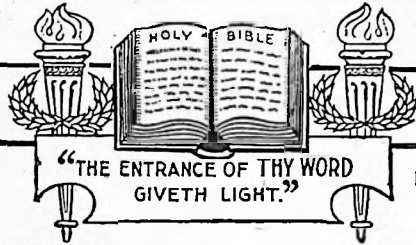


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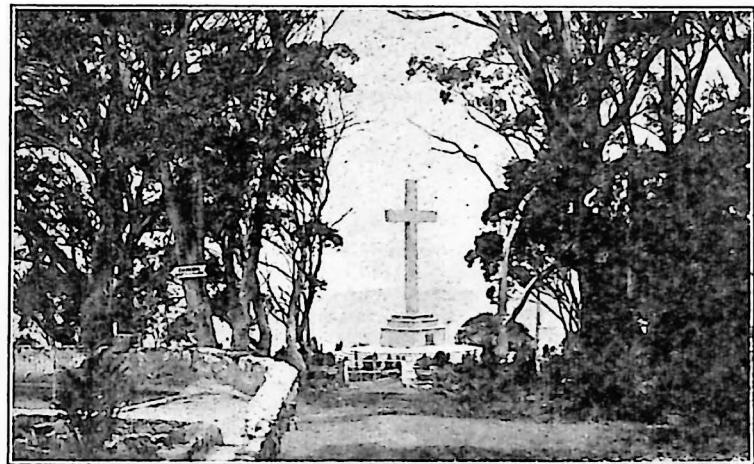
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## LOOKING TOWARD Easter

JESUS made a decision. He set out on his course. He knew the end to which he had to go. Unless he had lacked courage or changed his mind he had to go forward. Although his life was good and every deed full of love and holiness, nevertheless he could not escape sorrow and disappointment. His sadness was caused by the sins of others. So far as Christ was concerned, he was not free to enjoy while here in the flesh the blessings that must follow goodness. Jesus had become flesh. He shared in the common shortcomings of mortal life. Here on earth none can live to himself. Sin cannot be divided. Wherever there is sin the world, it affects the whole family of man. We cannot shut ourselves off from Asia or Europe. The tragedy of life in those areas must touch us sooner or later. Because of the sin of war scarred Europe and Asia, we are suffering social and economical distress in this continent. Faced with this situation, how can we live? Even if we claim to be innocent, we cannot escape from the tragedy of world sin. Dare we shut our eyes to the dire plight of others? Can we take the wings of a dove and fly away and be at rest? Did Christ run away into the wilderness to avoid the sin-bred tragedy of his people? He could not play the coward. He steadfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem, when he knew quite well that sufferings would come upon him. While many suffer for their own sins, a few choose to suffer for the sins of others. Christ, our pure, sinless Lord, decided to share with guilty people the burden of their sins. Here we find the highest peak of love. When Christ made up his mind to share freely the sorrows of a sinful society, he revealed the measure of his love.

We may be tempted to run away from what we know is our duty. We may seek a way of escape from the troubles of life. We may be inclined to cry, "Let the nations stew in their own juice!" That may be the way of cold reason, but not the method of love. The season of Easter brings us face to face with a tragic world and urges us to share the burdens of others, even though they be sinners, so that somehow, with Christ's sacrifice and ours, men may be redeemed.

We cannot go back. We must go on, even though a cross be at the end of the way. Although surrounded by sinful people, and sharing in their sorrows, Jesus did not share in the people's tolerance for sin. We must not take up the attitude of Lot when he camped toward Sodom and shut his eyes to the dangers of sin. We must share in the



sufferings of sinful society because of our love for men. The love compelling us to bear the sorrows of others, must urge us to condemn the sin that brings the sorrow. Christ's love for the sinner did not hinder him from speaking against sin. He made clear the need of thinking right and good thoughts. Only when the heart is pure can we speak well and act justly. For Jesus, religion belongs to the heart: it is not outward forms and customs. The sin Jesus condemned most severely is the practice of following good religious customs so as to cover bad motives. Like the actor who puts on costumes and imitates another, so the hypocrite takes on the outward garb of a good man, playing the part of a saint while all the time his heart has no love for holiness. The person for whom Jesus showed much love was the man who knew he was a sinner and was sorry and repentant. The man who sees sin within himself and condemns that sin is a person for whom there is hope. We can be so busy condemning sins in others that we have no time to see our own evil habits. While condemning lesser ills, we pass over the greater sin. If we see only the sins of others and never see the sins within our heart, there is little hope for our improvement. As a rule people are not changed by others' judgment on their character, but by their own self-examination and acknowledgment of failure before God. Self-righteousness is a sin. Never will the world be won to Christ by "holier than thou" preaching. Christ's inner purity made him strong on the day of his crucifixion. His calmness, amid the storm of abuse, marked him out. He could say a prayer for his persecutors, asking that they be forgiven. So different was Jesus from all others, the Roman captain was compelled to cry, "Truly this was the Son of God."

As we see our own sins, repent and see our Lord, we shall gain strength to be calm amid the struggle of a sin-troubled world.

# Churches Advance Through Storm

## A Company No Man Can Number

PROFESSOR K. LATOURETTE has completed his significant history of the church, entitled "The Expansion of Christianity," by the recently published seventh volume entitled "Advance Through Storm." In the seven volumes Latourette has written about a million and a quarter words — "the biggest work on anything to do with church history in our time." Dr. John Foster, of Glasgow University, summing up the message of the last volume writes:

Different from so many who say that Christianity has failed, Latourette believes that from our religion comes most of that idealism which now, more than ever, seeks to end national and racial domination, and to ensure trusteeship of backward peoples. It is the major source of democratic principles. And since 1914 Christian idealism is not limited to the West but has become a factor in the whole world's life. "Christianity," Latourette says, "was more potent after 1914 than ever it had been before." So far from being a period of decline "here is one of the great eras of the Christian faith."

As he comes to the end of his immense task this careful historian ventures to take up the role of prophet. Christianity, he says, if one connects it with its Hebrew antecedents, has a history of some four thousand years and must be counted among the world's most ancient religions. All other religions, even Islam, the youngest, seem to have slowed down in a fashion which gives little prospect of revival.

Christianity comes to its greatest geographic expansion and its widest influence on mankind in the last century and a half. We have therefore the support of history if we Christians face our contemporary problems with confidence, and believe that whatever the valleys of our pilgrimage there are higher peaks ahead. Yet it is not on that note that the book ends. As Christians meet on the Lord's Day, Professor Latourette reminds us, to celebrate the mystery of their Lord's death — which once seemed so futile an ending — they can now remember that a countless multitude of almost all tribes and peoples, though in differing fashion, keep the same feast and feel themselves one with a great company that no man can number, who across more than nineteen centuries have gathered because of that same sacrifice. There we are looking not only across history and across the world, but beyond history to that other world where is the Church Triumphant.



