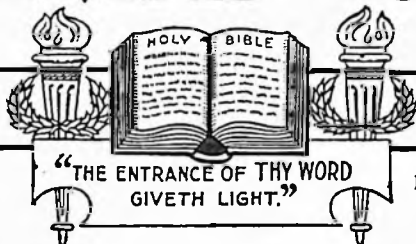


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## A Way to Revival

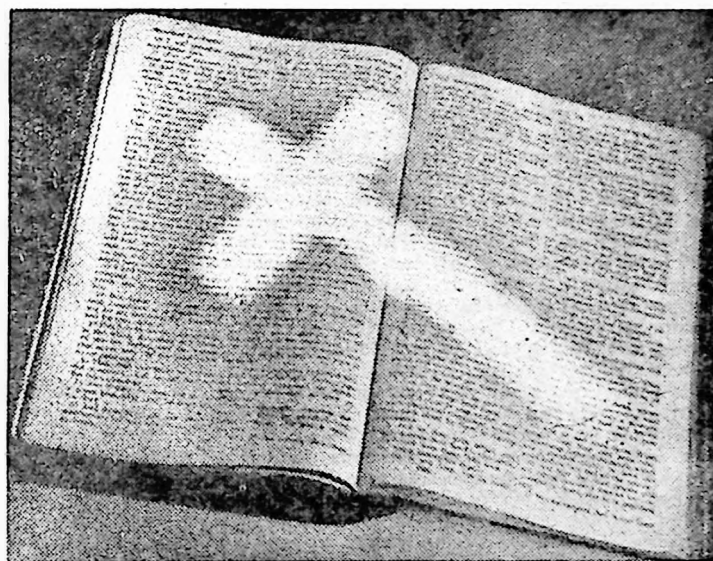
WHERE do we find the truth? In words expressing the recurring experiences of life we have what is true. The teachings of Jesus guide men of every generation to the best life. Men must live the way Jesus taught, or else suffer moral defeat. That way may not be easy, but it leads to victory.

Jesus applied to his own life the truth he taught. His life was truth in action. In view of all he faced he could not have lived differently. The truth compelled him to live and to die as he did. When Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life," he was stating a fact. As Jesus taught and as Jesus lived, we must live in this day to gain victory. We are not thinking of the passing customs which Jesus followed with other ancient Eastern people, but we are pointing to the great rules of sacrificial living Jesus taught and applied to daily life. We do not know of any person who has given teachings that point so practically to the best life. We cannot get a better view of life than that Jesus showed. So far as conduct is concerned no one has given us any new knowledge of the good life. Jesus has said the first and last word on the moral life. In addition, he was the first and the last to apply all those rules to human life.

The master's teaching was not only about the way we ought to behave toward our fellows, but it also covered the attitude we must have toward God. We are told how we must worship and serve God and how we ought to think and to act in home and community. We must think pure thoughts to do good deeds to others. We must worship, not just outwardly with the body, but also with the spirit. The first and most essential fact in the Christian life is a birth that makes spirit and mind new. Only God's Spirit can create such a new life in the heart of the believer.

All the centuries of history since Christ have not brought to light anything to take the place of our Lord's life and teachings. We are made aware, because of the proof offered by the centuries, that only this truth revealed in Jesus can save man from this world of sin.

To meet the demands of the troubled present, we have no need to try to find something different from what has been shown to us in Christ. What we must do is to go back to Christ; to the Christ shown with dignity and majesty in the New Testament. The only knowledge of Christ's life and teaching we can count on is to be found within the Bible. Having found Christ and having put his way of life to the test, we gain, in experience, a confirmation of the truth of what we read. Thus this knowledge of Christ and the experience we have of him put power into life and make us new creatures.



When men depart from Christ they fall into vicious ways. Then the church becomes weak and the world gains strength. Several times in history the church became so frail that it seemed only a matter of a few years and it would perish. However, the church recaptured former strength because members returned, again and again, to the pure teaching and life of Christ. This renewed fellowship with the Master created new life within the church. Because of their return to the truth in Christ, Christians became zealous evangelists and missionaries. Instead of a limping church, we have the church moving like a mighty army. To-day, within western lands, we see a church hesitant and weak. Cries are being raised about the need of revival. This can come, not by some new thing, but by a return to Christ. By going back to Christ through prayer and Bible reading, we shall secure the power to match the hour.

This is the day when we need not a formal traditional approach to the ideals of the Restoration Movement, but a spiritual approach with a new appreciation of Christ. We must capture again the power and simple truths of the New Testament church which the Restoration Movement has aimed to revive in recent years. Through men who have returned to Christ and who have gained the power of his life, the church has been revived again and again throughout the centuries. Now, churches in this continent can be awakened to fresh endeavors and to renewed evangelistic zeal if church members make a new contact with Christ. "Back to Christ and on to victory" must be a watchword for Christians in these serious days.

# THE CHURCH DEMANDS REFORM

## A Challenge to the Victorian Government

*Liquor interests defied by Mr. F. L. Edmunds, M.L.A.*

THE need for liquor reform is perennially before us; and so long as intoxicating liquor is permitted to be retailed to the community with such disastrous effects, it is going to remain a question. The history of the liquor traffic is almost as old as the human family, and has cursed it as nothing else has done. All manner of reforms that have been tried have met with only partial success. While the criminal is at large the whole world is in danger.

Reform! Yes, reform is necessary; but who is going to reform it? No one man can do it, neither is any man capable of devising a plan of successful reformation apart from absolute prohibition. Not satisfied with the altogether too liberal conditions governing the liquor business, the liquor party has been pulling strings, political and party, to obtain what they consider is reform. Really, the reform they seek is longer hours of trading and freedom to do business anywhere at any time in any place they choose. Such conditions, they claim, will make for sobriety through moderate drinking. The laws and regulations governing the traffic, it is contended, are provocative of law-breaking and disorder. May we say just here that concessions made to a social evil by governments are rarely, if ever, withdrawn. The liquor traffic itself is an illustration of this fact. The revenue obtained from it, is the price paid for the right to carry on its diabolical work, to blight the community, to ruin lives and homes, to crush women with despair and to rob little children of their rightful inheritance. Reform! Returned soldiers have made the question an issue and, so far, we have not had a protest. Surely, not all returned men are seeking a club license. We have had some courageous reformers in our time, but never one more daring than Mr. F. L. Edmunds, M.L.A., of Hawthorn. The decision of the present government which had given promise of introducing liquor reform, to satisfy the threatening discontents, not to proceed with the measure is doubtless due largely to the counterthreat of Mr. Edmunds, representing a not to be despised minority of government members, to take definite action to challenge the government. Mr. Edmunds has stated his intention of resigning his seat and contesting it on the question of liquor reform. All honor to such a man. A few more such men in our parliament would give us the assurance of the honor and cleanness we have a right to expect of them.

Reformers must not be side-tracked by issues such as have been raised by liquor advocates, but must continue to press for the democratic right of local option.—W. H. Clay.

## Sunday Observance and State Law

*Protests to be made to Chief Secretary by Melbourne Sunday Observance Council.*

AT the February meeting of the Melbourne Sunday Christian Observance Council the following series of resolutions was adopted. The council resolved to arrange for a deputation to wait upon the Chief Secretary at an early date in order to discuss the general situation on Sunday observance and the existing State law on the matter.

The resolutions state that the Sunday Christian Observance Council views with grave concern the rapid development of Sunday sporting fix-

tures and other forms of public entertainment, some of which, ostensibly held for charitable and benevolent purposes, are in conflict with the Sunday Observance Act.

This council is not satisfied that the provisions of the Imperial Acts Application Act, No. 3270, are being observed with respect to "making donations or by sale of programmes as the price of admission," either of which method constituted an offence under the Act.

From press publicity given to some recent Sunday entertainments and sporting fixtures carried on in the city and suburbs, it would appear that there have been flagrant contraventions of the existing law. This council considers that when such an infringement of the law takes place, or is about to take place, the offenders should be warned by the police authorities and that appropriate action should be taken.

Helpful co-operation on the part of reputable public bodies, sporting organisations and individual citizens is earnestly invited in order that the growing disregard for God's holy day may be checked, thereby giving the Christian Sunday its rightful place as the first day of the week and assisting to maintain its divinely authorised character.

This council is of the opinion that the neglect of Sunday observance is one of the main roots of the troubles and unrest of our time, blunting the Christian conscience, loosening spiritual values and lessening the individual and national sense of almighty God.

## Unity Talks

*U.S.A. Baptists and Disciples confer.*

AT Cleveland, U.S.A., on Dec. 12, representatives of Northern Baptists Convention and the International Convention of Disciples met. An editorial in "The Christian Evangelist" states that the purpose of the gathering was to "explore and examine the content of faith and polity of the two bodies in order to discuss intelligently the possibilities of union."

Dr. R. Miller reported that the meeting was held with a large majority of the appointees, Baptists and Disciples, present. It was by far the most encouraging meeting yet held by the commission. Without any evasion of the purpose to which the conventions authorised and instructed the commission, the Baptist and Disciple members, first in separate meetings, then in a joint meeting, discussed the main question and laid plans for procedure toward the appointed goal.

If the spirit of fellowship and determination which characterises the commission becomes also the spirit of the two brotherhoods there can be no doubt as to the outcome of the effort toward unity.

Both committees agree that this time there shall be no precipitous haste, no votes before unprepared conventions, no failure to examine all matters, both large and small, which must enter into the final decision.

