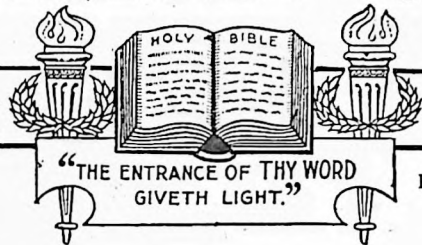


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The Threat of Modern Paganism

THE Bible speaks of God as a person. He is not so difficult to find as learned men would have us suppose. The wisest of men may not be able to find God by pure reason. Still, the little child learns of God at the knee of the mother who reads the Bible.

Paul said in his letter to the church at Rome that the invisible power and might of God are to be seen in action within nature, the world, and the universe. Men have no excuse for neglecting God (Rom. 1: 20).

Even if the mind of man is unable to find God unaided, nevertheless no period in history has been without a witness to speak on God's behalf. As men search back into the ancient past and enquire into the ways of men, it can be shown how the earliest beliefs point to one God. At the dawn of history men knew God. God spoke to man. As men sinned against this one Lord, they erected their images of various gods. Even then God spoke in many ways and at different times to the ancients. He showed his will to men in the words spoken by those spiritual leaders whom we call prophets (Heb. 1: 1).

The mystical poet tells us that God is to be found in the beauty of earth, sea and sky. The social worker finds him to be a God of love. The scientist refers to God as a power filling all the universe. The philosopher considers God to be the absolute in which all things are related in some grand whole.

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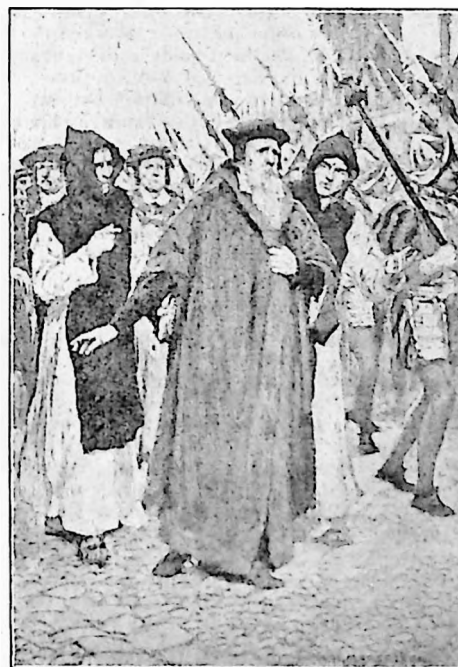
The great men of the Bible saw God as the one invisible Creator of all. When ignorant and superstitious men bowed before idols, those few heroic pioneers of the faith sought to turn those men from their folly. They witnessed to the truth, and suffered for so doing. Those enlightened in this day praise the wisdom of the prophets and smile at the folly of the pagans. We can see

now how right those men of God were; they, living in a generation of ignorance, needed great faith and courage to withstand the bitter criticisms hurled against them.

A modern paganism is now upon us, denying God and finding expression in material science, machines and organised states. Many are worshipping at the shrine of these modern gods. The faithful prophet must show the folly of this new paganism, and in so doing, be ready to face the bitter reproaches of the "learned" worshippers of the gods of modern science.

II.

As the departure from God and the worshipping of idols were accompanied by a loss of moral righteousness, so this new paganism and neglect of church worship to-day are linked with im-



Cranmer, a prophet in a pagan generation, being led to execution.

morality and a loss of respect for self and for others. Public leaders are criticising the rising divorce rate, growth of crime, corruption in high places, and a lack of co-operation within the community. One observant world traveller has pointed out that, in those countries where God is feared and people crowd buildings to worship, the social order is already recovering balance after the confusion of war. However, in nations where God is ignored, the people are still groping in the dark for a light of hope to guide them out of troubles.

The wisdom of believing and worshipping God, and not the pagan gods of state and mechanistic science, is being made clear in the world to-day. If multitudes continue to ignore the pleadings of prophets and preachers, they must continue to suffer. Future generations will rise up and laugh at this foolish worship of modern gods, but will praise men of God for their heroic stand.

While in ancient days God spoke to men through selected prophets, in these modern times God has spoken to us through his Son. God's message, as given by Christ, demands repentance to avoid disaster. Already pagan efforts to control the destiny of men in mechanistic states have thrown the world into chaos. Men have lost their faith in God and in human freedom. Within some Western nations people are aiming to substitute state control for faith in God. Efforts are being made to turn the Christian world away from the freedom of faith in Christ, and back to the legalistic forms of the Mosaic state, with its controls and commands. The ancient Jewish state is an example of the inability of law to make people good. Outward controls on human behaviour must fail. They are failing to-day. Only the creation of a moral law in the human heart by the Spirit of God can save

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HUMAN RIGHTS IN ONE WORLD

White Australia Policy

THE Australian section of the World Council of Churches last week issued a statement to the effect that "the time has come for the White Australia policy to be replaced by an immigration policy which will cease to give offence to colored peoples."

"Because Australia's immigration policy has proved to be a constant irritant in Pacific and world affairs, we urge the necessity for its immediate reconsideration," says the statement.

The statement continues: "The need for international co-operation is now so urgent that the World Council of Churches believes that no removable cause of friction between peoples should be allowed to continue. We believe that the White Australia policy is a direct denial of the Christian profession."

Unions' Reply

"The Australian trade union movement is not anxious to have created a color problem such as that existing in the United States and South Africa," the president of the Australian Council of Trade Unions (Mr. Clarey) said in a defence of the White Australia policy. This was, according to "The Herald," his reply to criticism of the policy by the Australian section of the World Council of Churches.

Mr. Clarey said the White Australia policy was designed to prevent the nation's living standards being reduced as a consequence of the low standards of Eastern countries.

"Australia does not desire the colored peoples of the world to be brought into this country to be hewers of wood and drawers of water," he declared.

He described the employment of kanakas in the sugar-cane industry as a blight on Australia's reputation, and said Australia was better off as a result of the decision to prohibit employment of colored peoples in that industry.

We, too, consider the kanakas' treatment a blot on our history. However, why cannot black and white be treated with justice under the law? Cannot industrial law safeguard the standard of living for both black and white? How long can seven and a half millions resist the pressure of a thousand millions of Asiatic people north of our land? We need to act justly and with consideration to colored people if we are to preserve ourselves in the midst of a world population growing predominantly colored. The colored world is coming into the stream of history. Christianity will continue to give the colored man standards by which to judge. In the light of what Christ has said (he was colored), we are already judged and found wanting.

Bishop G. H. Cranswick, vice-president of World Council of Churches, Australian Section, also commenting on Mr. Clarey's remarks, said:

"The World Council of Churches believes that the title 'White' Australia policy, which nowhere appears in our legislative documents, should be permitted to fall into disuse because it is such a dangerous irritant to the self-conscious peoples of East Asia and elsewhere. It is of the opinion that unless this is speedily done our children may reap a harvest of trouble.

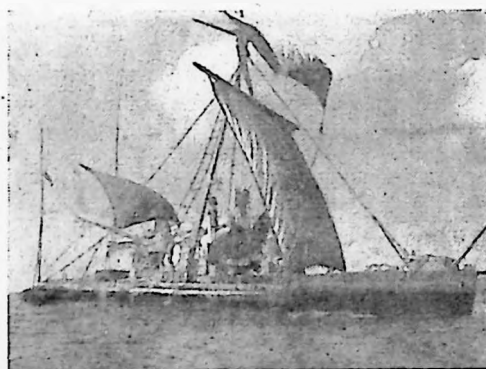
"The World Council stands for the equality of all men whatever their color, and asks for this treatment of Asiatics. It suggests the

adoption of a strictly controlled group system of colored immigration on a basis of equality of status and opportunity as Canada has done. This need involve no risk either of inundation or of a 'color' problem, and would prevent a repetition of the unchristian attitude of our Government towards the Malay sailors now being compulsorily repatriated."



From Peru to Polynesia By Raft

ON April 28 last year six Scandinavian scientists set out from Callao, Peru, on a 45-ft. balsa raft. They were familiar with the literary and archaeological testimony to the existence of an ancient culture in Central and South America, which rivalled that of Egypt and Assyria. There was a tradition of an imperi-



Her sails filled by a following wind, the "Kon-Tiki" ploughs westward toward Polynesia.

ous race, members of which voyaged westward from Peru, spreading their remarkable culture as far as Asia.

