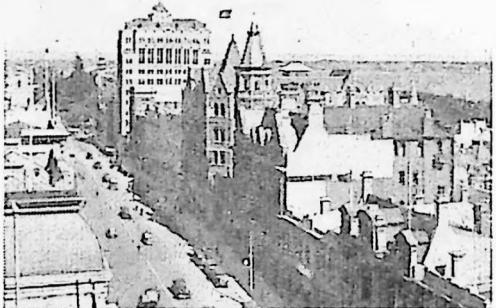


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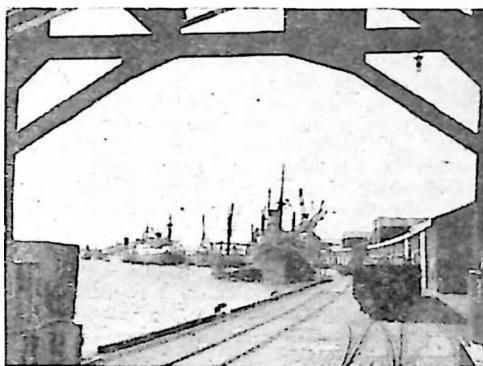
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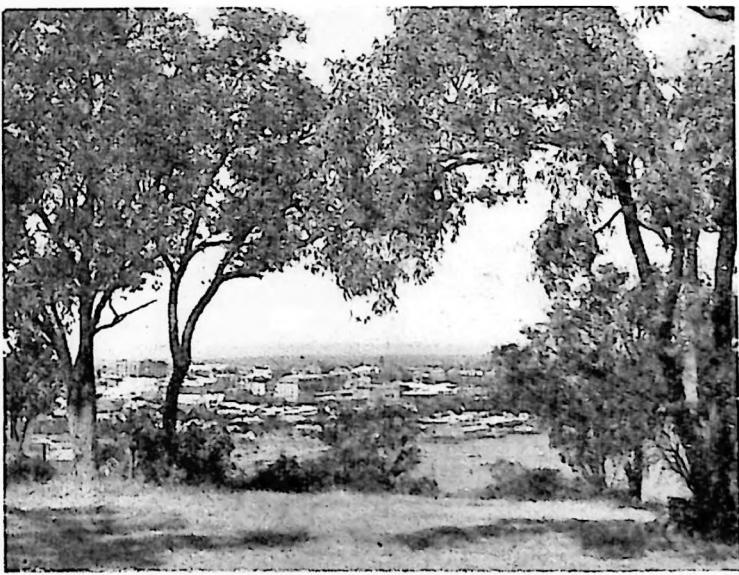
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View of Perth from King's Park.

Delegates from all States will be present at the Federal Conference, Perth, October 14-22

World Church's Ministry in Many Lands

ROUMANIA

The Situation of the Roman Catholic Church

ACCORDING to information published in the press, a law was passed on July 5, making it compulsory for Catholic priests to take the oath of allegiance to the Roumanian Republic, and giving the Roumanian authorities the right to nominate Catholic priests. The Catholic archdioceses will be reduced to three, each consisting of 750,000 souls. The total number of Roman Catholics in Roumania is about two million.



FINLAND

News from the Church

Rebuilding of Churches.—The reconstruction work in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland has reached, according to reports of the Finnish National Committee of the Lutheran World Federation, a new state in the beginning of this year; action has been taken for the rebuilding of churches which were destroyed during the war. In the general reconstruction programme in Finland in 1947, church buildings were only in the fifth place, but this year permission has been granted for the beginning of the actual re-erection of seven churches on the basis of the accepted designs. Two of these churches which are going to be rebuilt are situated in eastern Finland and the other five in the devastated Lapland in the north of the country. Of these latter churches that in Salla is being built mainly by means of Danish support, and that in Rovaniemi with Swedish aid. These churches, serving the needs of a population in huge areas, will be fairly large in size.

400th Anniversary of the First Finnish New Testament.—The 400th anniversary of the first Finnish New Testament was celebrated in the ancient Cathedral of Turku, on Oct. 3. The work of Bishop Michael Agricola, the translator of the holy scriptures into Finnish, was of epoch-making significance in the life of the whole nation and for the development of the Finnish language.

The climax of the celebration was a service of thanksgiving, at which also the President of Finland was present. Representatives from the Scandinavian churches, the Church of England and other churches were invited to this occasion. The Lutheran World Federation was represented by Dr. S. C. Michelfelder from Geneva.

At the same time of this festival, the General Assembly of the Church of Finland, summoned together every fifty years, was assembled in Turku. Perhaps the most important of its commissions will be the final settlement of the question of the Carelian refugee parishes in the Church of Finland.



Roman Catholic Chaplaincy Greeting

THE Roman Catholic chaplains to German prisoners in France have held a meeting at Lourdes, and on July 30, sent a greeting to the Ecumenical Commission for the Chaplaincy Service to Prisoners of War, which we quote in full:

"Looking back, we think with gratitude to God of the fraternal help which we, as prisoners, have received from the Christian churches affiliated to the World Council of Churches. We know how many of us, especially those in remote districts, have derived insight, courage

and comfort from the 'Lagergemeinde' and other papers published by the ecumenical movement.

"But we feel particular joy and gratitude to the Lord of the church for granting us this experience of the Una Sancta Ecclesia, in our daily contacts with our Protestant colleagues. We could give so many personal witnesses of this! But in any case, we Catholic chaplains shall take back with us to Germany, as one of the richest spiritual fruits of our captivity, this frank interest in one another, this prayer to the Spirit 'to unite our divisions,' this brotherhood as disciples of our common Master.

"And we shall express our gratitude for all the spiritual and moral help which you have given us by sincere prayers during the assembly in Amsterdam, that the Lord God may use it in his grace as a further step toward the fulfilment of the last prayer of his Son, 'That they may be one, that the world may believe that thou hast sent me' (John 17: 21)."



HUNGARY

Reformed Church of Hungary Opens a New Centre

FOR the purpose of remedying the disintegration and isolation of the active forces in the church, a conference was held in Sarospatak from July 14 to 16, for persons responsible for various enterprises connected with the Reformed church. These enterprises will form the various sections of the centre, and will try to co-ordinate their work wherever possible. By the end of 1950 the centre hopes to appoint 50 collaborators, who will then be placed at the disposal of the church as organisers and liaison workers. This autumn a seminary will be opened at Debrecen for training these workers, who will receive appropriate theological and technical instruction, and will devote themselves particularly to Bible study. It is planned to train other missionaries of the same kind later on.

The centre will not be financed from the ordinary budget of the church, but by the various organisations interested in it, and by donations. The two men responsible for the idea of this centre are Pastor Albert Bereczky, the new Bishop of Budapest, and Professor Alexander Makkai, of Debrecen, formerly the Reformed Bishop of Transylvania. These two men had been requested by the general convention of the Reformed Church of Hungary this spring, to draw up a work for the churches on the problem of evangelism and rebuilding parish life. It was this study which formed the basis for the decisions taken at Sarospatak.



KOREA

Criminals Without Sin

AMERICA and Europe are not the only places where religious films originate. There is a full length feature film that has been produced entirely without the assistance of western personnel, in the territory of one of the younger churches. "Criminals Without Sin" was conceived by a Korean minister; it was acted, photographed and sound-tracked by Koreans. It is being shown with great success in all commercial theatres in Korea to thousands of Christians and non-Christians.

The original idea for the film came from

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Andrew Whang, who also plays the leading role. The title of the picture refers to the imprisonment by the Japanese of Christians under Japanese oppression during the past war. Edict after edict restrict the Christian church in its evangelistic and educational work. The picture of Christ has to be replaced by that of the Emperor Hirohito. A young theological student, who secretly continues his Sunday school work in the woods, is apprehended and thrown into jail, where he is tortured by the water treatment. The pastor of the local church, who has upheld the courage of his congregation by his faithful witness, is finally cast into prison. There he ministers to the other prisoners, murderers, and criminals, while he gradually succumbs to a lingering sickness. When there is no hope for his recovery, he is allowed to return home and dies in the arms of his faithful wife.

There is no "happy ending" to this film, but it is a witness to the glorious victory of a faith which overcomes the world.



American Church Help for Palestine

CHARLES P. TAFT, President of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, announced on August 2 the receipt of a cabled appeal from Christian leaders in Palestine on behalf of non-combatant refugees from areas of conflict.

Immediate steps have been taken by Church World Service, the agency through which the Federal Council and other Protestant and Orthodox bodies in the U.S.A. carry on their overseas relief programme, to send an initial shipment of supplies. The first shipment included 359 bales of clothing for men, women and children, 25 bales of infant clothing and a quantity of vitamins and other medical supplies. The relief work of the churches will be carried out in Palestine by an international committee of foreign Christians to whom the supplies shipped by Church World Service are being sent. This committee will work in co-operation with the representative of the United Nations secretariat, who is proceeding to Palestine to work on the problem at the request of Count Bernadotte, late United Nations mediator for Palestine.

