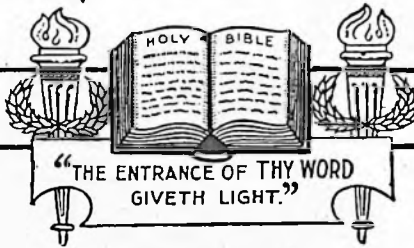


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AUSTRALIA — Little or Great?

FAULT-FINDING and abusive remarks by one section of our Australian society against another will not create the spirit that builds a great nation. Too often we see faults in others, and disregard our own shortcomings. One of the best ways to set others right is to try to do what Christ did. He set an example to those about him. For him it was not a case of do what I say, but do what I do. He called men, and said, "Come, follow me."

STIRRED BY GOD

There is always present in our human nature the weakness to take things easy and to let someone else do the more difficult or heroic tasks. We all know what ought to be done, and we know what the other fellow ought to do; but what we ought to do ourselves we often leave undone. To conquer this frailty of nature we need a stirring of God.

The greatness of Britain in the last century was no accident. A rational fear of God gave strength to the people to face hardships. Wm. Gladstone, that great Prime Minister, was a devout Christian. His leadership inspired people. Later Lloyd George, a member of a small church of Christ in Wales, and an admirer of the teachings of Alexander Campbell, led the nation into social reforms.

Here in Australia we need, in every city, town and settlement, a host of such men of God, men who will serve God and country with a belief that they have a destiny to fulfil.

A PEOPLE WITH A VISION

This young nation still needs men of vision. Leadership must be given to those who can take a long view of events, and can get under way plans which will be for the good of all. Only when justice is enjoyed by every section of the community can we hope for peace and happiness. We must have leaders who are sensitive to the rights of others. Wilberforce was such a person. He saw the need of banishing slavery from lands where the Union Jack flew. Do we not need leaders who can see that the aborigines need a fair deal? Then again, where are the men who can persuade the people that we are not really better than other races? We must be rid of a false pride shown in our racial prejudices, if we are to keep a good name among the nations. If we want to enjoy the blessings of justice we must be just to others.

Where there are men who fear God and live in the light of a great vision, we shall find co-operation increasing in their midst. Selfish

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An Australian Bush Scene.

THE theme of the World Conference of Christian Youth at Oslo, Norway, was "Christ: One Lord for One World." That sums up our message to the world. It is to insist on the supremacy and sovereignty of Christ. We must go out with this great conviction—that only by a total and universal allegiance to Jesus Christ as Lord can we have a united and peaceful and worthy world. We simply cannot think or speak too much or too greatly of Christ. How utterly inadequate is our common worship, and thought, and service of him!

We must stop taking Christ for granted. We must stop limiting Christ by our little ideas and small experience of him. We need to stand continually before his greatness, until our ideas and our experience grow more worthy of him.

And we must lose our compassion for Christ, which he doesn't need—not in the least. Let us not tremble for his future, nor have any doubts about his Lordship. We can save our pity for the world, which is lost and ruined without him.

"Crown him with many crowns" is the great call of the scriptures. The trouble is that we have given Christ all too few crowns. If we could only see how far runs the writ of his authority! He is not only Lord of our lives, but Lord of all men's lives; not only Lord of that realm which we have made very narrow, and called religion, but Lord of all life, which should all be religious, and own his sway.

Christ is no small figure in a little land of long ago. He is eternal, and exalted, and essential. There is nothing in this world that is unrelated to him, no issue that is not in his hands, no man that was not made for him, no situation but to which he has the key.

Our Lord! Yes! But we cannot think of our Lord without thinking of *our world*. It is our Lord himself who points us to the world as the great object of his love, and the sphere of our service for him. "He hath set the world in their heart." We know that the Hebrew word is more truly translated "eternity," but the Authorised Version also expresses a great truth. God has set the world in our hearts. David Livingstone was never more truly a disciple of Christ than in his first question to Stanley, "How is the world getting on?" If Christianity is to be relevant to-day, Christians must take the world, the whole world, the whole life of the whole world, to their hearts.

We must give up our despair of the world. This was excusable in the early Christians but not in us. They lived, a tiny persecuted group, in a predominantly pagan world, in tense expectation of an imminent coming of Christ to a final judgment. They, therefore, despaired of doing anything with the world as a whole. But our situation is very different. We have a far wider perspective and a far greater opportunity than they had. While not forgetting that there will be an end to time and a final judgment, we are not so oppressed by the fact as to let it paralyse us for our world task. Imagine what the Apostle Paul would do if he were here to-day; Paul, with his utter realism and unquenchable hope. We may be sure that he would take full advantage of Christianity's power and opportunities, and would be right in the thick of all the world's movements to enthrone Christ as Lord.

Equally we must give up our irresponsibility for the world. We simply must get rid of that spirit which throws up its hands and says, "Oh, what can I do? I am so helpless in face of the great complex problems of the world." There is a fine spirit in those words, "I am only one; I cannot do everything, but I can do something. That which I can do I ought to do, and by the grace of God, I will do." But that is not the whole truth. We are not only one; we are a Christian fellowship, and we are only finding out in these days how great is that fellowship. Forged in the flames of war, the World Council of Churches has come into existence, enabling millions of Chris-

Our Lord and Our World



*J. E. Brooke, of South Australia,
presents a vision of the church's
task in the world.*

tians around the world to speak and act together on the important issues facing the world. The World Conference of Christian Youth has been held at Oslo. Things are being done, mighty things by Christians, thinking and acting together in the world to-day. Let us keep abreast of them, and add our full weight to all these decisions and actions.

We must see this world as our Lord's world. He is no alien Lord. He is native to every land; at home in every heart. He is walking all the world's roads, with no sense of strangeness to those who meet him there. Men of every nation are finding it hard to realise that he was not born and did not always live, in their land. Indian poets like Tilak are singing,

"From this day onwards thou art mine,
Brother beloved and King divine."

Chinese artists are painting the gospel scenes in their own quaint but beautiful styles. How wonderfully the Japanese, Kagawa, has opened up new meanings in Christ through his writings. Men of all colors and races and tongues are saying, when they hear of Christ, "We always knew there must be Someone like that," and are finding in him the fulfilment of all their best thoughts and hopes. They are saying with Matheson:

"Gather us in, thou Love that filled all,
Father our rival faiths within thy fold,
Rend each man's temple veil, and let it fall,
Thou art the fulness of our partial sight."

"When the nations shall see him in truth as he is, the heart of the world shall forever be his." "They shall come from the east, and from the west, and from the north, and from the south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God."

And as Christ shall conquer the hearts of all men, so he will win the total life of men. Says Stanley Jones, "The way of Christ is not merely within the book; it is written in us, and in our relationships. I predict that this will become the most thrilling, exciting, rewarding adventure of human beings in the days to come. Science, philosophy, education, economics, business, politics, sociology—all branches of human approach to life—are going to converge upon one thing—the discovery of the way.

Some day scientists are going to put it all down on the table, and they are going to say, 'This is not the way to live,' and 'This is the way to live.' As we look at it our eyes will bulge with astonishment, and we shall exclaim, 'But, brother men, the way you say is *not* the way to live is the unchristian way; and the way you say *is* the way is the Christian way. They will reply, 'We cannot say about that, for that is not our province; but this is *not* the way to live, and this is the way to live.' Yes! Christ, our Lord, is Lord of the world, of the whole world, of the whole life of the whole world.

But it is not sufficient just to recognise that. We will not win the allegiance of the world to our Lord, simply by holding meetings and making speeches. So, besides our Lord and our world, we must consider *our task*. "Why," asked Jesus, "why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?"

Ours is a missionary task, mightier than we have yet imagined. It is to evangelise the whole world, and the whole life of the world. Our missionaries are doing their part. "Who are these that run along the highways of the world, and seek its meanest suburbs with their feet? They are the troubadours of God, blowing an airy melody along earth's aisles, as solid as the masonry of dreams. They are the wise eccentrics that reason with divine hilarity. They are the canny merchants who buy the hearts of nations for their Prince."

And this is no small or narrow task, as our missionaries are among the first to see. Here, for example, is a missionary in the Philippines summing up the three functions of missionary work—"to change individual life, to transform communities, and to supplant our present state of international anarchy with a Christian world order." That means that there is a great deal of missionary work to be done in every land, ours included, and in every realm of life. And if it is a worthy task for a missionary to go, say, to India or China, to win men for Christ, equally it is worthy for the church to send people into the spheres of education, politics, economics, industry, sport, entertainment, to win these areas of life for Christ. There, perhaps, is our task for the Lordship of Christ over the world. But whatever it is, let his question haunt our minds always, "Why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?"