These scientists held, with some others, that there were indications of trade between South America and the Pacific islands many centuries before Christ. So they set out to prove the possibility of drifting and sailing by way of the Humboldt current and the South Equatorial current across the Pacific Ocean to Polynesia. After ninety-seven days and 4100 miles of drifting, the raft arrived at the Raroia reef in the Tuamotu Archipelago, easternmost chain of Polynesia, thus proving their contention.

Epic Achievement

The epic achievement of the six Scandinavian scientists in crossing the ocean on the raft was attempted because of a belief in the essential greatness of the old Tiahuanaco civilisation on the "altiplano" of Peru and Bolivia. Even to-day, after the millennial mists of tradition have given way to over four centuries of European influence, the Andean Indians still retain their ancient social structure and communal life. Indeed, one of the interesting signs of the present vigor of their race is the gradual recapture by the Indians of their rightful place in the national life, the official recognition of their indigenous communities, and the revival of much of their culture.

Our belief, as Christians, in the immense possibilities of the Andean Indians, when redeemed by the Lord Jesus Christ, should move us to even greater achievements on their be-

half, for the Saviour's sake. For our interest is more in their future than in their past, more in their eternal destiny than in their remote origin, more in their spiritual welfare than in their material grandeur.

Now that the New Testament has been translated into their language and the gospel is being preached to them, there is an encouraging response. It is heartening to see these Indians finding, in the Lord Jesus Christ, the Saviour of their souls, the Satisfier of their deepest yearnings and the Supplier of their spiritual needs. What if the response becomes so vigorous that Andean Indians cross the ocean anew, this time to spread the gospel of redeeming love?—John Savage (E.U.S.A.).



Human Rights and Religious Liberty

THE United Nations Commission on Human Rights met from Dec. 1 to 17, 1947, at the Palais des Nations at Geneva. The Commission of the Churches on International Affairs (of the World Council of Churches and the International Missionary Council) was represented by Dr. Frederick Nolde. The commission has worked out a declaration on human rights and a covenant on human rights. With regard to religious liberty, the proposed declaration contains the following article:—

"1. Individual freedom of thought and conscience, to hold and change beliefs is an absolute and sacred right.

"2. Every person has the right, either alone or in community with other persons of like mind and in public or private, to manifest his beliefs in worship, observance, teaching and practice."

The proposed covenant contains the following article:—

"1. Every person shall have the right to freedom of religion, conscience and belief, including the right, either alone or in community with other persons of like mind, to hold and manifest any religious or other belief, to change his belief, and to practise any form of religious worship and observance, and he shall not be required to do any act which is contrary to such worship and observance.

"2. Every person of full age and sound mind shall be free, either alone or in community with other persons of like mind, to give and receive any form of religious teaching, and in the case of a minor, the parent or guardian shall be free to determine what religious teaching he shall receive.

"3. The above rights and freedoms shall be subject only to such limitation as are prescribed by law, and are necessary to protect public order and welfare, morals and the rights and freedoms of others."—E.P.S.

Some 14,000 Protestants, who were affected by the Nazi racial laws, and had to live in the Third Reich as second-class citizens under the most wretched conditions, are now being looked after by the "Evangelische Hilfstelle" for former victims of racial persecution.—E.P.S., Geneva.

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Big Building Drive Carnarvon, W.A.

MISSION MAKES HISTORY IN NATIVE WELFARE WORK.

THE next gigantic building drive at Carnarvon commenced on Saturday, Feb. 14. The objective is to erect two large dormitories, 80 ft. long, with living accommodation for 50 children. At the centre of each dormitory there will be missionary quarters, private bathroom, a room for sick children and comprehensive bathing arrangements for all the children. The plan of each dormitory provides for effective supervision of the children, and for smaller children to be divided from older children, with easy access from the missionary's quarters.

Simple Design

The girls' dormitory block is centrally placed in the mission grounds between the superintendent's house and the dining-room block. The boys' dormitory is on the other side of the dining-room block, with space allowed, if later required, for a kindergarten children's house between the dining-room and boys' dormitory.

As the centre of work will now be removed, and will revolve around the dining-room block, the present washhouse-laundry building is to be rolled over to a new position behind the dining-room block. This will enable missionaries with the least amount of walking to co-ordinate both laundry work and kitchen work.

Construction of buildings has been planned in the simplest and most economical design. It offers considerable advantages and improvements on the buildings considered from Geraldton Air Force camp last year. We can now see the Lord's hand in withholding these buildings from us.

Ceilings are 10 ft. (2 ft. higher than the military construction). Missionary quarters built into the centre of each block are a great improvement on the proposed adaptation of Geraldton buildings. We have been successful in obtaining new materials to suit the improved design.

Lower Costs

The total cost will be lower than proposed twelve months ago. One item alone—transport from Geraldton to Carnarvon—in the intervening twelve months has been reduced half, as the Transport Co., with expanded capacity and seeking back-loading, has given us a special quotation. This, on the same tonnage, is saving approximately £150 against last year's proposals.

The team comprises 17 men. Stan Gale and one carpenter proceeded by air ahead of the party to set out the ground pegs and prepare the work. The remainder were transported by Ivan Smith, of Narembeen church, in his ex-military lorry, the mission board providing only the petrol. It is difficult to estimate the value of the willing services of these men. Their labors are not only enhanced by zeal for the work, but they are putting in an 80-hour six-day week instead of 40.

Mrs. Les Thornhill, of Maylands church, also travelled by air to undertake the cooking for the party, and her services in this department are being greatly appreciated.

Readers can visualise the extensive preparations over the last few months. Permits for materials had to be obtained, materials located and orders placed. Mr. Hammer and the missionaries had to plan the housing and catering arrangements for the large team of workers, in addition to the provisions for our more than thirty children. The men had to obtain their leave of absence. The transport of the

materials 612 miles overland had to be organised, and a thousand-and-one other details are all culminating to ensure the success of the project. Tradespeople have been most sympathetic to assist us in prompt deliveries of materials.

School Bans Native Children

At the eleventh hour, viz., the third week in January, our Federal Aborigines Mission Board was advised that the native children would not be accepted in the Carnarvon school when the school year started. This blow came through pressure from certain Carnarvon quarters in political circles. The Native Affairs Minister, having tried to provide temporary school accommodation without success, called us for consultation and suggestions. We were not prepared to forego any of our dormitory accommodation so urgently needed but it was clearly



Carnarvon, December, 1947.

Superintendent's house removed from Carnarvon by voluntary labor and re-erected on mission. The whole operation was accomplished in four days. Diningroom-kitchen block in distance.

a state of emergency requiring the most sympathetic co-operation of mission and Government. Continuity of education for our children and occupation of their time were both very vital. We thought our men might rise still further to the occasion, if the Minister provided the materials and cost of freight, and if they could be freighted to arrive at Carnarvon before our men. The team has accepted this challenge magnificently.

In spite of the already immense undertaking to be put through in three weeks, they magnanimously agreed to this additional work, and have saved the situation. A building 50 ft. x 18 ft. is to be erected on the block next to our private mission land.

In order to speed the schooling facilities, we were able to nominate a qualified Education Department teacher, ready to go at short notice to Carnarvon to teach our native children. She was immediately appointed by the department. Books and supplies were at our request sent by first overland. Our own dining-room is to be used as school until the school is erected. The department is forwarding furniture and equipment by first boat.

We trust the Australian brotherhood will rejoice with us in this further magnificent project for native missions.

"I hold it true that thoughts are things
Endowed with bodies, breath and wings,
And that we send them forth to fill
The world with good results—or ill."

"All Hail the Power"

★ F. J. Funston has selected No. 106, planned for March 7, as his hymn for March.

OUTSTANDING characteristics of to-day's hymn are that it was written by Edward Perronet, a colleague of the Wesleys; it is his only hymn in common use; its present form differs considerably from the original; and it is not only one of the church's most widely used hymns, but one of the most notable in its structure.

Perronet's religious experiences were perhaps at their height about 1750. The remarkable trio—Perronet, John and Charles Wesley—are then recorded as singing their way across the moors, the songs of Zion strengthening them against daily persecutions. Search of about twenty hymnals, old and new, has failed to reveal any of Perronet's other hymns, although some are described as "striking" or "fine and noble." Apparently none of them ever came into a widely-used collection although the omission of "All hail the power" would be almost as rare as the inclusion of one of his others.