The commission will have the benefit of the experience of Baptist and Disciple committees appointed after an address by Edgar DeWitt Jones at the Northern Baptist Convention in 1928. Each section drew up a statement of "views and beliefs" which was reviewed and resulted in the formation of an "identical report" to be submitted to Baptist and Disciple conventions. The 1929 convention of Disciples at Seattle enthusiastically approved of the recommendations. The Baptist convention of that year postponed action for a year "without prejudice." Then came the Northern Baptist convention of 1930 in Cleveland at which a minority report by F. L. Anderson was adopted:

"Whereas, the Disciples delegates at Detroit in 1928 proposed unity of programme to our convention, which can mean nothing less than a singling out of the Disciples from all our sister denominations for special co-operation and open alliance; therefore be it

"Resolved, that this convention respectfully and affectionately declines to recommend the said unity programme with the Disciples as long as they hold to their traditional view of the relation of baptism to salvation, and

"Resolved, that in the meantime we recommend the same measure and kind of co-operation with the Disciples which we have with other evangelical bodies."

The vote was due largely to the influence over the convention of one man and also to the fact that not enough preparation had been made in local congregations.

A prominent member of the present Baptist committee explained to the commission that, while Disciples have a long experience in the advocacy of unity, Baptists do not have a similar experience.

## The Problem of Worship

*Thos. Smith, of Victoria, supports efforts being made to maintain dignity of morning service.*

THE South Australian churches are to be commended on their progress report on "reviving the church," particularly in regard to "worship." For some years past, presiding brethren have adopted many things which cannot be regarded as improvements. Probably as the result of frequent interchanges with denominational bodies, something that is known as "call to worship" has been foisted upon some of the churches of Christ. The presiding brother reads some Psalm or other scripture before announcing the first hymn. Besides unduly adding to the length of an already crowded "order of worship" it is superfluous, seeing that some of the most beautiful hymns in the hymnbook are a "call to worship." Not that I object to scripture; but the two Bible readings, added to any other scripture the president may use at the supper, also that which may be used by the speaker, should be sufficient. Then, too, some of our churches must have the offering "dedicated" — something we have managed to do without for over sixty years. Only the same thing is said, until it reaches "vain repetition." Besides, what can the "dedicating" do? Those who have given according to their means do not need it; those who have given grudgingly cannot have their offering made any more acceptable to God because of the "dedication." I would also like to refer to the subtle suggestion in the report: "Eliminate the 'first' sermon by the presiding brother." What can be done with a presiding brother who persists in reading a whole chapter and then adding his "remarks"? If he must make remarks, then let him read one or two verses at the most. Lastly, the awful infliction of announcements: so unnecessary, very often, and, not seldom, quite incongruous. Here again, our best churches managed for very many years to do without a special announcer. Any announcements considered necessary were invariably made by the presiding brother, thus saving time and the intrusion of yet another brother. In my opinion, if a brother is not considered as fit to make a few announcements, he is certainly not fit to preside over the meeting.

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# GOOD CONTACTS in Women's Work

THE women's evangelistic work continues much the same with the regular children's classes and systematic visits to the women in surrounding villages. I now have a fair understanding of each place, and am gradually becoming acquainted with the women.

As you know, most of our work is among the farming women and the outcasts, but naturally we hope for contacts with the higher caste women. We occasionally visit a superior type of Mohammedan woman, who has been friendly towards the mission for several years. We are hopeful that in time the friendship with her might develop into something greater.

Recently we have had contact with a Brahman family. It is wonderful how some of these contacts are brought about. One night I was returning by bus from Poona and a young Brahman wife with her mother-in-law and brother-in-law shared the front seat with me. Quite of her own accord, the young wife (aged about 18) struck up conversation with me. I was rather surprised, as generally Brahmans do not make such friendly overtures towards us. As an outcome of our brief conversation, above the rattle of the bus (that road is terrible!) she asked me to visit the home and also expressed the desire to come to the bungalow at some time. We followed up the contact, being received hospitably by the mother-in-law, and a little later the girl and a sister-in-law visited here. At first, the young wife borrowed a New Testament for a few days, returning it when she came here. Then I gave her a copy for herself, which at first she seemed reluctant to take. The Biblewomen told me that probably she feared reaction from her in-laws if she showed too much interest in Christianity. We can only pray that she will be allowed to read it, even in such an orthodox home (she showed me their god-house with tapers continually burning before the idol), and that God will speak to her through his word, even as we know has been the case in the lives of several in this and other countries. I will visit the house again in a few days, so may find out if there has been any adverse reaction. She is quite an unsophisticated charming type of girl, such as we would covet for the Lord.—Kathleen Taylor.

## PARGAON SCHOOL

FOR some years it has been the desire of our missionaries that a chapel would be built at Pargaon, and the building would also serve as a school. The war intervened, making supplies difficult, and it was also discovered that the way in which the land was held Government regulations would not permit the erection of a church building. On the other hand, Government would encourage the building of a school and would probably do as in other cases, make a grant towards its upkeep. The building will soon be finished, and Kisan Allat will take charge of the new venture. This young man shows great promise, was married to one of our own girls, and has just returned from training at the American Marathi Mission, Ahmednagar.

When in India, the Federal secretary visited Pargaon and saw the possibilities, though the day of the visit was not a good one to meet the people. Harvest was in full swing and the people were away in their fields. Mrs. Bruce Coventry, who recently visited the area and saw the numerous children and interested adults, said, "The half was never told." Since the Pargaon people requested the mission to commence the school and have given some voluntary labor to help in its erection, their interest gives promise of future success for the venture.

## DARYL CARTMEL

OUR youngest missionary recruit, after spending his first year on the language and visiting other mission stations for experience, has on the recommendation of the committee of management and the consent of the home board gone to the Bible Seminary at Yeotmal. The

experience should be of great value to our future missionary, as here he will mingle with Indian students and get to know the Indian mind from a different angle. This school is linked with the better known Serampore College, which takes students to the B.D. degree. The advantage of Yeotmal over other colleges for the present is that it is in the Marathi speaking area, which will be a distinct help to one studying the language. Dr. F. J. Kline, well known to our missionary group, is principal, and a competent staff serve under him. Mr. Cartmel's present address is c/o Dr. F. J. Kline, The Bible Seminary, Yeotmal, Berar, India.

## INTERVIEW WITH KAGAWA

DR. TOYOHICO KAGAWA is the moving spirit behind a movement to win Japan for Christ under the auspices of the United Church of Christ. "Christ for Japan and Japan for Christ" is the daily prayer which is the nearest to his heart. The "Lutheran" publishes the report of an interview with Dr. Kagawa. "What

have you been doing in the past year?" he was asked. "Preaching," came back the reply . . . then, "relief work." During the last six months he has spoken to over 1,500,000 persons. He has visited all parts of Japan from Hokkaido in the north, to Kyushu in the south. Every Sunday he occupied a pulpit somewhere. "What progress is Christianity making?" "There is a spiritual revolution among the Japanese, particularly among the people in the country," Dr. Kagawa said. "Since last June we have had 34,000 converts to the Christian faith."

"If we would build on a sure foundation in friendship, we must love our friends for their sakes rather than for our own."

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

# Social Service Notes

Will H. Clay

## Christian Guest Home

Mrs. Ross, who has been associated with our Christian Guest Home since its opening in 1938, and for most of that time as matron, has felt it necessary to resign. For a considerable time past she has not been in the best of health, and has feared that it may become necessary to take an extended rest. Quite recently an opportunity presented itself to her to make a change and, not without considering the committee with which the relations have always been most cordial, she committed herself. It should be stated, further, that the health of her daughter, Miss Alwyn Jenkins, who has grown up in the home and who is now a valued member of the staff, has given her much concern. There appears to be no other way by which Mrs. Ross and her daughter can obtain the change and rest that have been medically prescribed. The committee has offered an extended holiday, but this could not be accepted. What the home is to-day is in no small measure due to the unselfish and untiring services Mrs. Ross has given us. The committee is left with no alternative but to accept the resignation, to take effect on March 20. It is pleasing, in the circumstances, to know that she will be residing in the district, and will maintain a live interest in the home. A suitable opportunity will be taken of expressing our appreciation of both mother and daughter.

## Death of Mrs. McIntosh

The guests of the homes at Oakleigh and Murrumbidgee, as well as many friends, have

been saddened by the death of Mrs. McIntosh, on Feb. 15. A quiet, unassuming soul who had been widowed many years, she found a refuge in the home at Oakleigh on Aug. 11, 1945. Being a sufferer from arthritis demanding night attention, she was transferred to Murrumbidgee some months ago. Her passing was from a world of pain to one of peace. Both Mrs. Ross and Mrs. Saunders and the members of the staffs have given of their best to help an almost helpless soul and to comfort her in her last days. To such as Mrs. McIntosh and other weary souls it is our privilege to minister. The mortal remains were laid to rest at Springvale, the chaplain, S. Neighbour, officiating, a brother and a few friends being present.

## Building Extensions

Contractors expect shortly to commence with the erection of a semi-detached brick pair at the Christian Guest Home, Oakleigh. The erection of nurses' and maids' quarters at Murrumbidgee, and the reconditioning of the main building, will also shortly be taken in hand. A proposal from the government with regard to financing the children's home project on a per capita basis, according to the number of wards of the State we will agree to accommodate, is also receiving attention.

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Indian Village Women, amongst whom our missionaries are working.



# Here and There

"Hinrichsen mission at Carramar, N.S.W., had good meeting on Sunday, Feb. 29. There were two decisions, making 27 to date."

The Victorian Young People's Department would be glad if those who entered University of Melbourne and Teachers' Training College in 1948 would forward their names and addresses to director at youth office, 262 Flinders-lane, C.1.