## Scenes In the Holy Land

PALESTINE to-day is a treeless countryside of eroded, stony hillsides; but it was not always so. Evidence is clear on Carmel and in several wadis and hills we have wandered over near Jerusalem, particularly from the lonely railway station at Deir es Sheikh, that great forests of carob trees, of evergreen Kermes oaks, olives and Pistacia trees formerly covered wide areas of what are now "maquis," or slowly regrowing scrub land. The Turks during the last war felled much of Carmel's carob forest for railway fuel, and ruthless Arab peasantry destroyed most of the native woodland.

Of the wild flowers, the rich red Anemone coronaria, the Bible's "lilies of the field," still covers most of the countryside with great glory each Spring; but travellers often fail to notice that in March these red blooms are gradually replaced by increasing numbers of the scarlet Asiatic crowfoot, and then by the common red field poppy. But the Biblical word lily is probably a general term for many of the beautiful flowers which follow the winter rains in Palestine — the wild irises, the rich red mountain tulips we found on Mt. Carmel and the little scarlet adonis which covers the slopes of Mt. Scopus below the university and overlooking the distant Red Sea. The ravens which fed Elijah in the wilderness may, incidentally, be watched most days from the sides of Scopus, their harsh, croaking calls attracting one's attention to parties of two or half a dozen overhead.

Narcissus tazetta, the rose of Sharon, is everywhere abundant in Spring and most of all in wadis at Ramallah, north of Jerusalem. The "willows" of Joshua and Leviticus are the pink-flowered oleander bushes, the popular "rosebay" of Palestine gardens, which in Summer fill the dry wadis along Trans-Jordan and in northern Palestine.

Hyssop and wormwood have been planted at the Garden Tomb on the hill above the Damascus Gate to Jerusalem, a site disputing the original Calvary with the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, but the true hyssop of the Bible may have been the common prickly caper which flowers all over the ancient walls of Jerusalem in summer. Incidentally, the gates of Jerusalem and other towns are no longer the haunt of packs of wild dogs howling at sundown, for the British mandate's efforts to control the scourge of rabies have reduced

these packs of stray, diseased dogs almost to extermination, although the Arab goat-herd still has his half-savage "pie-hound" pariah dogs to torment the life of the wandering naturalist off the beaten track.

The pomegranate of Deuteronomy still graces the orchards with its rich red flowers and Isaiah's teil tree, Pistachia palestina, I find growing on most of the recovering forest land or maqui amongst the hills — but never nowadays of the Biblical size. Its clusters of small red berries and its foliage, not unlike the mountain ash tree, add great beauty to the wadis in summer, particularly to the walk we took over the hills from Deir es Sheikh to the Jaffa road. Fig trees and olives are abundant on the hills and the vineyards grow their vines creeping over the ground. The ancient hollow trunks of olives are preserved in the almost ornamental Garden of Gethsemane by the Franciscan Church of All Nations. These old olives still produce fresh foliage annually, but they are not the actual specimens that grew there in Biblical times; the olive is not so long lived. Maybe they are of similar stock, but the site of Gethsemane was not preserved until about the 13th century.—Eric Hardy, F.Z.S., "British Weekly."



## A Second Time of Asking

AT some time in everybody's life, I believe, there arises the haunting question, "Would I, if I had my life over again, and knowing what I know, do the same things?" The question becomes simpler if we say, "Would we make the same decisions again if we knew how they would work out?" But I err in using the pronoun "we." This is not a question to be asked collectively or answered publicly. I had the question put to me at a small fireside gathering. It was impossible for me to answer it aloud, as many people closely linked to me would have been implicated in my reply. We could not change one step in our lives without seriously affecting a number of other people. I have used the phrase "make the same decisions," because I believe that very few people "make" their lives. For most of us life presents a number of opportunities, contacts, influences and ideas which we choose or adopt according to our individual character. Looking back over the years we might be tempted to say: "Knowing what I know now I would not have made that decision." But when we say that we overlook the fact that in spite of our knowledge we would still be the same person making that decision. I know a woman who has given up all her youth — given up doing everything she wanted to do — to serve her family. Would she, knowing that years of drudgery and dullness faced her, choose differently had she her chance over again? I think not. Would the minister who has chosen to work in a "down town" church, and found disappointment and frustration there, choose differently at the "second time of asking"? I believe not. It is our characters that weave the pattern of our lives, and while, if given a second chance, we might make a few slight adjustments, I believe that in the main issues our lives would run very much along the same lines.—Jane Shelden, "The Christian World."



### THE PERFECT BALANCE

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"He died to give us time to think  
and learn,  
He went to death, instead of killing.  
And in two thousand years we have  
not learned the lesson  
Nor yet attained his Perfect Balance."

# A CREATIVE SERVICE

*J. A. Wilkie, of Ballarat, Vic., writes encouragingly of the ministry of preaching the word.*

ANNA BUCHAN, in her recent book, "Unforgettable, Unforgotten," has this reminiscence:—"Going back to some function in the Pathhead church, some years after father's death and nearly thirty years after he had been minister there, mother and I were amazed and touched to find how many people still remembered him with gratitude and affection. One old elder came up to us and said: "Ye would mebbe no' hear that I'd lost ma wife? Ay, she slippit awa mair than a year syne. Her last thought was that Mr. Buchan would gie her a welcome over yonder." As we drove away, mother said with deep conviction in her voice, "Surely a minister's job is the most repaying on this earth." This is a true saying and worthy of all acceptance. "They that turn many to righteousness will shine as the stars for ever and ever." When such a man passes to the other side, what a welcoming group will await his arrival, especially those he has won by his personal contact and the touch of Christ within him.

The "repayment" is not all in the gloryland. The satisfaction in any occupation is measured by its scope for "creative work." The skilled craftsman, the scientist, the school teacher, the artist, the musician and the physician have creative opportunities in their avocations despite the drudgery inherent in all daily work. Without question, the true shepherd of souls has possibilities of creative work that surpass all other occupations. These other men are dealing with material things, or at best with mental growth and physical health; he is in touch with the inner life — the essential being of men and women. Amid some inevitable disappointments, the man who represents Jesus Christ has the supreme joy of helping to change lives and of seeing the growth and development of new citizens in the kingdom of God. What large salary could balance such "creative" experiences!

