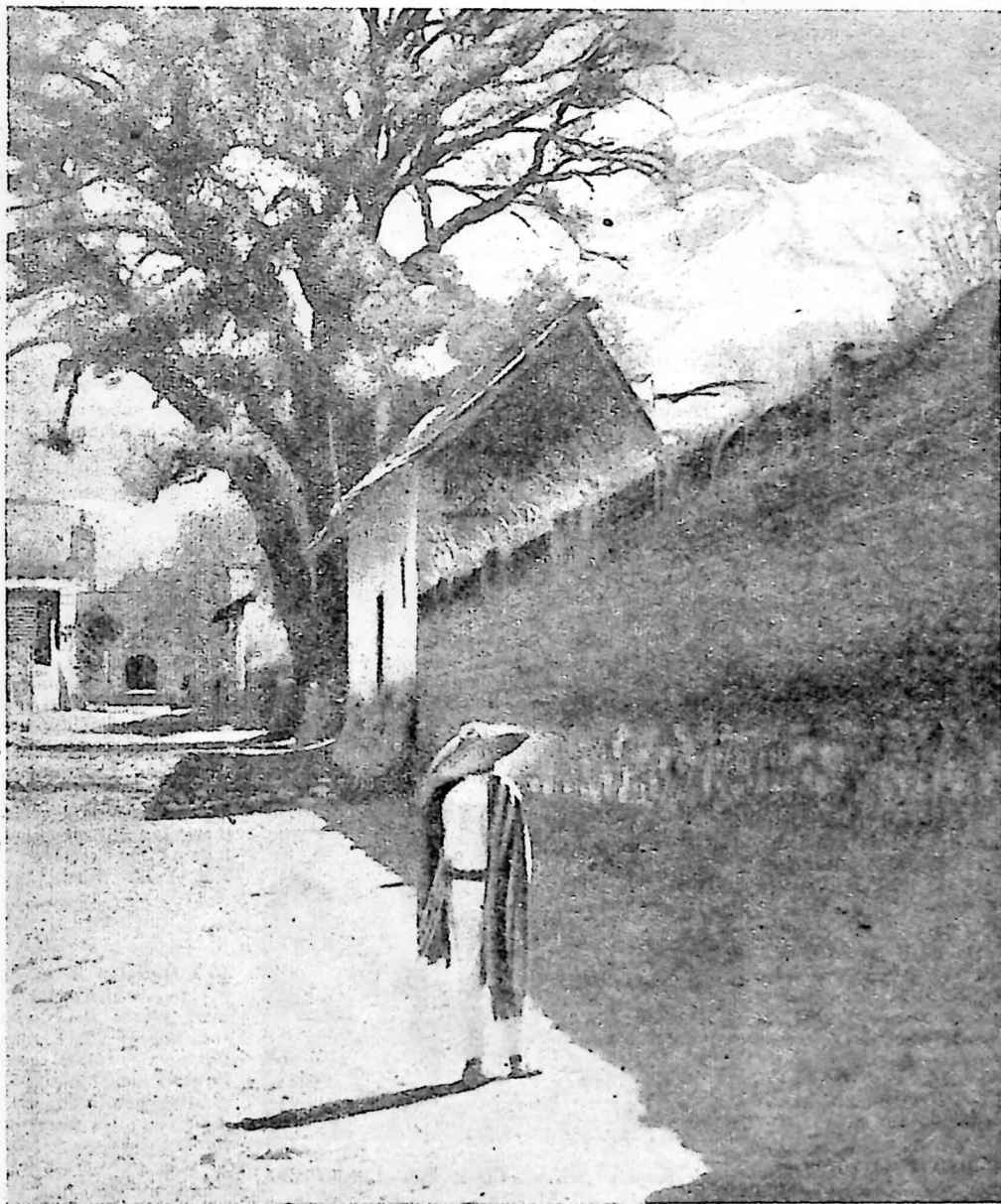


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**CHRISTIAN WITNESS IN MEXICO**



MEXICO LOOKS FORWARD

IN 1945 churches of Christ completed fifty years of work in Mexico. The Jubilee Convention was celebrated in August, and was attended by 29 people from churches in the United States. Those visitors, and others who have visited Mexico, learned that Protestant work is not easy.

When the work first began in Mexico, the Roman Catholic Church was in power. The constitution of 1917, put into operation in 1926, represented on the whole a great gain for the cause of religious liberty, but put definite obstacles in the way. According to Article 130, "Only a Mexican by birth may be a minister of any religious creed in Mexico," and "The state legislature shall have the exclusive power of determining the maximum number of ministers of religious creeds according to the needs of each locality," and ministers "shall have no vote or be eligible to office, nor shall they be entitled to assembly for political purposes."

Facetiously, here in the United States we say, "Men, women and ministers," but in Mexico a minister is set aside as a very definite individual. Article 130 meant that no missionary could be minister of a church; and for the Mexicans it meant that ministers were set aside in a peculiar way without all of the political rights granted to other individuals. Thus, young men naturally give very serious thought to whether they will pay the price of being a minister in Mexico.

The Mexican law did not close the churches, but places of public worship became the property of the nation. As long as the church building is used by the congregation for the purpose for which it was erected, the fact that the title rests in the Federal Government causes very little inconvenience. The churches, however, cannot be used for schools or for political meetings; they cannot be sold and the proceeds used for some other purpose.

The law also applied to church schools, and there were three educational requirements which directly influenced the schools already established before the constitution was put into effect. (1) The instruction given in all institutions of learning had to be secular. (2) No religious corporation or minister of any religious creed could establish or direct schools. (3) Every religious act of public worship had to be performed strictly within the places of public worship. That meant that public worship services could be held only in churches, and, therefore, could not be held in schools.

At the time this created a difficult problem. Where the school was well enough established with Protestant teachers and principal, it could go on with the religion being taught by precept and influence rather than by formal teaching, but where these schools had been directly under the administration of missionaries, it was necessary to close them.

All priests and ministers were ordered to register with the government. Protestant ministers complied with the law and continued work without difficulty. The Catholic Church, however, ordered the priests not to register and not to say mass. It was expected that the people would rise up in indignation and demand the service of the priests. This did not happen, and mass was not celebrated in Mexico from July 30, 1926, to June 27, 1929, a drastic experience for a Catholic country.

There were times when it looked as though Protestant work was at a standstill in Mexico, but one needs to maintain the perspective of history when passing judgment upon the past and present situation. It is true that the state has had the upper hand, but the restrictions it has placed around religious bodies have been mild compared with the absolute prohibition placed upon all other religious bodies when the Roman Catholic Church was dominant in national affairs.

With the constitution of 1917 enforced, Protestants did not know what the effect would be on their work. It was apparent that missionaries would have to work quietly behind the scene. Schools, unless they had developed Mexican leadership, would have to be closed, but no one knew whether new missionaries

# The Church Enlightens Backward People

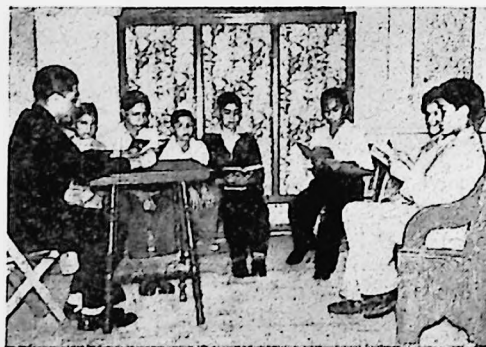
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## Christian Disciples at Work in Mexico

would be admitted to Mexico. It was necessary for churches of Christ to close one school, but they were able to continue with Colegio Ingles at San Luis Potosi. The Mexican pastors became the preachers of the congregations, and missionaries continued in quiet but effective ways to direct the work. Fortunately, churches of Christ had twelve missionaries in the field, none of whom would retire for fifteen years. This meant that the board could bide its time, learn in what ways work could be carried on, and study ways in which new people could be brought into the country. It was not until 1944 that the next new missionary found a way to enter.

### Much of the Present

Religious persecution and violence still flare in Mexico. As recently as July 14, 1946, at the evangelical convention held in the Presbyterian Church of Toluca, Mexico, an attempt was made to stop the meeting. There were 1500 people in the Protestant church when a Catholic mob stormed the front door. The few policemen in the vicinity were unable to cope with the situation and word was sent for the firemen to come. Finally, federal troops appeared, and at nearly midnight the Protestants were able to leave in safety. Later the U.S.A. Federal Government sent two agents to investigate, and they were both attacked by a mob and one of them was brutally murdered. There are those in Mexico who die for their faith, and a good many Protestant Mexicans are very vocal in their indictments against the Catholic Church.



Boys' Sunday School Class, San Luis Potosi.

Part of the present persecutions of Protestants can be attributed to the Bible crusade which has been going on in Mexico for three years. It is estimated that from 90 to 95 per cent. of the Catholic homes have no Bible. Protestants, on the other hand, strive to place a Bible in every Protestant home. In 1942, under the direction of the Salvation Army, a crusade was plotted and carried out whereby millions of scriptures were placed in homes. A team went into each town or city where there were Protestant churches, organized as many of the churches as would co-operate into a campaign to distribute the scriptures within that town or city. The canvassers met at the church for prayer, after which each one received an assignment of so many blocks. The canvasser went to each home, tried to sell a portion of the scriptures at cost price. If the individual approached said he had no money with which to buy the scripture it was given to him. Many and varied were the experiences which the canvassers reported. In a few places opposition to the crusade was so strong that it was impossible to carry it out. Several Protestant pastors lost their lives, being killed by mobs. All of this has resulted in Mexico becoming keenly aware of the minority Protestant groups.

### Mexico City

The visitors from the North to the convention of churches of Christ in 1945 were impressed by the type of work being done in Mexico City. The Disciples of Christ have no organized church there, but the cause of Christ has been advanced through the Union Bible College. A few years ago plans were under way for erecting a suitable building on a site in a suburb of Mexico City. These plans were given up and the name was changed to the Union Evangelical Centre, because it was not clear just how the new laws would apply to a Bible College. Colleges are not specifically prohibited by law. Their property is listed as belonging to the nation, but no regulations have yet been issued showing the procedure to be followed in establishing a seminary. It seemed best, therefore, to carry on the work of ministerial preparation in connection with one of the churches.