The Victorian Church Extension Department was formed in 1910. In the years which have passed seventy-five churches have been helped with building projects or with loans to pay off liabilities. The annual offering for this department will be taken on March 21.

Miss Elva Organ, organist of church at Carnegie, Vic., has been awarded the Lady Maud Harrington Prize for accompanying. She obtained first class honors in all subjects at final exams for the diploma of music at the Melbourne University Conservatorium, and gained first place for final year.

Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Kemp reached Melbourne on Feb. 28. Owing to ship being delayed in India they were able to make a brief visit to mission stations in "Our India." Although "Strathaird" was at Fremantle only a few hours, Dr. Kemp had time to attend worship service at Subiaco on Feb. 22 and to meet some of the Western brethren.

Maston Bell, in his despatch from aborigines mission station, Carnarvon, W.A., on Wednesday, Feb. 24, wrote: "Building ahead of schedule. Both dormitories roofed and floored. Team now working on internal fittings and missionary quarters. Commenced school fifty by eighteen Monday afternoon. Putting on roof, floor and weatherboards to-day, Wednesday. Work greatly favored by disastrous cyclone moving inland and missing Carnarvon. Join in thanksgiving for progress to date."

College of the Bible, Glen Iris, Vic., began year's work on Wednesday, Feb. 18. Forty-three students have been enrolled, ten being new students. On Feb. 23 students were entertained by Lygon-st. church at tea prior to public commencement sessions in chapel. K. A. Jones, newly appointed secretary and organiser, was given a public welcome. Brighton choir sang anthems. The ladies' hostel has received from Mrs. C. F. McDonald, first matron of hostel, a much appreciated gift of a valuable painting.

The Victorian Church Extension Committee has completed plans for removing the church building at Mont Albert, Vic., to the new housing commission area at Braybrook. In the neighborhood the Footscray church purchased land many years ago, and a large Sunday school has been built up, the school being held in a hired hall. Church services will be combined with the Bible school work immediately the building is rebuilt. There is an exceptional opportunity in this new area, in which this will be the only church building.

A. W. C. Candy began his ministry in Swan Hill district on Feb. 8, when he spoke at Woorinen at 11 a.m., Ultima at 3 p.m., and Swan Hill at 7.30 p.m. On Feb. 11, brethren of district churches gathered in Swan Hill chapel for a social evening to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Candy and family. Representatives from each church and auxiliary in district spoke words of welcome and Mrs. Walmsley presented Mrs. Candy with a bouquet on behalf of ladies. Mr. Albion (Methodist) and Mr. Smith (Presbyterian) also welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Candy on behalf of other churches in district. District conference executive met on Feb. 19 to discuss with Mr. Candy plan for work in district. District Sunday schools reopened on Feb. 8. Murrumbidgee Sunday school has combined with Swan Hill, with Mr. Candy superintendent and A. Staley secretary. District Youth Council held first meeting for this year on Feb. 18, when work among young people was discussed and plans made.

The church at Lygon-st., Carlton, Vic., announces that R. M. Wilson, having completed ten years of service with the church at Mayfield, N.S.W., has now accepted a call to the ministry of the Lygon-st. church, commencing in July. In meantime R. Ennis continues his honorary ministry.

On Feb. 22 E. S. Nicholson, of Local Option Alliance, conducted afternoon service at East Emerald, Vic., and also a lantern service in evening. At evening service Mr. Nicholson presented Band of Hope badges to Bible school scholars who had recently signed temperance pledge. Certificates had been presented previously which Mr. Berry had had beautifully framed. An offering was taken for Local Option Alliance. This church commends the action of Mr. Berry in recent bush fire, which destroyed North Fitzroy church holiday camp. Mr. Berry risked his life by forcing his way along a narrow path through the flames, safely reaching camp buildings with pump, only to be driven back by intense heat.

## CENTRAL-NORTHERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE, VIC.

KYNETON was the centre for annual conference held in chapel on Australia Day, Jan. 26. Though warm, the weather was ideal for picnic meals in Kyneton Gardens.

The programme for day commenced with a cup of tea served in Mechanics' Hall. Delegates and visitors were welcomed by president, J. O. Methven, of Castlemaine. Office-bearers elected for current year were: President, H. Langley, Bendigo; secretary, G. H. Goudie, Kyneton; treasurer, E. H. Duus, Bendigo. Half-yearly conference is to be held at Bendigo on King's birthday holiday in June.

Enjoyable musical items were rendered by Miss F. Vercoe, C. J. Robinson, duet; Miss Lucy Costelloe (Melbourne) solo; solo, Maryborough youth representative; and a quintette by a Kyneton group.

In morning, Mr. Methven's thought-provoking address on Bible school work, was followed by a lively discussion. In afternoon, Midland youth enjoyed a sports programme held at mineral springs.

The women's session was held under presidency of Mrs. Methven. Office-bearers elected were: President, Mrs. J. O. Methven; secretary, Miss J. Goudie; treasurer, Mrs. G. Briggs. Guest speaker was Mrs. E. Washford, president Victorian Women's Conference.

Evening session was an inspirational one, B. Alcorn, of Maryborough, giving a challenging address on "The Church and Youth." Supper closed a memorable day—G. H. Goudie, secretary.

## NORTH WILLIAMSTOWN CHURCH DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

LARGE gatherings of past and present members characterised Diamond Jubilee of North Williamstown church, Vic., on Feb. 21 and 22. Ladies served tea to visitors on Saturday, at which a welcome was extended, and greetings were brought by Cr. Ducrew, Mayor of Williamstown, to returning residents of city.

At a reunion function during the evening, Reg. Ennis, a former preacher, conducted the dedication of memorials to pioneers, J. E. Thomas, and G. O. Griffiths. The platform setting in chapel has been considerably altered by men of church, and memorials are embraced in new setting. In addition, two windows were dedicated to family members by Mrs. A. Brown and Mrs. C. McKinnon. Mr. F. F. Byatt and Mr. Henderson conveyed greetings from local churches, World Council, and Ministers' Fraternal.

Extra seating was needed to accommodate people on Sunday. Addresses were given by G.

Grainger, J. Burns and F. T. Morgan. Ladies entertained visitors at lunch and tea in lecture hall.

Celebrations have been marked by a week of teaching meetings, F. T. Morgan being leader. His addresses have been appreciated. Guest singers helped in all meetings. A. Haskell was song-leader. A collection of articles having links with the past history of the church provided interest to members and visitors alike. A booklet, "Three Score," provided a suitable souvenir of celebrations. Jubilee thankoffering reached almost £100. An announcement that church officers had decided that nine other windows should be set aside for memorials brought response, and all were requested.

## YOUNG PEOPLE IN S.A.

### Christmas Leadership Camp

FORTY-FIVE key young people, representing 15 churches, shared in a summer school at Tanunda, from Christmas to New Year. They studied Christian doctrine, Bible school teaching, youth leadership, child psychology, and other subjects. Churches to which they have returned are reporting that training is bearing fruit in local work.

### Religious Education on Beach

Youth Department shared with Semaphore church in a venture of religious education on beach at Semaphore. Led by youth director, G. Stirling, and minister of Semaphore church, S. Mathews, the project proceeded for one week, and on each Wednesday after that. About 100 children attended each day, in spite of infantile paralysis epidemic. Among those who helped was Miss Joan Waterman, of Glen Iris, Vic. Fresh contacts have been made for Semaphore Bible school. Mr. Mathews is planning to carry on project at church after school recommences.

### C.E. Leaders

Under leadership of Bill Heath, convener of C.E. activities for department, 25 key C.E. workers from Intermediate and Young People's Societies met for conference and discussion. Future planning includes service whereby programmes and worship will be sent to societies to assist in weekly meetings. There was also a good discussion on question of service projects in C.E. work.

## WANTED

House or flat or part house and conveniences wanted for 6-9 months. Own house building. W. Carnaby, 6 Laura-st., Moonee Ponds. FU5952.

House or shop and dwelling, of not less than four rooms, wanted most urgently.—Claude Gadge, 27 Northcote-rd., Armadale. U3029, after 5.30 p.m.

Melbourne business lady wants board in Christian home.—Ring WA2356.

To rent, furnished cottage with two bedrooms, Belgrave or surrounding districts for Christmas fortnight.—C. Jackson, 19 Queensville-st., West Footscray.

## FOR MEN ONLY

The CITY MEN'S BIBLE CLASS extends a welcome to all men, young and old, to enjoy a profitable hour of instruction from the word of God.

The Speaker for March is Mr. JOHN THOMPSON, M.Sc., B.D., Director of Aust. Institute of Archaeology.

The place of meeting is the Baptist Church Hall, 2nd Floor, 174 Collins-st.

EVERY MONDAY EVENING, and the time — don't forget: 6.30 to 7.30 p.m. T. Harman, Secretary. Herbert Bone, President.

# News of the Churches

## Queensland

**Boonah.**—On Feb. 15 Frank Warwick spoke at morning service, and Caldwell Nielsen at gospel service. V. G. Boettcher commenced his ministry with church on Feb. 22. Mr. and Mrs. Boettcher and family were welcomed at a social evening held on Feb. 24, at which function Mr. Burgin (State conference president) presided. Ministers of local church bodies and Cr. A. G. Muller, M.L.A., each spoke words of welcome; as did also D. Schulz on behalf of church of Christ brethren at Silverdale.

## Tasmania

**Dunally.**—During January and February members visited churches at Dover, Highcroft, Caveside and Mole Creek. Fellowship with brethren in these places was appreciated. On Sunday nights in Dunally town hall a mission is being conducted, speaker being preacher in charge of Dunally church. The two ambulances had a very busy time during February, and at time of writing had travelled over 1000 miles for month. Sunday school shows signs of progress, and Miss Rhonda Fletcher has undertaken charge of kindergarten. Gospel services are held regularly at Carlton, Bream Creek and Sorell.