In November, 1779, the tune "Miles Lane," with the opening verse of "All hail the power" appeared in the "Gospel Magazine," seven further verses following six months later. The hymn was included in Dr. Rippon's "Selection of Hymns" in 1787 in greatly modified form. If we followed the methods of some of the American hymnals, the hymn would appear in our book, bearing the elaborate ascription: "Edward Perronet, 1779, 1780; v. 1, l. 4 altered, vs. 3, 4, 5 recast, v. 6 added, John Rippon, 1787." If we followed Rippon's setting out as well as his revision of the text we would also head the hymn, "The Spiritual Coronation," give the reference Song of Solomon 3: 11, and introduce each verse with a special title, indicating who is being called on to join in the praise, thus: (1) Angels, (2) Martyrs, (3) Converted Jews, (4) Believing Gentiles, (5) Sinners of every nation, and (6) Ourselves. Few hymns in the language are planned on such a noble and all-inclusive pattern. Ordered thought and lofty expression remained with Perronet to the last—his final words on earth were: "Glory to God in the height of his divinity; glory to God in the depth of his humanity; glory to God in his all-sufficiency; and into his hands I commend my spirit."

THREAT OF MODERN PAGANISM

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the modern Western states from decay and death. If there is one note we can sound again it is that Western civilisation is threatened with destruction. Only a revival of spirit, created by faith in God, can prevent the end of this age.

Even if the modern, national states perish true faith will live on in the church. Christianity will find new ways of surviving even if the states in which it lives perishes. While civilisations have grown and crumbled and states have risen and fallen, the church continues, even if a little weak because of the collapse of the social order.

God does speak to-day. He is calling for repentance. The hand-writing is appearing on the wall of many nations. Judgment has come upon them because of pagan ways. God's message to us through Christ is, "Except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish." Not for many generations has there been such a need for revival as to-day. Indeed the night is far spent and the dawn of judgment is at hand. We must witness as dying men to dying men.

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Dunmore House

A CHRISTIAN HOME FOR BOYS, PENDLE HILL, N.S.W.

A MEMBER of the Parramatta Historical Society has written the following about this historic house:

"On Saturday, Jan. 26, 1788, Captain Arthur Phillip landed at what is now Circular Quay. On May 16 that year Arthur Phillip, now Governor, in a letter to Lord Sydney, said, in reference to an exploration he had made: "About fifteen miles from the settlement we had a very fine view of the mountains inland."

As this ridge at Dunmore House is the first point west from Sydney at which the Blue Mountains, as they were afterwards called, can be seen, it was apparently on this high rise that Governor Phillip stood. D'Arcy Wentworth came to Australia with the first fleet and was a surgeon. He was given a large Government



Dunmore House in its rural setting, from the west.

grant in the Parramatta district on Aug. 31, 1819. William Charles Wentworth, the famous explorer, was his son. Portion of this grant is the land on which Dunmore House now stands.

The home was built by Sir William MacMillan, and the letters M.C.M. are worked into the glass over the front entrance. On the front door are the words: "Miseris Succerrere Disco." The frosted ornamentations in the glass represent a hand with a scroll in it." Translated into English the motto is, "I learn to help the unfortunate." How prophetically appropriate it has proved to be! For over twelve years now, since the inception in 1935 of the Churches of Christ Homes Co-operative Society Ltd., that motto has been put into effect at Dunmore being within the objects under the society's rules, viz.: "To provide a Christian home for and to provide in whole or in part for the maintenance and assistance of orphans, neglected children, children under unfit guardianship and children whose parents for various reasons are



Superintendent's Cottage and Office.

unable to give them proper care and attention." No one could be more unfortunate than one of these children unless some special provision had been made such as that available at Dunmore.

The board of directors, which is a committee of the New South Wales conference, has been able to improve gradually, and to develop the property as a unit to accommodate 35 boys, with modern conveniences such as refrigeration, electric cooking, and hot water services and modern shower block. One pressing need

Ministry of Kindness

THE memory of a kindly word
For long gone by;
The fragrance of a faded flower
Sent lovingly;
The gleaming of a sudden smile
Or sudden tear;
The warmer pressure of the hand,
The tone of cheer;
The blush that means "I cannot speak,
But I have heard!"
The note that only bears a verse
From God's own word:—
Such tiny things we hardly count
As ministry,
The givers deeming they have shown
Scant sympathy;
But, when the heart is overwrought,
Oh! who can tell
The power of such tiny things
To make it well!

—F. R. Havergal.



Boys of the Home, with Matron.

not yet realised is a recreation hall which, with the shower block already erected, will comprise an effective new wing; this will cost about £400. Only continuous, increased, prayerful and financial support from the brotherhood can make the completion of the scheme and the maintenance of the property possible, thus enhancing the training of the boys.

During 1947 twelve of the older lads made the good confession, and were baptised at different churches to which the boys had been invited for tea and gospel service on the Lord's day. The average number cared for would be about thirty per day; twelve of these are "Legacy" boys who lost their fathers as a result of the recent world war.

Mr. and Mrs. Blackburn, superintendent and matron, and staff have done a good work at Dunmore.

The annual offering will be received in the New South Wales churches on Lord's day, March 7, 1948. Let each make an offering as an act of worship and as unto the Lord!

Jesus said, "It is not the will of your Father which is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish."—J. L. Stimson.

Reviving the Church

THE South Australian churches have a commission set up to enquire into the reasons for declining membership. A well-balanced progress report has been presented to the churches. We present two sections now for consideration of churches throughout the Commonwealth. One relates to evangelism, the other to worship.

Concerning evangelism it was urged—

That a more sustained, aggressive spirit of evangelism be developed in the churches, and the acceptance by the individual members of the churches of greater responsibility in leading others to Christ.

That preachers of the word, qualified by training and experience, be freed, as far as possible, from many of the duties which now hinder them from giving adequate preparation for their pulpit ministry and attention to their pastoral and personal work.

That action be taken through the Council of Churches to increase the influence of the radio in Christian work.

That choirs be formed of consecrated men and women in the smaller churches, and young people be encouraged to obtain some musical training as a step towards the use of their voices in the service of the church.

That local churches, under the guidance of the Home Mission Committee, use the present opportunities to open up new causes in growing districts.

Worship

Whilst it is felt by the majority of church officers that absolute uniformity in the order of

morning worship is not desirable, and that some freedom may be exercised in the general details, the commission strongly recommends that, in the actual distribution of the emblems of the Lord's Supper, close adherence to an accepted form is necessary in order that worshippers may not be disturbed in mind when attending sister churches owing to variations in the details.

That steps be taken to raise the standard of our mutual ministry as applied to the morning worship of the church, particularly as it relates to the qualifications of presidents. To assist in giving effect to the recommendation, it is further recommended that periodical group meetings of the men of the churches be arranged in the metropolitan area for an exchange of ideas, that young men be encouraged to attend the central or local training classes, and that in the country the older experienced men or evangelists offer guidance to brethren planned to preside at the Lord's Table and others taking part in the service.

Points taken from Officers' and Preachers' Questionnaires suggest that—

"Brethren taking part in morning service should be thoroughly prepared."

"Close co-operation between preacher, president and organist."

"Eliminate the 'first' sermon by the presiding brother."

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Grain Shortages and High Costs

THE Indian Government made heroic attempts against great odds, to ration grain and other goods so that the poor would have some chance to secure the necessities of life without resorting to the black market and inflated costs.

The Government are going to make a trial of removing controls, though many feel that the poor will suffer more than heretofore.

Our secretary-treasurer has warned of new trends because of the change in policy, and states that those in charge of the homes will have great difficulty in securing sufficient supplies. In both homes there are more than



Indian Looking Out on a World of Pain. What will be the future of the child? In our homes in India we have over 200 boys and girls who must be clothed and fed and nurtured spiritually. What does this mean to you? How much has it cost you? Please help —our needs are great.

200 children. Shrigonda has the record number of 114. We should not overlook the importance of Miss Vawser's comments:

"I have some bad news for you. First of all I want to warn you that I think it will be wise if we can buy grain again this year after harvest, as we used to do in the past. India is going off the ration, and this will be the only way to ensure that the children get enough to eat next year. I hope that we are able to buy in this way. This will mean that we will need some money in advance, or rather permission to spend in advance. I think that the Board will agree that we should keep our eyes open for any food available.

