered Mr. and Mrs. Barnett, when friends gathered from Horsham, Minyip, Litchfield and Brim. Mrs. Barnett was recipient of a gift from Ladies' Aid. Circuit churches presented a roll of notes to Mr. Barnett. On 26th Mr. Barnett addressed church service, when Baptist friends were present.

Caulfield (Bambra-rd.).—Work gives cause for thanksgiving and reflects credit upon all who share in ministry under able leadership of W. W. Saunders. Recent decisions have come from five homes where husband and wife have obeyed their Lord, another five mothers and six young people have made the confession. Impressive baptismal services were conducted on Sept. 19 and 26. Last Sunday four responded to invitation. Cottage prayer meetings are a feature of work. 99 were present at J.C.E.-I.C.E., and Young People's Endeavor meetings. An average of over 160 have communed each Lord's day for month of September. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Smith, Margaret and Mr. Spencer have been received from church at Horsham. Two cricket teams and three tennis teams are entered in Baptist and Churches of Christ Association, Bible school, under superintendent A. G. Rutherford, other auxiliaries and choir, under C. Smith, are giving valuable aid. Football team were Eastern Suburbs Churches Association premiers.

Red Hill.—N. Moore preached to an increased congregation on Sept. 12, five new members being received into fellowship. Sunday school and Y.W.L. have added new members. At gospel service, three young men were baptised. Ladies' Guild and Mission Band have completed hand-worked rugs and goods which are for mission fields. About 90 attended a meeting of Bayside District Youth Fellowship on Sept. 18, which was held at Arthur's Seat, Main Ridge, V. Stafford being speaker. On 19th service was well attended and three young men were received into fellowship. Collection for starving children of Europe reached £10, Y.W.L. donating £2. Mr. and Mrs. Rex Prossor now reside at Red Hill. Several ladies attended a group meeting held at Parkdale on Sept. 22. On Sept. 24 a social was held in honor of Mr. and Mrs. L. Bright and Mr. and Mrs. R. Prossor who were married recently. A telegram was received from a former preacher at Red Hill, N. Kingston, and Mrs. Kingston, congratulating church on progress. Church sympathises with Mrs. Kerville in loss of her mother.

Gardiner.—Annual meeting of Men's Fellowship was held on Sept. 12, when L. Stevens was re-elected president, and Mr. Whittington, secretary. Mr. Bolduan led a discussion on the Trade Unions and church. On Sept. 19 Mr. Gross, of college, gave an excellent exhortation on work of college. Sunday school anniversary services were held on Sept. 26 and Oct. 3. Superintendent and staff took prominent part in services, speakers being Mr. Bolduan, morning and evening of 26th, and T. Fitzgerald, Fairfield, in afternoon. Two scholars from school, Misses Heather Russell and Joan Buckmaster, confessed Christ at gospel meeting. On Oct. 3 scholars' awards and cradle roll cards were presented in afternoon. D. Wakeley, Hartwell, was speaker at gospel service. Annual business meeting of church was held on Sept. 29. C. Brough, secretary for two years, and A. Fergusson, assistant secretary for over ten years, did not seek re-

election. S. Corlett was elected secretary, B. Taylor, assistant secretary. Two new deacons elected were Ralph Hall and F. Burbridge. Special mention was made of good work of Mr. Brough during his term of office. Church football team suffered first defeat in grand final. Tennis team, which was premiers in winter competition, has entered two teams for summer competition. Cricket club has entered two teams in South Suburban churches competition. Mrs. Watts is seriously ill in hospital and Mr. Sumpton is in Caulfield After Care Home. Misses May and Dorothy McDonald are at present in Perth on holidays and will remain for conference. Mr. Bolduan, Mr. and Mrs. Brough, and Mr. and Mrs. A. Fergusson will also attend. H. Ward has accepted a position at Rabaul as Commonwealth Chief Electrical Engineer and will be leaving Victoria during October.

ADDRESSES

S. Corlett (secretary Gardiner church, Vic.)—9 Lurnea-rd., Glen Iris, S.E.6. Tel., between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., WF1293; private, WM6127. H. R. Coventry (preacher Carnegie church, Vic.)—1 Darling-rd., East Malvern, S.E.5. E. H. Read (secretary Morwell church, Vic.)—24 Ann-st., Morwell. C. H. Wright (preacher North Essendon)—58 William-st., Essendon, W.5. 'Phone, FX8292.