## Western Australia

**Bassendean.**—Meetings during holidays were well attended, considering so many were away from district. All auxiliaries are working again. Young men of church have formed a young men's club. Feb. 11 was annual business meeting, when all auxiliaries gave a good report of year's work. Church decided to have chapel roof renovated. £5 was donated toward renovations. Following were elected: Deacons: Messrs. Beerling, Butcher, C. Goodier, Liddle, McLaren, Smyth and Nelson (secretary).

**Subiaco.**—First meeting of W.C.T.U., Sister Curtis presiding, was held in church hall on Feb. 16. Sympathy was expressed for illness of Mrs. Hutchinson and accident to Mrs. Nean. Dr. Kemp, returning to Australia from America, Great Britain and India, spoke encouragingly at morning service on Feb. 22. Harvest thanksgiving provided materials for three 11 lb. parcels for British churches. At Men's Fellowship meeting on Feb. 23, C. Olds, in a thoughtful address, urged members to try to carry out work planned by secretary. H. L. Vawser gave personal testimony as to efficacy of prayer. Mr. Vawser brought a large assortment of valuable surgical instruments manufactured by his firm, and explained their use. Some 22 men were present. Ladies' Aid provided supper.

**Harvey.**—On Feb. 7 a party was given in honor of Leila Ottrey's 21st birthday; a suitable presentation was made over supper table, and a book was presented to Neville Moore in appreciation of his help in enabling Mr. Thurrowgood with Mr. Roesner to visit Bridgetown. Church welcomed Mrs. C. Stanford after long illness. Madge Rowley was recently married to Dick Munsey. They have left to reside in South Perth. Meetings are improving, and a healthy spirit prevails. A happy time was spent at Bible school picnic. Miss V. Livingstone has left after five months' holiday to resume duties at Perth Technical College. After a period of rest Sisters' Guild has re-commenced meetings. Mrs. Thurrowgood was re-elected president, Mrs. A. Stanford vice-president, Mrs. Wooders and Miss Woodier treasurer and secretary respectively. Choir under leadership of Merv. Livingstone has resumed practice and is helpful to gospel services. Y.P.C.E. resumed meetings under Mrs. Thurrowgood. Mrs. L. Roesner has washed and mended a large bundle of clothing as a gift to aborigines missions.

**Kalgoorlie.**—There has been marked increase in attendances at midweek prayer meetings. 27 present on Feb. 11. Attendances at other meetings are better now that holiday periods are coming to an end. Ladies held another basket luncheon in Victoria Park in aid of Food for Britain appeal. A special service was held on Feb. 13 for women of combined churches in conjunction with Women's World Day of Prayer. Don Tonkin was speaker at morning service on Feb. 15. A youth service was conducted at night, with singing by youth choir. Song service led by Lyle Harris. Gospel service led by Alan Wishart. F. Fewster gave a brief address and Don Tonkin gave the gospel address, when a young lady decided for Christ. Afterwards farewell was said to Don Tonkin, who returned during week to Woolwich Bible College, N.S.W. There have been several visitors. Mrs. Les. Hicks, has recovered after serious illness.

## South Australia

**Fullarton.**—Church extends sympathy to Mrs. Treloar in sudden loss of her brother by accident. Morning services continue to be well attended. On Feb. 22 Mr. D. C. Harris (Methodist), representing S.A. Alliance (Temperance), gave a forthright address in interests of campaign against liquor traffic. B. W. Manning was speaker at gospel service. Annual offering for aborigines mission was £4/1/-.

**Wampony.**—Harvest thanksgiving service was held on Feb. 22 with building crowded. A. Baker delivered an appropriate address. A fine display of produce was given to hospital. Thankoffering, for establishment of a building fund, amounted to £120 in cash and promises. D. C. Harris recently gave a stirring address in interests of S.A. Temperance Alliance. Sunday school re-commenced on Feb. 29 after a recess of several weeks.

**Nailsworth.**—All auxiliaries are functioning after holidays. Bible school opened on Feb. 22 with several new teachers and scholars, and a new beginners' department. Several working bees have materially improved school equipment and furniture, and library has been doubled in size. Sponsored by I.C.E., a still film projector is being secured, and it has been demonstrated at several auxiliary meetings. Miss E. Heeps was farewelled at a crowded meeting on Feb. 19, when some young people gave missionary items and a large case of food with a sum of money was presented. She is going to help P.I.V.M. at Poona, India. Mrs. M. Smith, of Torrensville church, was welcomed by transfer on Feb. 22.

**Flinders Park.**—Work is progressing favorably under guidance and leadership of Ron McLean, whose addresses have been enjoyed. One decision has been made recently, and a baptismal service was held in York chapel on Feb. 17. Several plans have been made for youth work in the near future. On Feb. 18, Endeavorers visited Stirling to spend evening with Endeavorers there. Feb. 14 was busy bee at chapel. Vacant block was burnt off, grass, weeds, etc., were cleaned off around chapel yard, and various other jobs were carried out. Ladies supplied afternoon tea. On Feb. 15 K. Ewers, Cowandilla, gave the address. Sports club is steadily improving now that holiday season has finished. Bible school attendances are brighter. A squash evening held on Feb. 21 was a great success. A basketball club is being formed. Church is preparing for a tent mission in October. Mr. and Mrs. G. Pearce have left to reside in Whyalla. A family of four persons has been welcomed into fellowship recently. Midweek prayer meeting was held at Mr. Shire's home on Feb. 18, a helpful time of prayer and fellowship being enjoyed. R. Richardson and R. Bunton were baptised and received into membership recently.

**Kilburn.**—On Feb. 15 Mr. Ailbright, of Temperance Alliance of S.A., gave talk to children and then a temperance address to church, 22 being present. 11 a.m. service on Feb. 22 was conducted by L. Stevenson, when 23 adults and 12 young worshippers enjoyed addresses by F. Collins. Preparations were made to re-open 10 a.m. Bible school on Feb. 29 and to commence anniversary practice under leadership of Mrs. Kelly (conductor) and Mrs. Lawrance (pianiste). Six church officers have been elected to committee of Kilburn Progress Association, which controls hall used by church and Bible school. B. L. S. Mann was also appointed association secretary. Mesdames Lawrance, of Kilburn, assisted by Miss Wright, of Prospect, are making and selling kettle-holders to purchase kindergarten chairs, and have already raised over £6.

**Strathalbyn.**—Bible school and boys' and girls' clubs have re-commenced for year. It was a joy for church to welcome back Mr. and Mrs. L. Boxhall into membership, Mr. Boxhall having taken up duties in Strathalbyn P.O. The 79th anniversary services of church were held on Feb. 8. I. Durdin was speaker at morning service and W. Bartlett, of Croydon, in evening. The 44th annual conference of southern churches, held at Strathalbyn on Feb. 10, was well attended and a good number of churches represented. At conclusion of conference, anniversary services were continued. Vice-president C. Cartmell presided, and R. Vincent, of Prospect, gave the address. Singing was rendered by choir; Mrs. Fax was the soloist. Mr. Caudle is in "Calvary" hospital in Adelaide undergoing treatment. J. Pring is sick and unable to attend services.

**Balaklava.**—A fine representation of church and townsfolk gathered on Jan. 19 to farewell Mr. and Mrs. Hutson. Churches of Christ in outlying districts were also well represented, and all spoke highly of the excellent way in which Mr. and Mrs. Hutson served. A. E. Cremin, of Murray Bridge, succeeds Mr. Hutson, and was welcomed with his wife and son on Feb. 5. Repairs have been made to manse, and the church is indebted to all who co-operated voluntarily. All auxiliaries have resumed after recess. Miss Mildred Whiting has resigned as church organist to commence training for school teaching. W. Elgy, for many years a member of this church, passed away on Feb. 14. Church extends sympathy to bereaved. Church held annual business meeting on Feb. 18. All reports showed a favorable year's work. Elders elected: W. Pearl, J. Lock; deacons, A. Roberts, H. Roberts, A. Whiting, A. Webb, F. Pearl; secretary, A. Shepherd; treasurer, A. Roberts; Sunday school superintendent, J. Gibson; church organist, Miss E. Marriott. A. E. Cremin has spoken at all services since Feb. 8. Attendances have been good.

**Brooklyn Park.**—Church attendances have lately reached 60 in both morning and gospel services. Over 100 were present at Christmas service, arranged by A. E. Brown, who has consented to continue an interim ministry for another twelve months as from February. Doug Simmonds, Ted Collins and Ruth Bibby represented young people at youth leaders' camp at Tanunda at Christmas. Mr. Brown is basing morning sermons on Hebrews. Men arranged a working bee and did much work in re-surfacing paths, etc. Sunday school attendance has been lowered through paralysis epidemic. J.C.E. has been re-commenced under leadership of Miss Margaret Bartlett. Both junior boys' club and girls' club have re-commenced after holiday season. On morning of Feb. 15, Mr. and Mrs. Monk, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Brown, and a young lady from Mile End were welcomed by transfer. Young Worshippers' League anniversary was held in evening, when young people, led by superin-

tendent, took control of meeting by presenting songs, reading, etc. There were ten prizes presented, first prize being awarded to Ron Deane. Present Y.W.L. officers are superintendent, R. Bibby; assistant, Ted Collins; secretary, Ray Collins; treasurer, D. Simmonds. On Feb. 8 one young lad made his decision; on Feb. 15 two young girls, and on Feb. 22 two more young girls from Y.W.L.