In recent reports received directly from representatives in Palestine and from statements made by Count Bernadotte, it is evident that widespread destitution faces approximately 400,000 who have been dispossessed or driven out by fighting in various sectors of the country.



International Friendship

AS the World Alliance for International Friendship through the churches gave up its work on June 30, its archives will be taken over by the Church Peace Union in America. "The World Alliance News-Letter" (New York, May, 1948) reported that from June 16 to 18, World Conference of Religion for Moral and Spiritual Support of the United Nations was held in New York. The final sessions of this conference considered a report drafted by the Fourth Commission on "A Practical Programme of Action." In this report was a proposal to accept responsibility for the future work of the Alliance, with a change in the name to "World Alliance for International Friendship through Religion." An international committee will be nominated, and the work will continue on this new basis with offices in New York and at Lake Success.

—Items from E.P.S., Geneva.

The Year's at the Spring

SPRING is a promise of better days.

Brightly colored flowers and joyful songs of birds make the lengthening days a delight. During these days we are given assurances that trees will be laden with Summer fruits and fields burdened with golden corn. We are reminded of the rich harvest nature is preparing for us.

Because Spring lies between Winter and Summer, we can experience warm hours which deceive us into believing Summer is here. But in Spring, Winter is not far behind, and with unexpected suddenness we can be plunged into a numbing-cold Winter's day. We are not discouraged. We have in the dullness of the wintry day the signs of Spring.

What season of history is visiting the nations of this world? Are we in the bright and settled days of Summer? None can believe that is so. With so much poverty and unrest among the masses, we cannot be assured we are enjoying a Summer season of history. But, even if there are depressing hours which seem to rob us of the hope of a world peace, nevertheless we are removed from those wintry years of cruel warfare. To-day we are in an historic Spring: a period between two seasons. We are leaving behind the bleak years of war. Every now and again we seem to be returning to the gloom of those years, especially when nations argue bitterly about their rights. But we have now, despite the gloom, signs of a brighter future.

Even although the United Nations' Organisation is far from being a perfect machine for settling disputes, it is bringing nations together into one place where they can talk about disagreements. Even if this U.N.O. has not solved some major problems, it has shown the peoples of the world how to help the desperately needy. The appeal made on behalf of the starving children of the world and the response to that urgent call by many nations is an indication of a growing goodwill among peoples.

Within recent years several momentous decisions have been made by the nations. Are we unmindful of Great Britain's generous attitude in yielding up her claims in India and giving the people their self-government? Have we forgotten that Burma has been granted freedom? What great sums of money the United States of America are giving to the impoverished nations! Even within Europe there are movements toward the uniting of peoples into closer fellowships. While there is unrest in Asia, much of it is being created by people reaching out of illiterate darkness toward the light of a new world wherein dwelleth righteousness.

Within many of the nations there is a growing concern for the children, the sick, the aged and the unfortunate. The cruelties of other days in "Christian" lands, when little children were forced to work as slaves and people died in wretched poverty, if brought to mind, are like the uncomfortable dreams of our misdeeds. Even the cruelties of our enemies in their totalitarian states make us feel ashamed.

While we are not confident we have left the Winter of war behind, with all its accompanying cruelty, nevertheless there are signs of hope for a better period of history. While looking out on events, from year to year, we are inclined to be pessimistic, but by viewing the centuries, we see much that makes us optimistic. Not that there is a natural evolutionary upward trend; but Christ is at work among the peoples of the nation. Despite certain current weaknesses within the Christian church, it is now the greatest force for good in the world. And the influence of Christ is likely to increase in the coming years.

Because this is a Spring season of history, we shall experience dull days, but also bright days, assuring us of future settled conditions.

EDITORIAL

Printing Press and Church

WE often hear church people speak

of the need of making greater use of the printing press in the ministry of the church. We often wonder how many of these good people make the best use of the church journal. Although the circulation of "The Australian Christian" is at its highest point, there must be many church homes not receiving the weekly church paper regularly. There must be many within the brotherhood who have little knowledge of what is taking place in other local churches, or in other States. Again their knowledge of the mission stations overseas must be very meagre. What do they know of the work among aborigines or youth? Since little news of the church in Europe, America or Africa appears in the daily press, there must be a sad lack of knowledge of the church in those lands. While we cannot cover details of the church work throughout the world, we do aim at giving some picture of a church at work at home and abroad.

We believe church officers, preachers, Sunday school superintendents could do much to help many faithful agents of "The Australian Christian" place the paper in every home of a local church. An informed membership will become a more effective membership. We are out to give the best range of news possible. We ask our readers to help us increase the range of influence of the church journal, and thus help to advance the work of the church.

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Federal Conference

BRETHREN in Western Australia have chosen a delightful period of the year for the Federal Conference. The "Golden West" ought to be at its best, providing visitors with a display of wild flowers in King's Park which ought to be impressive. The Swan River, reflecting the blue skies of Spring, will be a constant delight just now.

Visitors from the Eastern States will also enjoy the hospitality of the churches in Western Australia. The claim is made that, in proportion to population, churches of Christ are stronger in that State than anywhere else in the Commonwealth.

Within recent years the leadership of our brethren there, in the work among the aborigines, has been inspiring. We can be proud that we have been progressive in a task which the rest of the community has neglected so long.

During the conference consideration will be given to reports of the various departments of the Australian brotherhood. Delegates will have the opportunity of learning how mission work is proceeding in India, China, New Hebrides and among the Australian aborigines. The College of the Bible, social service and youth work will be featured at business sessions. An opportunity will be provided the women of the Australian churches to confer about their interests.

Now that travel between States is more convenient, there is a growing recognition that we must maintain our Federal work on a closer co-operative basis. If we work together as an Australian brotherhood, we shall achieve more for the Master than by individual efforts in separate States. We shall need to avoid overloading the brotherhood with needless organisations.

If we can set up simple machinery which will encourage co-operation among all the Australian churches we shall gain much that is of mutual advantage.

★ *The organised Church may cease, with the Twentieth Century Catacombs becoming our dwelling places, but the redeeming community will endure*

If the Worst Comes to the Worst

By J. E. Brooke, South Australia.

SUPPOSING war comes more disastrous than known before, and the darkness of ruthless, pagan oppression closes on the world. Supposing we witness the end of a great Christian era; the "wrath of God" inevitably falling on a community which rejects Christ's way. Supposing society and civilisation as we know it is perishing, what then?

It is here, facing the worst, that the Bible helps most powerfully; it is beyond tragedy, having plumbed the depths and touched bottom; it has taken evil's measure in its extremist manifestation. Let us look at some great assurances of the scriptures, triumphant beyond power of disaster, whose truth is proven beyond possibility of doubt.

Firstly, in Matthew 16: 18, our Lord's great word about

His Abiding Community

"On this rock" (the rock of his divinity confessed by Peter) "I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." There will always be the Christian community. God entered the world in Jesus Christ for all time; he established himself; nothing can overcome him. The organised church may cease, with the twentieth century catacombs becoming our dwelling places, but the redeeming community will endure. Christianity's fate is not bound up with the fate of Britain, Europe, or other nation or group thereof. The Christian church, mature with 2000 years of history, can say we have seen such disasters before, have attended many civilisations' funerals, being present at the birth of the next. We began as a little community challenging a ruthless military dictatorship. Through the power of love we conquered, and saw the empire of Rome downed before barbarian hordes. The church was the one institution remaining, to bring order out of chaos, and to create a new civilisation. Being old with such experiences, we know our strength. Furthermore, to-day's picture shows a mighty, new development: because of 150 years' devotion by the western church, our community is found in every land; after battering the gates of hell in nation after nation we have established ourselves. Maybe this is God's wise preparation for impending catastrophe: with initiative passing to the younger mission churches through them, perhaps, the rising tide of God's loving conquest of the world will sweep in again. Hell's gates cannot prevail.

In Hebrews 12: 26, 27 the writer, through the prophet Haggai, tells that there is

A Sifting Process

going on, shaking the merely temporary things, that what is permanent may be more clearly recognised. So, to-day, great suffering may be before us. We naturally shrink and humbly pray, "Lord, let this cup pass from us"; yet surely within ourselves we exult at the prospect of proving ourselves. The churches of Germany and occupied Europe, through fiery trials, have been granted new life. In the newly-revived vigor of Europe's suffering churches to-day, the Holy Spirit is moving mightily: if the result were the same, should not we welcome the same trial?

We are sick of ghastly indifference and apathy. If the worst comes to the worst these things will go: the issue between Christ and the world clarified. It will again mean something to be a Christian. The battle of the Lord of hosts will be joined. In blood we shall write new, glorious chapters of the Acts of the Apostles. The blood-red cross of Christ will blazon forth to make new conquests. Large tracts of the Bible will spring to vivid life for us. Our hymns will take on deeper significance; no longer be sung with half-open mouth and hand in pocket. We shall be proud to sing, "Once more on us is laid the cross, of sorrow, danger, pain or shame." We shall worthily stand with our forefathers in the faith; our children looking back to our age, will see the splendor of living in our day.