I agree with every word in Thomas Hagger's article in your issue of Feb. 10, especially his references to the limitations in the service of Christian men who seek to serve their Lord in their free time. Such men are conscious of their brief time for preparing addresses. Many have limited access to books and other tools of the mental life. They can seldom undertake that continuity of service that leads to results. Their time for follow-up work in the homes and hearts of their hearers is very limited. I think I can speak for the average spare-time worker when I say, one has a sense of frustration, even though, from time to time, he meets with encouragement and the Divine blessing. After many years of such experience, I am more than ever convinced that it is imperative to provide training and adequate financial support for men who respond to the guidance of God's Spirit, so that they may devote their full time to evangelism and to provoking their brethren to do likewise.

The difficult conditions of the present time affect not only the people who live apart from the church, but also the majority of our church members. They have created new and grave problems for our preachers. Some are finding

the load over-heavy and are discouraged. Few churches are on the up-grade, and outward conditions are not likely to veer in our favor. May I emphasise that he that is for us in 1948 is more than all that can be against us; that when one door is closing, our God sees to it that another is opening. When the church was driven from Jerusalem, there began a revival in a most unlikely place — Samaria. When for a decade Napoleon severed Britain from the continent of Europe, the British and Foreign Bible Society was founded and new missionary societies began. Overleaping Europe, the illumination of the gospel spread to Asia and to Africa.

The emphasis is changing from platform evangelism to personal evangelism. The platform will always have its place, but its effectiveness is measured by the amount of direct contact made in the homes by the preacher and his associate visitors.

The enlisting of suitable members to be initiated into this type of ministry is, by itself, a real step up in the vitality of a church. The thrill of leading even one prospect to Christ must have a cleansing and renewing effect upon those who (with much trembling) undertake such visits. In addition to some form of visitation evangelism among the unconverted, the condition of a considerable proportion of our members is a challenge for direct action by Spirit-guided Christians in co-operation with the minister (who is most conscious of the problem). This is a delicate matter that requires much prayer and preparation, but it should never be left to one



*"Go — make disciples — I am with you."*

man. The burden should be shared. Surely, in all our churches there are a few "exercised" souls upon whom the great Shepherd is laying "a concern" — vital with love and compassion for their straying fellow members.

These visits should not be merely social calls or to say, "Come to the church services on Sunday," but rather, by wise and loving contact, to ascertain the hindrances and to seek to move the drowsy member to action. It will be obvious that, if the result is to get even ten per cent of your members into closer touch with their Saviour and active in their allegiance, then all other activities such as visitation evangelism or Bible school enlargement will benefit and folk newly converted will be introduced into a fellowship that will more nearly represent to them a family of God.

My word to a discouraged preacher is for him to seek guidance to get out of the rut; for a deep enough rut is a grave.

## A Church in a House

IN the last chapter of the letter to the Romans there are some interesting things, not the least of which is the presentation of the fact that a church gathered in the house of Priscilla and Aquila (Romans 16: 3-5).

This suggests to us that Christianity at the first was a very simple thing, quite devoid of much of the pomp and ritual found in many quarters to-day.

It also indicates that a church was just an assembly of believers in the divine Lord. And that it did and could exist without a church house.

While the religion of the Lord Jesus was thus kept simple, it made its greatest progress. It has been remarked that the early Christians evangelised the Roman Empire without a church building, without a choir, without an organ.

It is good to keep Christianity simple and undenominational to-day. And it would be good to find many churches in ordinary houses.

In the days of the pioneers of the movement to restore New Testament Christianity to the modern world household congregations were common, and from such humble beginnings frequently strong churches resulted. It was a church in a house in which the cause in N.S.W.

commenced its history; it was a church in a tent that began the work that has advanced so greatly in Victoria.

How good it would be to-day, when members move to places where there is no congregation wearing only the divinely-given names of church of Christ or church of God, and where Christians do not regularly meet on the first day of the week to break bread as did the early Christians, if the table of the Lord was spread in the home on the Lord's Day and the three or four members who may be in that place gathered together to "keep the feast." They would not only be helping to keep their own faith strong in the Lord, but they may be the pioneers of strong and flourishing causes. Scattered members, see that you have a church in somebody's house. It will not require the presence of a preacher, or any other special individual; it is disciples who should come together to break bread. And two or three such with the Lord constitute a church.

Let us have a revival of the pioneering spirit, and of the New Testament spirit, and let all living where there is no New Testament church set up the Lord's Table, and seek to spread the truth of Christ among the people around.— Thomas Hagger.



FOR years past the book of Genesis has been a battlefield on which "higher critics" and "modernists" have fought it out with those who believe in the inspiration and infallibility of every part of the Bible. To some, the Genesis story of the creation was merely a Babylonian legend with the worst features omitted; to some, the book was a hotch-potch of extracts from various documents written by unknown persons who, for the sake of convenience, were referred to as "E," "J," "P," etc. Some Bible commentators of this "advanced" (?) school speak as confidently of such documents as though they were actually known to exist, and hesitate not to divide the book into fragments, assigning one section to this imaginary writer and another to that. Dr. Driver writes: "The process by which, probably, the book of Genesis assumed its present form may be represented approximately as follows. First, the two independent, but parallel, narratives of the patriarchal age, 'J' and 'E,' were combined into a whole by a compiler. . . . The whole thus formed ('JE') was afterwards combined with the narrative 'P' by a second compiler who, adopting 'P' as his framework, accommodated 'JE' to it," etc. Such mutilation of the scripture has been strenuously resisted by those who regard the Bible with reverence as the authoritative word of the living God.

In 1936 there was published the first edition of a book by Air Commodore P. J. Wiseman, C.B.E., and which was entitled, "New Discoveries in Babylonia about Genesis." A copy of this most interesting book recently came into our hands and, for the interest and information of readers of "The Australian Christian" who may not have the opportunity of reading it for themselves, we venture to reproduce from its contents the following information.

Stated briefly, the position which is advanced, and for which it is claimed the most recent archaeological discoveries lend support, is that different sections of Genesis, clearly distinguished each from the other by the expression, "These are the generations of . . ." were written in the first place by certain of the patriarchs, beginning with Adam, whose names are indicated in the book itself. The very earliest sections would have been written on stone or clay tablets in an early script, the later ones on similar tablets in the cuneiform script of early Babylon. Bear in mind that recent discoveries of archaeologists have produced tablets — hundreds of them — written up to 1000 years and more before Abraham! The tablets containing that which we know as the earliest sections of Genesis would have been handed down through the successive generations of patriarchs until they passed into the hands of Moses in Egypt. He then, probably after the Exodus and not long before the entrance of the Children of Israel into the Promised Land, would have compiled from these tablets and under divine inspiration, the book which we know as Genesis.