**Stirling East.**—Church has had several new members in past few weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Hemer and family have been welcomed into fellowship. Sister Mason has returned from W.A. Mr. and Mrs. Allen and Mr. and Mrs. Andrews are now residing in district and worshipping with church. Young People's Fellowship has resumed meetings. On Feb. 22 Bible school re-opened, with 41 scholars present. In evening a young people's service was held, and several young people assisted. Ladies' Bright Hour meeting commenced on Feb. 24. A. Burrows, from B. and F. Bible Society, and Mr. Baxter, assisted with speaking at gospel services during month.

## New South Wales

**Wentworth Falls.**—Meetings are keeping up. Two more have been added by faith and baptism. H. Leask, from Bible College, Woolwich, has taken meetings for three weeks, his services being appreciated. New chapel was to be opened on March 6, Mr. Morris, conference president, presiding, Sister Wilson, oldest member of church at Wentworth Falls, turning key, and E. C. Hinrichsen giving address. Bible school building is being erected. Arrangements are being made to carry on a day school in school building.

**Marrickville.**—Women's Fellowship had good attendance at opening meeting of year when Mrs. Acland, Sisters' Conference president, was speaker. Boys' club arranged pre-wedding social on Feb. 20 for Jack Ferguson and June Fraser in appreciation of their help in various auxiliaries. At gospel service two girls from Bible school were baptised by P. E. Thomas, and Mrs. G. Dash made the good confession. Fellowship was enjoyed during day with Joyce Neilsen (Gympie, Q.), John Ellerby (Brisbane), Ross Beadle and Geoff. Benjamin (N.Z.), and others.

**Bexley North.**—On Feb. 1 R. Greenhalgh gave morning address and T. Hallop preached at night, when newly-formed young people's choir sang. T. Hallop on Feb. 8 introduced lantern talks to children at gospel services; these are creating interest. Bible school picnic to Sans Souci Park on Feb. 14 was a complete success; 27 boys from Dunmore Home were entertained by scholars and staff. Transport was provided from home to picnic and back. On Feb. 22 B. G. Corlett (Belmore) spoke to church and E. Hart, on way to take up work at Toowoomba, Qld., gave a stirring gospel address. Fellowship was enjoyed with Mrs. Donaldson, of Bambera-rd., Vic. R. Amos commences a mission on "The Deeper Meaning" on March 7.

**Wiley Park.**—Bible school teachers entertained Mr. and Mrs. Matthews at a banquet tea on occasion of latter's resignation as superintendent. Mrs. Matthews was presented with a bouquet of flowers and Mr. Matthews with a Bible. Many words of appreciation were expressed to Mr. Matthews for his splendid work, and after responding he presented each teacher and helper with a gift and personal letter of appreciation. L. Christie, new superintendent, is assured of loyal support from teachers. Services are well attended, and congregations enjoy inspiring addresses by Mr. Dewberry. On Feb. 15, Val Sutherland made the good confession. She will be leading J.C.E., assisted by Ella Budgen. After their work on Thursday and Friday of previous week, church brethren dug trenches in readiness for concrete foundation of church building. Members thank Mr. Dewberry, sen., who gave his services on Feb. 21, also use of concrete mixer. At a social evening on Feb. 21 Mr. Dewberry was presented

with a model "Wynall" bicycle, a gift from Mrs. Matthews to assist him in visitation work. Every Tuesday scripture classes at Wiley Park public school are conducted by Mr. Dewberry.

**Chatswood.**—February showed a renewal of all activities of church, with a fine spirit of desire to increase efforts in sprading knowledge of Christ in neighborhood. Meetings keep up splendidly, and all are co-operating with R. V. Amos, whose leadership is much appreciated. Members in Britain have been cheered by many parcels of food that have been sent, and several letters of appreciation have been received from recipients. Amongst many visitors at the Lord's table have been Misses Harris, from Lygon-st., Mrs. Race, from Balwyn, Vic., Dr. and Mrs. Messent, from Adelaide, and Mr. and Mrs. Martin, from Ipswich, Queensland.

**Canley Vale.**—Recent speakers have been Messrs. Adams, Atkinson, Jones and Cavalier, Mr. Saunders being on holiday at Launceston and Melbourne. At anniversary tea, officers of church were elected and reports read. Average attendances have been, morning 35, evening 27. £547 was raised for all purposes during year. E. Christopherson and Mrs. J. Burling were elected secretary and treasurer; F. W. Stimson, K. Kemple, M. Cane, M. Dalziel, G. Stimson, H. Atkinson, F. Stimson and A. V. Stimson were elected deacons. Ladies' Church Aid commenced activities, previous office-bearers being re-elected. A successful American tea was held in home of Mrs. Cane, sen., £4 being raised for manse fund. Members of girls' club attended mission at Carramar.

**Beverley Hills.**—During month of January Mr. Munro addressed church, excepting Jan. 11, when Mr. Evans spoke. Their addresses were appreciated. Church enjoyed fellowship of Mr. Morris, conference president, on 11th. Several young people from church spent an enjoyable time at Narrabeen Y.P.D. camp during January. On Feb. 1 and 8, Messrs. O'Connor, Sparks and Munro addressed church. A happy hour under leadership of Mr. Greenhalgh was held from Feb. 2 to 15, 17 attending on 13th. Mr. Munro and Mr. Younghusband, from Auburn church, gave good addresses on 22nd. Fellowship was enjoyed with Mr. Goodyear, from Willington, N.Z. Church suffered loss in passing away on Dec. 23 of William Dane, a pioneer member and a brother who was loved by all.

## Victoria

**Ararat.**—On Feb. 7, Sunday school scholars, teachers and friends went to Hall's Gap for picnic, an enjoyable day being spent by all. On Feb. 10, Ladies' Aid resumed after vacation. Mr. Hibburt was preacher on Feb. 15.

**Geelong.**—Meetings on Feb. 15 were conducted by Mr. Stirling. Y.P.C.E. commenced year's activities on Feb. 20. On Feb. 22 Mr. Stirling spoke at both services. At night choir sang an anthem and a solo by Mr. Walter Colman was enjoyed. On Feb. 18, Mission Band recommenced meetings.

**Bayswater.**—Combined meeting was held in public hall on evening of Feb. 1, when Mr. Pocklington was speaker. Mr. Sandells took services on Feb. 8, Mr. Langford being away on holidays. Ladies' Mission Band has resumed after recess. Church has formed a tennis club. Mr. Langford has entered College of Bible. Church had fellowship with Mr. and Mrs. Edwards, from Yarrowonga. Mr. Edwards gave morning address on Feb. 22. Aborigines offering was £1/15/6.

**Carnegie.**—Bible school picnic was held at Carrum on Feb. 21. Mr. Coventry has been on his holidays. On Feb. 22 morning speaker was A. W. Stephenson. At gospel service Men's Fellowship conducted, speakers being W. G. Organ and J. Galletly. At recent meeting of Men's Society, A. Mudge was elected president, S. Jenner secretary and treasurer, H. R. Coventry chaplain. Church extends sympathy to A. Luke and family in passing of Mrs. Luke on Feb. 16 after brief illness.

**Ballarat (York-st.).**—On Jan. 25, in response to invitation by Mr. Long, Mrs. York and Mrs. Tonkin decided on a more perfect obedience; on Feb. 8 they were baptised. A social evening and presentation were tendered Jean Rowsell on Feb. 3 on eve of her marriage with Ron Zeuschner, of Dandenong; the marriage took place on Feb. 7. All auxiliaries have resumed after holidays. Meetings are well attended, and Mr. Long's addresses are enjoyed.

**Surrey Hills.**—On Feb. 1, church welcomed H. Earle and family to commence ministry. Welcome services were very well attended, and tea was held at 4.45 p.m. in school hall. Youth service conducted following week by Mr. Earle was a time of inspiration. A crowd of young people attended Miss Fellows' party at first meeting of Eastern Districts Fellowship at Balwyn. Church congratulates Maurine Peers and Keith Cook, who were married on Feb. 17, and Hilda Hall and Horace Gilmour on 14th.

**Red Hill.**—Mr. Pritchard was visiting speaker on Feb. 15, R. McKenzie taking part in service. Many visitors were present. Monthly food for Britain appeal amounted to £4/0/7. Bayside Youth Fellowship held annual meeting at Chelsea on Feb. 21. Sixteen of Y.P.S.C.E. society from Red Hill made the trip. M. Moore resumed duties on Feb. 22. In morning he spoke to a splendid gathering. Greetings were received from W.A. Gospel meeting was conducted by Mr. Moore; song service by F. Butler.

**Drumcondra.**—A. R. Pigdon and family returned from Ocean Grove after holiday. Mr. Pigdon spent latter week of holiday at preachers' retreat. Mission Band and Ladies' Aid have resumed. Y.P.S.C.E. met on Friday night for first meeting, and midweek prayer meeting on Wednesday night. Annual business meeting of church was held on Feb. 12, preceded by tea. Dedication service was conducted at morning service on Sunday following. Elder and deacons elected: Elder, A. McKay; deacons, M. Hore, G. Hore, D. Douglas, H. Douglas, G. Batty, L. Mountjoy, D. McClure, R. Tattersall. At evening service K. L. Drew, of Sudan United Mission, was speaker. Congregation united with other North Geelong churches for lantern lecture at conclusion of service.