"This last fortnight we were able to get only four days' supply of grain from the ration shops instead of fifteen days' supply. We have had to buy wherever we could. We had food for Christmas Day and for New Year's Day saved, but the ordinary grain finished on the 24th. Since then we have had to buy at three seers per rupee. We used to get it at about eighteen or twenty seers per rupee, and we thought that we would never survive the day when it was six seers to the rupee. Now it is three seers! Wheat is one seer per rupee; that is one shilling per pound for wheat grain. Would Australian farmers like to sell here?

"I do not know what will happen if these prices continue. The people will be in great difficulties, but the Government hopes things will be better. We, too, hope so. I have food for the children for this week only. We

have never been so low before with so little prospect of getting food reasonably. Please bear this in mind when we write to you later. We must give increases to our workers, and we will need to be prepared to buy grain as soon as the harvest is gathered. Miss Cameron thinks things will be better in the Shrigonda district because they have not the irrigated land under sugar-cane as we have on this side. Prices are high for sugar-cane, and so there is less and less jewari planted. Perhaps that accounts for the excessive price of food here.

"I was sorry for the men on Christmas Day. They had to go and look for grain. We could not do otherwise with nothing in the store-room to eat."



GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIES

FOR many years it has been the policy of the Government to subsidise mission schools, but in more recent years the tendency has been to reduce the amounts. Such subsidies have been of great help in our educational work. This year we were agreeably surprised to have increased grants, making it possible to have credit balances in some departments. The field recommended that Board allow these surpluses to be used in the following needy work. Board have unanimously endorsed these recommendations. The work to be carried out and the approximate amounts are as follows:

Friendship Centre, Baramati (extra room)	£24
Baramati Well	28
Pargoon School Building	75
Food for Homes	18
Food for Bullocks (evangelistic work)	18

Federal Union or Christian Unity

A COPY of the "Christian Science Monitor" dated Oct. 17, 1947, with a column marked, "This will be of interest to you," came through the post the other day with the compliments of the Sydney agent for the paper.

The column marked was an editorial entitled, "Toward Church Union." Reference was made to Dr. E. Stanley Jones' "Crusade for a United Church." The editorial comments are interesting, coming as they do from outside the pale of the "religious denominations." The editorial in question says, "A great movement toward unity among the Christian churches has been advancing with growing power. . . . Among laymen no subject arouses greater enthusiasm than an appeal for overcoming the sectarianism which has produced, for instance, more than 250 denominations in the United States. In face of the tremendous challenge of materialism, confusion and strife in today's world, the advantages of Christian unity have become clearer."

Dr. Jones proposes a federal union of churches, with each denomination retaining its identity but agreeing to let a general assembly, to which all would send delegates, represent the Protestant churches on many questions in which they hold views in common. The "Monitor's" comment is, "Christians may well take a closer look at whatever divides them. In large measure it is material things—rituals, forms, organisations, personalities, vested interests, nationalism, accidents of geography. They are also kept apart by sinister forces of antagonism working among them through ignorance, unchristian pride and petty prejudices. . . . But the more spiritual Christians become, the less they will find themselves divided by material things. The closer they come to the truth the closer they will find themselves

Already Mr. John Bairagi has requested permission to erect another room, and will be pleased with this decision. Mr. Thomas, wanting to complete a well for which the Government had granted a subsidy of nearly £200, was concerned lest he have insufficient to complete the task. This little sidelight will show the lights and shades of mission work.

Commenting on the money for the well, Miss Vawser adds: "Colin (Mr. C. V. Thomas) came in just a few minutes ago, while I was writing the last sentence, with a very long face about the price of fodder, and wanted to know what I thought about selling a pair of bullocks. It will mean no conveyance at Diksal. He wanted to know if there was a chance of some help so that he could deepen the well near his bungalow, so that there would be a better supply of water, and so make it possible to grow more fodder. I said that I had just written to ask for Rs. 300 for well work at Baramati. He was rather surprised and pleased. He would like to use the Rs. 300 for the deepening of that well as soon as possible."

Miss Cameron, who has charge of the Shrigonda home, advises that the group of orphans in the home under Government support have now an annual allowance of £18 per child. This is the Government's estimate of the cost. Our old quote to supporters was £6 per annum. More recently quite a few of our supporters have added exchange, making it £7/10/-. A few supporters have gone the second mile and sent £10 per annum. The Government's allowance is generous, but the actual cost to the mission to-day must be in the vicinity of £12—a hundred per cent. above pre-war years. (Read carefully paragraph on grain shortages and high costs on this page and make a comparison.) Any additions from supporters because of high costs would be appreciated, or any donations from non-orphan supporters would be welcomed.

Ethelbert Davis, our correspondent in N.S.W., discusses aspects of the problem of Christian unity, beer shortage and women drinkers, and gives news of evangelistic missions.

to one another. The plan of union Dr. Jones proposes will not supply the basic need of Christendom. No form of organisation will do that."

Some of those things we have been saying for nearly a century and a half. —Unity, and not union or federation, is, we believe, the burden of Christ's prayer. What the "Monitor" calls the material things which divide, we have spoken of as humanisms. "The closer they come to the truth," is the same as our "Back to the Bible"—"Thy word is truth." We have long since claimed that no plan for union will supply the basic need of Christendom. The divine plan is the only plan that will bring God's people together.

Beer! Beer!

We do not wish to be hitting at our country all the time, but there is one phase of our national life that gives us cause for alarm; it is the hold that drink has upon the people. The daily press, both morning and evening alike, always has something about beer. When there is shortage of coal, one of the first things we are told is that it will affect the beer supply. In some instances men have gone on strike because beer was in short supply.

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Here and There

At East Malvern, Vic., on Jan. 25, a young man (Keith Mitchell) made the good confession, J. I. Mudford being preacher.

We are pleased to report that Mrs. G. O. Tease is responding to medical treatment and is recovering something of her former health. Mr. and Mrs. Tease have left Canada and are commencing a ministry with the church at Fitzgerald, Georgia, U.S.A.

Mrs. Oliver, of 67 Rochester-rd., Balwyn, E.S., Vic., reminds those who are interested in the support of Bible-women that she would be pleased to receive donations from regular subscribers as soon as possible, and that she would be glad to welcome new contributors to this worthy fund.



K. A. Jones,

the newly-appointed organising secretary of the College of the Bible, will be given a public welcome at the opening session of the College of the Bible. This will be held in the church of Christ chapel, Lygon-st., Melbourne, Monday, Feb. 23, 8 p.m.

A bush fire in the Dandenong Ranges, on Thursday, Feb. 12, swept the North Fitzroy (Vic.) youth department's camp site. A building, marquee, two tents and much personal equipment were destroyed, involving a loss of £150. The building was insured for £60. We regret that these young people, who were making plans for a youth centre in the hills, suffered such loss at this initial stage of their experiment.

Supplying Germany with Bibles, New Testaments and scriptures is still one of the urgent tasks of spiritual and church reconstruction in that country. Part of the pulp sent by the American Bible Society has already enabled the Bible Society in Stuttgart to print 400,000 Testaments and Psalm-books. These have been divided between the different regional Bible societies, Hilfswerk, the home mission organisations, the youth movements, the Protestant bookshops and other interested groups.

Youth work has been one of the main activities of the West Australian Temperance League. Through the Young Sports Temperance League, good healthy sport, in a drink-free atmosphere, is provided for 1000 young

men and boys. Football and cricket are the main games played. All players must take the temperance pledge. At seaside meetings the temperance addresses were given to boys and girls in school vacation. Forty such gatherings were held and 475 members were enrolled in the Cobbers' Club as total abstainers. At the annual meeting held in Perth in February, Mrs. Jessie Reid was re-elected president, and Mrs. Kelly and Messrs. V. Golder and E. V. Ritchie, vice-presidents.

Seventeen men left Perth at daylight, Saturday, Feb. 14, on the overland journey for Carnarvon, W.A., Maston Bell, hon. secretary of Federal Aborigines Mission Board, reports. These men are giving three weeks' service for the native cause. Within that period they hope to build two large dormitories to accommodate fifty children and to provide quarters for missionaries. An advance party, including the building organiser, Mr. Gale, and Mrs. Thornhill, who is in charge of cooking arrangements, left by air on Feb. 12. We congratulate our brethren on this forward move, and wish for them much success in this new Christian enterprise for a needy people.

WEST MORETON CIRCUIT (QLD.).