Does the prospect daunt some? It depends where our heart and treasure are. If with worldly things, slippers by the hearth, car in garage, well-kept ledgers, newspaper on table, we stand to lose all. But if with Christ and his kingdom's welfare, all is gain, nothing loss.

In Matthew 24: 35, Christ declares the

Eternity of His Truth

"Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away."

Communism with its godless materialism troubles many to-day. Christ has judged communism, even in its finer ideals by saying, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." That unchallengeable truth, experience, either long or short, will inevitably prove. Men, with all their material needs met, will find their hearts will still hunger, and with that inner dissatisfaction, the outer problems cannot be handled.

In the strength of two inseparable axioms, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul, and strength, and with all thy mind; and thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself," man can be reborn as a child of God. He regains his dignity, and freedom receives its ultimate sanctions. Here communism, with its mass philosophy and subjection of the individual, is hit at its weakest point. We must be convinced that Christianity's method of toleration and freedom, though seemingly slow, is the only way, even as God has dealt similarly with man, allowing him freedom to revolt against his will. Communism, with its godlessness and shallow understanding of human nature, will fail. God's word spoken to man, and the way he has made man, cannot be altered.

If our mind turns to the grim spectre of the atomic bomb in our quest for the worst, the Bible anticipates even that. 2 Peter 3: 7, 10, 12, formerly strange to people, has now come alive. Christians, knowing their Bibles, were not caught unawares, being already prepared for this peril, centuries before it was dreamed



Ancient Christian Catacombs, where faith triumphed over persecution.

of. Should one say, in panic, "The world is coming to an end," they can answer, "We'll get another and a better one," for Peter says, "We," according to his promise, "look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness." God, his grip still upon his world, the issues of time in his eternal hands, will ring down the curtain on this earthly drama when his time comes. Human sin and folly may have a part in producing that finale, but it will not be without God's will and through it his purposes will be fulfilled.

If we know the inseparable love of God in Christ we need not fear for the destiny of each of us. We who have trusted in Christ

"Have built a house that is not for time's throwing,

We have gained a peace unshaken by fear for ever;

War knows no power; safe shall be my going,

Secretly armed against all death's endeavor,

Safe, though all safety's lost; safe, where men fall,

And if these poor limbs die, safest of all."

The final strength and safety is that the greatest disaster that could be experienced has already taken place. A dreadful day of darkened gloom when man tried to kill his Creator—stretched him on a cross to suffer and to die. For God that was not the end, but the beginning of a new day—out of that disaster he has brought his triumphs and benefits to millions.

In John 12: 31-33 is his final judgment of evil, and the offer of love and life to all men. The cross stands fast. Judgment has already fallen there. It can never come again. He who takes his stand there is safe for ever more.

BEAUTY OF SOUL

THE interior beauty of a soul, through habitual kindness of thought, is greater than words can tell. To such a man, life is a perpetual, bright evening, with all things calm, fragrant and restful. The dust of life is laid, and its fever cool. All sounds are softer, as is the way of evening, and all sights are fairer, and the golden light makes our enjoyment of earth a preparation for heaven.—F. W. Faber.

Crowds Listen to Gospel Message

A most encouraging report about village preaching has been received from B. V. Coventry, Shrigonda. There has always been a spirit of optimism about the Shrigonda work, but probably this report is the best in years.

Method of Approach

A FEW weeks ago, having borrowed some film strip, 35 mm., from Dr. Michael, and feeling that our motor battery was equal to fairly liberal use for operating our S.V.E. projector, we sallied forth with abounding faith that we would make an impression. As about 90 per cent. to 95 per cent. of the adult village population are illiterate, and thus confined in their outlook, more or less, to the small village circle in which they live, we took along both educational and religious film strips. Once in the villages we made it clearly known that we were going to show first an educational film and then follow it up with a religious one.

The first showing was in the village of Dhorja and in front of our school. From a former experience, we know that, if we had anything like a good number present we would not be able to accommodate them all in the school building, so the outfit was set up outside. A few bhajan numbers to announce the commencement of the programme and the people began to roll along. Altogether an audience of about 150 people gathered to see the films and listen most attentively throughout the one and a half hour's showing.

The second night we staged the same programme at Bhangaon. The village is noted for its conservatism, and the refusal of the people of the village to come anywhere near our school there. Our school is situated across the road from the village area, and in the Mahar section of the town. The towns-people being strict adherents to the Hindu caste system, have no dealings that necessitate them crossing over into this area.

A Brahmin Headmaster Listens In

We had an announcement made in the village school about the programme, and also generally throughout the village. We knew we would have a fair audience, but we never anticipated that we would get what we did get. The conservative Brahmin headmaster of the village school, together with many others, all came across and sat at the side of the school while we showed our pictures on the wall. In all we had about 250 people that night—an opportunity that has seldom, if ever before, been obtained. We pray that those who heard may come to a position of feeling their need of a Saviour, and really accept Christ. This showing was again in the open.

Future Plans

With some really good educational films in stock, for use in our village schools, as well as for use in this method of adult education, plus much desired religious films, we are anticipating being able to make a really strong impression on the non-Christian community, and at the same time help our own Christians to a fuller understanding of the word of God. Dr. Michael and I are expecting a set each of the Indian produced colored film, "The Good Samaritan," in the very near future. H. Ferger snapped with dramatisation with both 35 mm. and movie. He, Mr. Ferger, is a missionary in India, and has been responsible for some of the finest productions of life as it really is in India. He has been the leader of the movie and strip film side of the Audio-Visual-Aid programme in India for many years, for missions and churches.

Christians in High Standing

One or two more experiences of outstanding note, that will help to convey some idea of the way Christians are accepted in India to-day. Although it may not be true in the absolute, it

does seem that there is more ready acceptance of Christians to-day than formerly. Tuesday, Aug. 31, 1948, just as we were about to leave for a couple of days in the villages, we received an invitation to give a bhajan in the Shrigonda village at night. The place to which we were invited was a place where Hindus would be gathering for special worship connected with this season of the year. We decided that this was an opportunity that we should not miss, and truly it proved such. We went there at 8 p.m. Indian time, but really 9 p.m. clock time, and were given the floor immediately. A small two-man Hindu bhajan show was in progress when we arrived, but they gave way to us on our arrival. As the worshippers entered the verandah on which a picture of the idol was on view and about 10 feet from which we were seated, they first paused before the idol, bowed, took some black powder from a plate immediately in front of the idol and threw this on a coconut placed before the idol, then rubbed a little on their forehead, ate a few nuts off another dish, gave the priest a small coin, received from him some kind of sweet, bowed once more, then took their seat somewhere near where we were seated for the bhajan. Mr. Dongre, in opening the bhajan, read Psalm 92

and led in prayer, then our party of men commenced their singing, which lasted one and a half hours.

Breaking Down Caste Barriers

During this time many men came to worship and went home again, while many others stayed for longer or shorter periods to listen to the bhajan. Among those who came were Brahmins, Marathas, and some outcast groups, plus the rich Marawadis. Within these groups were some of the leading men of the town, including the headmaster of the village school, and the Congress president. Finally, about 11 p.m., tea was served, but as there were only about a dozen cups, the serving was done in relays, the cups being rinsed in a bucket before being handed on to the next one. What a contrast to the situation a few years ago, when Mr. Bolduan in this same village drank out of a cup from a tea shop and was considered to have polluted the cup. For a considerable period this cup was not touched, but necessity, due to shortages caused by the war, caused it to be recommissioned. Last Tuesday we Christians sat with Brahmins, Marathas, outcastes, etc., and drank tea together without polluting either the cups or those with whom we drank it. It is hard to comprehend why Christians should be invited to hold a bhajan (Christian bhajan) before a picture of an idol, and at the time that Hindus were performing worship according to Hindu rites. Pray with us that the scripture read, and the prayers offered at the beginning and end of the night's programme, besides all the Christian hymns sung, will lead some to make an honest and deep search for the Saviour of the world.

Dr. George F. McLeod in Victoria

Will. H. Clay.

THE Presbyterian Church of Australia has placed the whole Christian community under a debt of gratitude and obligation by bringing "McLeod of Iona" to this country. Rarely do we have the privilege of listening to a man of God of such magnetic personality with such courageous speech. We feel justified in introducing him in this column because of the emphasis he has laid upon the necessity to once again relate the body to the soul and works to our faith. With great faith in God and love for his fellows, he has not sought the plaudits of the powers that be. He is of the opinion that if the church refuses to exert herself to bring in the kingdom of God, he will not suffer her to frustrate his will, and may choose some other agency. The doctor is also of the opinion that this is the day of the church's opportunity, and makes a strong and urgent appeal for action. "Action Now" is the motto of Iona. The large crowds which have assembled to hear this man have borne eloquent testimony to the power and quality of his messages. Not once has he appealed to the emotions of his hearers, but with power and conviction he has carried his audiences with him. The noticeable trend toward Christian fellowship manifested in world conferences, in pulpit utterances, and the choice of hymns, to our mind, is a very encouraging sign. The church is at last leaving her four walls and venturing into the world for which Christ died. It is being more and more recognised that unless "the good neighbor policy" receives general endorsement by the nations, and more particularly by the Christian church, another war cannot be averted.