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individualism is a sin we must fight if Australia is to escape from littleness. Instead of seeking our rights, we ought to be campaigning to secure rights for others. While seeking justice for ourselves, how many amongst us are concerned about the under-privileged within our land, for instance, the aborigines?

GODLY CO-OPERATION

When we can learn to overcome much of our selfishness we shall become much more co-operative one with the other. By co-operation we shall overcome confusion in our midst. The fear of God will develop to-day a willingness to co-operate in Australia as it did in England after the religious revival of the Wesleys. Such God-begotten co-operation will save the nation from revolution, strife and bloodshed, as that revival saved Britain from disaster. Co-operation will also save the nation from the encroachments of that alien, materialistic revolutionary power now distressing the world.

Only such a fear of God, shown in man's respect for man and in a willingness to co-operate, can lift us Australians out of our littleness and set us on the road to national greatness.

More Extensions in New Hebrides

New developments and plans give an encouraging picture of future work in islands.

Army Huts for Buildings

NEGOTIATIONS are under way to secure American army huts for use on Aoba and Pentecost. Ships are few, and copra reaching such high prices makes it extremely difficult to freight these huts from one island to another.

One has been landed in Pentecost and erected as a more permanent and suitable home for Mr. and Mrs. Smith. The native house built by the Christian people showed their interest and their readiness to welcome their new workers, but the roof leaked when it rained and



Army Hut Becomes Missionary Home.

These huts, known as Quanset, were used in large numbers by the American army in the South Pacific. This hut was dismantled on Santo and shipped to Pentecost. Here it is seen in the course of being re-erected, and is now the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith.

debris fell when it blew, and there was danger of the whole being blown over if a severe blow came. The new building, if not elegant, is solid, dry and sound, allowing sufficient room for their requirements. After a good deal of trouble, some insect-proof wire has been secured in Australia, and when received will make the house insect-proof.

It is likely an additional hut will be secured for Pentecost for dispensary and medical work; whilst Aoba is likely to receive two—one as an addition to the existing new medical block, and the other as a residence for the proposed teacher when he arrives on Aoba.

These huts will cost several hundred pounds to dismantle, freight and rebuild, but will be very much cheaper than if they were shipped from Australia. There is also the added advantage these huts are already in the group, whilst difficulties in securing supplies in Australia and embargo on exporting building supplies would mean long delays.



FORWARD MOVES

Missionary Teacher

ONE of the greatest needs in our work today is the need for trained teachers. When our mission work was in its infancy, it had teachers who had spent some years in Australia—the old Kanakas of the Queensland plantations. This had two distinct advantages—they were reasonably well trained in English and spiritual things; and furthermore they knew what they had been saved from. Some of them were not more than one generation away from can-

nibalism, and all were saved from their ancient heathen practices. Their knowledge of English gave them a grip of the Bible and hymnbook, and this, coupled with their enthusiasm, made them excellent teachers.

The old generation is passing away; the few who are left are past effective service. The younger generation have not had the same opportunity of gaining a good knowledge of English, and they have not the same feeling as the older generation of being saved from the bondage of heathenism.

Missionaries in the past have sought to rectify the position by teaching the young, and at times seeking to train some as leaders and teachers; but so many demands were made on the missionary that his attempts were often interrupted, and in recent years lack of continuity of missionary service has caused even more serious handicaps.

If strong churches are to exist, and if some of our more promising students are to go for advanced studies, such as qualified teachers, preachers and medical men, more attention must be given to laying sound foundations when the students are young. Having this in mind, the Board have chosen a young man who has completed his Bible course, and is prepared to take a two-years' course in a teachers' college, and thus become a qualified teacher.

Training Medical Dressers

Two lads, one from Pentecost and one from Aoba, have been chosen to go to John G. Paton Memorial Hospital to train as medical dressers. The training will probably take a year, but the experience gained in this larger community and the large medical work of this hospital will be of great value to these lads when they return to our own work. We are grateful to our Presbyterian friends, especially Dr. Jamieson, for accepting these lads for training.



STEPHEN OF AMARTA

One by one the old leaders are passing. Stephen was one of the old Queensland stalwarts, and was generally looked upon as a bush lawyer. His knowledge of affairs was remarkable, more especially as his last years were spent in physical darkness. When the Federal secretary met him about ten years ago, he was almost blind, but his mind was clear and his knowledge of affairs keen and alert.

Mrs. W. Waterman tells of the passing of this grand old man in November, and speaks of the large-hearted faith of these children in the faith:

"It was the most impressive funeral I have been to. A large number of people were there, for Stephen had been a good old teacher and a good leader. Of late years he had been blind. We had a service in the church, and the coffin was brought in there. For about half an hour before the service started we had singing, and these are a few of the hymns that they sang beautifully: 'How sweet the hour of prayer and praise,' 'In the shadow of his wing,' 'Soon will come the setting sun,' 'There's a land that is fairer than day,' 'Some day the silver cord will break,' 'Who are these beside the chilly wave?' Mr. Finger conducted the service inside, and several older brethren spoke.

"When this service was finished, the people went out. About a dozen men carried the coffin, which was covered with a mass of flowers, mostly frangipani. The grave would be perhaps 100 yards off, and a group of men led the way and the bearers followed. As they slowly marched they sang 'Ring the bells of

heaven.' At the graveside Abel Barney, chief teacher, conducted the service.

"We felt sad in the passing of one more of the good old faithfuls; but for some time now he has been sick and blind, and his mind wandering. He has gone to where there will be no more suffering."

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.

The Press & Social Questions

Will H. Clay, secretary Victorian Social Service Department.

THE press is an essential medium of news of all kinds without which, in spite of radio, we would remain in ignorance of much that affects our lives. We are yielding our moral rights, and are accepting through press and radio much that is morally offensive, without the slightest protest. Both these mediums are afforded exceptional privileges which should not be abused. When the opinions of readers and hearers are flouted, it is their right to protest. Neglect to do so is generally accepted as acquiescence, or indifference. Quite recently a film review in the Literary Section of "The Age," referring to outraged conventions, stated "that things that were never mentioned in the Victorian era, even in whispers, in polite society, are now displayed on the screen as a subject for mirth." The writer stated further that, as one who could remember those conventions, he thought that "our mothers would blush in their graves if they heard the story of Margie the Fox film." "Fifty years ago every delicate-minded female would have left the theatre before the film had been running fifteen minutes as a protest against its impropriety." We do not repeat this review in a critical spirit; rather do we agree. Changes are taking place in our standards of living and of conduct which demand that the church shall stand at the "ready" to apply the brake. Morality is on the decline. Our silence may be taken as agreement. The Victorian Director of Education, as reported in "The Herald" of Jan. 27, said at the Victorian Teachers' Union Conference: "Beer, smokes and races are the three questions dominating the thinking of many people. Large areas of Melbourne were set aside exclusively for race meetings and used only twenty times a year, but when ground was sought for an institute of technology educationists were told that no sites were available." This is a public scandal which has been tolerated too long by the people. It is only a sample of what will continue if we remain silent. The sins of society are being tolerated to-day under other names. The public press is available to us—let us use it!

Anonymous Giving

For just ten years a lady who has become known to us as "Church Member," and whose identity has been hidden from us for that period, has contributed a weekly sum of 2/6 to C.F.A. funds. Last week the sum of £12/5/- came to us with a note—"this belatedly brings me up to Jan. 26. Still, I guess you'll say 'better late than never.' Thought I would have to reduce my sub., but, as before, God has provided the extra. All the best from 'Church Member.'"

While we appreciate the confidence and generosity of "Church Member," we would also appreciate the opportunity of expressing our thanks. To name the giver has also its advantages. Such names, at times, are provocative of generosity in others.

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Here and There

W. J. Thomson, of Wagga, N.S.W., has been on a visit to Melbourne and shared in the fellowship of the annual conference of the Victorian preachers' fraternal at Emerald, Feb. 2-5.

On Tuesday, Jan. 6, between five and six p.m., several fires, evidently the work of some irresponsible child, were set in the Wagga church buildings. Damage estimated at £300 was caused, including complete destruction of piano.

Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Fisher and family reached Melbourne on Feb. 1 from U.S.A. Mr. Fisher is a graduate of the College of the Bible and of Butler University. He is the preacher of a progressive suburban church in Indianapolis. Mr. Fisher expects to be in Victoria for about two months.

The authors of the 1948 service for the World Day of Prayer include Mrs. Jesse M. Bader and Mrs. Samuel Shoemaker. The Melbourne city service is planned for Feb. 13, 11-12 noon, 12.30-1.30, 2.30-4 p.m., in Swanston-st. church of Christ chapel. There is a growing interest in this movement to link the women of the world in a prayer circle.