**Ivanhoe.**—many members have returned from holidays. Bible school held a successful picnic on Jan. 26. Visiting speakers have been Mr. Patterson (Bible College, Woolwich, N.S.W.), Mr. Rice, preacher of Congregational church, Angaston, S.A. Visitors have included Mrs. Patterson, of Sydney; Mr. and Mrs. Krupp and Mr. and Mrs. Pitman and family, of Roma, Queensland, also Mr. and Mrs. Rice. In connection with Hyman Appelman campaign combined preparatory meetings are being held in Ivanhoe Baptist church each Wednesday evening. Boys' and girls' clubs have started in connection with church and are making steady progress. Other club activities such as cricket and tennis have reported happy fellowship. Bible school reports increased attendances, a record recently being over 70 scholars.

**Mildura.**—Between 60 and 70 young people enjoyed their stay at Murray Valley youth camp at Mansell's Creek between Boxing Day and New Year's Day. Young folk of church have taken evening service several times, and show considerable talent. It is pleasing to note number of young men taking part in morning meetings. Girls and boys' clubs, C.E. and S.S. have resumed after recess. S.S. superintendent, L. Beasy, hopes for increased attendance in coming year, and already has made a good start. Mrs. Cousens has been received into church. Mr. Brooke, one-time preacher of Merbein church, gave an evening address. Several weeks ago about 50 boys and leaders associated with Baptist Union attended church in morning. Betty Clark, a young girl from S.S., confessed Christ and has been baptised.



**Kaniva.**—Addresses given at meetings conducted by B. J. Combridge have been much appreciated. Attendances have been slightly above average. Y.W.C.F. has commenced 1948 activities successfully. Y.P.S.C.E. held first meeting since recess on Feb. 25, when Hall's Gap campers gave echoes. Intermediate and junior C.E. work continues strongly.

**Red Cliffs.**—Church has been happy to have a number of visitors. On evening of Feb. 15 a panel discussion formed part of evening service; it proved interesting and helpful. Mrs. McCaughtry has celebrated her 94th birthday. Miss Joan Chivell was fawelled on Feb. 14 prior to her departure to enter College of Bible. A young lady made her confession on Feb. 22.

**Cheltenham.**—A combined gospel service was held on Feb. 22 in Presbyterian church. Local Methodist minister, F. Lewis, gave a challenging address to crowded meeting. J. C. Cunningham presided. Tennis club had splendid season, "C" team winning premiership and "A" and "B" teams being runners-up. Annual thank-offering was received on Feb. 29, totalling £42 on first day.

**Carlton (Lygon-st.).**—Mrs. J. McColl was able to come to fellowship on Feb. 10 after long absence through ill-health. At annual college dinner given by Lygon-st. church on Feb. 23 to students, faculty, and board of management of the college, about 90 enjoyed the good things provided by the ladies. Mr. and Mrs. W. Davidson were received by transfer from Gardiner on Feb. 29. Donations received for food for Britain appeal amount to £15.

**Doncaster.**—A complimentary social was tendered to Miss V. Petty on occasion of her marriage. Mr. Banks made a presentation on behalf of church. Women's Fellowship held first meeting of this season on afternoon of Feb. 24. Miss Savage gave a travel talk on New Hebrides. On morning of Feb. 22 Mr. Banks exchanged with Mr. Wigney, of East Kew. Band of Hope has commenced meetings for this session; Mr. Banks is superintendent.

**Melbourne (Swanston-st.).**—Fair attendances at recent Sunday services, all of which have been addressed by K. A. Macnaughtan. First meeting of year of Women's Mission Band was addressed by Mrs. Nance-Kivell, and Dorcas Society resumed activities with a full programme ahead. The society continues to receive appreciative acknowledgments of parcels sent to church members in Britain. Gifts for aboriginal children, Shepparton, have reached over £15.

**Middle Park.**—Mr. Randall and Mr. Manalack continue to give helpful addresses. There was a good attendance at morning service on Feb. 29, when Mr. Randall delivered an earnest address and fellowship was renewed with Sister W. Annear, Sister Eaton, of Drumcondra, and W. Campbell, of Queensland. Quarterly combined gospel meeting was held at Albert Park Baptist church, when a helpful address was given by Mr. Manalack. Improved attendance and interest are shown in Bible school.

**Reservoir.**—Annual business meeting was held on Feb. 27. Reports from all departments were encouraging. Several young married couples moved into district during year and preacher (R. E. Burns) in his report spoke of others whose homes will soon be ready. Officers elected: Elder, J. Plummer (re-elected); deacons, G. F. Johnson, W. Welsford (re-elected), A. H. Thodey and C. Fletcher. These, together with R. E. Burns (preacher), G. Hing (elder), deacons W. McInnes, H. C. Allison, H. K. Trathen form board of officers (H. K. Trathen secretary, J. Plummer treasurer). Deaconesses, Mrs. McInnes and Mrs. Trathen, who were re-elected. Church now has 55 active members. Two new members, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Hannah, were received into fellowship on Feb. 29. Ladies' Guild had first meeting for year on Feb. 26. Officers were re-elected; Mrs. McInnes, president; Mrs. Plummer and Mrs. Burns, vice-presidents; Mrs. Woodward, secretary; Mrs. Thodey, treasurer. Building was crowded for North Suburban conference rally on Feb. 19.

**Bentleigh.**—Meetings are well attended. Theo. Fisher on morning of Feb. 22 gave a helpful address. Church and kindergarten building has been moved to rear of building block to make way for new chapel. Foundations have been dug by working bee. A youth service on evening of Feb. 29 was led by L. Taylour, with splendid address by Ian Law, assisted by Lois Bavinton (Good Companions), lessons read by David Weeding and Brian Ratten. Mr. Anderson summed up appropriately.

**South Yarra.**—Mrs. Hargreaves met with church on Feb. 22 after an absence of two years through illness. Other visitors were also welcomed. Many members are laid aside through illness. On Feb. 22 Mr. Hargreaves at evening service spoke to an interested congregation. Wonderful meetings were held on 29th for home-coming day. 131 met round Lord's table. Mr. Hargreaves was speaker and Mrs. Gove soloist. At evening service 152 were present. Dr. Hinrichsen was speaker, Mrs. C. Taylor sang two delightful solos. All visitors were entertained at lunch and tea by ladies' Guild. Miss R. Roberts was responsible for beautiful floral decorations.

**Horsham.**—During middle January G. M. Mathieson was away on holidays and services were taken by local brethren. Y.P.S.C.E. has had annual meeting; office-bearers were elected. Women's Mission Band held first meeting for year; Mrs. G. M. Mathieson was elected president. A men's fellowship tea was held on Feb. 15, and many progressive projects were discussed. G. M. Mathieson and 15 young people attended youth camp at Hall's Gap during February. Offering for aborigines amounted to £20/2/-. Marriage of T. McAnulty to Bessie Butler was celebrated on Feb. 27. G. M. Mathieson officiated. A gift evening was tendered to them on Feb. 25.

**West Preston.**—W. M. Band has enjoyed a successful year. At annual business meeting, Mrs. Box and Mrs. Seal were re-elected president and secretary. Since resuming after recess, midweek meeting has maintained average attendance of 33. On Feb. 25 a literary night was conducted, when Vincy Longthorpe gave an informative address on "Bernard Shaw and the Cult of the Optimist." Bible school anniversary commenced on Feb. 29 with cradle roll afternoon; 60 mothers and babes were in attendance and enjoyed items by kinders. Mrs. Withers gave a short address to the parents, and each baby was recipient of a text-card.

**Ringwood.**—Appreciated addresses were given by E. Beament and N. York on Feb. 22. Mission Band and Ladies' Auxiliary have recommenced meetings. J. E. Allan commenced a full-time interim ministry on Feb. 29, with challenging addresses. In morning he, Sister B. James (Blackburn), and Mr. McAlpine and son Don (Ascot Vale) were received by transfer. After evening service a "fellowship hour" was held which enabled Mr. Allan to meet some of the members. Attendances were encouraging. Much publicity was given prior to commencement of Mr. Allan's ministry, and special invitation folders were systematically distributed by members throughout town and surrounding districts.

#### HYMAN APPELMAN GOSPEL CAMPAIGN OF AUSTRALIA,

MARCH 12—SEPTEMBER 10.

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#### WELCOME MEETING,

COLLINS-ST. BAPTIST CHURCH,

MARCH 12.

GREAT INAUGURAL RALLY,  
MELBOURNE TOWN HALL,

MARCH 14, 3 p.m.

Owing to the limited capacity of the building admission to the Welcome is by ticket until 7.55. Tickets available at the Campaign office, 262 Flinders-lane.

J. Wiltshire, organiser.

#### IN MEMORIAM

**BOETTCHER.**—In loving memory of my dear wife and our dear mother Johanna Boettcher, who was called home on Feb. 27, 1943.

"There is no separation from those we love,  
No distance can divide;

For to-day, in memory's garden,  
We still walk side by side."

In God's care.

—Lovingly remembered by her husband, J. Boettcher, and daughters Olga (Mrs. Hinrichsen) and Alma (Mrs. Pieper).

**BURDEU.**—In memory of our loved wife and mother, Pearl, who was called home on March 3, 1946.

"And with the morn those angel faces smile,  
Which we have loved long since and lost awhile."

—Inserted by her loving husband, son and daughter.

**CLIPSTONE.**—A tribute from the Buckingham family to the memory of our loved pastor and friend, H. M. Clipstone, called to higher life, March 3, 1946.

"Thou art gone to the grave, but 'twere wrong to deplore thee,

For God was thy ransom, thy guardian,  
thy guide;

He gave thee, he took thee, and he will  
restore thee;

And death has no sting since the Saviour  
has died."

—"Bangalore," Emma-st., Caulfield, Vic.