To most, this will be a novel explanation of the origin of the first book of the Bible, so we proceed to examine the evidence for it. First, however, let us have before us the sections (recognised by all scholars, to whatever school of thought they belong) into which the book divides itself. Each, with the exception of the last, closes with the formula which is found to be common to documents written in the earliest ages of human history, "These are the generations of . . ." The references are as follow:

Gen. 2: 4, "These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth."

5: 1, "This is the book of the generations of Adam."

6: 9, "These are the generations of Noah."

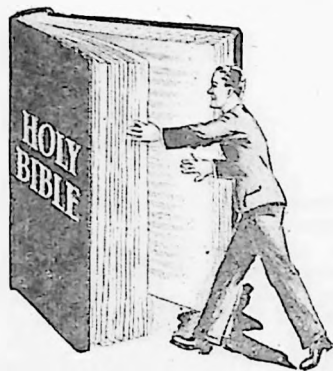
10: 1, "Now these are the generations of the sons of Noah."

11:10, "These are the generations of Shem."

11: 27, "Now these are the generations of Terah."

25: 12, "Now these are the generations of Ishmael."

# WHO Really Wrote GENESIS?



K. A. Macnaughtan reviews "New Discoveries in Babylonia about Genesis," by Air Commodore P. J. Wiseman, C.B.E. This is the first of three articles giving the outline of an interesting thesis.

25: 19, "And these are the generations of Isaac."

36: 1, "Now these are the generations of Esau."

36: 9, "And these are the generations of Esau."

37: 2, "These are the generations of Jacob."

37: 3 to the end of the book.

This division of the book has long been recognised by scholars but, according to our author, the significance of it has been completely missed. It has been supposed by critics and conservatives alike that the formula was intended to introduce, on each occasion, a new section. Most recent discoveries, however, make it clear that such an expression, according to ancient customs, formed not an introduction but a *CONCLUSION*. The ancients, unlike ourselves, commenced a document in a very simple manner and with little preamble, but often concluded it with a very formal statement. We have instances of this in the earlier books of the Bible. Contrast the simple opening of Leviticus with its formal conclusion: "These are the commandments which the Lord commanded Moses for the children of Israel in Mount Sinai." So with Numbers, "These are the commandments and the judgments, which the Lord commanded by the hand of Moses unto the children of Israel in the plains of Moab by Jordan near Jericho." Hence, when we read in Genesis the words, "These are the generations of," we must regard them as marking the conclusion in each case, of the narrative immediately preceding them.

Further, let it be noted that the word "generation" from the Hebrew "Toledoth" must be understood in the sense of "history" or "historical origins." It is in this sense that it is rendered by all the great Hebrew scholars. "Toledoth Jesu" is always translated by the Jews, "History of Jesus." Thus, in the first occurrence of this expression in Genesis, it might accurately be rendered, "This is the story of, the origin of the heavens and of the earth."

For a clear understanding of the use of this formula in Genesis, let it also be noted that, when it is used in connection with the name of a patriarch, it does not necessarily mean that it is the history *ABOUT* that person but that it refers rather to the fact that particular "toledoth" concerned was *written or owned* by the person named; as we would say, perhaps, "This is the membership roll of the secretary," to distinguish it from that kept by, say, the preacher. Thus the words, "These are the generations of Noah," might accurately be rendered, "These are the historical origins owned, or written, by Noah." In other words, Moses, as he *compiled* the book of Genesis from the eleven tablets which had been passed down through the centuries by the patriarchs (or from accurate copies of the original tablets) faithfully recorded the names of those patriarchs from whom, originally, the tablets had come. Read thus, these key verses of Genesis are telling us who were the authors of, or from whom originally came, the first thirty-six chapters of our book.

Are the above conclusions correct? Is there sufficient evidence to justify our believing, for example, that the story of creation, the fall, the murder of Abel and the establishing of the first civilisation came from the very hand of the man most concerned in it, the first man on earth, our father Adam? What vastly added interest attaches to this book, if this be so! The conservative scholars have sometimes supposed that Moses received his knowledge of the events he records by oral tradition, that the histories he wrote had been passed on from Adam to succeeding generations by word of mouth. We know of some who believe that God gave Moses his information of the six days "creation" so-called by causing the events to pass before him in vision. All such suppositions, however interesting, are merely suppositions indeed; have we now a theory for the correctness of which definite and tangible evidence can be produced? Let that question be answered in the light of the following arguments.

## The Preacher's Income

THE Melbourne "Age" is to be commended for its recognition of the part a minister of the church takes in the community. In a leading article of March 4, it makes the following plea for a worthy recognition of the ministry of the preacher. "It has never been suggested that the stipends of ministers have been commensurate, in a material sense, with their qualifications, or with the service they render their congregations and the communities in which they work. The ministry of the church is a vocation to which the candidate is properly expected to dedicate his life without expectation of material reward. It is a life of service freely given for higher motives. If that service is to be rendered effectively he still requires sustenance, raiment and the means to pay his mundane debts.

"Since most denominations expect a minister's wife to assist freely in multifarious social duties inseparable from the ministry of the church — to comfort the bereaved, visit the afflicted, teach in Sunday school, and frequently to organise fetes and money-raising efforts associated with the church, as well as to be a cheerful wife and model mother — the inadequacy of the stipend is emphasised. He is a thrice-blessed minister who find a wife possessing all these qualities and, in addition, independent means of her own.

"In a community devoted to the economic objectives of full employment, with a high and rising standard of living, a moral obligation devolves upon members and adherents of churches to pay ministers adequate incomes."

## The Australian Christian

# Island Students in Training

A. Anderson, Secretary Foreign Mission Board.

TWO young lads have recently left for Lelean Memorial School, Suva, Fiji, to commence the long road towards being able to enter the Government Medical School, Fiji. These lads are young in years and even if they do not eventually go in for the full course, they will have training enabling them to become preachers and teachers of the word.

The Lelean school is run by the Methodist Church of Australia, who readily opened the way for these lads to enter. The Methodist Mission Board in Australia has also been very helpful. We are happy to say that one of these lads will be supported by his own people; the other will be maintained by the Tunstall Trust.

Late in February, advice was received that the lads had arrived in Suva and were established in the school. As there are already three or four New Hebridean boys who have been in the school for several years, it will help our own boys to settle down more quickly.