W. H. Clay writes: "We were happy quite recently to offer the hospitality of our home to Mrs. Peters, of Launceston, who accompanied her husband to Melbourne at short notice where he has undergone surgical treatment of a special nature. We learn that he is making good recovery. The homes at Oakleigh and Murrumbidgee are meeting a deep need amongst our members from all parts of the State."

Mrs. A. D. Rothenburger is the secretary of the National Evangelistic Association of Disciples of Christ. Mrs. Rothenburger is known to many in Australia as Mrs. C. R. Scoville. Many recollect her visit to Australia with the evangelistic team that awakened such interest in the church here. Dr. and Mrs. Rothenburger have been busy in campaigns in various parts of U.S.A. Their last mission was at Litchfield, Ill., when there were 36 additions.

The annual national conference of the Australian Student Christian Movement was held at Armidale, N.S.W., Jan. 7-15. Members of churches of Christ were represented by Miss Marion Royce (secretary for social questions of World's Y.W.C.A., Geneva, and a member of a Canadian church of Christ), Dorothy Clark (Box Hill, Vic.), Harold Gross and Ray McKenzie (College of Bible), Graham Owen (Albion, Qld.), Ron Morris and Ken Baker (Epping, N.S.W.), and Hayden McCallum (A.S.C.M.'s staff).

Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Kemp left London on Jan. 22. They are travelling to Australia on the "Strathaird," expecting to reach Colombo on Feb. 9, Fremantle Feb. 17, and Melbourne about Feb. 23. While in London Dr. Kemp met K. Gerrand. At Manchester he renewed fellowship with E. Green who visited Australia some years ago. Dr. Kemp has made considerable study of the various children's courts in U.S.A. and Great Britain. He has visited several homes for children, including one of the Barnardo Home Colonies in London.

D. Wakeley's addresses are appreciated at Hartwell, Vic. Attendances were well maintained during the holiday season, and fellowship has been enjoyed with many visitors. Miss Ivy Wakeley, from Burwood, N.S.W., and Mr. and Mrs. N. Warmbrunn recently from Launceston, Tasmania, have been received into membership. R. Watt qualified for degree of Bachelor of Commerce at recent University examinations. Morning service on Jan. 25 was broadcast. Mr. Wakeley presided and gave address. Miss Dorothy Clark was soloist, and choir sang an anthem. Publication of a monthly newsletter was begun on Feb. 1.

January proved a fruitful month at Emerald, Vic. Continued presence of visitors heartens church. Purposeful fellowship has been enjoyed with junior and senior campers from North Fitzroy. Gwen Foster helped in song, and Mrs. D. Kent and Miss D. Reynolds in messages and pictorial aids. The preacher conducted school vacation sessions during month. Annual school picnic was held at Seaford. Lorna Hamilton and Selwyn Jackel were baptised on Feb. 1.



H. Swain.

We reported recently that Mr. and Mrs. H. Swain celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of their wedding. Mr. Swain is well known in Tasmania and Victoria for outstanding pioneering work among the churches. We are pleased to honor this loyal and faithful preacher of the word of God.

The Melbourne "Age" in the leading article, Jan. 30, drew attention to the need of adjusting the incomes of ministers and others in these days of the rising cost of living. The writer said: "While for numerous sections earning standards have been appreciably lifted, other categories, which include teachers, the clergy, university staffs, scientific specialists and research workers, have been left behind." "None begrudges the manual worker his higher recompense. But our values are seriously out of focus when people with university degrees, who join the teaching profession and the service of the church, or engage in specialist pursuits, receive lower rewards than those bestowed on, or readily accessible to, the unskilled and relatively unskilled, requiring little training."

The church at Doncaster, Vic., has received a splendid memorial gift from family of late Mr. and Mrs. John Petty. The gift is to the memory of their mother and father, both past members of church, and takes the form of a valuable and beautiful electronic organ. This instrument is the first of its kind to be installed anywhere. The church has been greatly encouraged, and is very grateful to the donors. The church released Mr. Banks to do beach work with Mr. Nicholson (Band of Hope secretary) at Rosebud during second week in January. These meetings were quite successful, and consisted of two sessions daily. Sand-castle building and competitions were held in afternoon, and lantern talks in evening. Leaflets were distributed urging young people to sign the pledge and link up with some junior temperance society.

James Stewart, who died at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Denzil C. Ritchie in Adelaide on Dec. 7, at the age of 89 years, became at commencement of the Austral Printing Co. the machinist in the printing room. In addition to serving the company for some years, he helped churches by speaking as opportunity offered. For several years Mr. Stewart had been blind, but retained a keen interest in all activities of the brotherhood.

Church at Cheltenham, S.A., has been functioning under leadership of Mr. Cornelius and assisting brethren through Christmas and New Year, but attendances have been small owing to several being away on holidays. Church extends deepest sympathy to Mr. Grundle and family in the death of his father. C.E. members are again working after Christmas recess, also Sunday school. Mr. and Mrs. McKell have returned from Robe, Mr. and Mrs. Young and family from the hills, and Mr. and Mrs. Best from Broken Hill. Mr. Cornelius has been to Victor Harbour for a couple of weeks. Members are also pleased to see Mrs. Johnston back again.

The Victorian Home Mission Committee is conducting an evangelistic drive to win men and women for Christ and to increase church membership. Each local church is being set the task of increasing its membership by at least 10 per cent. If each member of every local church were to unite and to help achieve this goal, then the total membership could be raised within the year by more than 1000. Already almost all preachers in Victoria have indicated their willingness to make this year an outstanding period of evangelism. A group of men are now studying methods of personal evangelism. It is hoped much experience will be gained in campaigns to be held early this year that will benefit all our Australian churches.

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

FACILITIES in the kitchen at the Waterman memorial youth camp, Monbulk, Vic., have been greatly improved. A much appreciated gift is the new steam pipe oven and stove, valued at several hundreds of pounds, and built by Ron Muller and his friends of the Evenbake Oven Co. Additional equipment needed are a clock, a large colander, four large baking dishes about 16 inches by 20 inches, and three lids for large heavy boilers. If any reader can help, please contact B. F. Huntsman, 624 Burke-rd., Camberwell, WF1118.

Youth and youth leaders in Victoria are asked to watch out for new youth newsreel. Cost is one penny. This first issue of the new edition will contain registration forms for Monbulk Easter camp.

Choir practices for the youth choir to participate in the youth demonstration at the Melbourne Town Hall on Wednesday, Mar. 31, are being held every Tuesday evening at 8 p.m. at Swanston-st. church. Claude Gadge is leader; all young people are urged to attend.

Young people from all over Victoria will go into camp at Hall's Gap on Feb. 11. To date there are 52 registrations. It is regretted that this year Don Williams, of Kaniva, will not be able to attend. We trust he will soon be restored to full health and strength.—B.F.H.

WANTED

Wanted, by church officer, double room, with or without breakfast, along the beach, at Easter.—Apply H. Peeler, 46 Berkeley-st., Castlemaine.

News of the Churches

Victoria

Springvale.—On Jan. 17 there were splendid meetings all day, and one decision at night. On Feb. 1, cricketers had charge at evening service; three young men gave addresses. One decided for Christ and there was one reconsecration. Mr. Bond inspires all with his addresses.

Drumcondra.—Fellowship has been enjoyed with visitors. R. Pigdon, wife and family being on holiday, D. Carr spoke at morning service on Jan. 25 and A. West (Aberdeen-st. Baptist) at night. Church members are forwarding organisation of H. Appleman campaign, R. Pigdon being prayer convener for Geelong.

Black Rock.—Church has been helped during past few weeks by earnest preaching of K. Clinton, of East Preston. On Jan. 25, at night, a young lady made the good confession. On Australia Day school held a successful picnic at Wattle Park. Church was given a helpful discourse by G. Clark on morning of Feb. 1.

Dandenong.—There were good attendances on Jan. 18. Mr. Youens being away on a well-earned holiday for two weeks, Mr. Dorman, from Local Option Alliance, gave an address in morning and T. Westwood spoke at gospel service. On 25th Mr. Westwood spoke at both services. Sunday school resumed with very fair attendance after four weeks' recess.

Surrey Hills.—On Jan. 25, full audiences farewelled S. Prentice, of Chelsea, after a successful interim ministry. In eight months Mr. Prentice has been with church his assistance in Bible school and his enthusiastic co-operation in work amongst youth of church have been appreciated. Bible school picnic on Australia Day at Edithvale was enjoyable.

South Richmond.—During past month meetings increased morning and evening. A number of visitors have been present. Mr. Rose is giving helpful addresses. On Jan. 25 Mr. Wigney, from East Kew, gave morning address. After gospel was preached by Mr. Rose, a girl from Bible school confessed Christ. On Jan. 26, Bible school held a picnic at Coburg Lake.