The Social Service Offering

We are not able to report conclusively concerning the result of our appeal to the churches, as many have not yet advised us. We

expected that our own appeal would suffer by reason of other appeals which would naturally take precedence; but we cannot believe that any church would deliberately ignore it. Never was our department more needed than it is today, and its service to the churches and the community through the office and its staff is of an essential character. Almost every day we hear words of appreciation from someone whom we have been privileged to serve.

Food Parcels

What appears to be a better method of helping our British kinsmen has been adopted by the Government. By paying the sum of 10/- into a bank, the donor is given in exchange a form on which he indicates the name and the address of the person he desires shall receive the parcel, and he is relieved of any further worry or concern. The food is being sent in bulk and packed at the receiving end, thus eliminating both the labor and the postage. We are making a test of a parcel to our secretary of social service in Great Britain, and requesting that he advise by air-mail. The packing of hundreds of parcels in cardboard containers sewn in hessian binding and the delivery to the post office at this end, is a service the magnitude of which can scarcely be imagined. If the new method succeeds, the Social Service Women's Auxiliary will be able to devote more attention to the sorting and packing of clothing for overseas.

The Churches of Christ Ladies' Choir

This fine combination, under the baton of Miss E. Pittman, gave a most enjoyable concert on Sept. 13 in the Swanston-st. chapel. Assisting artists were Miss Dorothy Clark, Miss Lorna Judd and Mr. Max Olding, a singer, an elocutionist and a pianist. Each of these received well deserved encores for their numbers, and the choir was warmly applauded by the audience after every item. The proceeds of the concert were for the proposed hospital, and about £20 was raised. The choir had raised

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AN AUSTRALIAN ROUND-UP

Jubilee History of Ann-st., Brisbane, Qld

FOUNDATION OF CHURCH

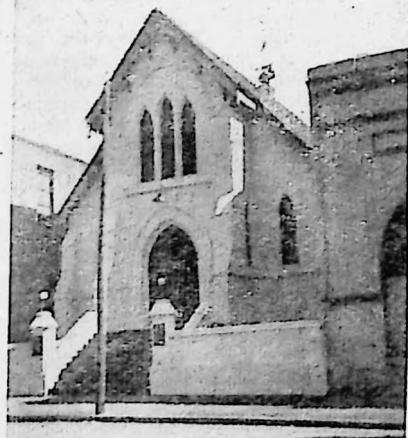
SUNDAY, Sept. 19, 1948, was celebrated as the jubilee of the purchase by the Ann-st. church of Christ of the building in which it now worships. These fifty years will not, however, span the whole history of this congregation. During the fifteen years that preceded the purchase, the church of Christ in Brisbane had been growing from its humble beginning till the extent of the work made the acquisition of such a building both necessary and possible. The story of those early years, so richly underlined by the deep faith and courage of our pioneers, will remain an inspiration to our people as long as Ann-st.'s history is remembered.

The foundation date of the church is September 23, 1883. On that date, almost exactly 65 years ago, a few brethren who had sought one another out, met for the first time. But this tiny cause was strong, and its strength was to grow so that it would survive the years and withstand buffettings from the world and from within.

This beginning erased a cheerless note on previous attempts by the church of Christ to establish itself in Brisbane. It is recorded that as early as 1871 some brethren met at Albion; then, in 1882, Stephen Cheek came to Brisbane on his bold mission to establish churches in this State. He did not then succeed in Brisbane; and as he went on his triumphant, yet sad crusade for Christ in Queensland, he wrote of its metropolis that it was "noted for its apathy." He died in the Warwick district in the following year. He had given his life for his work.

The church that was formed in Brisbane in 1883 first met in the Synod Hall. Messrs. Crawford and Keith assumed the oversight, and other members included Mr. and Mrs. T. Wright and Mr. J. Paradine.

Proof that this little church went into action immediately is provided by the report of two baptisms in March, 1884. Two converts were



Ann-st. Chapel, Brisbane.

immersed by Mr. D. A. Ewers in the Jireh Baptist Church. One of these was the late Mr. W. Hackett, whose family have followed him in loyalty to the Ann-st. church.

The church had changed to the Temperance Hall for its meeting-place, and under the sincere leadership of competent brethren the work prospered.

Recalling these years, the "Jubilee History"

in a few eloquent lines reflects graphically the astonishing progress made by the new church in less than a decade: In 1889, it says, Mr. C. Fisher, who attended the intercolonial conference in Melbourne, was delegated "to find a suitable preacher and to obtain as much financial help as possible." The record goes on: "The aid and the man were both forthcoming. The result was that Mr. W. S. Houchins took up the work and spent about two years here. The cause prospered exceedingly, the church became known, meetings were packed, and many were added. For a short season a larger place, the Centennial Hall in Adelaide-st., was occupied."

After having returned to the Temperance Hall, the church moved, in Mr. P. A. Dickson's ministry, to a building at the corner of Wharf and Adelaide-sts., which had been vacated by the Baptists.

A new chapter in the life of the still young church was opened with the arrival of Mr. W. T. Clapham, in 1896, to become evangelist. Because of his foresight and enterprise "another flitting was accomplished"—this time to our present chapel.

The building, erected by the United Methodist Free Church and occupied since August 4, 1881, became available for disposal in 1898 because the Methodists were removing to other premises.

Hearing that the building was on the market for sale for £1100, Mr. Clapham hurriedly obtained the necessary deposit of £100 through the influence of Mr. Booty, the Manager of the then London Bank. Mr. Booty was at one time a member of the church.

The chapel did not then have the partition that rises behind the present platform. A description of it at the time said: "It is well situated and of good size, with comfortable seating accommodation for from 500 to 600 people. The lower hall could easily hold 100 persons." —F. C. Hunting.



Australian Youth Face Modern Issues

Report on Combined Conference of Victorian Youth Groups of Christian Social Order Movements and United Nations Association.

THE conference was held at The Basin, Vic., Sept. 17-19, and discussed the question, "Is World Peace Possible?" Three members of churches of Christ—Viney Longthorp, Allan Bush and Kevin Balson—were amongst the forty representatives.

Prof. Woodruff stressed that the issues of war and peace are developed in the minds of men, that there is nothing inherent in human nature that makes war inevitable, and that young people must strive to build a co-operative rather than a competitive world.

Mr. N. Colbran spoke of world peace as the by-product of economic, political and social justice.

Past imperialistic acts of suppression and exploitation in Asia by the western powers and present Asiatic nationalistic movements were dealt with by Mr. Kurt Merz, M.A. In youth's attempt to maintain peace through the U.N.O., courage could be gained from the example set by the European resistance movement and the struggle for Asiatic independence.

The conference worshipped at Boronia church

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of Christ on Sunday morning. Taking as his text, "How can Satan Cast Out Satan?" Mr. Ron Graham stressed the need for positive and constructive attitudes to the world's ills.

Mr. George Yule, B.A., led Sunday afternoon "open forum," and stated that Christians must oppose absolute power, and therefore oppose both capitalism and communism. He advocated socialism to limit economic power, and democracy to limit political power.

Group discussion followed each lecture.—R. Graham.

Faith Triumphant

*KNOW not, when or where,
This mortal span, God's gift to
man,
Its closing shall declare;
By faith I can each promise scan,
And know it's in his care.*

*Ahead I cannot see,
For weal or woe, 'tis better so
To leave to his decree;
But this I know, where'er I go
His love will follow me.*

*Then let me trusting stand,
As I resign this life of mine
To paths that he has planned,
And not repine, while its design,
Is fashioned by his hand.*

*As in the wilderness,
From place to place, his chosen race
God did with mercy bless;
So in my case, I know his grace
Will never serve me less.*

*And may the cross to me
Its message bring of suffering
And love beyond degree;
My sovereign King, Oh, let me sing,
One song that's meet for thee!*

—A. Lee-Archer,
Gardiner, Vic.

The New Testament in Misama-Panaeati

PANAEATI (Deboyne Island) lies just over 100 miles east from the S.E. end of the mainland of Papua. The islanders were notorious for their long distance head-hunting raids carried out in their great canoes. Samuel Fellows and James Watson were the first missionaries to the island. They landed on Panaeati on Sept. 5, 1891. They were met on the beach by fierce warriors who thought they were "blackbirders" in disguise. The early missionaries witnessed many cruel incidents, but had the joy of seeing the mission extend its activities to Misima Island. The whole population (Misima 3400 and Panaeati 600) are now reckoned as Christians. Many fine native teachers have served the church amongst their own people and in distant, difficult places.

In the work of translating the New Testament, H. K. Bartlett was assisted by Isei Toineudoru, Simioni Kieu and Stanley Intara. Isei spent many years at Salomo, Fergusson Island, where he qualified as a Christian teacher and was also a trained carpenter. Simioni, once a polygamist, had a varied career until he was won into the church. He is to-day a fearless and acceptable teacher. Stanley is a teacher of many years' standing, an expert carpenter and boat builder. Each has a fine knowledge of the Dobuan language and a good grip of English.