We regret to announce that Abel Taby Mal, a very promising young man, who was sent to the Paton Memorial Hospital, Vila, to train as a medical dresser, has had to return to his home at Pentecost on account of TB. He was so valuable to the medical work on Pentecost that our missionaries felt at first they could not spare him; finally, they decided the best interests of the mission would be served by his going for wider training. Pray now that he might be healed and still be of service to his Lord in the mission work.



## BAPTISMS — AOA AND PENTECOST

THE Christmas period was made happy by the confession of faith and baptism of many people, young and old. These converts have had a special course of instruction and know the step they are taking.

On Aoba, on Christmas day, a morning service was held on the seashore, the occasion being the baptism of 25 candidates who desired to be immersed into Christ. Naturally a large crowd gathered to witness the ceremony. After the service the men were baptised followed by the women, this being the usual order. Each candidate was led to Abel Barney, who conducted the baptismal service. Then he or she was again questioned regarding the desire to follow Christ, after which, when the waves were favorable, the candidate was baptised.

Many of the 25 were young people who had grown up under Christian influence, but some were older in years. One man had been in Queensland in the Kanaka days, but since his return in 1906 had continued in heathen ways. Every time we spoke to him about becoming a Christian he would always reply that by-and-bye he would be baptised. We pray that he may really give Christ complete victory in his life.



An Island Baptismal Service.

After the baptisms, all who gathered had lunch together. At 3 p.m., another service was held in the Ndui Ndui church building, which was packed to overflowing.

It is unfortunate that the Maewo and isolated Island people cannot be present at such gatherings, as they have no opportunity of enjoying Christian fellowship.

At Pentecost, on Christmas Day, the baptismal service was held at Baravet early in the morning, so that it would be over before the hottest part of the day. Four boys and two girls were baptised. After lunch a service was held, when the Christmas story was told with the aid of a cardboard manger scene. On the following Sunday, the six new members were received into the church. On New Year's Eve, a watchnight service was held, and quite a large number attended.

## Our Young People

### IS PURPOSEFUL CAMPING WORTH WHILE?

ONE minister expressed it this way: "Many thanks for having four of our young people at the recent Monbulk camp. They were delighted with it all, and they now desire to attend the training camp at Easter. I am confident we have thus broken the ice in our church, and that others will desire to attend future camps."

These four, along with many other young people, have found purposeful camping well worth while. The Young People's Department suggests that ministers and leaders take time to approach young people with a view of linking them with the camps run by the department. In this way Christian workers are gained and trained.

Forty-two have so far registered for the Easter camp at the Waterman Memorial Camp at Monbulk, Victoria. L. Trezise, B.A., V. C. Stafford and Miss I. Gill are planning practical and inspirational sessions.

The study booklet "Oslo Message" is being specially prepared by the Department of Christian Education and will be available to all State youth departments. Copies are also available for camping groups arranged by churches.

The youth choir for the 1948 Melbourne Town Hall youth demonstration rehearses at Swanston-st. church every Tuesday at 8 p.m. The leader is Mr. Claude Gadge. Singers and instrumentalists are still required, and young people intending to join should do so immediately.

Mr. Hayden McCallum, our delegate to the recent Conference of Christian Youth at Oslo, is visiting many churches throughout the Commonwealth. Mr. McCallum has seen, heard, and remembered. He is able to inspire young and old in the relating of his experiences at Oslo. Churches who desire a visit by Mr. McCallum should contact their own youth departments. The Federal Board of Christian Education acknowledges with pleasure the receipt of £10 from the Victorian Social Service Department towards the expenses of our Oslo delegate.

On Sunday, March 14, at 3 p.m., in Swanston-st. church, the Second Good Companions service of dedication will be held. Mrs. Bright Parker, organiser of Girls' Friendly Society of Church of England, will be the speaker. Bible schools are requested to release Good Companions to attend this service and credit them with full school marks.

A camp reunion for all Victorian campers will be held in Lygon-st. school hall on Saturday, March 13, at 8 p.m. Country campers are invited to send greetings. Any campers from recent rural camps are particularly in-

Special preparations were made for Christmas gatherings on both Islands, and all went off in the usual happy way. Our native Christians and families were able to share in the Christmas cheer gifts given by our people throughout Australia.

Mrs. Purdy, one of our pioneer missionaries, tells of the progress the women are making, and speaks highly of the training of the children.



### ORGAN SUPPLIED FOR PENTECOST

OUR call for a portable organ for Pentecost did not go without response. An offer was made by a Victorian sister, and arrangements have been made for its despatch to the Islands. It will delight the Island Christians when they can sing accompanied by an organ.



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

vited to attend and make themselves known to the director, Mr. L. Trezise.

Tickets for Melbourne Town Hall youth demonstration on Wednesday, March 31, are being distributed to all Victorian churches. The cost is 2/- for adults and 1/- for children. One feature will be a "Cavalcade of Youth."

Mr. and Mrs. W. Davis, supervisors of Waterman Memorial Youth Camp at Monbulk, have recently been holidaying at Port Welshpool. The department is very appreciative of the labors of Mr. and Mrs. Davis. They have endeared themselves to all about them at Monbulk, and their friendly and Christian spirit has added much to the smooth running of the camps. Mr. Davis in a letter to the chairman writes: "Since the Christmas campers departed things have been as dry and uninteresting as the weather. The Good Companion leaders — like bees swarming in late spring — made things hum for a day or two. But the full-throated, wholehearted, joyful singing of the preachers can hold its own against all comers. Campers, it's up to you."

Mr. and Mrs. F. Broussard, of Balwyn, have been busy growing and bottling fruit for future camps. To date 300 pounds of fruit have been thus treated, and it is anticipated that another 300 pounds will be made ready within the next few weeks. A clock is still needed for the kitchen at Monbulk. If you have one either in order, or needing repair, contact the Youth Office, Central 3895, and we will arrange to have it collected. Friends sending donations for Monbulk camp property should make money orders and postal notes payable at Melbourne.

A sound film concerning the recent World Conference of Christian Youth at Oslo has arrived in Western Australia. The film runs for twenty minutes, and is of interest to both young and old. Proceeds from the hire of this film will be added to the amount already received to cover the cost of sending our own delegate.

Yours can be a teaching church if you plan to meet the needs of the people of your church and community; if you help your teachers and other leaders to share a living faith with others; if you evaluate your programme and find ways to improve the teaching work of your church.

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# Here and There

"Hinrichsen mission Carramar, N.S.W., had good meetings on March 8. Twenty were received into fellowship, making thirty-seven to date."

Hyman J. Appelman will conduct evangelistic campaigns in New South Wales from June 19 to July 25; Queensland, July 28 to Aug. 22; Tasmania, April 29 to May 13; South Australia, May 16 to June 11; Western Australia, Aug. 26 to Sept. 9.