Middle Park.—A helpful address was given by Mr. Manallack on Jan. 25. Resignation of Mr. Randall has been received with regret. At gospel service, Mr. Tudor's address was well received. On Feb. 1, members welcomed Mr. Randall after vacation; he delivered a stirring address in morning. A successful Bible school picnic in conjunction with South Melbourne school was held at Eltham on Jan. 26.

Mount Evelyn.—A. H. Pratt continues his helpful ministry. Average attendance for January was 12. Visitors have been welcomed. On Jan. 18, following were elected to office: Preacher, A. H. Pratt; secretary, H. Graham; treasurer and organist, Mrs. Pratt. Many expressed appreciation of Mr. and Mrs. Pratt's efforts to establish the cause at Mt. Evelyn. Home mission offering was £2. Visitors to Mount Evelyn will be cordially welcomed.

Onkleigh.—S. Neighbour was speaker on Jan. 18 at well-attended services. One man, baptised at gospel meeting, and his wife, were received into fellowship. Mr. Neighbour has commenced annual holidays. Church sympathises with Mrs. Neighbour in her illness, which will entail some weeks in bed. Services on Jan. 25 were addressed by A. Illingworth and V. C. Stafford. Bible school annual picnic at Edithvale on Jan. 24 was attended by about 80 children and 80 parents, friends and teachers. Stevenson family, of Leongatha, have been greatly saddened by sudden passing of son, Eric, on Jan. 9.

Colac.—During past two months, services have been conducted by local speakers, and attendance of members has been maintained. Mrs. Andrews, M. Selwood, G. Learey, A. Billing, A. Walters and Les. Selwood have been speakers at morning meetings. Their assistance and addresses are appreciated. Visitors from Geelong will conduct meetings for next three weeks. Archie Cook, who passed away suddenly, was laid to rest on Jan. 24.

Ringwood.—After-church fellowship hour on Jan. 18 was well attended, when farewell and presentation to Mr. Quayle took place. Annual business meeting was held on Jan. 21 and office-bearers elected. Good progress has been made in past year. An enjoyable day was spent at Sunday school picnic held on Jan. 26 at Mt. Evelyn. Helpful addresses have been given by R. Banks, E. Beament, E. Lewis and A. Thomas during past month. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, from Ascot Vale, have been welcomed into church.

Melbourne (Swanston-st.).—Continued indisposition of K. A. Macnaughtan prevented his taking services on Jan. 25 and Feb. 1. On former Sunday A. W. Stephenson was speaker, and at night G. H. Bryant was soloist. On Feb. 1 services were addressed by David Hood, of London, who is visiting Australia as a representative of Mildmay Movement. Choir resumed on this Sunday after vacation, under leadership of Mr. Watson, who has succeeded H. T. S. Brown. Offering for aborigines work reached £10/7/5 for first Sunday.

Ormond.—On morning of Jan. 25 Doug. Nicholls spoke on aborigines and their plight in world to-day. There were 85 present; 64 broke bread. Mrs. Kirwan, who underwent an operation, is doing well and expected home soon. All auxiliaries are starting after Christmas recess. J. K. Martin continues to give helpful addresses, and is doing a splendid work, especially in his visitations and interest of those outside church. Cottage prayer meetings are held in preparation of Appleman mission. Aborigines offering to date, £7/15/3.

North Williamstown.—Cottage prayer meetings are being held in preparation for church's Diamond Jubilee celebrations. A group of men are making alterations inside building. Thirty young people spent Australia Day weekend in camp at Anglesea, under Mr. and Mrs. Westaway. Mr. Grainger conducted meetings under canvas, and in open air, assisted by young people. S. Parson and A. Haskell addressed meetings on Jan. 25. A young man, Jack Dykes, made his confession on Jan. 11. Joan and Betty Pell, of Enmore, N.S.W., were recent visitors.

Emerald East.—Church has been helped by preachers from sister churches. W. Nightingale, W.A., after an absence of 20 years, visited the old home, together with C. Young and R. Sparks, also Mr. Foster and a large party from Fitzroy North. Mr. Foster again visited on Jan. 25. Mr. Arnott's singing was enjoyed. Mr. Hibburt is helping church on first Lord's day of each month. Aged Mrs. Nightingale is much missed from services. Bible school re-commenced on Feb. 1. Scholars donated £2/14/- toward aborigine work at Carnarvon, W.A.

Bayswater.—On night of Dec. 20, young people of Bible class held a Christmas tree, and all junior scholars received a present. D. Thomas made a presentation on behalf of church to Arthur Sanders and Beryl Page in view of their coming marriage. On evening of Dec. 21, combined Christmas service was held in public hall. Mildmay Movement took charge. An open-air service followed. Church and Sunday school picnic took place at Mordialloc on Dec. 27. A kitchen tea was held on Jan. 17 for Peter Ould and Coral Peck. A presentation was made on behalf of church.

Cheltenham.—Attendances over holiday period have been best for many years. Fellowship has been enjoyed with visitors. J. C. Cunningham and family have settled down in manse. Mr. Cunningham's addresses and pastoral work are appreciated. Bible school picnic at Glen Waverley on Australia Day was a happy occasion, and fellowship with Springvale school was enjoyed. On Feb. 1, at gospel service, an auxiliary service was held to mark commencement of year's work.

Bentleigh.—All auxiliaries are functioning after holidays. J. Wiltshire was speaker at both services on Jan. 18. Mr. Anderson was on holidays and has now resumed. S.S. picnic at Eltham Park on Jan. 26 was enjoyed. Working bee at chapel on Jan. 24 did valuable work. In evening a social was held and Mr. and Mrs. Wellington were farewelled. They are to reside at Traralgon. Words of appreciation of their valuable service were spoken by Mrs. Carne and Mr. Nugent, and they were presented with mementos. Church was shocked at sudden death of Mrs. White, and sympathy is extended to her family.

Red Hill.—On Jan. 24, Y.P.S.C.E. held anniversary. Speaker was A. Withers. Miss B. Clark (N.S.W.) gave pianoforte solo. Endeavorers provided supper. Church held anniversary on Jan. 25 with good attendance. A. Withers (West Preston) gave a helpful address. The preacher, N. Moore, who is on vacation in Perth, sent a congratulatory telegram. After service about 60 stayed to dinner. At gospel meeting Mr. Withers gave a splendid address. Mrs. Norm Kingston sang a solo. Farewell was extended to Mr. and Mrs. Norm. Kingston who leave to take up duties in S.A. Rob. Holmes is now out of duties after serious illness. Hal Holmes has presented a hand-made communion tray to church.

Preston.—Inspiring services and good congregations marked close of ministry of B. J. Combridge on Jan. 25 after a happy term exceeding five years. At close of evening service an adjournment was made to school hall, where expressions of goodwill were made on behalf of board of officers and church, and Mr. Combridge was recipient of a gift in appreciation of his ministry. Mrs. Combridge received a bouquet of flowers on behalf of ladies. Mr. and Mrs. Combridge suitably replied. Representatives of local ministers' fraternal were present. On Jan. 28 an impressive induction service was conducted by W. Gale, after which a social gathering was held, when Mr. and Mrs. Searle and family were welcomed. Bible school picnic was held at Montmorency on Australia Day.

Tasmania

Devonport.—On Jan. 4, F. T. Burt gave morning address. At night Mervyn Byard, of Warragul, Vic., gave gospel address. On Jan. 11, F. T. Burt was morning speaker and Rod Pitt preached at night. Mr. Briggs, missionary from Papua, gave morning address on Jan. 18. At night F. T. Burt preached. On Jan. 25, S. J. Bruton gave morning address. Mrs. Bruton sang a solo. At night H. Byard was preacher.

Launceston (Margaret-st.).—At close of gospel service on Dec. 21, Gloria Spinks confessed Christ. On Jan. 10, S. H. Wilson conducted wedding of Betty Fitze and G. Whitley. Many have been absent on holidays, but fellowship of a large number of brethren and sisters from mainland churches has been enjoyed. Highest attendance in recent weeks was 162 at gospel service on Jan. 18, when two were baptised. Max Freeman and Gloria Spinks were received into fellowship on Jan. 25. Home mission offering to-date totals £45/11/-.

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Western Australia

Fremantle.—Bible school as from Jan. 11 changed from afternoon to morning school. Visitors have included Mrs. Gardner (shortly returning to Unley, S.A.), Mrs. Sherman (now left for Maylands, S.A.). Church extends sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Verco, and other sorrowing relatives, on the death, suddenly, on Jan. 18, of Mrs. F. Verco's father (Mr. Burley). Church and auxiliaries will part with genuine regret with Miss Ruth Edgell, who will shortly leave to take up a course of study at College of Bible, Glen Iris. "Living Link" effort for third year raised £88 by end of December; its year ends in April. Mrs. J. Gordon was expected to return from Hobart and Adelaide at end of January after absence of five months.