Here and There

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Hinrichsen-Machin mission at Northam, W.A., had crowded meeting in marquee on Oct. 10. There were six decisions, bringing total to 57. The mission will continue for an extra week.

Mrs. F. E. Brownbill, M.L.A., who died in private hospital at Geelong on Oct. 10, was an active worker in Geelong church of Christ. For ten years Mrs. Brownbill had exerted a Christian influence with Victorian State Parliament. To relatives and friends we offer deepest sympathy.

Under report from Rockhampton, Qld., in last issue, the following facts ought to have been made clear. Miss D. Sear received a special prize in connection with scripture examination. Miss G. Davey was presented with a gift in acknowledgment of twenty years' service on Bible school staff.

At Swan Hill, Vic., a visit from conference president was appreciated. Morning address was broadcast, and well received throughout district. Church is unable to broadcast gospel services so Mr. Candy is giving gospel addresses at morning meetings every four weeks. Two young people have been baptised during month, and there have been two reconsecrations. Services have been well attended, particularly evening meeting. Many visitors are in fellowship. Church is contemplating a visitation campaign. Bible school work is intensely interesting, new scholars coming in almost every week. A large bus has been engaged to bring children from Murrarwee and surrounding district. There was largest attendance on Oct. 3 for many years. Young people are preparing for Christmas camp at Mildura; a number plan to attend. Women's Mission Band birthday on Sept. 24 was very successful; over 40 attended. Interest is growing and a good year is assured.

Representatives of bayside churches met at Parkdale (Vic.) chapel on Sept. 22, when ladies' committee of Social Service Department supplied programme and Mrs. Ward gave a resume of work accomplished and plans for future. Afternoon tea was served by ladies of Parkdale. Temple Day, observed on Sept. 23, resulted in offerings of £60. Young Worshippers' League held anniversary on Oct. 3. There were large, appreciative audiences. In morning Mr. Trezise gave a fine address, and young people who took part in services were a credit to their leaders. Mr. Manning preached in evening, when prizes and certificates were distributed. Sunday school children were given a tea on Oct. 6, when Mr. Golby gave a talk. S.S. is growing under superintendence of Mr. LePage. All auxiliaries of church are prospering and working heartily with Mr. and Mrs. Manning. Mrs. Illingworth is able to meet with church again after very severe illness. Mrs. Clark has returned after a visit to her daughter in N.S.W.

Thirty-ninth anniversary celebrations of Bible school at Maylands, S.A., were of high order and appreciated by scholars and adults. Choir of 300 voices sang splendidly to crowded congregations. Items from grades, kinders to teachers, formed two concerts. Koongarra Park school will join for school picnic. Maylands qualified for efficiency award from campaign conducted by Youth Department. Fifty from school joined in combined youth demonstration at Adelaide Royal Show. During annual conference church enjoyed fellowship with visitors. Choir presented music at social service night of conference. Evening service of Sept. 19 was an inspiration. Over 300 people gathered for address of K. Jones and testimony of one recently linked with church. A confession of faith was made by a football member at this meeting. At conclusion folk adjourned to school hall where Mr. Jones presented aspects of College of Bible in picture. Evening concluded with supper. Ground

has been purchased near chapel for building of manse later. Endeavorers joined in chop picnic and hike to foothills. Instructional visit to Adelaide Post Office was made by Men's Brotherhood. Mr. Schwab addressed church in interests of Christian Guest Home. A series of subject presentations and discussion is proving good at midweek prayer meeting.

Services at Emerald, Vic., on Oct. 3 were characterised as Spring floral celebrations. Dr. G. H. Oldfield presided at communion, and W. R. Hibbert magnified membership in a rural congregation in his address. After 18 years' residence in district, Misses Daff were farewelled at a friendship gathering on Oct. 6. Youth Fellowship recently conducted two community evenings at Emerald and Clematis public halls, attended by 150. Over £8 was raised for welfare work. C. N. Rogers, Warracknabeal, addressed church on Oct. 10. Annual business meeting requested W. R. Hibbert to continue for another term as preacher. Mrs. A. Legge was re-appointed secretary and Mrs. V. Hamilton was appointed treasurer.

On Sept. 26, Wangaratta (Vic.) Bible school held anniversary, special speaker for occasion being Ron Muller, who spoke at all services, his addresses being greatly appreciated. Singing of school children was excellent. In afternoon chapel was crowded. The conductor, Bert Franks, who is also superintendent, was assisted by an orchestra of four—pianist, Miss Marion Campbell; organist, Mrs. W. Wakefield; violinists, Mr. Scott-Brown and Miss Florence Green. Prizes were distributed, also certificates and seals to those who sat in recent examination. Neil Campbell, who gained highest marks, also received a prize. On Sept. 29, Bible school concert was held. Items from kinders who were trained by Mrs. J. Macintosh (superintendent) gave much pleasure. Greater portion of concert was taken up with "The Stained Glass Window," a nativity cantata. This was under leadership of Mrs. George Jackel, who put much time and work into training children. All were impressed by presentation of cantata. M. Blandford was dux of school. On Oct. 4, at manse, a pleasant function took place, when some members of church called on Mr. and Mrs. Wakefield to wish them well on their holiday when they will attend Federal Conference at Perth. A wallet of notes was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Wakefield in appreciation of their many kindnesses, and the good work done during their ministry, which up to present is over three years in Wangaratta. Mr. Wakefield made suitable response.

Following interest created by Loyalty Month, Unley (S.A.) church started Crusade for a Christian World on Sept. 12, when 150 communed for day. Mr. Norris challenged all to personal dedication and practical service. Attendances continue to increase, and an optimistic spirit is evident. Two splendid services marked sixty-fifth anniversary, with Ray Vincent speaker in morning. In preparation for family service in evening, Sunday school teachers had visited homes of all scholars with invitation to parents to attend. Result was that chapel was practically full, and Mr. Norris excelled in discussing theme of religion in home. About 90 remained for song fellowship at close. Church family night on Oct. 6 was a happy gathering. Mr. Norris gave a short talk, evening closing with social half-hour and supper. Offering for College of Bible amounted to £17. A splendid concert was presented by Girls' Club on Sept. 28, hall being crowded, and £8/10/- resulted towards expenses of Molly Bockman, who has been chosen in State team to compete at Ballarat physical culture competitions. Church has been saddened by home-call of Mrs. Dennis at age of 93 years. Sunday school attendances

on successive Sundays have been highest for more than two years.

News items and advertisements from churches have made demands again on our space. In next issue we hope to have all outstanding reports published. We appreciate assistance of reporters, and assure them of our anxiety to publish reports reaching us.

A furnished manse has been acquired at Mayfield, N.S.W., for church and preacher, and family moved in on Aug. 30. A service of dedication was conducted by N. D. Morris on Sept. 11; he also gave address at gospel meeting on following day. Two pleasing features connected with business side of manse are gifts of a superior quality bedroom suite and interest free loans of £600. In addition to this, valuable help given by members during "moving in" to make building and yard spic and span, also unpacking, etc. A choir is being built up and practises after prayer meeting Wednesday evenings. Combined clubs held a concert on Oct. 8 to purchase an additional piano. C.E. is functioning well, and two new members have been added. Mr. Acland has commenced a series of services dealing with "The Lord's Return." Church is preparing for 11th anniversary.

Morning meetings at Echuca, Vic., have been well attended; evening attendances are not so good. Visitors from Melbourne met with church. An enjoyable evening was held at Mrs. Rosendale's on Sept. 17. Mrs. Dudley held an afternoon on Oct. 5, when about 40 ladies of various churches had fellowship together. Ladies attended a combined afternoon at Methodist church. At half-yearly business meeting on Sept. 16, all reports were satisfactory. Gratitude was expressed to Mr. and Mrs. Dudley for their conscientious work, and sorrow that they were leaving. Secretary is endeavoring to find a minister to fill vacancy. Basketball team attended a wind-up of association when a presentation of trophies was made. On Sept. 5, "Crusade for a Christian World" was launched; an "every member present" Sunday was held. Services were well attended and some response given.

Albury Welcomes Preacher

★ W. Gale, Victorian H.M. organiser, reports on visit to this centre.