The regular course of study covers four years. Graduation from a secondary school is required for admission. The faculty gives much time to holding institutes in different parts of the country for church workers and for preachers already in the ministry. This is an integral and very important part of the work. There are no assets greater than those of leadership, and the Mexican pastor works under difficult conditions and many times in a hostile environment. Disciples support the college with a small cash subsidy, and F. J. Huegel, one of our missionaries, is a professor there. Young men who have gone to the pre-seminary school at San Luis Potosi and have shown better than average leadership, are sent to Mexico City to the Union Seminary.

Most of the work of the Disciples of Christ is located in the three states of Zacatecas, San Luis Potosi, and Aguascalientes. In each state there is one self-supporting church and a dozen others that receive help from the mission.—Mae Yoho Ward.

### RELIGION

BY religion I mean the power, whatever it be, which makes a man choose what is hard rather than what is easy, what is lofty and noble rather than what is mean and selfish . . . that consoles man in grief, misfortune, and disappointment, that uplifts out of the dominion of material things, and sets their feet in a purer and simpler religion.—A. C. Benson.

Thought and the struggle after truth are the best joys of the best men. He is not really living who does not in some degree know what it is to crave ideas and knowledge, to seek for truth, and to delight in finding it.—Phillips Brooks.

# The End of Human History

IN "The Ecumenical Review," issued by the World Council of Churches, Martin Wight contributes an outline of an address delivered to Christian politicians at the Ecumenical Institute, Bossey, June 4, 1948. Mr. Wight is assistant director of studies in the Royal Institute of International Affairs at London. After pointing out how Christianity has failed to maintain an effective witness among the nations, and allowed secularism control large areas of life, Mr. Wight shows that this has emphasised the division between the East and the West.

## I.

During recent decades the number of great nations has been reduced from eight or so down to two. At the present time the world comes under the control of either The United States of America or Russia. A few small areas of the world are beyond the present power of either great power. In the main the East is being influenced by Russian leadership, while the United States is leading the destinies of the West. Because of the economic strain of the last war, the British Empire and Western Europe are dependent upon America. The power of atomic weapons in American hands makes the West a threat to Russia. Russia's great resources and enormous manpower destine her to be a tremendous force in the near future.

## II.

In view of this situation Martin Wight called upon the Christian politicians in his audience to be realists and not be blind to the dangers of the future. By shutting one's eyes to facts there is the likelihood that our plight will be intensified. He criticises the Executive Committee of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ for stating, in its pamphlet entitled "A Positive Programme for Peace," "Our people should reject fatalism about war. War is not inevitable. If it should come, it would be because of conditions that men could have changed." This is a case of people crying, "Peace! Peace!" where there is no peace. We need the realism of the ancient Hebrew prophets who saw judgment coming on nations, and announced it with forthright words. When Jesus perceived the fate of Jerusalem he did not hide the facts. With boldness he told the people of the fate about to come upon them.

## III.

With knowledge of the European situation Martin Wight has stated emphatically that a third world war is, humanly speaking, inevitable. Such a war will be one of the judgments that come upon nations. From the secular and human viewpoint, we are tempted to believe that there is an evolutionary and progressive development toward a happy utopia. We cannot find such a view of future history in the teachings of Jesus. He was a realist; Christians must be realists. "It is the duty of Christians to analyse the secular situation with ruthless realism, and without timidity, distaste and self-deception that Communists attribute to bourgeois culture in decline. The church was enjoined to cultivate the wisdom of the serpent as well as the simplicity of the dove, and the Pharisees were condemned for not being able to discern the signs of the times." Even if we are realistic, we are not deprived of hope. While we may say, "Humanly speaking inevitable," we are omitting to take into account, what is humanly incalculable—the grace of God. Nineveh was, in Jonah's sight, doomed inevitably; but the people repented, and God's grace saved the city unexpectedly. "On our side, we have no technique for making catastrophes avoidable, and diverting the onrush of

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history. We only know that we are called to repentance. All prophecy carries the exhortation to flee from the wrath to come, but it is a spiritual flight, and does not afford an escape from the necessities of secular history."

## IV.

If human history is destined to end in tragedy, as the scriptures show (for this interpretation of the Bible, C. H. Dodd, N. Berdyaev and Reinhold Niebuhr are called in as supporters, by Martin Wight), what can we expect? Jesus has "described the remainder of history in terms which suggest that it would be even more full of tumult and confusion, of wars and famines than what had gone before; and a marked feature of it was to be the appearances of antichrists and of apostasies among the faithful. So history moves, not only towards the divine act of judgment that will bring it to an end, but also towards a final concentration of satanic evil within history, immediately preceding the second coming, when the prince of this world will, for the last time, have his hour, as he had it during the Passion, and for the last time will be judged."

The revival of Christian eschatology (the doctrine of the last days) has been the real response to the contemporary crisis, "but except among the churches of the European Continent it has been, so to speak, only half-conscious, instinctive rather than reasoned."

As a warning to those who bring the teaching of the second coming into disrepute by foolish speculations, we quote, in closing, these words from Martin Wight, "The end of human history is, by definition, outside the range of human knowledge; speculation about it is therefore foolish; we should not allow ourselves to be diverted either by attempts at certainty or by the absence of certainty from our moral responsibilities *within* history. 'Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is.' The New Testament is saturated with this awareness, at once alert and submissive, of the imminence of the end."



## Let Us Defeat the Gambling Menace

THE menace of gambling is penetrating the life of the community. Raffles are being conducted by various organisations to raise funds for many causes. It seems people are not ready to give spontaneously to a good work, and need the offer of a prize to induce them to give to charities. But there is no virtue in giving with the hope of gaining reward. Only when we give without expecting any return is there virtue in charity.

In view of the prosperity of the community, there ought to be little difficulty in raising funds for the starving children of Europe, yet the response is lagging. The annual hospital appeal in Victoria is not meeting with generous support. Since true charity springs from Christian grace, church members ought to be ready to support these appeals with generous gifts. Only as Christian giving is maintained will pagan lotteries be driven from society. Let Christians show the way again, and lead the worldly minded people of society, by giving quickly and generously to worthy appeals for the sick and the hungry!



# World Council of Churches Meets in Amsterdam

By Jesse M. Bader, Delegate of Australian  
and New Zealand churches of Christ.

THIS will be my concluding article on the First Assembly of the World Council of Churches meeting in Amsterdam, August 22-September 4, 1948. The fellowship at this historic gathering was a high spiritual experience, which is impressed indelibly upon my mind and heart. I am deeply grateful to churches of Christ in Australia and New Zealand for honoring me by appointing me as their official delegate to this great gathering of Christians from all parts of the world.

## Some Reflections

I arrived back in New York from Amsterdam by plane on July 6 in time for the celebration of Mrs. Bader's birthday. Since leaving Amsterdam on the afternoon of Sept. 4, I have had time for reflection on this wonderful gathering which had the eyes of Christendom riveted upon it for many days.

Someone may ask, "What was the one thing that impressed you most at Amsterdam?" I would reply without hesitation by saying, "The fact that Christians from 44 nations, representing 147 communions, could meet in one place at one time was a miracle of divine grace." We were in Amsterdam together. "The Christian message" adopted on the last day had in it this trenchant sentence: "We intend to stay together." God is moving to-day for the closer unity of Christians within the total household of Christian faith. Of the early church we read, "And the believers all kept together." How like this phrase from the Book of Acts in the first century sounds the sentence from the Amsterdam message to Christians around the world in this the twentieth century.

Another reflection that comes to mind is the richness of the Christian fellowship that was everywhere manifested. It was a fellowship without frontiers. All were bound together by unbreakable ties in Jesus Christ, the Creator and Giver of this holy fellowship. We felt and experienced a oneness in him. William Temple, the late Archbishop of Canterbury, once said, "A world fellowship of Christians is the great new act of our era." The World Council is an expression of this "great new fact."

There was fellowship in worship every morning in the same church at 9 o'clock. This was fellowship at the deepest level. There was fellowship about the Lord's Table as we communed with Christ and with one another. Who can ever forget the fellowship in the singing of the great majestic hymns of the church? We sang the hymns in three languages. At times the volume of music was so great that the roof of the Concertgebouw almost came off. There was fellowship in the study groups, in the hotel lobbies, at the restaurant tables and in little groups of threes and fives in informal conversations. It is still true that the greatest, richest and most significant fellowship in all the world is the fellowship of Christians.

Still another reflection is with reference to the differences found at Amsterdam. These differences were in language, in the many kinds of ecclesiastical dress, in the backgrounds from which the delegates came, in the 147 religious bodies, and in the theological points of view. These differences did not divide. They were not that kind. They were like the differences of flowers in the same garden or the differences of musical instruments in the same orchestra. Men, because they were Christians, were able to disagree without being disagreeable. Voices were subdued and facial expressions were kindly. Many from outside Europe found it impossible to agree with a certain brand of European theology that would put all responsibility on God

for the salvation of the world and deny that man can co-operate with God in this divine enterprise. It is an attitude of "wait and see what God is going to do." If he wants the world saved, he will do it." There is no question in my own mind that this kind of theology has a very direct relationship to the mess in which Europe has found herself for the past thirty years. Theology does not determine how a nation thinks and acts. "What is your view of God?" is one of the most significant questions anyone can ask. Destiny is in the answer.

As I look back on Amsterdam, my concluding reflection is this—Amsterdam gave us a World Council of Churches. This is a fact and a reality. Before Amsterdam, the World Council was "in the process of formation." At Amsterdam the council was brought into being. This was an act taken by 147 religious bodies through their official delegates. Perhaps just here a word of caution is in order. Amsterdam did not consider doctrinal reunion. Those who think and speak of the World Council of Churches should not think and speak of it as a super church. It is not that in any sense. It is only a simple instrument set up by the churches through which they can speak and act in matters in which they agree. The World Council does not have for one of its purposes the bringing about of organic union among the churches. It will seek to foster unity. Unity and union are two different things entirely. This new council, operating on the world level, will need time to work out its structure, plans and programme. Too much should not be expected of it in these early years of its life. Give it 25 years to prove itself an effective, efficient and useful servant of the churches. The churches do not exist for it, but it exists for the churches.