On Feb. 21, at South Richmond, Vic., the Richmond-Collingwood district churches' conference held its annual meeting, when the following were elected for ensuing year: F. Barnett, president; H. Bartholemew, vice-president; L. Blackburn, hon. sec. and treas. S. Neighbour preached interestingly at evening session.

Several building permits have been granted to the Victorian Church Extension Committee, but the Building Directorate will not entertain any further applications for some months to come. Even with a permit given, it is most difficult these days to build. The committee expects soon to commence the erection of new church buildings at Bentleigh, Springvale, East Malvern and West Preston. Churches are asked to give liberally for this work on Mar. 21 next.

Eighty young people of our South-eastern churches (Melbourne) gathered for a "trip round the world" on Saturday evening, Feb. 28. The four hosts, Mr. and Mrs. McKenzie, Mrs. Galletly, Mrs. Carlyle and Mr. and Mrs. Masterdon, arranged their homes and entertainments to represent Scotland, India, China and New Zealand respectively. After paying a visit to each of these in groups of 20, all gathered in Carnegie church hall where, after an address by Mr. Waghmode on the unity of a world church, supper was enjoyed.

Pre-anniversary services at North Fitzroy, Vic., commenced on Mar. 7. T. Hagger addressed church at morning service and preached at night. There were splendid attendances at both services, one young lady being immersed at evening service. Newly-formed men's society is gaining interest; at meeting on Feb. 24 men listened to D. Thomas relate his experiences in Java when a prisoner of war. H. Trotter is chairman of society and L. Prior secretary. Charles McMillan, a highly esteemed member for 51 years, died on March 2. Church extends to Mrs. McMillan and family deepest sympathy. On March 4 Miss Hammond, a member for many years, entered into rest. Sympathy is extended to her sister, Mrs. W. Johnson, and other members of family.

A special evening was held by S.A. Sisters' Auxiliary at Grote-st. chapel, Adelaide, on Thursday, Feb. 26, to hear Mrs. McCann (Melbourne) give a travel talk on the Buffalo Convention. A very splendid audience was presided over by Mrs. W. Green (president), who introduced Mrs. McCann to all, and Mr. Russell (president S.A. conference) also spoke words of welcome. Grote-st. church choir rendered an excellent anthem. Mrs. McCann thanked the sisters for giving her this opportunity of telling of her wonderful experience and fellowship at the convention, of the beautiful buildings, etc., which churches of Christ in America have. Mrs. Green closed with prayer.

At annual business meeting of church at Albion, Qld., Miss Mavis Hall was elected Sunday school secretary. Gratitude was expressed for good work done by Walter Hall, who held that position for 35 years. Appreciation of W. Wiltshire's services as secretary of church, and also of G. Hall's six and a half years of service as church treasurer, was recorded. Treasurer's report showed total receipts for year almost £1100. £395 was given by church to special appeals. According to secretary's report, average attendance of 100 at Lord's Table and 60 at gospel services

showed a seven per cent. increase. Annual aboriginal missions offering amounted to £41/5/6.

Annual conference of the Victorian Local Option Alliance will be held in the Independent Church hall, Collins-st., on Tuesday, April 27, at 10.30 a.m. and 2 p.m., when annual report and balance sheet will be submitted. Churches and organisations are requested to appoint their delegates. The conference will be open to the public.

Harvest thanksgiving services at Doncaster, Vic., were held on last Sunday in February. Chapel was full. A splendid show of goods was staged on platform. Goods were afterwards taken to Austin, Children's and Women's Hospitals and Guest Home at Oakleigh. Mr. Banks' address was appropriate and appreciated. Evening meeting was also well attended, Mr. Banks being speaker. Choir sang two anthems. Offering toward church building fund amounted to £88/3/6. A group of young people with Mr. Banks attended tea at Hartwell on afternoon of March 7, J. Tully providing transport.

Church at Oakleigh, Vic., welcomes return of college student, L. Cook, in youth work, after vacation in Tasmania. First student to college from Oakleigh, C. Dunse, has commenced first year. S. Neighbour preached at both services on Feb. 22 and 29, and at gospel service on March 7. L. Cook gave morning address. Mr. and Mrs. W. Berthelsen, from Collie, W.A., have been welcomed into membership. Young Marrieds' Fellowship at first 1948 meeting on Feb. 18 were given interesting talk by philatelist W. Thornhill. £14 was realised for school building fund from musical recital presented on March 3 by Miss V. Sweetman, W. Colman and associate artists. At annual meeting, Bible school teachers nominated C. L. McGregor superintendent for 23rd year. Misses A. Ashley and R. Triplett, secretary and kindergarten superintendent for several years, were re-elected.

A well-attended half-yearly business meeting at Brighton, Vic., was presented with good reports from all auxiliaries, including best financial report yet. Darrel Bismire is being transferred to Commonwealth Bank, Darwin, for 18 months. A church social was held and a presentation made to Alma Brough and Jack Scott on occasion of their marriage celebrated on March 6. Lew Carter has resigned from Commercial Bank to continue his commerce course full time at Melbourne University. In response to food parcels sent by members, a letter of appreciation was received from secretary of Brighton church, England. Mrs. Arthur Emmett and Mrs. Tuson were recently successfully operated upon and are now recovering at Caulfield After-care and Bethlehem respectively. Vital messages have been delivered by C. G. Taylor at well-attended services. Mrs. Taylor has rendered splendid assistance in song.

Recently at Northcote, Vic., a man, his wife and three Bible school young people made their decision for Christ, and were received into fellowship. Hayden McCallum has addressed church on experiences at Oslo, and in afternoon at Young People's Fellowship on same subject. A. W. Stephenson has given an appreciated address to Men's Society on Buffalo Convention. Good Companions, under leadership of Miss J. Andrews, is functioning well and growing in strength. Last month 16 parcels of food were sent to Britain. Mr. Woodgate, sen., is still unable to attend services owing to illness. G. Smith, of college, has been appointed assistant preacher. Intermediate Endeavor Society has been re-organised under leadership of G. Smith, meeting now at 10 a.m. Sundays, and Y.P.S.C.E. has been re-organised with A. Arnott secretary. Church is pleased to have Mrs. W. G. Graham back in fellowship after serious operation. Church

and school regret departure for Mooroopna of two valued workers in Mr. and Mrs. N. Brown. Average attendance for breaking of bread during last month was 146, and attendance at evening service, 105.