MT. WALKER church recently held annual business meeting, and reports revealed steady progress during past year. Elders elected were A. Hinrichsen, A. Gruenhagen, A. Neumann and W. Sellars. Officers elected were F. Smith, A. Hinrichsen, D. Kruger, A. Bails, C. Neumann, L. Smith, C. Hinrichsen, H. Hinrichsen and M. Feldhahn. Manse fund has received a magnificent response, and Mt. Walker oversubscribed her allotment by £30. Plans are in hand for anniversary, and Mesdames Smith, Kruger and Bails were elected to form programme committee. Sympathy is extended to Lorraine Neumann, who suffered injuries in recent car accident. Church looks forward to a happy year of progress under ministry of new preacher, A. C. Caldicott.

Rosevale church maintains splendid interest in community. Special meetings were held to say farewell to E. C. Hinrichsen, recently home on vacation. Mr. Caldicott has commenced work amongst young people. Mrs. Zahnnow has recovered from illness. A happy evening was spent in home of Mrs. Kruger, when Rosevale and Mt. Walker churches honored her for her many years of splendid service.

Marburg church on Feb. 8 recommenced Sunday school after Christmas recess. Thanks are extended to Mrs. Berlin for her untiring efforts in school. A vigorous Y.P. Society has been formed under direction of A. C. Caldicott. At afternoon service on Feb. 8, two adults responded to invitation given by A. C. Caldicott. Congratulations have been expressed to Joan Augustine and Colin Wass, married on 10th.

Rosewood church held special meeting in connection with Queensland Southern District Conference. This conference was formed in interest of evangelism, comprising nine churches of which West Moreton has five. The meeting unanimously decided to invite E. C. Hinrichsen to hold a mission in Ipswich, which has a population near 18,000. Plans for West Moreton District Conference are already in hand. Manse is nearing completion, and should be finished in time for conference held early in March. Sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Feldhahn and family in loss of dear one.

Fernvale church reports that at annual business meeting all officers were re-elected. Plans are in hand for Y.P. society. A move is in hand to transfer present chapel to Lowood as soon as a mission can be held there.

THE LORD'S TABLE

"Speak Through the Gloom!"

FOR more than one hundred years Henry Francis Lyte's hymn, "Abide With Me," has encouraged Christians. The great hopes of the Bible are set before us in beautiful lines. These are so well written they express the spiritual longings of men and women in different lands. Here human desire and divine truth are brought together in melodious verse. The final lines of the hymn reach the climax of our hope in the gospel. The same truths are presented in divine symbols in the Lord's Supper. The bread and the cup have no other design than to bring before us the cross of Christ. During life we need the encouragement of the message of the cross so that we may press on with the programme of service to which we have been committed. As we draw near to the veil of death, only the cross can brighten up the gloom. If we do pray, "Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes," what better thing can we do than take part in the communion service? Here in the broken bread and in the poured out wine we have presented again the death of Christ on the cross. No other symbol can bring us as close to the cross as this supper.

We cannot dwell too long on death. Our thoughts soon move to the glory of the morning of eternity. We pierce the gloom, and we look to the sky, believing that heaven's morn will break and earth's shadow will disappear. This feast of the Lord points us to the sky. We are to break the loaf until the Lord come. At his coming "the trumpet shall sound," the dead in Christ will rise "and earth's vain shadows" will flee away. It is appropriate, therefore, that we sing at the communion service this universal prayer:

"Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes,
Speak through the gloom, and point me
to the skies;
Heaven's morning breaks! and earth's vain
shadows flee!
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!"

ADDRESSES

B. J. Combridge (preacher Kaniva church, Vic.).—Commercial-st., Kaniva.
W. E. Fisher (preacher Cowandilla church, S.A.).—8 Brooker-ter., Cowandilla.
N. Kingston (preacher Murray Bridge church, S.A.).—The Manse, Standen-st., Murray Bridge.

BIRTH

WHEATON (nee Hawker).—On Feb. 13, at Kaniva Hospital, to Harold and Joyce—a son (Leslie Harold).

HYMAN APPLEMAN CAMPAIGN

Violinists are urgently needed, also 'cello and bass players for the orchestra assisting the campaign in Malvern. Come and join in this worthwhile service. Rehearsals every Monday night at Swanston-st. church of Christ building at 8.

COMING EVENTS

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

News of the Churches

Western Australia

Palmyra.—There have been three additions to church membership. Spiritual tone of members is good. Finances are healthy. Church building debt is being reduced quarterly. Women's Mission Band reports another year of splendid service. Bible school continues to grow under leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Chadbourne. At combined picnic of three Bible schools on Jan. 26, Palmyra won shield and cup this year in sports competition. Church tendered a social evening and presented wallet of notes to Mr. and Mrs. Nightingale on eve of their holiday visit to relatives and friends in Victoria. Messrs. O. Fieldus, Fox, B. Wesley, G. P. Pittman, F. Stephenson and F. Raymond rendered good service in teaching and preaching during preacher's holidays.

Cottesloe.—E. Sherman concluded an interim ministry, and after five months has left for Maylands, S.A. Shirley Johnson has been married recently to R. Holmes, of Red Hill, Vic. N. Ineson has left for Melbourne for three months' course in his work. In absence of a regular preacher, W. Paget and S. Davey have assisted at services. Youth of church took charge of a Sunday evening service, speakers being R. Nelson and J. Arnott. Boys' and girls' clubs are functioning after summer break. Y.P. and I.C.E. have also re-commenced. Kindergarten held a social for funds for a new hall, about £2/5/- being raised. Visitors have included Miss Betty Holmes, from Red Hill, Vic., and Miss Betty Schurman, who has been on holiday in Perth on her way from Carnarvon Mission to College of Bible. J. Christie will leave soon for a working holiday at Carnarvon. About 30 members from metropolitan area are going to mission station for a three-weeks' working bee.

Queensland

Annerley.—Annual business meeting was conducted successfully on Feb. 5. Secretary's report showed seven additions during year, six by immersion and one by transfer. Present boards of officers and deaconesses were unanimously re-elected. Church has appreciated services of W. J. Campbell as week-end minister for last two years. Mr. Campbell is anxious to relinquish this charge owing to pressure of other duties, and church is negotiating with conference committees to secure services of a full-time man. Mrs. M. Fulton was received into fellowship by transfer from Ann-st. on Feb. 1.

Gympie.—Open forum sessions held on two occasions proved popular and helpful. Teachers' training class held on each Tuesday night in home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Hook is regularly and enthusiastically attended by teachers. Attendance of pupils and response to teaching have been encouraging. One of the teachers, Miss E. Leddy, was presented with a silver salad service, as a farewell gift, on Feb. 1. She was to be married on Feb. 14, and then make her home in Ipswich. H. Greenwood visited Gympie on Jan. 29, and showed lantern slides of youth camps held during 1947. A small party of young people braved the wet weather and spent a happy day on site of intended church picnic on Foundation Day. Best wishes go to Joyce Neilsen as she takes up her new work as housekeeper at Woolwich Bible College.

Boonah.—Well-attended meetings on Feb. 8 marked final Sunday of Mr. Hart's ministry with church. Building was filled to overflowing at a farewell evening held on Feb. 9 to bid farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Hart. Ministers from local churches were present; also Mr. Burgin (State conference president) and Chap-

lain L. Crisp (R.A.A.F., Amberley), who presided. All speakers spoke of the high regard and affection in which Mr. and Mrs. Hart were held, and of their loyal, faithful and unselfish work for church and community. Mr. and Mrs. Hart received a wallet of notes from church; a set of aluminium saucepans from Bible school; silver salt and pepper shakers from Ladies' Guild; and a gift from Young Worshippers' League. Mr. and Mrs. Hart commence ministry with Toowoomba church early in March.

Brisbane (Ann-st.).—On Jan. 28 several sisters represented Ann-st. at H.M. rally held at Zillmere by Women's Conference Auxiliary. 153 broke bread on Feb. 1, when F. C. Hunting spoke in morning and C. J. Mackenzie preached at night, when a lady confessed Christ and Eric Roberts sang a solo. Women's Auxiliary held inaugural meeting for 1948 on Feb. 5. Mrs. W. Mills was elected president and Mrs. F. C. Hunting vice-president. There were excellent attendances on Feb. 8, when 175 met at Lord's Table. Morning speaker was J. Ellerby, who is leaving shortly for Woolwich college to study for ministry. At an impressive baptismal service at night, Mrs. Dunn was baptised by C. J. Mackenzie, with F. C. Hunting conducting meeting throughout. Miss G. Leah was soloist. Aborigines offering totalled £26. Plans are being made to celebrate 65th anniversary of occupation of present site of chapel.