Queensland

Boonah.—V. G. Boettcher, of Toowoomba, has accepted a call to full-time ministry of church, and begins late in February. J. McCormick (Glen Iris College) gave address at morning service on Jan. 18, when church enjoyed fellowship of many other visitors. Two young people recently immersed were received into fellowship.

Gympie.—Three attended Y.P.D. junior youth camp at Caloundra, returning with good reports. Mr. Wilson's morning addresses on Hebrews are helpful. Worship service on Jan. 11 was broadcast. "Open Forum" experiment on Sunday night proved successful. On Jan. 18, lunch and afternoon's discussion on S.S. work and plans for future were satisfactory. Teachers' training class is to meet weekly. Commencement of a school on Wotton Hill is contemplated. Other important plans were discussed. Regret was expressed by Mr. Wilson at Sunday night service at departure from Gympie of Dr. Green, who has had fellowship with church for several months.

Brisbane (Ann-st.).—Attendances are almost normal again following holiday period. Most auxiliaries have re-commenced meetings. On Jan. 1, attendance at Lord's Table was 149 for day. F. C. Hunting spoke in morning and C. J. Mackenzie at night. Visitors included G. Mathieson, Prahran, Vic. Misses Muriel and Jean Marler sang a duet at night. Church has been saddened by passing of several sisters and a brother who had associations with church—Mrs. Handy, Mrs. Holcroft, Mrs. Wallace, Mrs. Schofield and Mr. Raetz. Sympathy is extended to their families and friends. F. C. Hunting preached on Jan. 24, prior to which a young woman who had confessed Christ some weeks earlier was baptised. 141 broke bread during the day. On Jan. 26 cricket team, accompanied by a large party of families and friends, journeyed to Wynnum to meet Wynnum church team in a picnic match.

Townsville.—At half-yearly business meeting of church in November, Mr. Flint was elected Sunday school superintendent and Mrs. Flint co-superintendent of Girls' Club with Mrs. Irwin. Church has been encouraged by addition of these two trained workers. Mr. Flint has conducted several services, including Christmas morning and watchnight services, and has also travelled 90 miles to fill pulpit at Charters Towers on two week-ends. Mr. Irwin was elected secretary in place of Mr. Lassig, and Mrs. Flint deaconess and minute secretary. New scholars continue to be gained for Bible school, and visitors attend gospel service every Sunday. Soloists during past month have been Mrs. C. Beale, Miss E. Miller and Mrs. Hudson, and a hymn was sung effectively by Masters Herbert Sellers and Allan Milne. Church and school enjoyed open-air carol singing on Christmas eve, and on Boxing Day a church picnic was held at Shelley Beach. Church farewelled Mr. and Mrs. Lassig when they left for Bundaberg in

December, and welcomed back into fellowship Mrs. Dean and daughter, and Mrs. Irwin sen., who have been South for many months. Members are pleased that Mrs. Cox is recovering well from recent accident. A week's camp for boys' club was planned for Jan. 24 on Magnetic Island. Mr. Beale has been asked to conduct a wedding at A.I.M. Settlement on Palm Island, about 40 miles from Townsville. At inaugural meeting of North Queensland Council of Churches F. Beale was elected treasurer. A fete was held in November, resulting in £32/10/- given by Ladies' Fellowship to building fund. Officers held a monthly working bee to continue improvements on new chapel and hall.

West Moreton Circuit.—Annual picnic at Rosevale was attended by large gathering. At evening rally in chapel, Bible school prizes and scripture certificates were presented by A. C. Caldicott, who was introduced by E. C. Hinrichsen. Myra Hinrichsen is congratulated on gaining highest award in State. On Jan. 13 A. C. Caldicott was inducted as preacher of circuit. Mr. Larsen gave charge to preacher and E. C. Hinrichsen the charge to a crowded congregation. Sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Neumann, who met with accident whilst travelling to Rosewood for the meeting. Visitors include Misses Desley, Coral and Ruth Machin, from St. Kilda, Vic., also E. C. and Bruce Hinrichsen, from Sydney, N.S.W. Greetings were given by Messrs. Grant and MacCormick, students of College of Bible, Glen Iris. Concern is felt for Mrs. Caroline Zahnow and Gloria Madson, who are both in Ipswich hospital. Combined meetings are planned for E. C. Hinrichsen.

South Australia

Kilburn.—On morning of Jan. 25, church enjoyed fellowship with Mr. and Mrs. K. Siggs and family, of Croydon. The address of Mr. Siggs was appreciated. Church adopted Home Mission Committee's recommendation to engage Mr. Collins for ensuing twelve months, with right of a review in June. It is hoped that by then there will be a strong membership as the outcome of an evangelistic mission.

Semaphore.—Kindergarten has closed owing to paralysis epidemic, but will re-open when State schools commence. At "Happy Hours" on beach on several occasions, over 100 children were present, and it has been decided to conduct them every Wednesday morning until schools re-open. With help of G. Stirling, Miss Joan Waterman, preacher of church, and others, the seed of the word has been planted into young lives. Services are well attended, and good addresses have been given by S. Matthews. Church expresses sympathy with Mrs. Knight in loss of her mother. Mrs. Oram is residing in district, and has been welcomed into church.

York.—Christmas services were well attended, and young people presented a nativity play. With members returning from holidays, services are getting back to normal. Annual Bible school teachers' meeting was held, but school will remain closed for present. Position regarding paralysis epidemic will be reviewed in February. The 19th edition of "Christian Witness," local church paper, has been printed. Congratulations are extended to Mr. Johnson, Joyce Kemp, Kevin Harding, Dan Marriott and David Mathews for success in recent examinations. Visiting speaker at morning service on Jan. 4 was Mr. Hilford, a former preacher here, Mrs. Hilford, Alan and Roma also being present. The choir is being re-formed after short lapse; a number of young people have swelled its ranks. Intermediate Christian Endeavor is only auxiliary functioning at present apart from tennis club. Church half-yearly business meeting was held on Jan. 28. A motion to commence a midweek prayer and Bible study

meeting with a view to equipping young men for church work was approved. Speaker on morning of Jan. 25 was H. Davie, from Henley Beach. His address in connection with work among aborigines was appreciated. Church notes with regret passing of Mrs. Rundle, formerly Miss Hilda Roe, on Jan. 22. She was associated with Endeavor work here in years past. Sympathy is extended to the relatives.

Croydon.—Morning service was broadcast on Jan. 11. Visitors included Mr. and Mrs. A. Clark and Miss Edith Clark, from Broken Hill, N.S.W.; 116 present. W. N. Bartlett conducted. At Bible school superintendent (A. H. Pearce) was present, recovered from lengthy illness. At same session, men's Bible class was re-commenced. President, H. K. Brand, welcomed 30 men to opening of class; G. R. Stirling, youth director, was speaker. W. H. Parker has taken control of absentee scholar department of school. Attendances have been seriously affected by infantile paralysis epidemic. Mrs. W. J. Pearce and Gordon Bartlett were present on 11th after illness. J.C.E. work is carried on faithfully by Bob Willcocks as superintendent. W. N. Bartlett has completed his first year of ministry with church. Auxiliaries closed over holiday period, are re-commencing.

Port Pirie.—Attendances at morning services have averaged 37 and at gospel services 27. K. Barton spoke at all services for January with exception of evening service on 18th, when H. Lundberg was preacher. Mr. and Mrs. Grieves, from Launceston, Tas., had fellowship on morning of 25th. Offerings for general and renovation fund continue to be good, and brotherhood appeals are having good response. Total amount for home missions was £8. Food for Britain Fund taken on Jan. 25, £2/6/4. It has been decided that with new issue of duplex envelopes commencing Feb. 1, each member will be supplied with envelopes and right hand side will include seven brotherhood appeals, and the amount contributed each Lord's day will go into a common fund to be divided proportionately among annual brotherhood appeals but with allowance made for earmarked monies. Mr. Barton is commencing holidays and local church members will do the speaking.