## Two Observations

The World Council of Churches, in this its first Assembly, exalted the church. While conscious of its weakness, the speakers referred again and again to the church as man's one great hope in this chaotic world. It is the body of which Christ is the divine Head. It is universal and it has a mission—the extension of the kingdom of God throughout the whole world. In some future issue of this paper perhaps the editor can publish the report of Study Section I. on "God's Design and the Church Universal." It is a great statement about the church. One heard many messages calling in clarion tones for the unity of the church. More Christian leaders are looking upon the present divisions within the church as scandalous than at any time since the Reformation started. Divisions are sinful, and many are saying so. Our great brotherhood should greatly rejoice to-day that so many are speaking up and speaking out in no uncertain voices concerning the unity of the church for which Christ prayed.

## FIDELITY

TOO often we want to know how duty is going to come out before we are ready to accept it, and do it. But that is wrong, for we have nothing whatever to do with the cost or with the outcome of duty; we have to know only that it is duty, and then go right on and do it.—J. R. Miller.

## Review of Churches in Western Australia

J. K. Robinson

KALGOORLIE and Subiaco have each celebrated recently its jubilee, and each placed an emphasis on youth and evangelism. Honor to the pioneers was also prominent. Kalgoorlie invited H. E. Greenwood, conference secretary, to spend two weeks in special evangelistic meetings. F. M. Fewster is supplying able leadership to this church. Subiaco closed an imposing jubilee programme with a performance of the cantata, "The Prodigal Son" by the church choir, assisted by singers from other churches. The cantata is the composition of C. M. Nelson, the church organist and choir-master, who has been associated with Subiaco all his life. A. C. Elliott, the present minister, is handling his large pastorate extremely well.

Fremantle, with a long and honored history, is facing courageously the peculiar difficulties of a church in a modern shipping city. J. Gordon is doing a quiet but effective work. The church is responsible for the support on the Indian mission field of one of its own young women, Miss Kath Taylor.

For some time Nedlands and Cottesloe have had a struggle to maintain their work because of an inability to secure ministers on account of the housing shortage. Each has now invited a graduate of the College of the Bible.

Maylands is in a flourishing condition with A. A. McRoberts. One of its big problems is a building one, as the present wooden chapel is showing signs of forty years' service, and is too inadequate for demands made by large congregations.

Eastern Wheatbelt Circuit, based on Naremburn, has been well served by T. D. Maiden for some years. Churches of circuit are progressive, and are talking of expansion. The important town of Merredin, where we are not represented, is right in the middle of the territory covered by this circuit.

Northern Wheatbelt circuit, based on Pintharuka, is a younger circuit that has progressed under the indefatigable labors of B. Clapp. Geraldton, though geographically outside the circuit, has to be considered in connection with it. In that important northern town a small band of members has been meeting for some time, and has been constituted a church.

Bassendean showed great brotherhood vision and generosity in releasing I. W. Nixon immediately upon his resignation to allow him to start with South Perth on the Sunday following the close of the mission. Bassendean is noted for its virile band of young people.

Of the five South-west churches, Collie is still without a minister, but continues in faithful work, particularly with Sunday schools. Bunbury, where S. Ryles has been laboring for the past ten months, has experienced something of a revival, and a number of additions to membership has been reported. Harvey is under the leadership of A. C. Thurrowgood, and maintains a solid witness in this important town. Bridgetown and Cowaramup are the other churches of the area. At the former place Miss I. Lucraft has been the mainstay, and a block of land for a building has been purchased. The South-west conference meets annually in each of the main centres for fellowship and to plan united activities, which include the provision of preaching teams to the two smaller causes. The execution of the work is entrusted to an executive.

Inglewood is a strong cause in a growing suburb. R. Raymond, who ministers here, is one of the oldest of our W.A. preachers, yet is having singular success in attracting children and young people to evening services. Shenton Park continues, as for many years, under

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# "This Grace Also"

A. Anderson, secretary of the Federal Foreign Mission Board, reports on splendid response to annual appeal.

PAUL expressed that the Corinthians had many Christlike graces, but rebuked them for their niggardliness with the words, "See ye abound in this grace also." The Foreign Mission Board expresses gratitude because of the brotherhood's liberality during the annual offering period. Owing to a series of difficulties, some of our State treasurers were not able to forward monies as promptly as customary, and even now some results are not complete. Thus, for comparative purposes, we have had to take our figures up till the end of September. The result shows a distinct advance over last year's figures to the same period, and a much larger one over the year before.

With increased obligations, especially new workers going forward, advanced giving is essential.

From all States, in general terms our figures read:—

1947 . . . . .	£6713
1948 . . . . .	7217

an advance of over £500. It is noteworthy also to point out the fact that simultaneously with the annual offering the appeals for X-ray and ambulance were also before the brotherhood and have exceeded the goals set.



## FINANCIAL "PARS."

*Another Link Added.*—By one who would prefer to be simply designated "anonymous donor," the sum of £270 has been received, as the first year's upkeep for Mr. Ron McLean, missionary-elect, New Hebrides. At the recent S.A. Conference Ron McLean and his fiancée, Miss Phyl. Dyer, were on the platform, and they were advised that "anonymous donor," who only knew them in the Lord, had made this splendid gesture. The young couple and the audience were strangely warmed at the announcement. This is by no means the first generous gift that "anonymous donor" has given over the years. This money will be held in trust in readiness for use when our missionaries leave for the islands. This sum is also not included in the annual offering figures shown above.

*Tunstall Trust.*—From time to time some mention has been made of this trust, which has been created solely for the purpose of training native students. The total sum now received from the Tunstall estate exceeds £5000. During the past three years something over £800 has been used for the purpose named.

*Former Trust Students.*—Of seven previous students who were helped by the trust, three are teachers; a further teacher died at Baramati this year in full service of the mission. A lady student was trained and is now helping her preacher-teacher husband at one of our village stations. The remaining two are continuing their studies but supported independently.

*Present Trust Students.*—Five are on the funds in India, and Hariba Waghmode is at the Federal College of the Bible. Last year a lad, Willie Toka, left from Aoba, New Hebrides, to enter the Lelean Memorial School at Suva, Fiji. There is a further possibility of two further island students leaving for Vila to be trained at the Paton Memorial Hospital as medical dressers.

As the years go by, it is hoped that many young people will be available for training and come under the terms of the trust.

## Dhond Ambulance

Our previous report showed that £840 had been subscribed, since when further amounts have come to hand, bringing the total to £901. The grand total has been forwarded to India.

## X-Ray

Additions have also been made to this fund. Last report, £754 from brotherhood; to date, £813. To this amount must be added the grant from the Campbell Edwards' Trust, £800, exceeding the estimated amount required by £13.



## CURRENT INFORMATION

MR. E. HEARD, Miss D. Berry and Miss Hazel Skuce are booked on the "Strathaird" due to leave Melbourne on January 15. They will reach India at a good time of the year, and as the weather warms will leave for the hills at Mahabeshwar for language study.

## Boxes for India

Unexpected difficulties have arisen regarding boxes for India. Some types of goods will need an import licence, which will take time and trouble. Many lines are banned altogether. The whole question is under investigation, and all enquiries relative to type of goods to be sent should be made through State F.M. secretaries.

This paragraph is not to be interpreted as meaning that ordinary food parcels cannot be sent to India. *These can be sent as heretofore.* Our latest official word from India is that these parcels save much monotony in diet and supply things which could not be secured in the ordinary way.

## New Missionary Baby

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Finger at Aoba, New Hebrides. His name is still undisclosed.

## Mrs. Waterman's Health

Full particulars are not to hand, but a cable from Mr. Finger intimated that Mrs. Waterman had to proceed to Vila for medical examination. Should the nature of the trouble



Mr. Ron McLean, missionary-elect for island work, has been added to the list of "living link" workers.

require medical treatment, it might seriously affect the furlough plans of Mr. and Mrs. Finger, who had planned to come up to Australia first opportunity. Should the Fingers leave under these circumstances, it would leave Miss Kennedy alone on Aoba. Mr. and Mrs. Smith, of Pentecost, are also planned to leave the group. The Board are seeking to meet any emergency that might arise. Meanwhile the prayers of the brotherhood are requested.

## AT THE LORD'S TABLE

## The Victory of Faith

GENERAL rules may be misleading. We may speak of Paul as the great teacher of the principle that a man is justified by faith. We tend to associate the great passages of scripture setting out the victories of faith with Paul. We do not think of Paul as the teacher of divine love. But it is in Paul's 1 Corinthians 13, we find the superb passage declaring the superiority of love.

The apostle John is considered to be the apostle of love. Within his writings emphasis is placed upon love. When we turn to 1 John 5: 4, and read, "This is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith," we are startled. We wonder if the verse has jumped out of Paul's letters. The truth is that both Paul and John teach much the same about faith and love, but each gives emphasis either to faith or love in order to meet the needs of the early Christians.

Now John writes of faith giving the victory in the world. Faith expresses a relationship between persons. Is it faith in men that gives the victory? There are those who consider that men are able to shape the future by human effort. Again and again nations have been organised on that belief. But failure has been their lot. The optimism of the early years of this century, encouraging men to think they could become masters of this world, has come to an end in two tragic wars. Men like H. G. Wells now despair of any great future for mankind. Faith in men will not give the victory.

Can faith in self gain the victory? There are powers in each person that cannot be released because of bad habits and falsely adjusted emotions. While men may be born free, they are, everywhere, in chains—the chains of sin. Man cannot escape from those chains. How can faith in a self that is "chained" gain victory in the world?

The faith which John desires is faith in the Lord. This Lord has conquered sin, death and the grave. He is able to lead to victory over the world. It is not just *faith* that gains the victory, but *faith in Christ*. The Lord's Supper emphasises the victories which Christ has gained, and points to what will be achieved for the saints in the future. While men may be full of despair about the kind of future natural man will have in the world, we can rejoice that the spiritual man in Christ will be victorious because of faith in the Lord.

## W.A. NEWS-LETTER

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"mutual ministry" with J. Pearce, the major source of leadership. Palmyra, in the Fremantle district, is under the part-time ministry of W. Nightingale.