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FINGER.—Born to Mary and Harold Finger, Aoba, New Hebrides, Sept. 25—a son. Both well.

WRIGHT.—On Sept. 26, at Sacred Heart Hospital, Moreland, to Marjorie and Jim—a son (Peter James).

SILVER WEDDING

MUDFORD-CURRY.—Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Mudford announce with pleasure and gratitude the 25th anniversary of their marriage, celebrated at Church of Christ, South Richmond, on Sept. 29, 1923, by Mr. J. I. Mudford. Present address, Fisher-st., Stawell.

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DEATH

ELLIS.—On Sept. 16, Elsie M. V., dearly loved wife of the late Arthur H. Ellis, 534 Burke-rd., Camberwell, and loved mother of Alice (Mrs. Jones), Elsie (Mrs. Smith) and Jim. Mother and father united.

IN MEMORIAM

CARR.—In loving memory of our dear daughter and sister Thelma, who passed away on Sept. 29, 1941, aged 22 years.

Till the day dawns and the shadows flee away.—Sadly missed by her loving parents, sister and brothers.

STEWART.—A tribute of love to the memory of our dear mother, Mary Jane, called to higher service Sept. 29, 1946.

"Safe in the Father's home above,
The home prepared by the Saviour's love,
To depart from a world of sin and strife,
To be with Jesus—yes, that is life."

—Inserted by Gladys and Cletus.

THOMPSON.—In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Bert (R.A.A.F.), who died of illness in Prince Henry Hospital, Sydney, Oct. 3, 1941.

Some time we'll understand.—Inserted by his loving father, mother, and brothers Ross and Rex.

THOMPSON.—In loving memory of dear Bert, who passed away at Prince Henry Hospital, Sydney, on Oct. 3, 1941. Ever remembered.—Ever remembered by aunty, uncle and cousins, Horsham.

TUNBRIDGE.—A loving tribute to the memory of my beloved husband, Percy Henry, who was called home on Oct. 3, 1944, also beloved father of Amy. Forever with the Lord.

VAFIOPOLOUS.—Treasured memories of our dear son and brother Vic., who was killed in motor accident Oct. 3, 1947.

Our family chain is broken,
One we loved is gone;
But he left us beautiful memories
To help us carry on.

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3 p.m.—Mr. Ron. Graham.
7 p.m.—Mr. Russell Baker.

Sunday, Oct. 17—

3 p.m.—Mr. D. D. Stewart.
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11 a.m., "A Mysterious Epistle."
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5 p.m., Fellowship Tea.

7 p.m., Gospel Service. Speaker, Mr. Thos. Hagger.

Soloist, Mr. A. Barber.

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Sunday School Anniversary—

Oct. 24—3 p.m., Mr. F. Morgan.

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Oct. 31—3 p.m., Mr. Frank Langford.

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Church Fellowship Tea, Friday, Oct. 29, 5.30 p.m., in Chapel.

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3 p.m.—Chairman, Mr. B. J. Combridge. Speaker, Mr. A. E. Hurren.

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One day Jesus picked 70 men for his work. They were to go out in pairs throughout the busy streets and villages of Galilee, telling the good news about



Children Dressed for the Ice.

God's kingdom, and helping people who were sick or needy. The marching orders Jesus gave to his men were quite plain and clear. He expected them to give their all in his service. That same call has been sounding ever since the 70 were sent out.

A Modern Healer in Christ's Name

One day it came to a young doctor, who after his training might have be-

come a leading man in his profession with a wealthy practice, bringing him fame and fortune. Instead of seizing his chance for a successful career in London, he turned his back on the old country and went to the ice-bound, rocky shore of Labrador. There Wilfred Grenfell spent the whole of his life, simply obeying the marching orders of his Master, "Heal the sick."

Bitter winds blow strongly from the Atlantic and beat up the great waves that dash upon the bare and rugged coast of Labrador. Great icebergs, torn from the massed ice-pack to the northwards, make the seas dangerous, and the barren, rocky coast has few harbors where ships can ride in safety through the anger of the gales which rage there so frequently.

Yet, facing the storms in winter, and travelling overland in his sledge, harpooned to a team of dogs when his ship was icebound, brave Dr. Wilfred Grenfell passed on his perilous way. Driving his dogs along the snow-covered trail, marked here and there by tall poles which, standing upright like silent sentinels, showed the road, sometimes falling through ice into the cold waters beneath, and in danger of drifting avalanches of snow from the hillsides along which he must needs pass, the gallant doctor went upon his errands of mercy through the years.