E. T. Hart commenced ministry at Too-woomba, Qld., on March 7. Help from L. Burgin and W. E. Reeve while on holidays was appreciated. Apart from that, local brethren, by willing co-operative efforts, have maintained the work. There were two confessions under Mr. Burgin's preaching, one following address by R. Draney, one at conclusion of service conducted by Y.P.F. on Feb. 15, and another at H. E. Greenwood's farewell meeting. Annual church business meeting on Feb. 28 was heartening. Money in hand for future work amounts to over £500. Church has vision of greatly extended work at Harlaxton, where there is a flourishing Sunday school. Church voted £40 of 1947 thank-offering to Townsville and Rocklea churches. Balance will be used for Harlaxton project, when plans have materialised. 1948 thankoffering will also be used for Harlaxton building fund, excepting 10 per cent. for weak or new causes. Youth work is particularly strong, and work and workers of fellowship and Bible schools were commended by church meeting. New deacons' board consists of F. J. Winter (secretary), E. G. Risson (treasurer), R. Boettcher, R. Draney, L. Enchelmaier, Albert Gould, H. J. Lowe. Aged Mrs. Baldwin, who has lived at Brodribb Home for some years, passed away on Feb. 27; she was almost 93 years of age.

## ADDRESSES

J. E. Allan (secretary Victorian F.M. Committee and preacher Ringwood church, Vic.).—39 Victoria-st., Box Hill, E.11.

V. G. Boettcher (preacher Boonah church, Qld.).—church of Christ Manse, Hume-st., Boonah.

E. Enchelmaier (secretary Albion church, Qld.).—Storkey-st., Windsor, N.3, Brisbane.

C. E. Roediger (secretary Northam church, W.A.).—35 Gordon-st., Northam.

J. E. Searle (preacher Preston church, Vic.).—9 Bolden-st., Heidelberg, N.22. 'Phone, JL1510.

## NEW BOOKS.

"Mongolian Plains and Japanese Prisons," by D. G. Broughton, 7/9.

"Beacon Lights of Grace," by Richard Ellsworth Day. 12 Biographical Sketches of great Christian men. 17/6.

"The Man who didn't go to China." The story of Dr. Barnardo by Jessie Powell, 6/3.

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# News of the Churches

## Tasmania

**Devonport.**—On Feb. 1 H. Crowden gave a helpful morning address. At night a visit from Mr. and Mrs. J. Park, from Hobart, was enjoyed. Mr. Park gave a splendid address and Mrs. Bruton sang a solo. In morning Mr. Kenzie took Mr. and Mrs. Park and niece Margaret McGregor to Ulverstone, where Mr. Park (who is conference president) addressed church. On Feb. 8, among visitors was Mrs. McGregor, of Oakleigh, Vic. Barton Burtt gave good addresses morning and night. E. Stevens sang a solo in evening. On Feb. 15, E. Stevens gave morning address. Church had fellowship with Sister Taylor, of Ann-st., Brisbane, Q. At night Barton Burtt preached. On Feb. 22 Stan Bruton's morning address was enjoyed. Mrs. Knight was welcomed back after a few weeks' absence in Hobart. F. Higgs also had fellowship with church while on holidays from Lilydale, Vic. At night Rod Pitt was preacher.

## Western Australia

**Perth (Lake-st.).**—Annual business meeting was held on Feb. 19 in form of a church banquet, main features of year's activities being covered in a series of toasts and responses thereto. These were interspersed with musical items. A brief session of formal business was conducted at close. The innovation was pronounced a great success by the 100 people present. Church unanimously adopted a recommendation from deacons that J. K. Robinson be offered a further two years' engagement as from the expiry of his present engagement in August of this year. Plans have been prepared for a three-year campaign of advance, culminating in Diamond Jubilee of church in September, 1950. All auxiliaries are at work again after holiday recess. On Feb. 21 both services were broadcast. Evidence is continually to hand of large listening public to broadcasts, and of appreciation with which they are received.

## Queensland

**Brisbane (Ann-st.).**—Work is flourishing and attendances, particularly at gospel meetings, maintain upward trend. On Feb. 22 C. J. Mackenzie spoke at both services, F. C. Hunting being at Gympie. Mrs. Keeble was soloist at night. On Feb. 24 annual meeting of church was held, H. J. Payne being chairman. All phases of church's activity were covered by excellent reports, particular mention being made of work of comparatively new I.C.E. Church finances are in good condition in spite of heavy commitments undertaken during past 12 months. Most important decision of meeting was motion, passed unanimously, that a five year building fund be launched in September next, at 50th anniversary of occupancy of present building, with object of extending church premises and expanding accommodation for growing activities of auxiliaries. Special emphasis is to be placed on building up spiritual side of church activity. Retiring officers were re-elected. There were good attendances on Feb. 29, when F. C. Hunting gave a helpful address in morning on duties and responsibilities of church deacons. Mr. and Mrs. Pratten, of Maryborough, Q., were received into fellowship on transfer. C. J. Mackenzie spoke at gospel meeting, at conclusion of which a young man confessed Christ. 166 broke bread during day. Mrs. Macfarlane sang at night service. Recent visitors included Mr. and Mrs. Smiley, W.A.; Miss Machin, Caulfield, Vic.

**Bundaberg.**—At church annual business meeting on Feb. 12, officers and elders were elected for year. All auxiliary reports showed their usefulness in church work. Bible school held annual prize-giving and Christmas tree in December, and clubs had end-of-the-year functions. Church report showed finances fair; morning attendances gratifying; evening meeting numbers could be improved. Those elected were: Elders, F. Presswood, W. Deoberitz and S. Jorgensen; secretary, W. Pohle; treasurer, R. Voss; deacons, J. Wissmann, E. Jones; Bible school superintendent, W. Proudley; kindergarten superintendent, Beryl Neilsen; organists, M. Griffin, L. Wissman; deaconesses were also elected. It was unanimously agreed to proceed with building of chapel at Syms-rd. suburb, and a donation of £49 was acknowledged for this purpose from church at Goodwood, being a transfer of its building account to church at Bundaberg. £20 was also donated by sisters. Church farewelled June Steffan and Elma Rackerman to Sandgate and Aileen Deoberitz to Brisbane. A social was tendered Sylvia Jones and Harold Adams prior to their marriage on Jan. 24. A silver cake-tray was presented to them from church. Bible school, which has won State award for efficiency, and clubs and guild, have commenced year's activities. Mr. Dallinger, the preacher, has been giving helpful morning addresses. Mrs. Mackenzie and Mr. Deoberitz were soloists during month.

## South Australia

**Fullarton.**—At morning service on Feb. 28 attendance was good, when B. W. Manning illustrated his address on the tabernacle with charts. At night he continued his address on morning theme; Mrs. Greaseback and Mr. Manning sang a duet. A young people's training and study class has been commenced, meeting on Wednesday evenings at manse under leadership of P. Mau; 16 are in attendance.