**VERCO.**—In loving memory of our dear brother Clem, accidentally killed Jan. 17, 1939; also our dear father, passed away, Feb. 27, 1947. —Ever remembered by Thelma and Alec.

#### SWANSTON STREET (opp. Public Library).

Sunday, March 7.

11 a.m., "One Thing Worth Hoping For."  
7 p.m., "Homeward Bound."

Preacher: K. A. Macnaughtan.

#### EAST KEW BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY, MARCH 7, 14 and 16.

March 7—11 a.m., Mr. G. Bennett.

2.30 p.m., Mr. Robt. Edgar.

6.45 p.m., Mr. W. Wigney.

March 14—11 a.m., Mr. R. Geyer.

2.30 p.m., Mr. B. Morton.

6.45 p.m., Mr. D. Wilson.

March 16—Grand Concert, 8 p.m.

Special singing by children's choir (130 voices).

A hearty welcome extended to all.

Plan to attend these great meetings. Past members especially invited to attend. Hospitality provided. Ring F. H. Elliott, WL2983.

#### HAMPTON

#### 25th ANNIVERSARY OPENING OF CHAPEL, SUNDAY, MARCH 21.

11 a.m., K. A. Jones.

3 p.m., A. W. Stephenson.

7 p.m., C. G. Taylor.

Monday, March 22, 8 p.m., Church Social.

D. Wakeley, Guest Speaker.

Former members are invited to "Come Back to Hampton" for this occasion.

Hospitality provided.

#### BACK TO WARRAGUL CHURCH OF CHRIST WEEKEND SERVICES

April 9—Inspirational Meeting, 7.30 p.m.

10—Fellowship Picnic.

11—11 a.m., Worship (Special Gift Day).

12.30 p.m., Fellowship Dinner.

2.30 p.m., Young People's Rally.

7 p.m., Evangelistic Service.

Former ministers and members cordially invited. If unable to attend send a greeting. For catering purposes please write Secretary if attending. Secretary's address, C. W. Pedersen, 50 Smith-st., Warragul.

## Obituary

### Mrs. H. Crellin

A FAITHFUL and highly esteemed member of the church, Mrs. Crellin, passed away in the morning of Feb. 14. Born in Williamstown, Vic., a little more than 69 years ago, Mrs. Crellin spent nearly all her life in the district, made many friends, and marked herself out by her manner of living as a godly woman. She was a Christian "as far back as I can remember" (her own words), but 38 years ago, under the ministry of Mr. R. Enniss, she joined with North Williamstown church, where she remained in membership until her death. Most of the time she was a Sunday school teacher; for 16 years secretary of Ladies' Mission Band; a regular attendee at Women's Conference Executive Council meetings; and diligent in support of all local work. A service was held in North Williamstown chapel, tributes to Mrs. Crellin's life and work being paid therein. The writer was assisted at the chapel and graveside by Mr. A. Cameron. Sympathy is extended to Mrs. A. Haskell, daughter of Mrs. Crellin, and to other relatives. We sorrow not as those without hope. Early in her few weeks of illness our sister said, "It doesn't matter if this is my last illness; I am ready." Ready! No more is necessary.—G.A.G.

### Mrs. Edith Rumble

On Jan. 15, our sister Mrs. Rumble (Edith Emma Burt) was called to her heavenly rest. Some 40 years ago, during the ministry of the late G. T. Walden at Enmore, our sister came to Christ, and joined the church, where she worshipped for many years. Later, when residing at Paddington, her membership was transferred to City Temple, where it was her delight to associate with the Chinese Mission in connection with our brotherhood work in this State. From the city church she moved to Rockdale, having fellowship there during the ministries of S. Stevens and J. Clydesdale. From thence, residing at Gosford, fellowship was sought with the Baptist church. In later years with her husband she lived in Hornsby, where she identified herself with the church there. Just prior to her home-call membership had been taken again to Rockdale. Our sister had proved a very honored and faithful member through all her earthly sojourn. Her graceful disposition, and quiet faithfulness, coupled with her unselfish sacrificial love, greatly endeared her to a large circle of friends and relatives. Her many substantial gifts to the brotherhood will ever be kept in remembrance. On one occasion she donated the sum of £100 toward a mission to be held at a later date in this State. It can be said of her that the precious box of alabaster ointment was being constantly diffused on behalf of others. We commend her many loved ones to the comfort of the Lord whom she served so well. The funeral service was conducted at the parlors and at Woronora Crematorium by the writer, assisted by G. Burns. Personally I pay my tribute to having lost a devoted friend and sister.—J. R. Little.

### William Frederick Wenk

On Sunday, Jan. 18, in the early morning, William Frederick Wenk, elder of the church at Wagga, N.S.W., fell asleep in Christ. Nurtured and baptised in early youth at the Fitzroy Tabernacle, Melbourne, he came with his wife to live in Wagga in 1912 and immediately associated with the church. Since that time he has served as deacon, Sunday school superintendent, and over the last decade as an elder. His home was known for its hospitality, and over the years there have been very many who have enjoyed it. With a partner he commenced a foundry and engineering works, and by industry and ability established a large business. This he disposed of just before his decease. He served for several years as an alderman on the City

Council, and as a singer took part in the Wagga eistedfodd competitions. The large and representative gathering at the church, at the graveside and at the in memoriam service on Jan. 25 were not only indicative of our brother's wide interests but of the esteem in which he was held. Although called home at the age of 67 years, he had lived a full life, being predominant in good works and in his love for the church. He is survived by his wife and daughter (Mrs. G. Solomon). To these and all the sorrowing relatives we offer our loving sympathy knowing that we shall meet in a brighter and fairer morning in that dawn of an endless day.—W.T.

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# Open Forum

FOR "CHRISTIAN" READERS

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## PRIMARY PRODUCERS

THE statement of B.M. in Open Forum cannot be justified — that the farmer who does not pay the basic wage is dishonest. If that were true, it is also true that the farmer has also been robbed by the general consuming public, including B.M. Judicial statements declare the fact that the chief burden of the shorter working week and higher wages will fall on the primary producer. They have been outwitted because they are in a minority, exploited because other workers by union methods have increased the cost of running expenses and capital cost. Fair results and what is justice can only be determined when equity is given in effort. When a section of the community have hardly been considered, then a tyranny is set up. The idea of the Primary Producers' Union is to put on primary products the cost, with a reasonable margin of profit. Until that time comes we cannot raise the word "robbed." The present system is becoming increasingly selfish. Christian people should not be wilfully ignorant of the bewilderingly many troubles that hold up primary production. A car is not regarded as "swank" by a farmer, but an essential part of his working plant. The chief trouble is that he has had to limit his choice by reason of economy to one that has had its day. It is not the Christian method to seek all kinds of concessions at the expense of the minority and then abuse them for their apparent meanness. Our readers should acquaint themselves with the facts and not with what some communistic or labor journal indicates in their pages regarding the lot of the farmer.—Horace J. Jackel, Emerald, Vic.



## CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

THE abolition of the above has exercised the minds of Christians of many countries, and has done and is doing so in Tasmania and possibly throughout the Commonwealth to-day. Grave consequences can follow.

The sentence for crimes punishable with death in Tasmania is enacted in section 389 (1) of our criminal code, i.e., death by hanging, and presumably that is the will of the Sovereign. Now should the church oppose the right of a Sovereign to carry out its most serious function? One of the powers inherent in government is the power to deprive the subject of his life. This is the highest limit of its power. This power has always been exercised — whether the ruler is God, or human government. It is a necessary attribute of government to enforce authority or sanctions with penalties, otherwise lawlessness could prevail. It is quite usual for objectors to capital punishment to base their objections on the teachings or principles of Christ, since verses such as Genesis 9: 6 and Exodus 21: 12 are inconsistent with its being based on Old Testament law.

Whether it be the Christian's attitude to war, capital punishment, or any other, the Christian must never depart from this guiding principle. What has Christ said? "What think ye of Christ?" is the test to try both our state and our scheme. See Matt. 21: 22.

The revisers of the New Testament have omitted the words "without cause"; the omission adds to the force of our Lord's warning. If a man kills another he is "in danger of the judgment," and is put on his defence to show whether the act was murder or justifiable manslaughter. If he is angry with his

brother he is also put on his defence to show whether there was sufficient provocation and whether the anger was kept within limits.

Surely, "never man spake like this man." Repress causeless anger, and there will be little danger of murder. It is the man who is angry with his brother "without a cause" who is most likely to be guilty of violent offences. I believe that man is akin to God, and would assert the dignity of man by inflicting on murder a penalty which shall be awful in its unique terror. He has committed an offence that human laws cannot adequately punish; he shall be sent swiftly to account for his crime before a higher and more august tribunal than ours. This is the very argument of the ancient law — Genesis 9: 6. In our Lord's development of the principle ("in the image of God") which underlies this commandment, the argument or divine vindication is made complete. "He is the first and the last."—F. J. Johnston, Launceston, Tas.

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## British Churches Lose Leader

THE churches in this country have lost an honored leader by the death of Frank Hepworth, M.A., of Manchester. His whole life was devoted to the service of the churches. His preaching appointments took him into every part of the country. He was a schoolmaster by profession and was chairman of the Sunday School and Youth Committee for many years. As chairman of the central council he guided the annual conference with a gracious wisdom which endeared him to all. He was well known to overseas visitors, many of whom were introduced by him to the president of conference. The establishing of a

"Frank Hepworth Scholarship Fund" to send young people to study circles in youth work is being considered.

Chester, an ancient cathedral city, whose walls still encircle the city, is facing with enthusiasm the task of preparing for the August annual conference. Only once before has the conference met there. That was 100 years ago, when Alexander Campbell occupied the chair and 80 churches reported a membership of 2300. Representatives from North Wales and Cheshire met recently to set up local committees.