When he first went to Labrador the fisher folk had no one to care for them, and had a very hard fight to eke out a bare existence on that wild and inhospitable coast. At the end of his long life

there were hospitals established, and schools and churches at work. Life had been completely transformed for the Labrador folk in the Spirit of Jesus Christ. No wonder the name of Sir Wilfred Grenfell is a household word in Labrador. He gave all for the service of Jesus Christ, and his name will live in Labrador as long as the icy coast lasts.

Jesus Christ wants the boys and girls of to-day to give their lives to him, for his service, and he wants them to give their all. What about it?

—Selected.

SEEKING BUTTERFLIES

A FEW weeks ago there died a man—Dr. A. S. Corbet—who spent his life hunting butterflies. He went seeking for them in all parts of the world. Many years were spent tracking through Malayan jungles, where he netted a very wonderful collection of several thousand butterflies, different in size and so marvellous in color. When he died he was seeking for butterflies in Bramley. You might say this is a strange thing to do, spending days and weeks and years seeking for butterflies, but Dr. Corbet loved this kind of work, and when he found a rare specimen he felt like shouting for joy.

People have spent a great deal of time seeking for all sorts of things. There is one famous name in history—Columbus. He spent his time looking for a continent to be found. The people to whom he talked about his seeking laughed at him, and said, "It is just silly, talking about trying to find a continent." But Columbus went on with his talking, and one day he set out to find what he was quite sure could be found—a continent—and he found it. To-day we know it as America.

A few days ago I was sitting on a pebbly beach when along came a small boy who was seeking for something among the pebbles. "Lost something, son?" I said to him. "Yes," he answered, "an hour ago when running along the beach I stumbled and fell, and a two shilling piece must have fallen out of my pocket." As he searched among the pebbles I thought there was not much chance of finding his two shilling piece. He had set his mind on finding it, and after twenty minutes of earnest seeking he had the joy of finding it.

A few years ago a small boy was lost among the Welsh hills, and a thousand men spent a whole day in seeking for him. He was not the only boy in the family; there were two others, but this one little chap was lost, and it was important that he should be found, so hundreds of men spent hours and hours seeking for him.

The New Testament has a great deal to say about "seeking." "Which of you," said Jesus, "with a hundred sheep, if he loses one, does not leave the ninety and nine in the desert and go after the lost one till he find it?" And again he said, "Suppose a woman has ten shillings. If she loses one of them, does she not light a lamp and scour the house and search carefully till she finds it?"

"Seek, and ye shall find," said Jesus.

PRESCRIPTION

HE GAVE ALL
ABOUT thirty years ago, in a school in Pekin, a Chinese boy listened intently to the story of Stephen. As the teacher spoke the boy could see the scene the teacher described—the grey stone walls of a city, the gate, the grass-covered hill, a crowd of men shouting, and in the midst one man, calm and joyful and ready for death.

A few days later a mob of angry men attacked the house where Cheng lived. Rough hands dragged him out. Voices cried, "Death to the Christians!"

Along the streets they dragged the boy and through the city gateway. Cheng looked up startled. Where had he seen the scene—the grey stone walls of a city, the gate, the grass-covered hill, a crowd of men shouting. The story of Stephen flashed into his mind. Then a voice shouted, "Renounce Christ and you shall go free. Refuse, and you shall die."

Cheng looked calmly at the cruel faces. "I will die for him who laid down his life for me." A roar of anger broke from the crowd. A sword flashed and the boy lay limp and lifeless on the grass. Someone looked at the dead face. "See," he said, puzzled, "he is smiling even in death."

Seeking means persistence. Dr. Corbet found rare butterflies because he was persistent, so keen that he travelled to different parts of the world. The boy who lost his two shilling piece was persistent. He kept on seeking for it till he found it. When Jesus used the word "seek" he meant that we have to be persistent in our efforts to understand his truth, what he said about God and his purpose. The wealth of his love, his truth and his goodness are to be found, but not unless we seek for them with all our heart and mind and soul. Seek! Seek! And ye shall find the wisdom of God. To possess his wisdom, to understand his love and possess it, is the most precious of possessions.—J. C. Mitchell, "Expository Times."