ON our arrival at Wangaratta at tea-time on Monday, October 4, we learned that some fifteen or more were ready to set out for Albury, to be present at the welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Allan W. Morris, the new preacher, and his wife, who had just arrived to begin a ministry there. This large delegation, from a sister church some 45 miles away, was much appreciated. It is an evidence of the happy family spirit that obtains in our country churches. So we joined the party. There were many brief speeches, all in the same strain as the forthright and frank declaration of the elder, P. Sampson, who declared his determination to stand by the preacher whom they desired to lead them in a definite forward move. J. E. Hall, the secretary of the church, who resides in Wodonga, presided over the gathering. Albury's fine young singer, Miss Norma Clifton, rendered a solo. The visiting Wangaratta party provided a quartette and a duet, besides several speakers. Arthur Combridge, an officer of the church, is a nephew of J. R. Combridge, the first preacher of the Albury church. It was very happy gathering. We congratulate the N.S.W. Home Missionary Committee in securing Mr. and Mrs. Morris, a young man and his wife, who greatly impressed us. Albury church, which has for some years been associated with the Home Missionary Committees of N.S.W. and Victoria, now reverts to the care of the N.S.W. Committee. We express our loving sympathy with the Albury church who have lost by death Mrs. F. A. McEachern, an elderly member of the church, who in her youth was one of the first baptised in the church at Brunswick."

News of the Churches

Tasmania

Dunalley.—Plans are in hand for Bible camp to be held at Taroona. Camp can accommodate about 120. Two ambulances are still doing a good job over wide area. A mid-week Bible study group meet at Bream Creek, and progress is being made. Work at Taranna continues, but lacks financial support. Church has been offered several acres of ground alongside a beautiful ocean beach to establish a permanent memorial youth camp.

Queensland

Brisbane (Ann-st).—Jubilee anniversary celebrations were carried a step further when approximately 170 met at a successful tea in church social hall on Sept. 24. Mrs. M. Martin was in charge of catering, and Mrs. Jas. Graham decorated tables with beautiful flowers. After tea session, when church pioneers were given place as guests of honor, a thanksgiving service was held in main chapel with E. Hart, of Toowoomba, as speaker. Sept. 26 was 65th anniversary of city cause in Brisbane, and theme for all services was loyalty. Loyalty pledges were available for members who desired to associate themselves more fully with deeper spiritual movement which has become a heartening feature of work. Both services were well attended, choir again assisting in gospel service, when C. J. Mackenzie was speaker. Moya Campbell was soloist. Men's Fellowship anniversary meeting was held on Sept. 29, when men of church enjoyed a happy session around tea table, and in discussion later, following a helpful address by C. R. Williams. F. C. Hunting was speaker at morning service on Oct. 3, when Mrs. Fletcher was received into membership. Muriel Carpenter was soloist at gospel meeting, conducted by C. J. Mackenzie, who is now on annual holidays. Thanksgiving offering for jubilee building fund to date amounts to approximately £80. Recent visitors included Messrs. J. and A. Mayall, Frankston, Vic., and Mr. and Mrs. Orr, Launceston, Tas. Church cricket team has commenced fixtures under captaincy of F. C. Hunting.

Western Australia

Harvey.—Eric Roediger met with church while completing a course at Agricultural School. Eunice Livingstone is helping with organ. On Sept. 12, church celebrated 50th anniversary. Mr. Thurrowgood gave interesting facts of early church days. Miss Chapple (from Bethesda Hospital) also met with church. Celebrations continued on Tuesday evening, when sprays of flowers were presented to those who were at church 50 years ago. At conclusion £16/10/- was received for building fund. As result of busy bee, extra room was built for kinders, also improvements at manse. Mr. and Mrs. L. Roesner have returned from holiday at Northam. Mr. and Mrs. Hedley Moore, recently married, are making their home in Harvey. Mrs. C. Stanford is to enter hospital for an operation.

Perth.—A good muster of workers, on Sept. 4 and 11, carried out repairs and renovations with pleasing results. Ladies provided lunches and afternoon teas. On Aug. 29, Bible Society Sunday, general secretary for W.A. (C. E. Taylor) addressed church on society's activities. At night Mr. Robinson spoke on the authority of the Bible. Monthly meeting of Christian Men's Association has been revived. Home visitation mission began with three early morning prayer meetings (8 a.m. to 9 a.m.) led by Mr. Robinson. On evenings of Sept. 7, 8 and 9, the ten selected visitors went out in pairs to visit, while other members gathered at chapel for prayer until visitors' return. These meetings grew in numbers and earnestness with each evening.

Sept. 12 to 16 inclusive, special gospel services were held, preacher being D. Hammer (of Carnarvon mission). These meetings were inspiring. Climax of special mission was anniversary opening service on 12th, "Back to Lakelst. Sunday," with splendid morning service addressed by Mr. Robinson. A pleasant social evening on 14th concluded anniversary functions. Mr. and Mrs. E. Thomas have been received into fellowship by transfer from Kalgoorlie. Church raised £74/10/3 for U.N.A.C. appeal and £89/0/2 for overseas missions.

New South Wales

North Sydney.—Meetings have been good of late, and on Sept. 12 a young man confessed Christ and was later baptised. On Oct. 3 another young man confessed Christ. At this service C.E. anniversary was remembered, Vic. Morris leading a song service and Lincoln Reed, Ivy Fleetwood and Betty Morris assisting in service. A. Surtees on a recent Sunday morning gave a helpful address.

Albury.—Mr. Lewis concluded his ministry with church on Aug. 29. Previous Thursday he was farewelled at a social evening, when he and his family were recipients of suitable gifts. Local brethren carried on work during September, and A. W. Morris commenced his ministry on Oct. 3. Services were well attended, and opening addresses appreciated. A social evening was held on Oct. 4, when Mr. and Mrs. Morris were welcomed by church. Plans are being made, and a forward movement is anticipated. Church regrets home-call of aged Mrs. McEachern, whose gifts to church have been appreciated. Mrs. Jansen is in hospital.

Mosman.—With regret the church on Sept. 22 farewelled Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Gowans and David, who have gone to reside at Austral, where Mr. Gowans has preached regularly each Lord's day evening for some time. G. E. Burns, in presenting them with a silver tea service, assured them of prayers of church in their ministry; he presented David with an automatic pencil from Bible school, where he had assisted secretary. G. E. Burns spoke morning and evening on Sept. 26. An elderly lady, Mrs. McLaren, made her confession of faith and was baptised same hour with Rachel Dennis of senior girls' class. They were welcomed to fellowship of church on Oct. 3, when G. E. Burns spoke.

South Australia

Queenstown.—Mr. Graham is delivering helpful addresses. On Sept. 28, a concert was held in chapel, proceeds being divided between Girls' Wattle Club and Junior Endeavor Society, Endeavorers' portion being donated to State Youth Department. On Oct. 3 services were in hands of elders, and fellowship together was enjoyed by all.

Nailsworth.—During absence of Mr. Fisher at Dulwich mission and Mylor preachers' refresher camp, Messrs. Rudd, Rebbeck, Lambert, Bridgeman conducted services. Mr. Fisher was back on Oct. 3 and addressed both services. There were splendid attendances. Annual offering for College of Bible amounted to £10. On Sept. 12 Mr. Anderson was speaker at fellowship tea and then preached at gospel service conducted by men's club, when a men's choir rendered special numbers. On conference Sunday M. T. Lawrie, of Tumby Bay, exhorted church, and S. Neighbour, of Victoria, preached at night. Ladies' Guild has sent an outfit to provide for an orphan at Carnarvon

mission station. On Oct. 3 Mr. Fisher addressed afternoon meeting of Enfield Methodist Sunday school anniversary. Several members are attending Federal Conference at Perth.

Prospect.—Members of Brompton Orange Lodge visited fellowship meeting on Tuesday evening. Following Bible study, members of lodge played indor bowls against a team from church. Anniversary services were continued on the Sunday, H. G. Norris speaking at morning service. In afternoon, scholars from junior department gave a number of dramatisations on theme, "Jesus the Conqueror," and school choir assisted both afternoon and evening. R. Vincent was speaker in evening.

Kilburn.—W. Molsher, of Prospect church, conducted 11 a.m. service on Oct. 3. Speaker was F. Collins, whose addresses were enjoyed by 26 adults and 35 young worshippers. Bible school attendance at 10 a.m. was 118, including 59 in kindergarten. Teachers' monthly business meeting was held at 3 p.m., when J. Edwards was appointed Bible school treasurer in place of B. Mann, who will continue as church treasurer. Those present placed on record appreciation for his past faithful service. F. Collins conducted 7 p.m. gospel service and gave an excellent sermon.

Brooklyn Park.—Attendances continue to be consistent, averaging 53 at breaking of bread, and about 50 in evening. On Oct. 3 church celebrated 24th anniversary services. 67 members broke bread; 82 present. C. Schwab gave a challenging address. Annual church building fund offering was taken at this service, aim being £50; £45 was received. Church anticipates that, with contributions members have made during year, it will be able to repay £100 off building debt this year, and sets as aim now to make church freehold for 25th anniversary. At gospel service there were about 75 present, when Albert Brown, who is serving church very acceptably, delivered an excellent address. At a recent C.E. gospel service, an offering was taken for needy children of Europe; over £5/10/- was received. Church is in good heart, all auxiliaries functioning well.