## Religious Books in Demand

A newspaper man who quite recently made a round of the lending libraries of Perth reported that librarians emphasised that there was a great demand for religious books. Novels based on biblical history, or setting forth some application of the Christian faith to life, were very popular. The writer of these notes has in the past few months read one novel in each of these categories. The first was undoubtedly a masterly analysis of the life and times of Moses, but both novels were soaked with sex of a most intimate kind.

# Here and There

We received the following telegram on Oct. 18 concerning the Hinrichsen-Machin mission at Northam, W.A.:—"Wonderful close; 79 decided; many reconsecrations; £500 thank-offering."

From Roma, Qld., we learn that the Jones-Samuels mission ended on Oct. 10 with a big meeting and four decisions, making a total of 15, and the whole membership rededicated.

A. C. Caldicott, c/o Mr. David Kruger, Mt. Walker, via Rosewood, Qld., asks for historical facts by past and present members of the West Moreton Circuit in order to compile a booklet commemorating the conference jubilee of the circuit. Photographs will also be gratefully received, especially those of past preachers, including Stephen Cheek and D. A. Ewers.

On Saturday, Oct. 9, at Ringwood chapel, Vic., sisters of Eastern District Women's Conference held a fellowship tea and temple evening at which musical, vocal and elocutionary items were enjoyed. Sisters of each church brought forward freewill gifts amounting to £111, dedicated by W. Clay to the work of Guest Home Hospital, Dhond Hospital, India, and youth camp, Monbulk. H. Earle brought an enjoyable meeting to a close with a fine devotional address.

Miss M. E. Pittman, conductress of the Churches of Christ Ladies' Choir, wishes to thank the friends who bought tickets, and showed their interest by attending the recent concert held in Swanston-st. chapel. The sum of nearly £23 was raised by this effort for the Guest Home Hospital. New members will be very welcome, as, owing to removals and other causes, the numbers of late have been depleted. Any who can help in this endeavor to assist the churches are asked to communicate with Miss Olive Davey, 16 Mathourard., Toorak.

Bible school anniversary services were celebrated at Taree, N.S.W., on Oct. 3. Will Turnell, of N.S.W. Bible College, addressed church in morning, and gave children's illustrated addresses afternoon and evening. Demonstration night was held on Oct. 7. Items presented earned credit for scholars. Besides presentation of prizes, awards were presented to three State prize-winners in Federal examination, and a first prize secured by Janice Saxby as an additional Federal award. Sunday school choir was conducted by R. Hume, of Wingham, and Mrs. A. J. Halpin was pianist. At services on Oct. 10 Allan B. Clark was speaker.

Twenty-seven Victorian churches report 81 conversions and 3 restorations since August 1 in the "Crusade for a Christian World." Twenty of the churches reporting are organising to realise their aims and 16 of them have already appointed local crusade committees. Since the crusade was endorsed by the State conference in March, there have been about 300 conversions due to visitation evangelism. The Eastern Suburban group of churches have organised for simultaneous visitation evangelism in ten churches to be followed immediately by a week of preaching at Hawthorn church. The director visited the following churches during September: Northcote, Cheltenham, Caulfield, Balwyn, Essendon, Prahran, Boronia, Horsham-Haven and District Conference, Preston, Hawthorn, besides attending the South Australian Conference and preachers' refresher course in the interests of the crusade.

A. J. Ingham closed his ministry with church at Norwood, S.A., on Sept. 26. Mrs. Caldwell was baptised on the Sunday morning and received into fellowship with Sister Peattie. J. I. Mudford commenced his ministry on Oct. 3. C. Verco, chairman of Advisory Board, presided in morning and welcomed Mr. Mudford into fellowship of church. On Oct. 6 a farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Ingham and a welcome to Mr. Mudford was held. H. Greaves

presided, and following brought messages: Mrs. Sage (Dorcas), Miss Oakley (choir), C. J. Johnson (church), A. J. Fisher (Preachers' Fraternal), A. Anderson, A. Rudd, F. Fisher, Dr. Turner and C. J. Parker. Presentations were made to Mr. and Mrs. Ingham, who both thanked church for the ten and a half years of happy fellowship. Mr. Mudford also thanked church for its welcome. Supper was served, when Mrs. Scown, on behalf of ladies, presented Mrs. Ingham with a sheaf of flowers. Junior Endeavor Society was re-formed with Miss O. White leader and Miss B. Fulton assistant.

Bible school anniversary at Bunbury, W.A., took place on Sept. 26 and 27. There were about 250 present on Sunday afternoon, and 300 on Monday evening (demonstration). It was gratifying to see interest taken by parents. On morning of 26th, Mr. Scott (B. and F. Bible Society) was speaker. During month three Bible scholars were baptised—Joan Hitchcock, Isabel Grist and Frank Greeve. Badminton club challenged Congregational team on Oct. 5 and again defeated them; they also played teachers of State school, honors going to school team. Keith Jones, of College of Bible, was speaker at gospel service on Oct. 10. He also showed colored illustrations of college at conclusion of meeting. S. Ryles was speaker at Harvey church for anniversary services.

During September church at South Auburn, N.S.W., had a happy time. Special services were held on Father's Day, 5th. 40th church anniversary services on 11th and 12th were a blessing to all. At 5.30 and 7.30 on 11th, at tea and meeting, 170 were present. This was led by Open-air Campaigners, local musical talent making meeting bright with quizzes and choruses. Attendance on Sunday at communion was 87, when Mr. and Mrs. Oswald and daughter, from Georgetown, were received into fellowship. Evening service had 110 present, L. Dewberry and E. W. Taylor being speakers and many visitors being present. Week-night prayer meetings have improved. All auxiliaries are doing well. Dorcas assisted at Boys' Home fete on Sept. 18. At a special business meeting of church on Sept. 29, it was decided to engage student preacher E. W. Taylor as full-time preacher. Mr. Ruddle and Sister E. Webber have returned after illness. Several visitors have been welcomed.

In the West Moreton Circuit, Qld., it is reported that the spirit of revival is predominant, each department responding to much-needed addresses on separation, sanctification and justification by faith given by Messrs. Caldicott and Gibb (Sydney). Young people in State, school, Rosewood, receiving religious instruction total 130. Open-air meetings are increasing in numbers. Recent cottage meeting at Fernvale was held in home of Mr. and Mrs. Colin Peiper, a large gathering being present. The five-day mission at Marburg with Scotty Gibb, Sydney, as speaker created widespread interest. Two young people decided for Christ and twenty members reconsecrated their lives. Rosevale young people's society is undergoing an exhaustive treatment of the study book set for Loyalty Month. Mt. Walker praying squad has chosen Acts of the Apostles for discussion. Recent speaker at Rosevale and Rosewood was Allan Norling, who gave excellent addresses. Happy Hours are being conducted weekly at Rosewood for school children by Messrs. Caldicott and Gibb. Harlaxton mission fund totals £51; other amounts have yet to be received. An average of 220 continue to break bread each Lord's day.

On Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 26 and 27, the 25th anniversary of church at Hamilton, N.S.W., was held. On Saturday night 72 sat to jubilee tea, at which the birthday cake, a gift from Mr. and Mrs. A. Tregloan and decorated in white and silver, was cut by Mrs. Menson, who has been president of Ladies' Guild for 18 years. Guild secretary, Mrs. Elliott, has filled that position for 21 years. Tea was followed by a social evening, in conjunction with sister churches, after which supper was served by Ladies' Guild. Alf Hinrichsen, from Earlwood, was speaker at all services on Sunday. Norm Fraser, elder of church, presided at morning meeting. There were good attendances, and choir, under conductorship of A. Joiner, gave enjoyable service, augmented by individual items. Attendance of Merewether brethren and sisters at Sunday services was appreciated. A nice souvenir programme of anniversary was issued to all present. A birthday gift of £84 towards manse fund was made by Ladies' Guild, and £1/1/- from Cardiff Sunday school. There were also several individual gifts. Church was happy to renew fellowship with Mr. and Mrs. Graham. On Thursday, 30th, Girls' Club held an American tea. Goods were sold, and a musical programme, arranged by Mrs. Simpson, was given. £4 was realised towards manse fund. Since departure of Mr. and Mrs. Morris, church has been without a preacher, and members have been grateful for assistance given by Messrs. Wedge, Robson, Bates and Marjoribanks at gospel services, and Mr. Retchford, of Merewether, at morning meetings and prayer meetings. Numbers have increased at prayer meetings.

## The College of the Bible

GLEN IRIS, VIC.

THE third term of college is well under way. R. T. Pittman has returned after an absence of a fortnight in South Australia, where he delivered a course of lectures in a preachers' refresher course. The principal is away at Federal conference, and the secretary, Mr. Jones, is expected back at the end of October after two months of deputation work in South Australia and Western Australia. During absence of lecturers, special work has been set for students in lieu of lost lecture time.

Dr. Oldfield has delivered a course of three lectures to the class in Comparative Religion and Missions. He gave the students a most helpful "close-up" of Indian religions as experienced on mission field.

A special donation has provided for painting of the dormitory corridors and doors. Only those who had lived in the rather drab quarters can appreciate the splendid transformation which was long overdue.

Students gave a successful concert in Nicholas Hall on Oct. 1. Refrigerator fund will probably benefit by about £16. 1300 copies of the college magazine have been sold.

A few reports of annual offerings are encouraging.

Quite a few inquiries about enrolment have been made, and some applications are to hand. Admissions Committee will consider applications at the end of November.

Most of thirteen "exits" are definitely booked for full-time service, and negotiations with others are pending. From inquiries it appears that the demand for preachers is beyond the supply.

With the large number of "exits" and a small number coming up to the Bible course from the secular class, it will be very difficult to supply the usual student-church appointments. More students are needed if demands of churches are to be met. Men of consecrated character, personality and ability are urged to dedicate their lives to the ministry of the gospel.

—E. L. Williams.