South Australia

York.—There was best attendance for some time at morning service on Feb. 8 (72). The preacher (Mr. Johnson), on holiday, will be absent for two Sundays. At half-yearly business meeting church decided against introducing religious talkie films into gospel services. Date fixed for commencement of Bible study meeting is March 2. There have been two additions by letter (Mr. and Mrs. Swift, from Murray Bridge). Church extends sympathy to relatives of A. A. Stein, who passed away on Feb. 6.

Kilburn.—On morning of Feb. 8 four young men from Maylands conducted services, David Brook presiding, Will Heath giving story to eleven young worshippers and an address to church. Ross Brown and Horrie Walpole acted as deacons and read; latter also sang a solo. The service was appreciated by all. Visitors included Mr. Collett, of Ballarat, Vic. Sister Parker, on behalf of Flinders Park Sunday school kindergarten, handed treasurer £1/12/- for two chairs for kindergarten. This, with donation of a Semaphore sister, brings appeal to half-way mark. At Sunday school committee it was resolved that school re-open on Feb. 29, unless public schools remain closed after 24th inst. Dawn Gleissert (who was with her mother received into membership by letter of transfer) is to become junior assistant in kindergarten.

Cowandilla.—All services are well attended. During W. E. Fisher's absence on holidays, addresses were given by M. Keatch on Jan. 18 and 25. Church appreciated his addresses. At evening service on Jan. 25, Barbara Goulls made the good confession. Ruth Tilly and Lorraine Mitchell were received into fellowship on Jan. 18, following their confession and baptism. Kindergarten, also greater part of Bible school, has closed owing to paralysis epidemic. Teachers meet each Lord's day and prepare letter questions which are sent to scholars, who are requested to fill in answers and return to teachers each week. Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Fisher have returned from holidays. On Feb. 8, Mr. Fisher spoke at both services, address being helpful and attendances good. Fellowship of several visitors has been enjoyed.

Pt. Lincoln.—Mr. and Mrs. Edwards have completed one year of service. Much difficulty and hardship have been experienced owing to manse taking seven months longer to erect than expected. Difficulty is also experienced owing to services having to be held in hired hall; but since completion of manse, situated in new area, Bible school and midweek meetings held at manse have shown much encouragement in work among young. Mr. Edwards commences second year with a baptismal service. Bible school has been in recess with all other schools of town, but it is hoped to recommence soon.

Hindmarsh.—A married lady decided for Christ on Feb. 1. Bible school attendances are more like normal again. Health of Mr. Holden, sen., and Mr. Tomkins continues to improve. Mrs. Pierce is confined to bed with heart trouble. Sympathy is expressed to W. Magor, whose shop has been burgled three times over last twelve months. Reg Price, who has a fine class of young men in Bible school, has commenced with them an order called K.O.C. (Knights of Christ). Young men will conduct business and work of class under guidance of Mr. Price, who is doing a great work among young people of church.

New South Wales

Inverell.—Harvest festival services were held on Feb. 8 with good attendances, followed by concert and sale of goods on Monday night. Proceeds amounted to £28, which goes to Endeavor hall fund. Church is negotiating for a manse.

Taree.—Church had six additions by faith and obedience during past three weeks. On Feb. 8 good services were held; excellent attendances at Bible school and gospel service. In evening a young man responded to invitation. At conclusion of service four men were baptised by A. B. Clark. All candidates journeyed from Comboyne, a distance of thirty-five miles.

Dareton.—Church appreciates help given by brethren from Mildura church in supplying speakers for one service on three out of every four Sundays. A happy time was spent by all who attended S.S. picnic on Australia Day at Kenny Park, Merbein. Visitors recently have been Mr. and Mrs. Salisbury, Box Hill, Vic., and Mr. and Mrs. Shiner and family, Minindie. Church building is being painted and repaired.

Marrickville.—On Feb. 11 a large congregation gathered to bid godspeed to Audrey Dash, Norman Martin and Ross Rugendyke, who are entering college for first time, and to Hazel Shepherd, who has completed first year. P. E. Thomas presided, and in an inspiring address spoke of the joy of seeing years of faithful service in church and Bible school brought to fruition. Greetings were also given by Lawrie Thomas (Bible school), Grace Paris (Y.P.S.C.E.) and Stuart James (open-air workers). Choir and Bethany Girls' Choir rendered beautiful music. R. H. Maxwell presented each guest with a fountain-pen and loose-leaf ledger. The recipients suitably responded, and the meeting adjourned to schoolroom for social fellowship. A week's mission organised by Rockdale young people has been held at Tempe church. Marrickville young folk undertook open-air meetings preceding services. Testimonies, choruses and musical items were given each evening, and gospel addresses by G. E. Burns, P. E. Thomas, W. D. Howard and D. Oldfield. Meetings were well supported by surrounding churches. Mrs. Crockett (sen.), who recently confessed Christ, was baptised by P. E. Thomas on Feb. 8.

The Australian Christian

Penshurst.—Y.P.C.U. has been re-formed under leadership of G. Miles (late Canley Vale). Church has carried on during difficult years under leadership of R. Wotherspoon, organist, and violinist Ian Marshall (Bible school superintendent). Faithful ministry of not only our own, but many Baptist brethren, through which many young people have made the good confession, is appreciated. Not a few are members of junior C.E., of which Miss Audrey Cook is leader. Women's Fellowship prospered during past year. Mrs. Goode has resigned presidency in favor of Mrs. Miles. Mrs. Facey is secretary and Mrs. Marshall pianist and kindergarten superintendent. Much talent was discovered when junior C.E. presented first Christmas concert.

Blackheath.—Over vacation period fellowship of brethren from churches at Bexley North, Belmore, Earlwood, Paddington and North Parramatta was enjoyed. On Jan. 25 D. Craig, preacher from Manly, conducted services. Mission conducted by Bible college students last December was a help to each member. Bad weather spoiled meetings, but every home in Blackheath was visited. A visit was also paid to Osborne Ladies' College, where gospel story was told by means of slides and flannel-graph. There was one addition to church as a result of mission. Members thank B. K. Munro, Mr. and Mrs. Turnell, the preacher, and Mrs. Sid Reeson, for their work in the mission, also church at Doonside for lending their organist, Mrs. Reeson, for fortnight of mission. Until further notice, communion service at Blackheath will be held at 2.30 p.m. instead of 11 a.m.

Victoria

Hampton.—After C. L. Lang had preached on evening of Feb. 16, Wilma Gole, daughter of church treasurer, made the good confession. Choir is rendering appreciated service after recess, and auxiliaries of church are again functioning.

Cheltenham.—On Feb. 8, at 7 p.m., a family service was held. It was well supported by members and friends, and J. C. Cunningham gave thought-provoking address. Tennis Club has had a good season, all three teams reaching final round. Auxiliaries are commencing year's work.

Melbourne (Swanston-st.).—A. W. Stephenson spoke at both services on Feb. 8, and on Feb. 15 K. A. Macnaughtan resumed his ministry after four weeks of sickness. In evening there was a good congregation, when the service was broadcast by 3XY in Church Hour. Offering for aborigines' work has reached £16/4/5.

Collingwood.—Attendances are almost normal following holidays. Members enjoyed services of Mr. Pritchard, who deputised for Mr. Bartholomew while he was in Queensland on vacation. Girls' Club has resumed. There has been illness amongst members. Mrs. Edney and Mrs. Wimpney are slightly improved. Although Sunday school is small attendance is good.

Ringwood.—C.E. recommenced on Feb. 4, under leadership of N. Westmore. Bible school, with T. Duffy superintendent, reports increased attendances and new scholars. During past three weeks appreciated addresses have been given by Messrs. Allan, Geyer, Oldfield, York, Hodgins and Lewis. Work is in good heart, and preparations are in hand for commencement of an interim ministry on Feb. 29.

Red Hill.—On Feb. 1 Mr. Gregory spoke in morning to a good attendance. Many visitors were present. Mr. Gregory preached at night. Ladies held first meeting for year on Feb. 5. Guild is in good heart. Combined Sunday school picnic was held at Balnarring beach on Jan. 28. On Feb. 8, R. McKenzie was speaker in morning, and gave a strong address at gospel meeting. Mr. and Mrs. Ron Holmes were welcomed back from W.A., A. Greaves from Melbourne, and R. Holmes, who has been in hospital. Miss Betty Holmes is back at organ after a trip to W.A.