Long Plains.—All services are well attended, which is encouraging to local speakers who have assisted for some months. On Dec. 29 J. B. Baker and Mrs. Baker arrived from Victoria to commence ministry in Avon-Long Plains-Owen circuit. Endeavorers surprised the couple with an evening at manse on Jan. 2, and on Jan. 6 official welcome social was tendered; speakers were: Avon, M. Carslake; C.E., K. Jenkin; Ladies' Guild, Mrs. G. Daniel; church and S.S., D. Daniel. Mr. Vincent, of Prospect, also spoke words of welcome. On Jan. 4 M. Daniel spoke in morning and M. Jenkin at night, and R. Jenkin and K. Jenkin were speakers on following Sunday. Mr. Baker gave fine addresses to congregations above average on Jan. 18. On Jan. 22 a serious and destructive fire, the worst experienced in district, destroyed completely chapel and all fittings, resulting in church using Memorial Hall as temporary place of worship. H. Lawrie (Owen) exhorted on Jan. 25, and D. Daniel preached gospel. Many expressions of sympathy with church in loss have been received with appreciation. Trevor Turner and family, from Adelaide, were present in morning, and Dr. Turner gave address. Bible school is meeting as usual, though on Jan. 25, instead of classes, talks were given children by M. Jenkin and D. Daniel. Ladies' Guild recently sent four food parcels to India, as well as parcels to Adelaide Children's Hospital. Sister Barr contributed 24 stuffed

toys; Sister Good 12 woollen knitted singlets; more than 50 tins of dripping have been sent to Royal Navy Friendly Union and a quantity of magazines and papers for parcels for sailors in England. An offer of chairs and seats to replace those destroyed has been received by church, as well as a Bible. This gesture has been greatly appreciated.

Balaklava.—On Jan. 18, A. Hutson concluded a six years' ministry. There were excellent services morning and evening. On Jan. 19 a farewell social evening was tendered to Mr. and Mrs. Hutson by church. Chapel was well filled. S. Webb presided. There were several special musical items. There were representative brethren from Owen, Long Plains, Avon, and local church and town interests were well represented. Altogether 16 speeches were made in eulogistic vein. Miss Shepherd, on behalf of sisters of church, and Miss Webb, on behalf of W.C.T.U., made presentations to Mrs. Hutson, and chairman handed Mr. Hutson a roll of notes. Suitable response was made. Mr. Hutson takes up work at Naracoorte and A. E. Cremin, late of Murray Bridge, comes to Balaklava on Feb. 8. Social function was brought to a close by supper served in hall.

Dulwich.—A busy year was rounded off by a combined Christmas social in aid of Youth Department. Father and son annual banquet arranged by K.S.P. and Pages' Clubs maintained high standard. Presentation of Christmas cantata, "Bethlehem," by choir, under leadership of J. Maddern, was appreciated. Table tennis club has done well in first year. No. 1 team winning churches of Christ association shield for 1947. Keen interest is shown in hardcourt tennis. John Carey and Murray Cave represented the young people at youth leaders' camp at Tanunda over New Year holidays. Much-respected and well-loved A. M. Ludbrook recently celebrated his 85th birthday. In absence of Mr. Cave on holiday, services were conducted by Messrs. Rudd, Bridgman, F. Collins and R. Allison. Sunday school has reached highest enrolment and highest attendance for seven years. Intermediate Endeavor (leader, Will Morrow) has commenced a week-night social club for sports, hobbies and repair work. Attendances at all services have been well maintained. Mr. Cave has commenced the fourth year of his ministry.

Maylands.—On Jan. 25, the ministry of K. A. Jones concluded. During his six and a half years he has endeared himself to all, and has done much to strengthen the cause. On Jan. 21, church tendered Mr. and Mrs. Jones a farewell social. Words of appreciation were expressed by brotherhood and district representatives, members of church, and auxiliaries. Presentations were made to Mr. and Mrs. Jones, who both responded. At close of service, which was held in chapel, folk adjourned to lecture hall, where supper was served. Services on Jan. 25 were excellent, and Mr. Jones' farewell address was much appreciated. Choir rendered special music at both services. On Australia Day a church family picnic was held at Long Gully, when 100 or more people enjoyed a happy day. Mr. and Mrs. Jones were present. On Jan. 28 they left by motor for Melbourne to take up their new task, and both leave behind fragrant memories. On Jan. 28 an induction service was held in chapel, when E. R. Sherman was welcomed to the ministry at Maylands. An address was given by H. G. Norris, and introductory charge to new preacher was given by F. Collins. Mr. Sherman responded, and conference president, W. A. Russell, offered dedicatory prayer. At close welcomes were extended by representatives from general conference, sisters' conference, preachers' district fraternal, church and auxiliaries. Floral welcomes were given to Mrs. Sherman by all auxiliaries. Mr. Sherman responded. A reception and supper took place in school hall.

Unley.—Meetings have been well attended over holiday season. Visitors included Mr. and Mrs. A. Chatfield, of Victoria, and Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Whiting, of Wembley Park, W.A. Visiting speakers have been Hariha Waghmode, Indian student, and Mr. Hilford, en route from W.A. to Victoria. One of the Sunday school scholars has made the good confession. Dr. Messent presided over half-yearly business meeting on Jan. 21. Reports from various auxiliaries told of large amount of work accomplished during half-year. Each member felt need for more consecrated service after Mr. Norris had read his report.

New South Wales

Taree.—On Jan. 18 there were helpful meetings, addresses being given by A. B. Clark. Young men assisted in evening, when a young woman confessed Christ. A good company gathered on morning of Jan. 25, and at night two young people were immersed. Mr. Clark gave thoughtful addresses.

Wiley Park.—On Jan. 18 first after-church young people's song session was held at home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Smith. On Jan. 21 an induction service was held at Belmore church to introduce to Wiley Park church the new preacher, L. Dewberry. Conference president Mr. Morris presided. After a helpful address by P. E. Thomas to church members, a solo was sung by John Budgen. H. J. Patterson, principal of Woolwich Bible College, gave a soul-stirring address to the preacher. Consecration hymn was sung by Miss Noel Hingston. Response by Mr. Dewberry led members to feel that they were blessed by God that such a spiritual and highly principled young man was to labor with them. Several short greetings were given by members of various committees, by Belmore church, one by a member on behalf of E. C. Hinrichsen, Mal Leask and Don Tonkin. Supper was provided by sisters.

Georgetown.—An average of 80 boys and girls between ages of 4 and 11 attended daily vacation Bible school. Sessions were held each morning between 9.30 and 12. Kinder superintendent, Mrs. W. M. Fraser, was in charge and had 12 helpers. "God's Children on Earth" was theme, and prizes were given for best handwork from each age group. Interested friends provided orange drinks at play lunch time. At evening service on 11th, Mr. Latimer baptised two girls and a boy from Bible class, and later welcomed them into fellowship. Mrs. Kibble passed away suddenly on Jan. 26. Mr. Wilson officiated at funeral services the next day. J. W. Brookes (blind evangelist) has accepted a call to a twelve months' interim ministry commencing March 21. At present he is district representative of United Protestant Association at Gosford, and previously was Baptist pastor at The Entrance and Taree.

Bexley North.—At concluding services with J. P. Henderson a number confessed Christ. He left church in good heart, and all auxiliaries were represented at a farewell service. Presentations were made by Junior Endeavorers to baby (James Stewart); by Women's Fellowship to Mrs. Henderson; and by church to Mr. Henderson of a wallet of notes and a book. At a welcome to T. Hallop on Dec. 3, addresses were given by R. Greenhalgh and G. Burns. Preaching on Dec. 7, T. Hallop took confession of Marilyn Southcombe, a Bible school scholar. Mrs. and Miss L. Hallop have been received by transfer from Bankstown, and Mr. and Mrs. T. Bagley have returned from Victoria. Sixty attended a Christmas Day service at 9 a.m., and £7/3/- was given for building fund, which has been reduced to £145 at bank. January meetings have been well attended, and gospel attendance was 80 on Jan. 25. Nine young people attended Narrabeen camp. Church regrets death of Mrs. A. Sanders.

Mudgee.—Church was officially formed in March, 1947, with a membership of ten. Since then two have been added by transfer, and there are several adherents. Services and Bible school are held weekly in a local hall. Bible school attendance is small, but great results are expected from a "Happy Hour" session shortly to be conducted by R. Greenhalgh.

Wollongong.—Church is to experience its second change of preacher since its inception in 1941. A. W. C. Candy, who followed Mr. Stirling in August, 1945, has accepted a call to Swan Hill, Vic., and terminates his ministry here in February. Church has secured leadership of Lloyd Jones, of Dunedin church, N.Z., who proposes to commence his ministry about second week in April.

ADDRESSES

H. B. Graham (secretary Mt. Evelyn church, Vic.).—"Sunnyview," Mitchell-rd., Mt. Evelyn.

A. Hutson (preacher Naracoorte church, S.A.).—P.O., Naracoorte.

K. J. Patterson, B.Com. (preacher Ivanhoe church, Vic.).—26 Locksley-rd., Ivanhoe, N.21.

A. H. Pratt (preacher Mt. Evelyn church, Vic.).—"Kenarthem," Railway-par., Mt. Evelyn.

H. E. R. Steele (preacher Croydon church, Vic.).—Edinburgh-rd., Mooroolbark.

C. G. Taylor, B.A. (preacher Brighton church, Vic.).—86 Halifax-st., Brighton, S.5. 'Phone, XA1531.

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BIRTHS

BARTON.—On Jan. 14, at Port Pirie, S.A., to Edith and Ken—a daughter (Heather Elizabeth).