# News of the Churches

## Western Australia

**Subiaco.**—Bible school anniversary on Sept. 12 and 19 attracted large crowds. It was 50th anniversary, and at demonstration on Sept. 15, as at all other meetings, chapel was packed to capacity. Several fine items were presented, and singing of children under direction of C. M. Nelson was excellent. At close of Mr. Elliott's address on Sept. 12, two young women confessed Christ. On Sept. 26 four people were baptised, making ten decisions as a result of home visitation evangelism. Jubilee' thanksgiving service on Sept. 28 was presided over by Mr. Elliott, Mr. Raymond being speaker. Girls' Club concert on Oct. 2 was successful. Jubilee celebrations were continued on Oct. 3, designated a "day of rededication." Mr. Raymond, a former preacher, gave morning address. 174 broke bread for day, and at conclusion of Mr. Elliott's gospel address, one man made his decision.

**Perth (Lake-st.).**—Diamond jubilee campaign is moving along well. The ten goals are constantly before congregation, and since campaign was launched in April, church has, in pursuit of goals, held a literature week, brought men together in closer and more practical fellowship, built up weekly offerings to both local and conference funds, formed a new youth society (Christian Endeavor, meeting Saturday nights), improved baptistry and installed water heating apparatus, purchased a new supply of hymnbooks, and conducted a week of home visitation evangelism, followed by five special preaching nights with D. G. Hammer as preacher. Great interest and revival resulted from this effort, with two restorations to church membership, and admission of two baptised believers. A number of working bees, with both men and women participating, cleaned and renovated church building in preparation for Federal Conference. On morning of Sept. 19, the 100th broadcast service during Mr. Robinson's ministry went over the air, and widespread appreciation of the service in general, singing of choir, and Mr. Robinson's sermon have been received. Offerings for United Nations' appeal for children reached £74, and for overseas missions £85.

## Queensland

**Silverdale.**—28th anniversary celebrations have been held, L. Crisp being speaker. Members have been improving chapel. During absence of V. G. Boettcher a visit was received from J. McKenzie. Mr. Boettcher has been on a tour to western churches, on behalf of League of 500. Church is making good progress under leadership of Mr. Boettcher.

**Annerley.**—Girls' club held a social evening on Sept. 11 and gave a display. Church welcomed Mr. Orr, from Tasmania, at morning service on Sept. 19. Mr. Orr exhorted church. In absence of Mr. Latimer, gospel service was conducted by Mr. Campbell. Young people have commenced Christian Endeavor meetings. Mr. Higgs gave a lantern lecture on Oct. 7, films showing work done amongst lepers.

**Rocklea.**—Great anniversary services were held on Oct. 3; chapel full at both services. C. Latimer, of Annerley, spoke in afternoon and presented prizes. Night service was conducted by F. Hunting, of Ann-st. Miss June Grant's leadership of children in anniversary pieces was appreciated by all. Explorers' Club held first birthday on Oct. 7, when 40 young people were present. Sunnybank and Annerley gave greetings. Birthday cake was donated by Mrs. J. Finger, of Annerley. Meetings doubled over past month in church attendance. Plans for open air work in district are under consideration for Sunday nights.

**Albion.**—Youth Council assumed full responsibility for "youth for Christ" mission held from Sept. 11 to 19. E. Hart, from Too-woomba church, was missionary. Average attendance was 93. On last Sunday of mission 127 attended Lord's Supper. There were six decisions during mission. On evening of Sept. 20, older members entertained youth of church, and at this function a presentation was made to Mr. Hart. There have been two confessions of faith since close of mission, one on Sept. 26, the other on Oct. 3. Miss Mavis Hall won Federal prize in Div. 8 in scripture examinations. Mr. Burdeu is attending Federal Conference in Perth. Church has suffered a sad loss in home-call of Mrs. Packer, who has been a member at Albion for over 20 years. Annual "four-in-one" offering taken on Sept. 5 amounted to £34/14/-.

## New South Wales

**Earlwood.**—A deep spiritual atmosphere prevails, and gospel addresses are of a high standard as A. Hinrichsen enters his sixth year of ministry. Chapel was filled on Oct. 10, and three lads were baptised. Fervor and attendance at weekly prayer meeting have increased. Y.P.S.C.E. plans to hold social evening to help Boys' Home. Recently-formed Seekers' Club for intermediate girls shows promise of being a successful auxiliary, a happy feature being 6 o'clock tea prior to meeting, which closes at 8.

**Marrickville.**—Meetings are well maintained, and five adults have recently been received into fellowship, one by obedience and four by transfer. June Knight and Clive Maxwell were guests of honor at a pre-wedding social arranged by choir and K.S.P. P. E. Thomas in making a presentation referred to Miss Knight's splendid service as church and school organist over a number of years. Chapel was crowded for their wedding on Oct. 2. K.S.P. has won 1948 table tennis championship of associated churches of Christ clubs.

**Carramar.**—On Sept. 25, 14th anniversary services of church began with a tea. W. J. Crossman presided at meeting which followed, address being given by E. W. Roffey. Speakers on Sept. 26 were Mr. Page and the preacher, H. E. G. Anderson. Bible school picnic was held at "The Playground" on Oct. 3, when 186 young people spent an enjoyable day. Permission has been granted for erection of a building to be used as a kindergarten room. Building fund for this purpose stands at £70, this being mainly due to efforts of Bible school scholars.

**Kingsford.**—Mr. Ladbroke preached on morning of Sept. 26. On Oct. 3 Mr. Roffey, from Paddington, explained to church ideas and methods behind Visitation Evangelism, and many members are praying for opportunity of serving in this way. Elder of church, Mr. Rodyer, was morning speaker on Oct. 10. At each of evening services the preacher, Mr. Ladbroke, spoke on one of the conversions in the book of Acts. Ladies' Guild has been preparing Christmas gifts for overseas missions, and is now concentrating on gifts for aboriginal work. For Bible school anniversary much work is being put in by teachers and children in preparation.

**Dareton.**—On Sept. 12 Mr. Trezise, of Youth Department, was speaker in morning, his visit being appreciated. Mr. Snow conducted gospel service, and at close of his address Marjorie Williams made the good confession. Sunday school anniversary was held on Sept. 26. Mr. Snow spoke to children in afternoon and presented prizes, and Mr. Whitmore (Merbein)

spoke at night. Norma Waters and Wilson Fechner were united in marriage by Mr. Snow in Mildura chapel on Sept. 25. A happy time was spent by church folk and friends at a kitchen tea given in their honor at Dareton on Sept. 15. Recent visitors have been Mrs. Mann (Lygon-st., Vic.) and Mr. and Mrs. Waters (Bambra-rd., Vic.).

**Chatswood.**—Church meetings have been well maintained during past month, much interest being shown in preparation for a time of visitation evangelism to take place soon. Much prayer for success of this venture is hoped will result in great blessing to members of church and gathering of souls saved by surrender to Christ. Y. M. Middleton has completed 38 years of service as treasurer to church without missing a single officers' meeting, and is commended for his faithful service and excellent manner in which accounts are kept. A musical evening last week in aid of organ fund was enjoyed by a great number of folk, result being a financial success.

**Merewether.**—Members attended both services at Hamilton on Sept. 26 on occasion of their 25th anniversary, and enjoyed a day of fellowship. Following Sunday, gospel talkie films were shown at Sunday school and gospel service by Leigh Wedge. A wonderful time has been experienced in past few weeks by members in preparation for home visitation evangelism campaign. Several instruction classes were given by Mr. Retchford. Campaign was held from Oct. 3 to 10, when many teams of visitors went out. On first night of visitation, Hamilton brethren held prayer meeting in Merewether chapel, and church is grateful for their assistance during campaign, especially those who helped in visiting. On Sunday night, at conclusion of address, four accepted Christ as Saviour. Mr. Retchford is assisting at Hamilton while they are without a preacher, and during his absence on morning of Oct. 10 F. Weatherby exhorted church. Church continues to go forward, and is praying for and expecting more decisions as result of campaign.

## South Australia

**Prospect.**—Sunday school anniversary concluded on the Wednesday night, with dramatizations of Bible stories by the junior department, singing by school choir, and a dramatised reading, "Jesus the Conqueror," by older members of school. R. Vincent was speaker at both services on the Sunday.

**Fullarton.**—At morning worship on Oct. 10, B. W. Manning was welcomed home after a month's exchange at Springvale. Mrs. Manning was also present. Her mother is making some progress towards recovery after serious illness. In his address to church, Mr. Manning recounted some of his experiences in Victoria. To a good meeting at night, B. W. Manning preached. Thankoffering reached £68.

**Queenstown.**—On Oct. 6 a campfire and chop picnic was held for young folk at Mr. Graham's, Croydon, a good time being had by all. On Oct. 9 a mystery hike to Hazelwood Park was held for Endeavorers, 50 being present. Services on Oct. 10 were in charge of church deacons, and Mr. Graham addressed both meetings. A Sunday school social was held on Oct. 12, and prizes for regular attendance were awarded to scholars.

**Murray Bridge.**—Mr. Kingston and Will. Harper attended conference as delegates. After conference, Mr. Kingston attended preachers' refresher camp at Mylor. In his absence addresses were given by Mr. Paddick, who spoke as representative of Temperance Alliance at morning and gospel services on Sept. 19, and by Mr. Rawson (morning) and Tom Weeks on following Sunday. Tithe offering on first Sunday in September amounted to £28, and first payment on manse was also made. Mr. and Mrs. A. Talbot celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary during month and received congratulations. Practice is in progress for Sunday school anniversary. School was winner of a proficiency award during year.

**Kilburn.**—Improved weather is resulting in larger attendances at Lifeboys' Brigade on Saturday mornings under leadership of F. Lawrence. Mr. and Mrs. Sugars and members of Woodlands Park church are thanked for gift of organ and other valuable equipment, also P. T. J. Roberts for transporting same to Kilburn. On Oct. 10 attendance was 110 at morning Bible school, including three new scholars. 11 a.m. service was conducted by P. T. J. Roberts, when 24 adults and 35 young worshippers were addressed by F. Collins, who also spoke at 7 p.m. gospel service. Harry Watson has joined Navy, and F. Collins wished him well on behalf of church. Bible school would appreciate gramophone records of sacred songs.

**York.**—Sunday school anniversary services were held on Sept. 26 and Oct. 3. Singing under Mr. Mauger was good, and helpful addresses were given by G. R. Stirling and W. Morrow. On Oct. 2 a successful busy bee was held, at which new kitchen was roofed and yard tidied. New back stops have been erected at one end of tennis courts, and opening day was planned for Oct. 16. Owing to sudden change of weather it was deemed unwise to hold Bible school picnic at Kensington as intended, so children were entertained at chapel and sports were held on tennis courts. A large number came, and a happy time was had by all. F. Weeks is progressing slowly, but will have to take things quietly for some time. Another visiting speaker has been Mr. Baker, of Long Plains.