Evington-rd., Leicester, is known to many overseas visitors. F. S. King, church secretary, gave an inspiring report at the 39th anniversary. Twenty years ago an iron building was replaced by a lovely permanent church. At that time Mr. W. Mander, B.A., removed from Twynholm, London, and for 20 years has exercised a ministry of singular power and graciousness. The church still remembers the ministry of H. G. Harward, of Australia, who visited the church for a few months immediately after the opening.

James Gray, M.A., warden of Overdale college, is to speak at a session of the Free Church Federal Council Congress, to be held in London in March. He has just prepared a booklet dealing with the widespread embarrassment confessed by those churches which practise infant baptism. This is to be issued by the Publishing Committee immediately.—G. J. Hammond.

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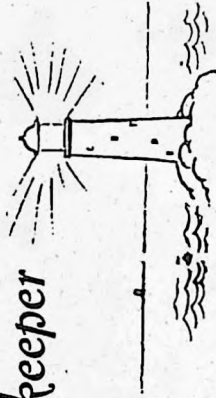
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# A Foolish Lighthousekeeper



ONCE in the days long ago, in ancient Egypt, there was a great lighthouse which showed the way into the harbor of Alexandria. It stood upon a little island called Pharos, and was the first lighthouse ever built.

The King of Egypt at that time was called Ptolemy Philadelphus, which means, "Ptolemy who loves his brother," because he was a good man, and he built this lighthouse to save ships from being wrecked.

Years passed away, and although the good king had been made into a mummy and placed in a pyramid, as was the custom in ancient Egypt, the lighthouse, or Pharos, as they called it from the name of the island, still stood watching over the harbor and leading the ships to safety.

One of the old keepers of the lighthouse had died, and another was put there in his place. The new one was a young man, and had never minded a lighthouse before, but the people told him what to do, and showed him the great stone jars of oil for the lamp. He was to light the lamp if the weather looked stormy, as the harbor was quite safe in fine weather, and they showed him all that he needed to do. As soon as he understood his duties, they rowed away from the island and left him.

Very soon the fishermen who lived on the island went to the lighthousekeeper and asked him if he could spare them any oil for their lamps. He thought to himself, "It does not look stormy, so it will not matter if I spare the poor fisherfolk a little of this great store of oil."

So he gave it to them, and the weather continued fine for a long time. Gradually the fishermen got into the habit of asking for oil, and the lighthousekeeper gave it to them a little at a time.

One day he noticed that the fishermen stayed at home instead of going out in their boats to catch fish.

"O fishermen, why do you stay at home instead of taking your boats on the sea to catch fish?" he asked.

"Because, O lighthousekeeper," they answered, "there is a great storm coming, and we should get wrecked!"

"Then I ought to light the lamp in the Pharos to-night!" he said.

"Verily, O lighthousekeeper." And the fisherfolk turned back to their nets which they were mending.

The lighthouse man ran to the lighthouse and found that the lamp was empty. Then he ran to the great stone oil-jars, and found that they were empty too. Then he ran to the fishermen.

"O fishermen!" he cried, "what shall I do? I have given you all the oil, and there is none for the Pharos!"

"Then you were foolish," was the answer. "You gave away what was not yours, but was given to you to keep for the good of others."

The poor lighthousekeeper was in great distress, the wind began to howl, the waves began to rise and beat on the shore, the lightning flashed bright, and the thunder roared.

Mariners in the storm-tossed ships peered through the night looking for the welcome light of the Pharos to guide them to safety, but all was dark, and as they were dashed on to the shore and the waves beat them, they railed at the lighthouse-keeper who had betrayed them.

When the storm had ceased the foolish man wandered on the shore, gazing at the wrecked ships; he wrung his hands and tore his clothes, saying, "Oh, why was I so foolish as to waste that precious oil on the fishermen?"

Presently the people came from the king to see why the lamp had not been lit, and when they found there was no oil they took the lighthousekeeper and hanged him from the beam of the Pharos as a warning to those who neglect their duty.

Now, what do we learn from this old story? The oil is like our lives, which we receive as a trust to do good to all we meet, but if we waste our time uselessly and spend our lives on things of no value, a time will come when it will be said to us, "What have you done with your life? Have you let your light shine in goodness and kindness to people who needed it all round you? Have you learnt all you could, so as to improve yourself?" NO! then remember the fate of the foolish lighthousekeeper, and spend your lives well.—"The Sunbeam."

# My Word is My Bond

"A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favor rather than silver and gold."—Prov. 22: 1.

THOSE words I saw some years ago inscribed in letters of gold in Manchester's largest building. This magnificent building would hold ten thousand people, the floor space covering over an acre and a quarter, but unlike most buildings of that size which are used for public meetings, concerts, or exhibitions, this building was used, until blitzed, solely as a meeting place for business men who came from all parts of the world.

What is the name of this vast building? It is the "Manchester Royal Exchange." The friend who took me to see it had been a member for forty-five years. It was on a Friday afternoon and he said that on Tuesdays and Fridays between 2 o'clock and 4 o'clock there are often as many as seven thousand people there. As I looked down from the strangers' gallery upon the huge crowd of business men moving hither and thither I said to my friend, "However can any one find the business man he wants to see?" "Oh," he said, "that is very simple."

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may have altered, which means he may stand to lose or gain. But having made an agreement he sticks to his word.

Now, boys and girls, we have a saying, that an Englishman's word is his bond. And that is exactly what we want your words to be. We want you little folk, to grow up to be men and women of integrity—that is, men and women whose word can always be relied on—so that what you promise to-day you will do to-morrow.

There is nothing which causes more sorrow and misery in the world than when people break their word, when they refuse to carry out something they promised to do.

I know the temptation is strong to break our word when we see we may lose by keeping it, but, if we do break our word, what we gain in money we lose in honor, what we gain in goods we lose in goodness.—R. G. Ashman.



To make this earth our hermitage  
A cheerful and a changeful page,  
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Of days and seasons doth suffice.

—W. E. Henley.



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## THE BIBLE DONKEY

WE look upon the donkey with some amusement and perhaps a little pity. It is a beast of burden, a little stocky animal that no one would say was beautiful, and yet from our childhood we give it a place in our affections. It is such a patient, long-suffering, harmless creature that we easily make friends with it, and go for a ride on its back without any fear.

What a different picture we get of it when we come across it in the Bible. There it is always referred to as an ass, but not in contempt or derision. For among the people of the East the ass is highly appreciated. It is regarded as a very intelligent animal, which should be kept in mind when we read the story of Balaam and the ass that saw an angel standing in its way with a drawn sword in his hand (Num. 22: 23). They say, indeed, that it is one of the few animals that has a sense of humor and a strain of playful mischief in its nature.

In the scriptures it is frequently contrasted with the horse, and not, as we might imagine, to the credit of the horse. It was held that on a rough road and going up hills an ass could make the journey with less fatigue than either a horse or a camel. Besides, the horse was associated in the popular mind with chariots and war. The ass, on the other hand, was the mount of judges and rulers, of people of wealth and position in times of peace. Herein is the point of the story of Christ's choice of an ass for his entry into Jerusalem on his way to the cross. It was not because the ass was a lowly animal, but because it symbolized the reign and rule of peace. He came not as a conqueror mounted on a war horse, but as their judges and rulers came on state occasions, seated on an ass (Zech. 9: 9; Matt. 21: 2-6).—"The Bible in the World."



## AN ARITHMETIC CATCH

What is half of 2 and 2?  
Three (half of two is one and one and two equal three).

## THE PATH OF THE KING

SOME people have called the road that Jesus trod from Pilate's palace to the Hill of Calvary, "Via Dolorosa," "the Way of Sorrow." This is only partially true, however, for it was "The Way of Victory," to triumph and to great joy, the "Path of the King."

We must never forget that Jesus was not a victim of circumstances, as we say. He was not a helpless, beaten man, captured by his enemies and put to death because he could not escape. Jesus chose the way of Calvary; although it was a way of suffering, it was also a way of triumph. He had come to conquer evil, and only by allowing himself to be put to death by evil could he prove to all the ages that he was Master of death, and that love is stronger than hate.

We want to think not so much of the tragedy that Good Friday commemorates, but of the joyous victory that Easter Sunday recalls to us. "He is not here; he is risen," is as joyous an angels' song as the heavenly music heard by the shepherds at Bethlehem when Jesus was born.

Jesus proved himself Victor over the grave, and since that day his triumph has robbed death of its terrors. He is alive for evermore, and has proved to us that sin and death are not masters over us, but we can master them through believing in him. Life out of death is the message of Easter; victory out of defeat.



## A FISHY TALE

"Why do herrings have so many more illnesses than other fish?" inquired Teddy.  
"Who says they do?" asked the mother.  
"Well, the paper says that thousands upon thousands of them are cured every year."



## TONGUE TWISTER

Say six times, quickly: The school's coal scuttle.



## RIDDLES ABOUT THE SEA

Why is the sea restless?  
Because its bed is rocky.

What is the first thing you do if you fall into the sea?  
Get wet.

What sea is the most comfortable on a rainy day?  
Adriatic (a dry attic).

When is the sea treacherous?  
When it is full of coral.

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## My Pledge

SOME young people promise to obey the rules of a club. Others promise not to drink as a beverage anything containing alcohol. Promises to serve one's country and promises to marry are made. Life is full of promise-making. There is one pledge and promise we must be sure of making if life is to be worth while. What is that promise? It is the promise to follow Christ as Lord. Have you made that promise to him? Have you pledged yourself to him?