Fullarton.—On Oct. 3, church anniversary services were held. In morning J. K. Bond (Springvale, Vic.) gave a splendid address. Attendance was good. Thankoffering totalled £57. In evening there was excellent meeting, when Mr. Bond gave a forceful sermon. Church had fellowship with Mr. and Mrs. Baxter, of Swan Hill circuit, Vic. After church many members joined in "youth for Christ rally" in Milton Theatre, which was well supported by churches of district, and a splendid witness was given. On Monday an informal farewell social was tendered to Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Bond on eve of their return to Springvale. A great time of fellowship in song and games was enjoyed; Peter Mau was responsible for arrangements. Supper was served, and D. W. Thorpe wished them god-speed on behalf of church and handed to Mr. Bond a small token of esteem and Christian regards. Mr. Bond responded with thanks and appreciation.

Port Pirie.—Attendances for September averaged: morning 38, evening 22; average of 35 communed. Attendances at gospel services cause some concern. Average weekly offerings have been: general fund, £6/2/1; brotherhood appeals, £1/7/7; renovations fund, 17/10. £1/8/6 was contributed for food for Britain fund. Church welcomes Darrell Thoday, of Moonta church, who has been transferred to Pt. Pirie post office; other visitors have also been welcomed. Mrs. Harrison is meeting with church after prolonged illness. Thanks are extended to M. A. Gregory, F. Thornton and A. Zanker, who conducted services during month in absence of regular preacher, K. Barton attending conference (State), also preachers' retreat at Mylor. College of Bible offering will receive 8 per cent. of brotherhood appeals, and any additional amounts offered. Practice for Bible school anniversary is in full swing, and October is Bible school month. K. Barton outlined Crusade for a Christian World. "The Friendly Word" is eagerly read by members

each month. Questions on Christian problems, answered by Mr. Barton on evening of Sept. 19, proved helpful.

Victoria

Ascot Vale.—On Oct. 3 Sunday school anniversary services were well attended. Speakers Messrs. Newnham and Brooker presented interesting and inspiring addresses. Bright singing by school made day very enjoyable.

Harcourt.—Sunday school anniversary services were held on Oct. 3. Both services were well attended, and inspiring illustrated addresses were given by Mr. Banks. Night service was commencement of a gospel service to be held fortnightly.

Kaniva.—On Oct. 3, H. L. Williams addressed gathering at morning worship, when 60 were present. In evening 45 were present, when Mr. Combridge gave a helpful address. On Tuesday evening, discussion group met and continued study in John. This session is proving particularly helpful; 15 were present. Offering for College of Bible was £33 for first day. An offering in aid of U.N.A.C. appeal realised £102.

Yarrawonga.—A married lady made her confession on Sept. 26, and she, and one who previously came forward, were baptised on Oct. 3. Mr. and Mrs. Edwards, after a two-year ministry, have resigned. They are retiring from active ministry. Ladies' Guild made a presentation of a handbag to Mrs. Edwards at their meeting. She will long be loved and remembered for her untiring work. Sunday school picnic on Oct. 2 was an exceptionally happy day.

Boronia.—S. Neighbour outlined plans for "crusade." Sympathy was extended to Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Finger in their loss by death of Mr. Finger, of Blackburn. Their daughter, Mrs. J. Baker, was home for a week from Long Plains. Mrs. J. Maguire and W. R. Chandler are meeting again with church after long illness in hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Crane have returned to live in district. A working bee completed improvements to youth hall. Superintendent, P. A. Jordon, has been ill for a few weeks. Brethren have sympathised with Tom Donald in sudden death of his brother. Cricket club began season in Fern Tree Gully district B grade competition.

South Yarra.—Good Companions have sent food parcels to Europe, and arranged a successful social to aid building fund. On Sept. 18 a concert, sponsored by men's society, was given by Metropolitan Churches of Christ Choir and orchestra in aid of building fund; this effort raised £14. On 26th, Mr. Brown was speaker at evening service, Mr. Hargreaves being at Preston working with Mr. Searle in Visitation Evangelism. At Sunday school anniversary on Oct. 3, children sang under leadership of Mr. Reid, Lorna and Kevin Thompson sang a duet in afternoon, and Misses Bale and Pitts in evening. Junior Endeavours are working well arranging their own meetings, under guidance of H. Herrison.

Melbourne (Swanston-st).—Having returned from vacation, K. A. Macnaughtan addressed both services on Oct. 3. During his absence the church appreciated ministry of J. Wiltshire. E. M. Price recently entertained week-night meeting with colored movie films and appropriate comments on his tour of U.S.A., Britain and the Continent. Mrs. R. L. Leane and her daughter left recently on an eight months' trip to U.S.A. A number of members who have been indisposed are recovering and some have been able to attend the services again. The church suffered a great loss in the passing of Miss I. R. Lyall, a greatly esteemed member of very many years' standing. £10/10/- was contributed as a retiring offering on Aug. 22 to aid the distressed peoples of Europe.

COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 20 (Wednesday).—Victorian General Dorcas will meet in Swanston-st. lecture hall from 10.30 a.m. till 4 p.m. Any sister interested in this work is invited to attend.

SWANSTON STREET, opp. Public Library,
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17.

11 a.m., "Rules for Christian Conduct."
4.30 p.m., Study Group, commencing studies in the Book of Daniel. All welcome.
5.15 p.m., Fellowship Tea.
7 p.m., "Signs of the Approach of the Anti-Christ."
Preacher, K. A. Macnaughtan.

GROTE STREET, ADELAIDE
(First Church of Christ in Australia),
102nd ANNIVERSARY,
OCTOBER 17, 18, 19.

Guest preacher, Mr. A. W. Stephenson, M.A. (of Melbourne), Editor "Australian Christian." Sun., Oct. 17, 11 and 7, special services.
3 p.m., P.S.A. Music by Choral Association.
Mon., Oct. 18, 7.45, Great Brotherhood Rally.
Tues., Oct. 19, 6 p.m., Fellowship Tea.
7.45, Final Inspirational Gathering.

CONCERT. CONCERT.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 8.15 p.m.

LYGON STREET CHURCH.

Tickets, 2/6.

Proceeds to Church Manse Fund.
Artists include Amelia Scarce, Kitty Winsor-Coe, Max Olding and others.

CHURCH OF CHRIST, SOUTH MELBOURNE
BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY,

SUNDAYS, OCTOBER 24 and 31.

Special singing by scholars.

Oct. 24, 3 p.m., Mr. H. B. Robbins.
7 p.m., Mr. R. Roberts.
Oct. 31, 3 p.m., Mr. R. Bolduan.
7 p.m., Mr. J. C. Cunningham.

A special welcome awaits you.

Annual Concert and Prize-giving, Thursday,
Nov. 11, 8 p.m.

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OCTOBER 31.

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7 p.m., Mr. A. G. Bennett.

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PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 8 p.m.,

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Brotherhood Missionary Meeting to welcome home Mr. and Mrs. J. Smith, from New Hebrides, and to farewell Misses D. Berry and H. Skuce, and Mr. E. Heard, missionaries-elect for India.

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BIRTH

PATTERSON (nee Coventry).—On Sept. 26, at "Arlie" Hospital, Ivanhoe, to Vera and Ken—a son (John Harold).

DEATH

HOWARTH.—On Oct. 1, at St. Vincent's Hospital, Lionel William, dearly beloved only son of Walter and Pearl, Cahilton post office; loved brother of Gladys. Aged 20 years. "Thy will be done."

IN MEMORIAM

BROWN.—In cherished memory of my beloved husband, and our dear father, Walter Brown, who was called home on Oct. 24, 1939. Some day, some time, our eyes shall see That dear face held in memory; And God shall link that broken chain Still closer when we meet again.

LEWIS.—Every remembrance of our beloved son and brother, Stuart David, who was called to higher service on Oct. 12, 1936.

—Ada and Fred Lewis, also Colin, Enid and Marie.

WILLIAMS.—Elsie, dearly loved friend of Hilda, Rose, Katie.

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Scatter the flowers where you will,
But the precious fragrance lingers still.

ADDRESSES

R. Acland (preacher Mayfield church, N.S.W.).
—The Manse, 51 Carrington-st., Mayfield.

M. D. Williams (preacher Chelsea church, Vic.).—C/o J. L. Richards, Fortesque-ave., Seaford.

SOCIAL SERVICE NOTES

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some hundreds of pounds for various conference departments; over £100 had been raised for the hospital alone. Thanks for a lovely evening.

Hospital Appeal

The women of the churches are aiming for £1500 to be raised by December 11. The rally will take place at the Murrumbeena property, thus giving our friends an opportunity of inspection. The home mission tent is to be erected on the grounds, and special arrangements are being made to accommodate a large crowd. It is expected that the plans for the extension and development of the property will be finalised within a few weeks' time, and the work will begin almost immediately.

Federal Conference

W. T. Atkin, associate secretary of the department, will represent Social Service, both State and Federal, at the Federal Conference in W.A., and will be away from the office until Oct. 25. Mr. Atkin is entrusted with the report of the department, and also number of resolutions which have been endorsed by the States. These will provide room for wide discussion, and we believe are sufficiently important to be given ample time so that the decisions made will count for the utmost possible for the kingdom of God.