**Nailsworth.**—At a recent officers' meeting, the "Crusade for a Christian World" was endorsed and a representative committee is being appointed to implement this. On Oct. 10 the Bible school anniversary was commenced, and a large congregation filled chapel afternoon and night. In morning teachers and officers were honored at an "act of recognition," and in afternoon W. Russell gave children's address. At night the gospel was preached by H. G. Norris, both visiting speakers giving splendid illustrated talks. Children's choir filled the large gallery and sang beautifully under leadership of S. Herring. On Oct. 11 the picnic, planned for Glenroy Oval, was held in school hall and grounds on account of heavy rain, but the large attendance of children and friends had a happy time. Seven from Nailsworth have gone to Perth for Federal Conference, and on Oct. 10 church was pleased to have interstate visitors en route to Perth.

**Port Lincoln.**—Under most adverse weather conditions, Bible school held first anniversary on Oct. 10. Sunday morning at Rechabite Hall, willing workers prepared seating, etc. A local carrier conveyed equipment from manse, where for over twelve months school has been conducted and grown to over 50 in number. Despite heavy rain 95 per cent. of scholars were present. Attendance of parents and friends was encouraging. A 'bus returned them to vicinity of manse. Scholars with Mrs. E. Jones at piano and Theo. Edwards conducting made a great impression. Prizes and certificates were presented by Mrs. Edwards assisted by Mrs. Hodges and C. Jones. Illustrated talks were given by Mr. Edwards. Circumstances emphasised impossibility of continuing work without a hall. Ungarra and Tumby Bay church circuit are ready to provide a block of land. A permit to build has been applied for.

## Victoria

**Black Rock.**—On Aug. 26 a talent night was held in aid of manse and Christian homes; also a presentation to Miss Schurman and Mr. Sewell on their engagement. Items were rendered by Mrs. Holloway, Mrs. Lacey, Messrs. Begrué and Driscoll. A talk on fellowship by H. L. Sercombe was appreciated. Supper was served. On Aug. 28 social club sale of gifts realised £6/13/- for children of Europe. On Sept. 26 an inspiring address was given by Mr. Clarke. Mr. Sewell addressed both meetings on Oct. 3. One young lady was baptised at night.

**Dandenong.**—Mr. Youens' addresses continue to be challenging. Whilst he was at Carnegie S.S. anniversary on evening of 3rd, Mr. Coventry was speaker. College of Bible offering reached over £20. Mrs. Rookes is out of hospital, being much recovered. Doug Holloway has received a transfer to Shepparton.

**Kyneton.**—Mr. Holloway, of Bible Society, spoke on Aug. 30. £10 and two bags of clothing have been sent for European relief. Religious films in charge of J. Anderson, of Bentleigh, were appreciated on Sept. 26, when a boy from Bible school confessed Christ. Two other scholars have been baptised recently by E. K. Skillicorn. Ladies' Aid sent parcel of rugs and clothing to overseas missions.

**Ringwood.**—Mr. Allan has accepted invitation to continue interim ministry until end of December. F. Langford was speaker on morning of Sept. 19. Mr. Allan's chart addresses during September proved helpful and created interest. Y.P.C.E. now has average attendance of 12. Bible school attendance is maintained, and anniversary practice has commenced under leadership of Mr. Rayment, sen.

**Cheltenham.**—On Oct. 10, at 11 a.m., Mr. and Mrs. J. Griffith were welcomed into fellowship by letter of transfer from Malvern-Caulfield. Mr. and Mrs. E. Brough and Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Stafford have left for Federal Conference. Final practice for Bible school anniversary was very promising. G. Daff is acting as song-leader. J. C. Cunningham continues to give able leadership to church.

**Harcourt.**—Sunday school anniversary held on Oct. 3 was well attended, chapel being filled at afternoon service. Items were rendered by teachers and scholars, assisted by W. Carr. Mr. Banks, newly-arrived preacher to Castlemaine and Harcourt, gave address and presented prizes to scholars. Services were continued in evening. Gospel services are to be revived twice monthly. Social evenings held each month are well attended.

**Geelong.**—Mr. Stirling preached at morning meeting on Oct. 10, and in evening visitors of visitation evangelistic campaign took charge of meeting. Testimonies were given by three of the visitors, Mr. Routley sang a solo, and a duet was rendered by Mr. and Mrs. Stirling. At close of service eight made the decision. Feeling reference was made to passing of beloved Mrs. Brownbill, M.L.A. On Wednesday a musical afternoon was held by Ladies' Aid.

**Prahran.**—Sept. 26 concluded eight weeks' special meetings. F. Youens was speaker for morning service and F. E. Buckingham at gospel service. Young Worshipers' League recommenced on Oct. 3. Newly-formed C.M.S. had charge of evening service on Oct. 10. Choir was composed solely of men, and W. Berthelsen was speaker. C.M.S. has begun renovations to school halls. Miss I. Wing Young and G. Haisley have helped with solos in recent weeks.

**Bet Bet.**—Church anniversary was held on Sept. 12. Both services were fairly well attended, and church welcomed visitors from Dunolly and Maryborough. M. Roberts was speaker at morning service and T. Robinson addressed evening meeting. A special collection for United Nations' appeal for children amounted to £15. Sixteen attended youth tea on Sept. 26. On evening of Oct. 9 young people joined with Dunolly in an enjoyable night hike. Thirty in all attended.

**Yarrowonga.**—Opportunity was taken after morning service on Oct. 10 to say farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Edwards. Many spoke appreciatively of faithfulness of their three years' ministry, and of high esteem in which they are held. A presentation was made to them. Endeavor Society made a presentation to them at their meeting. Ladies' Guild and C.E. continue to send parcels to Britain, 36 in all having been sent. Church is looking forward to coming of Mr. and Mrs. F. Langford.

**Brighton.**—Work in Sunday school has been encouraging following visitation campaign. New scholars were brought to school in first free 'bus which ran on Oct. 10. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor and Wendy recently returned from holiday in W.A., and Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Morris from a holiday in S.A. Birthday meeting of Women's Mission Band was held on Oct. 14, about 60 ladies being present. Speaker was Mrs. Steele, of Inter-church Council. Both cricket teams had victorious starts to season.

**Malvern-Caulfield.**—Sunday school anniversary commenced on Oct. 3, Mr. McDiarmid speaking at both services. Scholars' singing was conducted by Allan Brown, with Alma Hart at organ and Mrs. Tucker at piano. Sunday afternoon's meeting on Oct. 10 was taken by Mr. Graham, and H. Waghmode gave an illustrated talk to scholars, with board and easel. Mr. Clarke, secretary, received another letter from Mr. Cole this week, stating that his health is improving, and that he hopes to resume his ministry in December.

**Bentleigh.**—Worship service attendances are encouraging. On Sept. 26, E. K. Skillicorn, from college, exchanged with R. J. Anderson for day. Young People's Fellowship is enjoying happy times, and on Oct. 3, following devotional period, R. J. Anderson showed two religious films, followed by fellowship tea. Much sickness and two unfortunate accidents have occurred with members and families of late, but all are improving. New building is making satisfactory progress. Half-yearly business meeting was combined with a social. All reports were encouraging. An enjoyable time was had by all, followed by supper.

**Hartwell.**—Church has received great benefit from recent visitation campaign. Subsequent conferences of those who took part have resolved to continue in various ways work already begun. Addresses of D. Wakeley are greatly appreciated. On College of Bible Sunday, Oct. 3, C. Kimber addressed church in morning and Miss T. Bennett spoke to teachers' conference in afternoon. Cricket club has commenced again with a team in local association. Table tennis team in its first season won competition conducted by local churches. Bible school is practising for anniversary under baton of L. Piper. Mr. Tyler is still seriously ill.

**Doncaster.**—On afternoon of Sept. 25, a "tiny tots' market" was held in chapel grounds under supervision of kindergarten superintendent, Miss M. Miller, and assistants. £38 was realised, to be used in improving kinder room. The fete was opened by Geo. Black. Mr. Banks, who was present on a visit, also spoke a few words. Young women's fellowship at their meeting had an interesting travel talk by Mrs. A. T. Tully, who spoke of a recent trip to the West. At annual business meeting, reports showed that church and auxiliaries were getting along nicely. Mr. Black's help is appreciated. L. Dudley expects to commence on Dec. 19. T. Petty has resigned position of secretary. K. Cousin is to take up the position, resigning as treasurer to do so. D. Petty will act as treasurer. The change-over will take place at end of year.

**Box Hill.**—Bible school anniversary was held in Box Hill town hall on Sept. 26 and Oct. 3. There was a good attendance at all services. Singing was conducted under leadership of E. H. Hammond, and many excellent items were rendered, including the male quartette. Services were addressed by W. A. Wigney (East Kew), H. Earle (Surrey Hills) and F. T. Morgan. Annual school concert on Oct. 28 was a success, and reflected credit on all who took part and those responsible for training. In connection with Crusade for a Christian World, prayer and fellowship meetings are being held in various members' homes each month. Temple Day offerings amounted to £120, and over £22 was raised for U.N.O. children's appeal. Recent weddings celebrated among young people were: Doug. Reed and Norma Nicholson, Sept. 11; Jack Salisbury and Dawn Jackson, Sept. 18; Bob Hammond and Fay Yeomans, Oct. 2. To all church extends good wishes.



**South Richmond.**—Bible school anniversary was held on Oct. 3 and 10, when school sang excellently under leadership of E. Gill. Good addresses were given by Mr. Carnell, B. Morton, R. Edgar and K. Nancarrow. At social evening on Oct. 13, prizes won by scholars were presented, also seals won during scripture examination.

**Middle Park.**—At mid-weekly meeting on Sept. 29, fellowship was enjoyed with Mr. and Mrs. McGregor, of Oakleigh, who gave experiences of visitation evangelism campaign. Church is preparing for one for end of November. Mr. Manallack continues to give acceptable service, and his addresses are appreciated.