BUCHANAN (nee Hilda Stone).—At Epworth Hospital, on Jan. 23, to Eric and Hilda—a son (Philip Andrew). Deo Donus.

DAVIS (nee Crouch).—On Jan. 13, to Val and Ray, of Oxford-st., Wantirna, Vic.—a daughter (Heather Nell).

MANNING.—On Jan. 12, at Baringa, Belge Congo, Africa, to Ross and Christine—a son (Edwin Ross).

DEATHS

ELLIOTT.—On Feb. 2, at 39 Closeburn-ave., Windsor, Nita Lorraine, much-loved only child of Jean and Maurice (Jack), aged 12½ years.

We are, O Lord, deprived of one
Who was to us most dear;
Help us to say, "Thy will be done,"
Although we miss her here.

JOHNS.—On Jan. 23 (result of accident), at Silvan, James, dearly beloved husband of Rosamond, loving father of Reginald, Irene, Doris (Mrs. C. James), Lawrence, Hilda (Mrs. A. Hollow), Florence, Eleanor, David and Evan. Dearly loved grandfather of Kenneth, Beth and Margaret Johns, Kevin, Barry, Murray and Ian James, Valerie, Bernard and Marie Johns and Roslyn Hollow; aged 75 years.
"Till he come."

STEWART.—On Dec. 7, 1947, at Adelaide, James Alexander Murray Stewart, beloved father of Dora (Mrs. Denzil C. Ritchie), of 5 Albert-st., Hyde Park, Adelaide, aged 89 years. For many years an esteemed member of the church at Ivanhoe, Vic.

IN MEMORIAM

FISHER.—In loving memory of dear Frank Hugh, who passed away at Darwin, Jan. 28, 1945, result of accident (R.A.A.F.). Loved and longed for always by his loved ones.

STALEY.—In loving memory of Edwin, who passed away on Feb. 4, 1943.

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COMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 6.—Women's Conference Executive Council will meet in Swanston-st. lecture hall at 2 p.m. Leader of devotions, Mrs. McDowell; speaker, Mrs. P. W. Steel.

FEBRUARY 29 (Sunday).—Cliff-st., South Yarra, Annual Home-coming Services. Past members and friends cordially invited. Special speakers and soloists. Luncheon and tea provided. To assist in catering, please notify E. H. Wilson, secretary, 50 Arthur-st., South Yarra, BJ4800.

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Obituary

Mrs. Catherine Ann Sanders

A conclusion of J. P. Henderson's final gospel service with church at Bexley North, N.S.W., on Nov. 30, news of the death of Mrs. A. Sanders was received. During the ministry of F. E. Alcorn in 1932, contact was made with her in the time of the illness and death of her husband. From then she became a regular member of the Dorcas sisters, attending at Lord's Table. After seeing the need for baptism, in the ministry of F. B. Stow, she followed her Lord and linked up in Christian fellowship on March 17, 1940. Throughout the years she was regular at communion until ill-health forced her to bed, and she was compelled to relinquish her work with Sisters' Auxiliary. In 1946 the following motion was placed in church minutes: "That this meeting place on record its recognition of the services of Mrs. A. Sanders as secretary of the Women's Fellowship for the past ten years." It was a delight to visit her at her home, and many testify to her gracious manner and fortitude in suffering. In public life she was well known, and for many years was associated as sewing teacher and as secretary of Kingsgrove Parents' and Citizens' Association at the public school. She was also a member of Kingsgrove Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. Her place in the Women's Fellowship will be hard to fill, as she was very thorough in all that she did both in the church and in her home. The high respect in which she was held was shown by the large number who attended services in the home and at Woronora Cemetery, where

J. P. Henderson laid her to rest. To her daughter Mrs. Ball, and her son Ritchie, the church extends sincere sympathy.—L.C.Y.

Judith Walkley

JUST before Christmas Day Nurse Judith Walkley was buried in St. Georges churchyard, Magill, S.A. Her passing was the first break in all my girls who have been pupils in the Sunday school and in my class for the last twenty years. All the others with practically no exception have married and are happy wives and mothers. Judith, too, was engaged and shortly to be married, but met with the accident that caused her death. Perhaps she was the most versatile of all the girls that I have had the joy of teaching. Music and sport were part of her accomplishments, but she was just as keen on her Sunday school, and later on teaching in the kindergarten until she took up nursing. Before that at 16, she had been in the Government, but at 17 determined that nursing was her profession, and in that she was right, for she was loving and always reaching out to help. For two and a half years she trained, and was ready to enter the Royal Adelaide Hospital. On the day of the funeral the flowers poured in until her room was a bower of beautiful garlands. Her mother took in Peter, her brother of ten, and said, "Peter, when you think of Judith, and when the people speak of her, you just think of her covered in flowers—flowers everywhere." We extend deepest sympathy to her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Walkley, and to her brother and sisters who likewise are members with us at Beulah-rd.—F.B.



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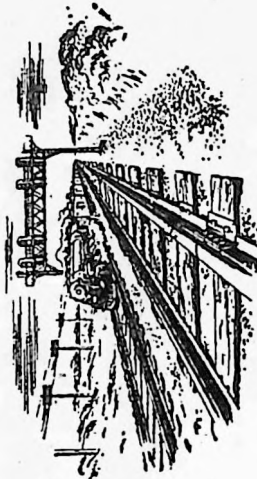
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A Million Miles

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"Consider him . . . lest ye be wearied."—Heb. 12: 3.

A LITTLE paragraph once appeared in a newspaper. It was squeezed in at the foot of a column, as if it were of no importance, but for all that it contained interesting news. It was about an engine driver who had retired after fifty years' service on the railway. To mark the occasion he had been given a present by some of his workmates, and in thanking them he mentioned that in all these years of service he had travelled a million miles.

Can you imagine a million miles? It represents nearly one thousand and four hundred journeys between London and Glasgow. We may think, too, of a million miles representing forty-one journeys, over land and sea, round the world. A journey of a million miles would take us twice to the moon and back with some thousands of miles to spare.

Only think of all the places the engine driver must have visited, and all the sights he must have seen. Think of the great pride he must have taken in the powerful locomotives over which he had been in control. Think of the thousands and thousands of people he must have taken on holiday to the seaside and the country.

But in imagining all these things about this particular engine driver, we would be wrong. Although it is true that, in all these years as an engine driver, he had travelled a million miles, he never once travelled out of the town in which he lived and worked. He had travelled a million miles to nowhere. Perhaps you don't think that was possible, but then, you see, he was a driver on a shunting engine. He had travelled all those million miles up and down a goods yard, hanging and clattering trucks and waggons. Perhaps you are saying to yourselves, "What a wearisome, uninteresting and

monotonous job!" But is it? Certainly this engine driver never had the honor of driving the royal train or the streamlined Royal Scot; he never knew the joy of carrying men and women and boys and girls; he just shunted about truck-loads of coal, pig-iron and grain, and things of that sort. Yet we mustn't think that because his job seems to have been wearisome, uninteresting and monotonous that it wasn't important. Without the driver of the "shunter" we would never have heat and light, food and clothing. Not only our health but our very life depends upon men like him doing their work faithfully.

Many of the things you are expected to do as Christian boys and girls seem to be wearisome, uninteresting and monotonous. You are to keep on being pure in mind and heart, and that doesn't seem to be very interesting. You are to keep on loving your parents, friends and neighbors, and even your enemies; and how wearisome that seems to be! You are to keep on saying your prayers; how monotonous! Yet these are the very things that will make you dependable. They are the very things that made Jesus dependable. He kept on being pure in heart and mind; he kept on loving; he kept on praying. That is why we can have faith in him.

The purpose of our journey through life is not to get somewhere but to be something. To set out on the Christian way simply means that we have made up our minds to be like Christ. He didn't get very far in the world, but he became the King and the Redeemer of men. So, when you think that it all seems so very dull, it is important that you should "consider him . . . lest ye be wearied."—J. B. Wilson, "Expository Times."

Rockets

IT seems, sometimes, as if the world of to-morrow might be a world full of rockets. Some of us have seen and heard plenty of rockets in our lifetime, very unpleasant ones, and we may not be very keen on having more. The rockets of the future, however, provided men have sufficient wisdom to live together in peace, will all be rockets of a useful sort. For example, they have been trying out a new racing motor-car in America which had a rocket fitted to it as well as an ordinary engine. When the engine was going "all out," the driver turned on the rocket, and the car leaped forward twenty miles an hour faster than before.