Open Forum

FOR "CHRISTIAN" READERS.

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

PREPARATION FOR LORD'S TABLE

THOUGH one may not be presiding at the table he still needs to prepare himself that he may partake of the emblems in a worthy manner. I have known of cases where sisters have driven to church, not on speaking terms, partake of the emblems, and return in same frame of mind. They drank but damnation to their souls, for they could not partake the emblems worthily, and they could not come into the presence of the Lord unless they had cleansed their heart, forgiving each other. Neither did they see the Lord, nor did they worship him in true spirit or their yoke and grievance would have been lifted from them ere the supper was finished.

Thus, if one owes ought, or has a grievance no matter how small, he should give that brother or sister notice of it, that he, or she, may make peace and may worship at the table of the Lord in all sincerity, and may not be to him, or he to you, a stumbling-block. Forgive thy brother in thy heart and with the Lord in prayer, that he, the Lord, may know thy words, and your heart may be in peace and free to partake of the emblems in true worship.—B. Mann, Kilburn, S.A.



CHURCH AND WORLD

In a letter to the "Open Forum" on loyalty to the church, the writer has, I believe, correctly diagnosed the great weakness of the church to-day, namely, worldliness, and modernism. I, and I am sure many others to-day, will agree with him when he insists that following Christ demands a complete break from all worldly concerns and attachments.

In a very good collection of sermons by well-known preachers entitled "If I had Only One Sermon to Preach," the Bishop of Winchester, Frank F. Woods, makes the following statements in his contribution: "It is the

feebleness of her moral witness that hinders the church from making God real to the world." "It is other-worldliness that alone can transform the world." He, too, has seen the very real menace of worldliness. We too often hear on the lips of prominent professing Christians the phrase, "I see no harm in it," in reference to worldly concerns in which they choose to participate. We need to take to heart Paul's advice in 2 Cor. 6: 16, 17, "And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? For ye are the temple of the living God: as God hath said, I will dwell in them and walk in them, and I will be their God and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing, and I will receive you."

Until Christ becomes to us, as he was to Paul, "all and in all," our witness will lack power, and we shall only serve to confuse rather than lead some folk to a knowledge of the truth.—L. W. Maycock, Rockhampton, Qld.

NORTH RICHMOND

Invites all former members and friends to their ANNIVERSARY SERVICES,
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23.
TEMPLE DAY,
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24.
11 a.m., Communion service. Speaker, Mr. F. T. Morgan.
Soloist, Miss B. Salisbury.
3 p.m., Pleasant Sunday Afternoon.
5 p.m., Fellowship Tea.
7 p.m., Gospel Service. Speaker, Mr. Thos. Hagger.
Soloist, Mr. A. Barber.

BAYSWATER SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CHURCH JUBILEE.

Sunday School Anniversary—
Oct. 24—3 p.m., Mr. F. Morgan.
7 p.m., Mr. Ron Muller.
Oct. 31—3 p.m., Mr. Frank Langford.
7 p.m., Mr. Max Brewer.
Special singing by children. Leader, Mr. Claude Gadge.
Church Fellowship Tea, Friday, Oct. 29, 5.30 p.m., in Chapel.
At 8 p.m., Bayswater Public Hall, Grand Concert by Malvern Concert Party.
Church Jubilee, Nov. 7—
11 a.m., Mr. B. J. Combridge.
3 p.m.—Chairman, Mr. B. J. Combridge.
Speaker, Mr. A. E. Hurren.
7 p.m., Mr. B. J. Combridge.
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Obituary

Florence Martha Cooper

EARLY on Sunday morning, July 18, Florence Martha, the beloved wife of William J. Cooper, passed away at the age of 57 years. A very active woman, her death, following an operation, came as a great shock to the family, the church, and her many friends. Coming to know the way of the Lord more perfectly, she was baptised by D. R. Stirling in October, 1928, during his ministry in Fremantle. In this step she was later followed by her husband, and in due course had the joy of seeing her five sons become likewise obedient to the Saviour. Faithful to her Lord, she was active in good works, and will be greatly missed in the work of the Dorcas Society. A devoted wife and mother, she gave of her best to home and family. To Mr. Cooper, in the loss of his life partner, to the sons, John, Colin, Hugh, Edgar and Harry, as also to the aged parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Lewis, and all concerned, the church extends sincere sympathy. In memoriam reference to the deceased was made at the morning service on August 1. The funeral service was conducted in the crematorium chapel, Karrakatta, on July 19. James Gordon officiated, assisted by Chas. H. Hunt. "He turneth the shadow of death into the morning."—J.G.

Mrs. T. Harding

ON Sept. 18, at her home in Bendigo, Vic., Mrs. T. Harding was called home. In recent months the church at Bendigo has suffered the loss of several of its fine octogenarians, choice souls who have given many

years of faithful service to God and the church. Mrs. Harding recently celebrated her 86th birthday; but her spirit was ever young, and the church was surprised and saddened by her sudden passing. With her husband, who predeceased her five years ago, our sister was baptised during the Hinrichsen-Brooker mission in this city in 1928. Both were true servants of Jesus Christ and esteemed for their work's sake. For several months this dear sister has been unable to attend the Lord's Table, but members of the church frequently broke bread with her in her home. To the sorrowing and devoted daughters, Mrs. Doble, Mrs. Cheel, Mrs. Seymour and Mrs. Seliski, we extend deepest sympathy.—C.J.R.

F. T. Holden

ON Sept. 25, the home-call came to F. T. Holden. Mr. Holden became a member of the church during the ministry of the late H. D. Smith. He gave the whole of his Christian life in a very earnest way to the work of the church. He was a great reader, and always prepared himself thoroughly for any task within the church in which he held many offices. As a president at the Lord's Table he was perhaps at his best. He always graced this position with dignity and thorough preparedness. For many years he held the office of elder, in which he proved a great help to others, influencing for the kingdom of God many of the younger men and women. During the last months of his life

he endured much pain and inconvenience, but he carried his cross with Christian fortitude, never complaining because of his suffering. It was a happy release when the call came for home, for he was ready to depart and be with Christ. He was tenderly and lovingly nursed during most of his illness by his wife and the members of his family. To Mrs. Holden and these, all of whom serve in the church, we tender our Christian sympathy, and assure them of a joyous reunion in the Father's home in glory.—J.E.S. Hindmarsh, S.A.

James Wotherspoon

THERE passed away on Sept. 1, at his home, Concord, N.S.W., in his 74th year, James Wotherspoon, a beloved member of the Burwood church. Mr. Wotherspoon was born in Lismore, and he and his wife were members of the church there for many years. He was baptised by the late Theo. B. Fischer. He was well known in Lismore, both in church and in business circles. Loved in the church for his happy disposition, for his sincerity, and his integrity, he gathered around him a large circle of friends. As manager of the furnishing department in a large store, he was known for his courtesy, and was known to a larger circle by his broadcast talks over 2LM on gardening, and also by his talks on the old days of Lismore. Nine years ago, with his wife and some of his family, he moved to Sydney and took up membership with the church at Burwood. He soon won his way into the hearts of the people as he had elsewhere. For some years he had not enjoyed good health, but a severe illness of a few weeks resulted in his death. He is survived by his wife and five children; one son, Hubie, predeceased him several years ago. To his wife and remaining children, Violet (Mrs. V. Curran), Bathurst; Joyce (Mrs. L. Wilson), Brisbane; Reg., Newcastle; Marg. (Mrs. R. Warrington), Sydney; Nola (Mrs. W. Stow), Sydney; the church extends sincerest sympathy. The esteem in which he was held was evidenced by the many messages of sympathy the family received, by the numerous floral tributes, and by the large number of friends who attended the service at the chapel, and also at the graveside. The funeral service on the Friday, and also the memorial service on the Sunday, was conducted by the writer, whose friendship with the family extends over many years.—Ethelbert Davis.

CRUSADE IN NEW ZEALAND

THE crusade is gathering pace as churches launch their aims. Queen's-rd., in Lower Hutt, is the latest. A. L. Haddon recently set the church in action. R. W. Simpson is doing a fine work in this city. General Executive has appointed Godfrey Fretwell crusade organiser.

Nelson has made several "commando" raids into nearby towns. Parties of men went in, found isolated members, set up the Lord's Table, and gave heart to people. Some in the towns never knew that other members of churches of Christ were living there. This creates an opportunity which must be used very soon. Roger Marshall, of Richmond, went visiting in a near-by township recently, contacted a young man, and then baptised him later. This all indicates that preachers and churches have not lost the pioneer spirit that made us a force years ago.

Local church papers have been reporting constantly on visitation campaigns of Australian churches, with the result that this plan will become part of our crusade here. Nelson and Vivian-st. will be using the scheme before this reaches the press.

Another crusade plan is the setting up of men's fellowships within the churches. We have described the one used in our own church, Palmerston North, Ponsonby-rd., Queens-rd., and others are now doing the same. It is hoped that at next conference one session of the conference will be conducted by the men's fellowship groups.—E. P. C. Hollard.



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