**Ormond.**—Bible school held anniversary on Oct. 3 and 10, afternoon and evening on both occasions, when chapel was packed. On Oct. 13 scholars took part in concert, and distribution of prizes was made. C. Gadge rendered excellent service as leader. On evening of Oct. 17 Mr. Jenner gave an appreciated illustrated address on Sudan United Mission. Mr. Martin gives inspirational addresses, and continues in an untiring effort in visitation of members.

**Frankston-Moorooduc.**—On Oct. 17 Mr. and Mrs. Hagger were welcomed home after annual holiday. During Mr. Hagger's absence visiting speakers were Mr. White, Mr. Hunt and Mr. Mann (at Mornington). Local brethren spoke at all other services. Mr. Cuthbert is attending again after long illness. On Oct. 16 two Moorooduc members—Miss V. Clay (church secretary) and Mr. MacLaughlin—were married at Frankston chapel, Mr. Hagger officiating.

**Ascot Vale.**—On Oct. 10, church anniversary services were held. Many past members were present, and a happy day of fellowship was enjoyed. Meals were provided by ladies. Sunday school anniversary service occupied afternoon. Speakers were: morning, G. Gardiner; afternoon, Mr. Wright; evening, J. Sayers. On Oct. 17 Mr. Fleming, of Moonee Ponds Baptist Church, gave an inspiring address, while Mr. Burt addressed Sunday school anniversary at Moonee Ponds.

**West Preston.**—On Oct. 17, at morning service, 136 broke bread. Mr. Withers gave an informative address in series, "The Restoration Movement." At gospel service he baptised one who had recently made the good confession. As a teaching aid to Bible school staff, films "Children Growing Up with Other People," "Children Learning by Expression" and "Home and School" were screened on Oct. 11. Offering for College of Bible amounted to £15.

**Montrose.**—At an enjoyable social in connection with Sunday school and young people's department, there was good attendance of parents and friends. At annual business meeting, reports showed work in all departments in sound position, Sunday school work being very encouraging. All officers were re-elected. Mr. Keatch, the preacher, does much visitation, and his addresses are appreciated. On Sunday last at gospel service Miss B. Tippet's solo was enjoyed.

**Springvale.**—On Oct. 3, B. W. Manning gave inspiring farewell addresses. On Oct. 4 church and clubs gave a social before Mr. Manning left for S.A., a small token being given. Bible school attendance again reached 100. On Oct. 10, J. K. Bond resumed and gave splendid addresses. S.C.E. and "fellowship" enjoy good meetings of a spiritual nature. On Oct. 10, one young man received right hand of fellowship in morning. Mr. Bond gave inspiring addresses at both services. College offering amounted to £9/13/-.

**North Williamstown.**—Over 70 young people attended combined Good Companions-Explorer meeting on Oct. 5. Youth work has made good progress in recent months. N. Gavros and R. W. Lane have given morning addresses on evangelism, while N. Gavros and G. Grainger presented dialogue on visitation. These meetings are in preparation for visitation evangelism. On Oct. 3, two club girls responded to invitation, and on 10th a young woman confessed Christ, making sixteen decisions in two

months. Mr. and Mrs. Dunstan, from Swan Hill, have met with church in past few weeks. L. Ogden and Ted Westaway are recovering after periods in hospital.

**Preston.**—On Oct. 3, S. Neighbour addressed church on Crusade for a Christian World. Four, baptised previous Sunday, were welcomed into fellowship. At evening service there were two baptisms, and at close of Mr. Searle's address a young man and two Bible school girls made their confession. In absence of Mr. Searle at Maryborough on Oct. 10, C. Page and K. Clinton addressed morning and evening congregations respectively, their addresses being appreciated. Chas. Young addressed Men's Society on hospital visitation at meeting on Oct. 11. Bible school annual concert was held on Oct. 16, when a large gathering appreciated various items prepared by school. Prayers go out for Mrs. F. J. Lang, who is in hospital pending operation.

**Oakleigh.**—On Oct. 10, congregation of 160 welcomed K. J. Patterson on commencement of his ministry. Mr. Patterson delivered an excellent address. Every member present day was combined with Temple Day offering for school building fund, latter totalling £86/14/-. Interim ministry of E. L. Williams concluded on Oct. 3. At evening after-church gathering, speakers paid tribute to value of his morning addresses, and to his preaching of gospel. Mr. Williams was made a presentation of two books. Mrs. Williams was thanked for help, and was recipient of bouquet of flowers. College of Bible offering was £22/13/-. Good Companions' Clubs, P.B.P. Chapter and men have carried out "Spring" cleaning of interior of buildings. At half-yearly church business meeting on Sept. 29, Mrs. Booth and Mrs. Lewis were elected as additional deaconesses. Encouraging reports from secretary and auxiliaries were received. 43 have been added to membership this year. Finances are in healthy condition; £127 was contributed to C.F.A. and brotherhood offerings.

**Drumcondra.**—Church is happy to have Mr. and Mrs. Pigdon at services again. A. R. Pigdon is giving a series of addresses on "Family Life" at evening services during October. Members are saddened at passing of M. Hore, deacon and for many years treasurer of church. Mrs. Jack and Mrs. Rodgers have both undergone operations. Ten Explorer Club boys, with leader C. Barker, travelled to Royal Show to take part in Christian youth parade. Lantern lecture on work of distribution of Bibles in Tibet, by the B. & F. Bible Society, entitled "Springs of Asia," was given on Oct. 12 by C. A. Jamieson, Geelong secretary of B. & F.B. Society. Student Ray Dixon, from college, addressed Y.P.S.C.E. on Oct. 8. On Sept. 19 A. J. Innocent, of Fenwick Memorial Baptist, conducted a Baptist service, including communion, in chapel, while deacons of Drumcondra conducted church of Christ service in Baptist building, preacher being K. A. Macnaughtan. Those addressing services during preacher's illness have been S. Brequet and C. W. Dredge, of Aberdeen-st. Baptist, and C. D'Evelynes, of Radio Missionary Fellowship.

**Mildura.**—All meetings are encouraging. Three have been added by faith and obedience and two by letter. C.E. is very active, with membership and attendance of 30 or more, who give helpful service to church. Many young folk journeyed to Berri, S.A., one week-end, A. D. Leng helping with use of truck, which was loaded to capacity and driven by Mr. Leng. S.S. anniversary services were held on Oct. 3, L. Snow being speaker morning and evening, P. Whitmore in afternoon. Concert and prize-giving took place on 6th. All singing and other items were of high standard. Women's Mission Band has been responsible for new carpets in chapel. With new tiled baptistery interior of building has a new appearance. A junior boys' club has been formed under leadership of A. McWilliams.

Church was happy to have L. A. Trezise, of Young People's Department, on Sept. 12. Mrs. Mansell, sen., who died recently, was a pioneer and one of the foundation members. A large gathering of friends and relatives attended at chapel and graveside.

**North Essendon.**—Mr. and Mrs. Wright, parents of the preacher, from Bowral, N.S.W., have been visitors. Women's Mission Band has packed a large parcel for New Hebrides and also for India. J.C.E. is very healthy. Valerie Potts will succeed Hazel Skuce as leader on her departure for India. U.N.A.C. appeal has risen to over £30. Church cricket teams are functioning well, both teams winning first matches. Mrs. M. Dowling was received into membership from Peel-st., Ballarat, and Mr. and Mrs. R. Conning from Moreland. Attendances are encouraging, and a fine spirit prevails. Mr. Wright gives thoughtful addresses. Young Women's Fellowship reports a successful year. At annual meeting Mrs. S. Robottom was re-elected president. Bible school held annual meeting on Oct. 14, when R. Conning was elected superintendent and L. Walshe secretary.

**Thornbury.**—Successful anniversary services have taken place in connection with Bible school. On Sept. 26 and Oct. 3, three services each day were held. Appreciated addresses were delivered by Dr. E. R. Killmier, Mr. Bosanquet, Mr. Sandlands, W. W. Saunders and Ron Muller. Singing by scholars was well rendered, ably assisted by orchestra afternoon and evening, with Mesdames H. Burgess (piano) and J. Shaw (organ). H. Hince, superintendent, presided at most of services, F. A. Mitchell, assistant, taking other service. On afternoon of Oct. 10, kindergarten and cradle roll service was held, building being filled with parents and friends, with young folk. Kinder items, under Mrs. C. Harvey, superintendent, were presented, and prizes and cards distributed. At evening service a lad made his confession. Oct. 6 was school birthday social, with presentation of prizes and supper. There were good attendances morning and evening on Oct. 17. At night Intermediate C.E. conducted service. Geoff Gates led meeting and shared address with preacher. Baptism of the lad took place. Regret was expressed in departure of Mr. Gates to Sydney, and presentations were made, and best wishes expressed for his future in new sphere of service. Annual tea and business meeting of teachers was held on Oct. 17. Reports revealed good work over past year, especially in open-air schools.

#### YOUTH WEEK

"Youth Week" in W.A., organised by the Associated Youth Committee of the National Fitness Council, commenced with a massed parade of youth at the Thursday evening of the Royal Show. On Oct. 10, a combined youth service was held in St. George's Cathedral at 3 p.m. The speaker was C. J. Tinsley, vice-president of the World Baptist Alliance. He based his remarks on the character of David. It was plain, straight talking, strong and cultured, aimed at convincing young people that physical fitness, education, aesthetic development, patriotism, and so on, did not lead life to its fulness without a "fighting faith" in the purposes of God for the individual and the race, as revealed in Jesus Christ.

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**McDONALD-NEWHAM.**—On Oct. 28, 1908, at church of Christ, Coppin-st., Richmond, Vic., by Mr. John Smith Garden, Ethel Amelia McDonald, eldest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. McDonald, to William Herbert Newham, son of late Mr. and Mrs. Newham. Present address, 4 Nicholsdale-rd., East Camberwell.

## DEATHS

**BROWNBILL, Fanny Eileen.**—On Oct. 10, at private hospital, Geelong, Fanny Eileen Brownbill, M.L.A., dearly loved wife of the late William Brownbill, M.L.A., and loving mother of Joyce (Mrs. Ellis) and Ron, also beloved stepmother of Ern, Will, Les. (dec.) and Dulcie (Mrs. Drayton). "She hath done what she could."