Prahran.—Attendances have been well maintained over holiday period. In absence of F. E. Buckingham, R. T. Roberts preached at gospel service on Dec. 28. At close of Mr. Buckingham's address on Feb. 1, a married lady took her stand for Christ, and following Sunday her husband came forward, and both were baptised. Three others have been received into fellowship by faith and baptism in past month. Miss L. Somers, of Oakleigh, was soloist on Feb. 8.

North Williamstown.—An address by Mr. Peitsch was appreciated on Feb. 1. Mr. Grainger has spoken at all other meetings. Among recent visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Rod Pitt and family, of Devonport, Tas. Jack Dykes was baptised on Feb. 15, and at same service a scholar, Bob Green, made confession. Mrs. Griffith, sen., has been confined to her bed lately. Members offer sympathy to relatives of Mrs. Crellin, a faithful worker, who was called home on Feb. 14.

Stawell.—On Jan. 25 Mr. Tromph spoke in morning and Mr. Martyn at night. Mr. Mudford was speaker on Feb. 1. D. Hibbert, of college, was speaker on Feb. 8. Bible school picnic was held on Feb. 7 at Hall's Gap, combined with Ararat Bible school. Prayers are offered for Mr. Stokes, who has taken two strokes and is very sick. Sister Jenkenson, who was first member of Stawell church, has had to leave to make her home at Christian Guest Home; she will be greatly missed.

South Yarra.—On Feb. 1, two young men, Mr. McGregor and Don Cooper, were baptised, Mr. Hargreaves preaching. On Feb. 8 these and Mr. Robinson, from North Richmond, were received into fellowship in morning. On that day a youth tea was held, when over 40 young people spent an enjoyable time and listened to an inspiring address by J. Sewell. At night Mr. Hargreaves preached to a good congregation. All auxiliaries have resumed meetings after Christmas vacation. Church sympathises with Mr. and Mrs. J. Elliot, whose little daughter Nita passed away on Feb. 2.

St. Kilda.—Mrs. Holden, who went into private hospital to undergo an operation, is progressing and expects to be home soon. Y.P. first meeting for 1948 was a visit to Caulfield Hospital, when hymns were sung to patients of TB ward. This is to be a monthly visit, and is much appreciated. Sunday school picnic to Ferny Creek was held enjoyably on Jan. 30. The preacher has purchased a 35 m.m. projector for church work. It was used for first time at C.E. on Feb. 4. While the preacher and his wife are on holidays at Hepburn Springs, work will be carried on by local brethren.

North Fitzroy.—Members are back from holidays, and attendances at services are good. All youth auxiliaries have re-commenced, and keen interest is shown in all departments. During Mr. Turner's absence on holiday, a young man, Mervyn Wilson, decided for Christ at close of P. Foster's address, and was baptised on evening of Feb. 8. At same service a young lady made her confession of Christ. Miss Shirley Wheeler has entered Bethesda Hospital to take up her career as a nurse. Offering for missions to aborigines has amounted to £12/16/8. Chas. McMillan is in hospital very ill.

Ballarat (Peel-st.).—With commencement of ministry of A. J. MacKenzie after being many years without a preacher, church has begun a new era. Induction service on Feb. 1 was conducted by A. H. Graham, and on 4th a welcome social was held. Welcomes were extended on behalf of young people, officers, Ladies' Guild and church members. Representatives of York-st. and Dawson-st. extended welcome. Nola Graham presented Mrs. MacKenzie with a sheath of gladioli on behalf of ladies. She made a charming response, and Mr. MacKenzie also acknowledged the words of welcome. Attendances have been very satisfactory, both services having about 80 present Feb. 8. N. Floate and N. Lacy renovated Sun-

day school door, and made a concrete landing outside vestry.

Oakleigh.—W. T. Atkin and L. A. Trezise were morning speakers and T. Westwood presented gospel addresses on Feb. 1 and 8 during S. Neighbour's holidays. Excellent congregations greeted Mr. Neighbour on his return on Feb. 15. R. Cox and junior choir rendered messages in song. Bible school attendances have returned to normal, about 170. Women's Mission Band, Explorers and Good Companions Clubs and Y.P.S.C.E. have resumed activities. Sympathy is extended to family of Mrs. Bodsworth.

Boronia.—Church extends sympathy to relatives of Mr. Johns, of Silvan, who was in membership here some years ago, and was always referred to as "that kindly Christian gentleman." Specially arranged hymns are being prepared by school for anniversary. A social evening was held in honor of two couples—Beryl Page and A. Sanders, Miss J. Michau and W. Thorne—recently married in chapel. To these workers in the church and school were presented utility sets by members and friends. Mr. Des. Davey, of Australian delegation to Oslo, addressed church, and showed colored film of trip and convention.

North Essendon.—All auxiliaries are functioning after holidays. Newly-formed Young Women's Fellowship reports good attendances, and approximately 35 members on roll. Ladies' Guild and Mission Band have had first meetings for year. Youth Council, Sunday school teachers and Men's Society have had first meetings in form of tea prior to gospel service. At Men's Society meeting J. W. Burns was elected president, H. Hillbrick secretary, and R. Reardon treasurer. Tennis team in "A" grade won summer competition premiership by one game. "A" grade cricket team is, in the four. Mr. Wright welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Morrison into membership on morning of Feb. 15.

West Preston.—Hearts of all members were saddened by death, under tragic circumstances, of E. Fennell. Sympathy and condolence of church go out to his young widow. At annual business meeting, A. Scaife, H. Powell and R. Green were added to diaconate. A. B. Withers, who will complete five years' ministry in April, received an invitation, by unanimous vote of church, to continue for further term. The earnest preaching of Mr. Withers, his energy, enthusiasm and devotion in visitation, have endeared him to all. At midweek service on Feb. 4, Allan West and Geo. Wood brought interesting papers on "Why the King James' Version Appeals" and "How Present-Day Translations Help." A baptismal service followed, when two from East Preston church were baptised by C. Watson.

Blackburn.—Church welcomes Mr. and Mrs. Quirk and daughter, Esme, who are residing in district. Mr. Quirk is giving a series of morning addresses on the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer, and his evening sermons have been illustrated by chart. Church is indebted to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Gill for opening their home for monthly fellowship meeting of church, at which Walter McDowell was speaker. All auxiliaries have resumed after holiday recess. S.S. is steadily growing, 126 being present on a recent Sunday, and four new scholars were enrolled on Feb. 15. Approximately 200 were present at annual picnic at Edithvale on Jan. 17. Ladies of Mission Band held an afternoon to farewell Mrs. Freeman, who is spending an extended holiday in W.A. Ladies of church had kitchen tea in honor of Dorothy Brogan, who was married on Jan. 24 to Ron Bluhm. Mr. James, who was seriously ill for some weeks, has had to return to hospital for further treatment.

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—Inserted by her loving husband and family.

KENT.—In fondest memory of Clifford Vernon Kent, loved husband of Jean and darling daddy of Margaret and Barbara. Presumed killed Malaya Feb. 11, 1942.

Love lights the gloom of sorrow,

Faith seeks the dawn to be,

Hope awakes the glad to-morrow

That brings us nearer thee.

—Jean Kent, Canberra.

LEE-ARCHER.—In memory of Baden Carr, loved little son, who left us on Feb. 18, 1945.

—2 Bent-st., E. Malvern.

MEYER.—In memory of my dear wife, Sarah Meyer (auntie), passed away on Feb. 19, 1937.

Gone but not forgotten.

—Inserted by her husband (E. J. Meyer) and family.

PEDERSEN.—In loving memory of our darling little Bruce, who went to be with the Lord on Feb. 24, 1939.

The midday sun is shining

On a grave not far away,

Where they laid our darling son and brother

Just nine years ago to-day.

—Inserted by his mother, father, brothers and sister.

RUSSELL.—In loving memory of our dear father, who passed away on Feb. 7, 1939.

We are, O Lord, deprived of one

Who was to us so dear;

Teach us to say, "Thy will be done,"

Although we miss him here.

—Inserted by his loving daughter Alice, and son-in-law Clarrie.

WATSON.—In ever loving memory of our beloved husband and father, who fell asleep in Jesus Feb. 17, 1945.

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7 p.m., Gospel Service. Speaker, Mr. E. McIlhagger.

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Our Young People

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TWO camps were held for young people in Queensland at their own camp site at Dicky Beach.