Then, again, somebody has been talking quite seriously on the radio about the possibility of a journey by rocket to the moon. He reckons that if we could get a rocket to travel at seven miles a second (that is about seven times faster than the fastest rocket we have today), it could escape from the pull of gravity; and if it carried enough fuel it could reach the moon in about one hundred hours. So, perhaps, in our lifetime, men will make that journey to the moon that Jules Verne dreamed of.

Whatever the future may hold, the past contains a story about rockets which we ought not to forget, even though it is nearly ancient history now. It concerns a certain Henry Tregrouse, born at Helston in Cornwall in 1772, who was one of the crowd who watched the wreck of the "Anson" on the sands of Looe in 1807. This vessel, one of the naval frigates keeping watch off the coast of France during the war with Napoleon, had been driven across the Channel by a tremendous gale. When they tried to anchor off shore the cables snapped, and the Commander had to run the ship aground in the least dangerous place he could find. Unfortunately many of the crew refused to wait for the tide to go down and jumped into the raging sea. Over one hundred of them were drowned.

All the watchers on shore were filled with pity for the sailors, and sorry that they were not able to help them; but for Henry Tregrouse pity was not enough. From that day he sacrificed money, time and effort in order to devise some means of rescue for those shipwrecked so close to the land. First he tried lifeboats, but

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meeting with little success, turned his attention to lifelines. The chief problem was to find some means of getting a line from the shore to the ship. He tried a line thrown by hand, but, of course, it could not be thrown far enough. He tried carrying a line out to sea by a kite, but usually when a ship is driven ashore the wind is blowing the wrong way for a kite to be flown over it. From kites he turned to muskets with the idea of shooting a line to the wreck. It was while he was experimenting, not very successfully, with this idea, that he happened to attend a fireworks display where rockets were on the programme. This gave him the solution of his problem. He devised a rocket which could be aimed from a musket to carry a line between the ship and the shore. With the line a strong rope could be pulled through the waves, and when the rope was firmly fastened at each end, as high above the sea as could be managed, the shipwrecked sailors could make their way to safety.

Henry Tregrouse's invention was not adopted as readily and thankfully as you might expect. He had to work hard to convince the authorities that it would do all he claimed for it. Even when he died in 1854, long after he had demonstrated its usefulness, it was not popular. But he never lost faith in it, and he never gave up his endeavors to persuade his fellow-countrymen to have faith in it too. Eventually it was installed in hundreds of places round the coast, and it has saved thousands of lives.

So when you hear people talking about rockets in these days, think of one of the most useful rockets of all, devised by Henry Tregrouse, the man for whom pity was not enough. It is a noble thing to feel sympathy for the unfortunate; but it is nobler still to help. That is what Jesus meant when he said, "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of these my brethren . . . ye did it unto me." And to love him and his brethren properly is to love them not only with our feelings but with the minds and hands that serve them.—D. Cuthbert, "Expository Times."

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THE little baby grew. His parents watched him with delight and care, for one day he would rule his father's family and inherit flocks and herds. More wonderful still, he was the heir to the promise God had made to Abraham.

The boy loved the free, open-air life, and was never happier than when listening to the stories his mother and father told him. Such exciting stories they were—about big cities in another country where they had once lived in houses, and about the long journey they had made because God had called Abraham.

Abraham was constantly discovering more about God. Then, one sad day, God told him to offer up as a sacrifice his young son whom he loved most dearly. Human sacrifice was common among the people who worshipped the Moon God, and among Abraham's neighbors, who worshipped other idols. He did not yet know that God did not want such sacrifice; all he knew was that he must be ready to obey God, however much it might puzzle or hurt him.

Early in the morning he saddled his ass, took some wood, and set off with Isaac and two servants for the mountains. His heart was heavy, as for two whole days they travelled. When they reached the mountains on the third day, he told his servants to wait while he and the boy went on together. Naturally, Isaac was curious about what they were going to sacrifice, and Abraham found it hard to answer his questions. Then he told

him that God himself would provide a lamb for the burnt-offering, and the lad was satisfied.

In a very wonderful way Abraham's faith was honored, for just as he was about to sacrifice his son God spoke to him, telling him not to hurt the boy. Looking round, Abraham saw a ram caught in some bushes by his horns, and this he sacrificed on the altar, instead of his son.

He had learned a lot that day about God and his love, and it was with a light heart and step that he returned with Isaac along the way he trod so heavily before. But first he decided to give that place in the mountains a special name, and a lovely name it was, for it meant "the Lord will provide." (Now read Heb. 11: 17-19.)



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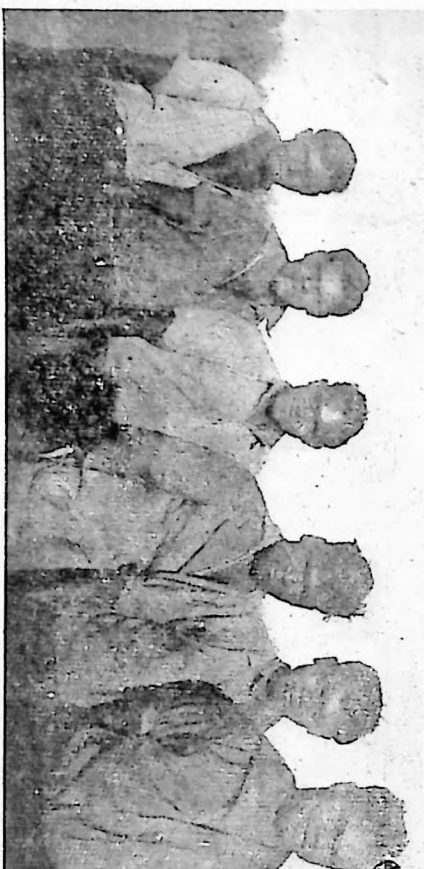
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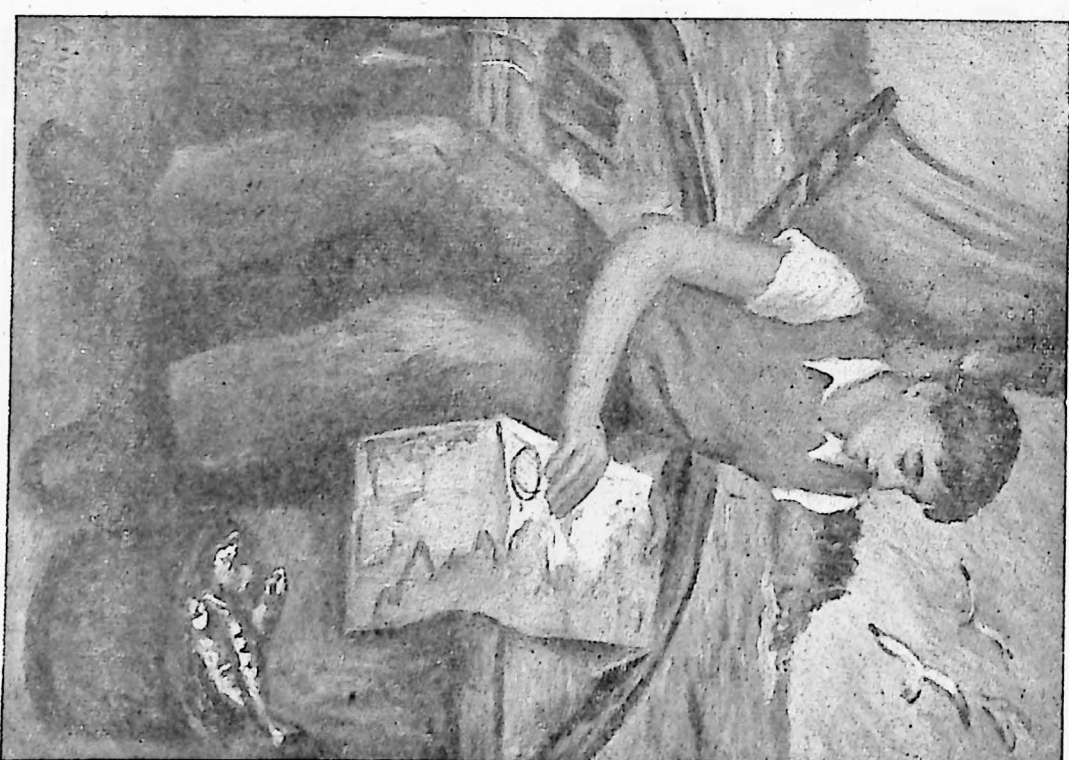
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—Selected.

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YOUTH CHARTS NEW SEAS

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