**SELWOOD.**—At Colac, on Oct. 6, 1948, William Selwood, aged 84 years, a faithful member for over 30 years, a church officer and Sunday school superintendent. He loved little children.

## IN MEMORIAM

**JERMYN.**—In cherished memory of our dear sister and friend, Ada Jermyn, who was called home on Oct. 20, 1946.

A beautiful life full of kindly deeds,  
A helping hand to all in need;  
Sincere and true in heart and mind,  
What a beautiful memory to leave behind.  
—Frank, Flo, Ethel Jermyn, C. W. and M. Hart, and Gwendia.

**LONG.**—In loving memory of our dear father, William, passed away Oct. 23, 1942; also, our dear mother, Elizabeth, passed away suddenly Feb. 17, 1939 (late of Bendigo).

In our garden of memory we meet every day.  
—Inserted by their loving family, South Yarra and North Richmond.

**MASON, Annie.**—In sad and loving remembrance of my dearly loved and devoted wife, accidentally killed, Lake King, Paynesville, Oct. 22, 1947.

"Forever with the Lord,  
Amen, so let it be."

—Frank Mason, 37 Bulla-rd., Essendon North.

**MELDRUM.**—In affectionate memory of Andrew Mackenzie Meldrum, M.A., D.D., who passed away on Oct. 20, 1943.

"They rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."  
—Inserted by L.M.

**STOKES.**—In sad and loving memory of my darling Harold, who was accidentally killed at Horsham on Oct. 23, 1946, aged 18 years.

Silent thoughts bring many a tear,  
For the one I miss and loved so dear.  
—Inserted by his sad and loving mother.

**STOKES.**—In sad and loving memory of my dear husband, who passed away at Horsham on Sept. 20, 1943.

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

—Inserted by his loving wife, sister and brother.

**STOKES.**—In loving memory of my darling brother, who was accidentally killed at Horsham on Oct. 23, 1946.

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

—Inserted by his loving sister and brother-in-law.

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**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.

**SWANSTON ST. (opp. Public Library),**  
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11 a.m., "The Value of Judging Oneself."  
4.30 p.m., "Continuing series of studies on Daniel. All welcome."  
5.15 p.m., Fellowship Tea.  
7 p.m., "Reading the Will."  
Preacher, K. A. Macnaughtan.

Preliminary notice: Home-coming services  
Nov. 14, 11 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

## 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.

Special Music by Church Choir. Conductor, Mr. Claude Gadge.

All past members and interested friends are invited to all services. Hospitality provided all day, Sunday, Nov. 7. Please advise secretary, Mr. P. Rees, Harold-st., Wantirna.

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**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.

Sunday, Nov. 21, 3 p.m., Kindergarten  
Anniversary.

## BRUNSWICK CHURCH OF CHRIST

**66th CHURCH ANNIVERSARY,**

**OCTOBER 31.**

11 a.m., C. H. J. Wright.

3 p.m., Pleasant Sunday Afternoon. Speaker, L. Edmunds, M.L.A. Subject, "Such a Tide." Moreland choir.

7 p.m., Mr. S. Neighbour. Soloist, Miss Barndon. All past members and friends invited to have fellowship. Hospitality provided.

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**75th CHURCH ANNIVERSARY**

**on OCTOBER 31.**

Speakers:

11 a.m., Mr. J. Wiltshire.

3 p.m., Mr. T. G. Westwood.

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

Hospitality provided.

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**BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY,**

**SUNDAYS, NOVEMBER 7 and 14.**

Nov. 7, 3 p.m., special singing and distribution of cradle roll prizes.

7 p.m., A. Thomas.

Nov. 14, 3 p.m., W. E. Jackel.

7 p.m., Mr. Manallack.

Annual Concert and Prize-giving, Wednesday,  
Nov. 17, 8 p.m.

All past members and friends cordially invited.

## CHURCH OF CHRIST, CAMBERWELL THIRTY-SECOND ANNIVERSARY SERVICES,

**NOVEMBER 7.**

11 a.m., Fellowship at Lord's Table. Thanks-giving offering. Preacher, Mr. A. E. Hurren, Conference President.

7 p.m., Preacher, Mr. Reg. Bolduan.

Choral music by augmented choir of 30 voices.

Soloist, Miss Kathleen Hodgson. Conductor, Mr. E. Peters.

Past members and friends cordially invited.

## PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 8 p.m.,**

**LYGON STREET CHAPEL.**

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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# Annual Assembly of American Disciples

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THE Disciples of Christ in the United States and Canada have just concluded an unusual convention with over 5000 registered delegates. This convention was held in San Francisco in the Civic Auditorium, Sept. 25-30. The weather was ideal for all the delegates, and added a great deal to a successful programme.

The president of the convention was Roy C. Snodgrass, minister of the First Christian Church at Amarillo, Texas. The subject of his convention address was "Our Paradox and the Gleam." Preceding his address, William G. Baker, of London, who has been in America for a year of study at Butler School of Religion, brought fraternal greetings from the churches of Christ in Great Britain. He is returning home soon, and will take up his new task in London, in service among our churches of this great centre. It was my privilege and honor to bring the fraternal greetings from the Federal conference of the churches of Christ in Australia. The brethren "neath the Southern Cross" were eager to have me not only convey their greetings, but also remind everyone present of the Melbourne World Convention in August, 1950.

One of the best days of the convention was on Monday. This entire day with its three sessions was given over to the presentation and discussion of evangelism. Disciples of Christ are in the second year of their "Crusade for a Christian World." This crusade will culminate on June 30, 1950. The evangelistic goal for the four years is to add 900,000 to the membership of the churches, and also to bring the total nett membership of the churches in the United States and Canada to 2,000,000. Also, in the four years the brotherhood hopes to organise 200 new congregations in needy unchurched fields. During the first year 70 new congregations have been organised. There were hopeful indications voiced in the convention many times that the financial goal of the crusade, which is \$14,000,000, will be reached.

The Bible lectures of the convention were delivered by Jack Finegan, of the Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, California.

R. H. Miller, editor of "The Christian-Evangelist," retired on October 1. His successor is Lin D. Cartwright, who has been one of the brotherhood's successful ministers. He has promise of becoming one of the finest editors our churches have produced. Dr. Miller was given a richly deserved tribute of appreciation during convention. The "Christian-Evangelist" gave a reception in Dr. Miller's honor at close of one of the evening sessions.

C. Oscar Johnson, minister of the Third Baptist Church of St. Louis, gave a remarkable address on Monday evening on the subject, "A Gospel for a World Like Ours in a Day Like This." Dr. Johnson is president of the Baptist World Alliance. His presence and message have become one more link in the chain of fellowship between the churches of the Northern Baptist Convention and Disciples of Christ. The Joint Committee on Baptist-Disciple Relations made a report of splendid progress for the past year. On Nov. 14 over 100 pulpit exchanges will be made by the ministers of these two communions. This is a part of the process of education and cultivation, looking toward ultimate union of these two bodies.

The convention communion service was attended by over 8000 on Sunday afternoon. The entire service was conducted impressively and with becoming reverence.

A number of missionaries were present at San Francisco, who spoke on the programme. The report from mission fields is most heartening. The year 1947 will long be remembered as the year in which the membership of the churches on the foreign fields

passed the one hundred thousand mark. During this past year there was a nett gain of 11,485, making the total church membership 100,038.

The 1949 International Convention will be held in Cincinnati, Ohio, Oct. 25-30. This year marks the centennial anniversary of the International Convention and of the American Christian Missionary Society which was brought into being as the first corporate missionary organisation of Disciples of Christ. During the first duly constituted convention of the churches held in Cincinnati, Ohio, the American Society was organised on Oct. 23, 1949. This will be one of the best and largest conventions ever held by the International Convention. F. E. Davison, minister of the First Christian Church of South Bend, Indiana, was elected president of this centennial convention. He is the man who for over twenty years has been the director of the convention communion services.

## Obituary

Mrs. A. S. Carnaby

FOR her faithfulness to the Master we shall ever remember Mrs. Alice S. Carnaby, who entered the haven of rest to be with our Father on Thursday, Sept. 2. It was in the 'twenties, during the Hinrichsen mission, that she linked her Christian fellowship with that of her husband in the Ivanhoe church, Vic. Previously she had been a devout Christian in the Anglican Church. Regular attendance at Sunday and midweek meetings marked her unobtrusive but encouraging ministry to both church and preachers. In latter years failing strength caused her absence in the evenings. Young and old at Ivanhoe felt the impress of her friendship and kindly word. We commend to all who sadly miss her face, especially her husband, Mr. Rol. Carnaby, the assurance of God's abiding presence and the hope which is ours through Christ Jesus.

Joseph Peake

AFTER a short illness during which time he gradually grew weaker, Mr. Peake passed peacefully away on the evening of Sept. 16. It was during World War I. that he first linked with the church at Montrose, Vic. Then in 1919 he moved with his wife and family to the Gardenvale district, and was associated with the cause there as a member of the official board during the ministry of Campbell Edwards. In 1925 he moved to Balwyn, where he was a loyal member until the time of his death. He was 91 when he died. His wife, still in membership at Balwyn, and four sons, Harold, Norman, Frank and Leslie, survive him.—D.A.V.T.

Edmund A. Westcott

THE church at Maysfield, N.S.W., mourns the loss of a much loved brother, E. A. Westcott, who passed on to higher service on August 3, aged 80 years; one who was strong in the faith and loyal to the New Testament cause. A foundation member and a deacon for several years, a brother with a much used "Book," ever ready to help the "babes in Christ," showing always a good work and a strong witness in the highways and byways. Out of a generous heart and a great love for the members, our brother made many worthwhile gifts to the church; the Estey organ and the electric clock are lasting monuments to his work with us; but deeply engraved on the hearts of the people are memories which will stand until "the dawn breaks and the shadows flee." Roy Acland conducted a service at the church and the graveside, also a service of remembrance at the gospel meeting on August 15.—C.G.C.

## A SELECTION OF BRITISH CHURCHES OF CHRIST LITERATURE

WHAT CHURCHES OF CHRIST STAND FOR. William Robinson, M.A., Principal, Overdale College. 1/6.

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