Sixty-four senior young people attended the first session from December 26 to January 2. Devotional periods were led by F. C. Hunting and C. J. Mackenzie. The booklet, "The Vision that Made a People," formed a basis of a daily lecture of the plea of the churches of Christ, and was given by A. Norling. F. C. Hunting gave lectures on Christian evidences, and H. E. Greenwood spoke to teachers on methods of gaining and holding attention.

The second session for junior boys and girls was held from January 3 to 10. Seventeen children attended. Studies in the parables were led by Horace Christensen and Myrl Haworth. Much was achieved by the dramatization of the studies.

The Federal Youth Department joins with our Queensland brotherhood in thanking H. E. Greenwood for his untiring services, particularly in the interest of our young people. His co-operation and encouragement in the establishment of the Federal Board of Christian Education helped in laying the foundations of a wider service to youth and youth workers. We are sure his interest in youth will continue, as he takes up work in Western Australia.

Mr. E. Lewis, treasurer of the Victorian Youth Department, reports that the 1947 annual offering reached only £930 compared with £1001 in 1946. The department has spent £446 more than was received. This has been largely due to the forward policy of developing the Board of Christian Education, expenses in transferring the office, and additional running expenses. Any churches holding money for the Youth Department are asked to forward as soon as possible.

Social Service Notes in W.A.

C.F.A. is doing a splendid work by helping all needy cases requesting assistance for some years in W.A. We desire to rally every church and member in W.A. to enlist in C.F.A. now. Please write the secretary at once.

Our Social Service Committee assists the W.A. Temperance League financially, and with secretary on the executive to further temperance education in both State and private schools. As a result of the last examinations over 7000 children gained honor, merit and pass certificates, also to assist the temperance sports project, and stop the granting of liquor licences in the courts.

In response to our appeal to our churches for British flood relief and food needs we received £300 in cash and £100 in goods and parcels. All of our churches are now sending parcels regularly to our British churches.

Our churches have responded with nearly £60 to help the Wooroloo Homes Colony to provide a home and a garden plot for consumptive patients who are recovering by the sanatorium treatment.

Our plans for the construction of duplex cottages in a lovely garden suburb at East Victoria Park for our aged folk have the approval of the town planner, the city building surveyor and committee, the Workers' Homes Board, the McNeas Trust, the Public Health Department, the State Housing Commission, and the special committee appointed by conference to investigate and advise. We are waiting for the sanction of the State conference executive.

The conference executive has sanctioned our appeal to the churches for funds on March 14. All of this offering will be for our aged folks'

homes project. We seek your help now in prayer, work and gifts.—W. H. Nightingale, hon. secretary, 31 Robert-st., Como, W.A.

The New Order

SHALL the world its soul regain,
Now one mad strife is over;
Shall hypocrisy remain,
Old hatreds still to cover;
Shall the greed of Mammon still,
With his callous disregard,
Workers' lives with misery fill,
And their broken souls discard.
In a sister's face of care,
Shall we still the shadow see,
Haunting fear has planted there,
At her insecurity.
Shall we prate of nations still,
Superior to all others,
Claiming favor in God's will,
Denied to alien brothers.
Shall we keep the fires alight,
That remind them of a debt,
Building barriers of might,
With insulting epithet.
Shall we still distinctions make,
In our own social orders;
Shall we to this truth awake;
God's kingdom has no borders;
Shall we learn to look beyond
Each selfish inclination,
Fostering with all a bond,
Of comradely relation.
Shall the "order" men propose,
From foundations crumbling grow;
Blind to plans of "One" that rose,
Nigh two thousand years ago.

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Obituary

Eric John Fennell

IN an accident in which he was involved on February 6, Eric Fennell, of West Preston (Vic.), received injuries from which he did not recover. He was twenty-five years of age. During the war Eric served with the Air Force in England. A little more than two years ago he was married to Dulcie Stevens, also of West Preston church, and in quiet faithfulness they continued in its fellowship. Eric's parents, also his sisters and brother, are members of the Baptist Church, and at times he himself attended a service there with them. On the day of the funeral many members of that church were present, and Mr. Shannon, Baptist minister, participated in the service in the home. Also present were Mr. Wigney, formerly minister here, and Mr. W. Hart who, during his ministry with this church, baptised Eric. The church regrets this sudden and unexpected passing of one of its good young men, for he was that, and a helper in its services, and he had many friends within it; yet we are confident that with him all is well, and the faith of his wife and of his people will uphold them in their time of need. We sympathetically commend them to the God who mysteriously has called this one unto himself.—A.B.W.

Mrs. A. Lambert

WHEREVER she went she radiated a bright spirit of faith and devotion, and the church on earth will be the poorer for the homecall of Lily Hazel Lambert. Giving her heart to the Lord, she was baptised 19 years ago at Chatswood, N.S.W., by the late J. Whelan, and one year later, she married A. Lambert. A sturdy lad, John, was born into the family. For some time she helped as a kindergarten teacher, and was always ready to render what service she could for Christ; but, increasing sickness prevented her from continuing in active service. After a serious operation last year, it was hoped that complete health would be restored; but the Lord knew better, and on Dec. 24, 1947, she fell asleep in Jesus, at the early age of 43 years. It was the writer's privilege to visit her at home and in hospital, and always she greeted one with a bright word and a confident witness to her faith in the Lord. After her death many letters were found in her bag, and others were subsequently received by her husband, telling of the help she had rendered to unknown friends and to patients in the hospitals, while nurses testified to the steadfast and joyful witness which she gave even during her last illness. On Dec. 26 her body was laid to rest in the Enfield Cemetery, W. N. Bartlett, of Croydon church, assisting in the service, for her membership had been there for a considerable time. We lovingly commend the husband and the young son and all sorrowing relatives to the tender care and grace of our Lord.—A.J.F., Nailsworth, S.A.

William Thomas Munday

THE church at Burnley was grieved to learn of the death of Mr. Munday, which occurred at Echuca, Vic., Dec. 9, 1947, whilst spending a vacation with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Dusting. Mr. Munday was born at Geelong in 1868. When he came to reside in Melbourne he took his membership to the church at South Richmond, where he was particularly interested in the work of the Bible school. During the last 24 years Mr. Munday had met with Burnley church, and rendered valuable service as church secretary over some years. He was always present when work of a practical nature was to be done to the church property, using his skill in God's service. He and his beloved wife, who predeceased him by many years, were held in great esteem by the congregation where they worshipped. After a well-attended

service in Burnley chapel, at which Mr. W. Clay paid tribute to our brother, his earthly remains were laid to rest in Kew Cemetery, in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection. To all the loved ones we convey the sympathy of the church, confident that our brother's name has been transferred to the roll of the church triumphant.—H.F.G.

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FOR "CHRISTIAN" READERS

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

EAST PRESTON MISSION

IN the report in "The Australian Christian" 20/1/48 by E. C. Hinrichsen the following appears: "In the past not much progress has been made . . . this being evidenced by the fact that after eight years there are only seventeen members on the roll." As Mr. Hinrichsen could not be expected to know the early history of the church, may I be permitted to say that during those difficult early years a very small group of members carried the work on and God so blessed the work that at about the end of four years there was a membership of about fifteen in spite of the war effort taking some of the younger members; the Bible school had an enrolment of something like eighty, with average attendance of about sixty; and the building and land had been paid for by faith in God and voluntary offerings of the faithful few. This was before receiving the much appreciated help of the District Conference. Our prayer for the future is that the Spirit of God will work mightily in East Preston.—J. T. Smith, Regent, Victoria.

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We recall that in the past some nations sunk into oblivion through drunkenness. Are we heading there too?

Mission at Tempe

The Intermediate Christian Endeavor Society connected with the church at Rockdale is running a week's mission in the chapel at Tempe. The mission started on Sunday, Feb. 1, with a most encouraging attendance. Two of the young men of the society are doing the preaching; Bill Howard, who goes into the college at Woolwich in a few weeks' time, and David Oldfield, who expects to enter college later. Jack Lindsay is song-leader. It has been organised by the young folk. They are holding open-air meetings, and visiting from house to house. Group prayer meetings have been held for over a month. The young people from Marriekville and Bexley North have been co-operating.

Mission at Carramar

The first Hinrichsen mission for 1948 commenced on Feb. 8 at Carramar. This is one of the younger churches around Sydney, and one of the very aggressive churches. The few members there have worked and given heroically.

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