**York.**—Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have returned from holiday and have entered third year of ministry. At special meeting of Sunday school teachers on Feb. 15, 29th was tentatively set as re-opening date for school. It was agreed that personal efforts be made to secure co-operation of parents of S.S. children. At club courts on Feb. 14, church secretary, E. J. Harding, dislocated his knee. During absence of preacher, helpful addresses were given by C. Schwab, F. Collins, J. Train and H. Francis.

**Hindmarsh.**—About 60 attended a moonlight hike held on Feb. 23. Two buses took the party to Grange, and the hike was three miles along the beach to Mellor Park. Return was made by bus to chapel, where supper was served and games enjoyed. Film service on Feb. 29 was, "The Voice in the Wilderness," No. 2, a splendid picture, depicting latter part of ministry of John the Baptist. Mr. Murray Wilton was soloist, and choir assisted with an anthem. Doug. Pickering and Rhonda Piller were married on Feb. 28. Mrs. Pierce is not yet able to attend services.

**Queenstown.**—During past three weeks Mr. Ewers has been away on holidays, and reports indicate that his health, which was causing him some concern, is improving. While Mr. Ewers has been away, addresses have been given by G. A. Foote, A. G. Hinde, J. M. Hall, C. P. Hughes, H. L. Davie and C. Schwab. Attendances have been affected during past few months at church services and young people's departments owing to the paralysis epidemic. Mr. Ewers has planned special meetings for months of March and April, and it has been decided to form a youth council for youth work of church. Aborigines offering was £12/6/- from church and £7 from Bible school. A. Martin and

Miss A. Lunney were married on Feb. 7 in chapel, Mr. Ewers officiating. Miss D. Hastings is still confined to her room since undergoing a serious operation.

**Kilburn.**—71 attended 10 a.m. Bible school re-opening on Feb. 29, including three new scholars. Six babies have been added to cradle roll. 11 a.m. service was conducted by F. Lawrance, when 21 adults and 35 young worshippers enjoyed addresses by F. Collins. J.C.E. has re-commenced under leadership of Mrs. B. Mann. F. Collins has been vigorously canvassing district in preparation for opening of evening gospel services on March 7. A Kilburn sister has donated price of a kindergarten chair. Men of church under guidance of F. Lawrance are busy improving recently acquired army huts for church and Bible school use.

**Semaphore.**—Men's Fellowship opened year's work with a tea on Feb. 2, when young people were invited and were addressed by members of Campaigners for Christ, who also took charge of evening service. Thanks are extended to brethren who gave addresses to church during absence of preacher on holidays, Feb. 9 and 16. Happy Hours on beach concluded on 18th. All meetings have been well attended. Mayor and Mayoress of Pt. Adelaide were present on one occasion. J. Cain conducted meetings in absence of S. Matthews on holidays. Happy Hours will be continued in church hall every Wednesday after school. S. Matthews preached morning and evening on Feb. 22. Y.P.C.E. commenced year with a meeting on 27th. Kindergarten re-opened on 29th. Mr. Houston and Mr. Buck were speakers on 29th, Mr. Matthews conducting services at Kadina. A strip film projector has been purchased for use in youth organisations of church.

**Croydon.**—K.S.P. and P.B.P. have resumed with good interest in both clubs. The preacher being on holiday, W. V. McKenzie spoke at both services on Feb. 8; his addresses were appreciated. At half-yearly business meeting of church, J. Hoskin and R. Pearce were appointed deacons. At Men's Fellowship meeting Watts Grimmer was visiting speaker. Church was saddened by sudden homecall of Mrs. Crump. She will be remembered by her good works, especially to the needy. At harvest thanksgiving services on Feb. 29, a magnificent display of goods made the occasion inspiring. These, together with cash gifts, were donated to Colebrook Home at Eden. Morning speaker was Mr. Wiley, of the home. W. N. Bartlett preached at night. Bible school is improving numerically in all departments, due to abatement of infantile paralysis epidemic. Men's Bible class each Lord's Day maintains good interest. A strong and virile choir under leadership of C. Battle renders excellent service to church. Consistency of choir members is a marked feature. This is reflected in all special services. Average attendance for February: morning 104; evening 86.

**Unley.**—Pre-Easter series of addresses by Mr. Norris is proving helpful. House-to-house distribution of literature has attracted a number of visitors. There has been encouraging response in recent weeks to gospel appeal. David Liddicoat, who made the good confession, was baptised following Sunday evening. Nanette Lawton, a Sunday school scholar, also accepted Christ, and three others—Audrey and Ruth Jessup, and Josephine Lawton—took their stand at harvest thanksgiving service. Gifts displayed will be included in food parcels for missionaries in India and for England. On Feb. 28, Temple Day was observed, gifts and promises amounting to £180, forming nucleus of a fund to provide a motor-car for preacher's use. D. H. Pike gave a splendid talk on stewardship at a meeting in evening. In response to an invitation to continue for a further 3½ years as from August 1 next, Mr. Norris has accepted an extension of six months, and will intimate his decision prior to business meeting in July. Re-opening of Sunday school, C.E. Societies, and other youth activities was

encouraging to all workers, several newcomers being welcomed in each group, including five in kindergarten.

**Port Pirie.**—Attendances for five Sundays in February averaged morning 43, evening 28. Visitors from among nurses at local hospital continue to meet in fellowship. Newly-formed choir rendered anthem on evening of Feb. 29, this being a harvest festival service. Sale of gifts on March 1 at a social evening, with monetary offerings, will be sent to brotherhood at Long Plains who lost their church building in bush fire. K. W. Barton, returned from holidays, has taken all services from Feb. 15. On Feb. 1 C. W. McDonald and R. J. Evely took services, and on Feb. 8 J. Donley and F. Thornton spoke. A feature at evening services has been solos and duets. Duplex envelopes are being widely used by all members, and a distinct increase in general fund and brotherhood appeals has been noted. Brotherhood appeals have increased to £1/11/1, besides amounts earmarked. All seven brotherhood appeals have been included on right hand side of envelope. All auxiliaries have recommenced meetings, and Y.P.S.C.E. has had increased attendances. Bible school attendances should improve with reopening of public schools. Offering for aborigines appeal reached £4/0/6, this being the only special brotherhood appeal for this year with inauguration of duplex envelopes. Mr. and Mrs. Grieves have returned to Launceston church after enjoying fellowship here.

## New South Wales

**Canley Vale.**—Mr. Saunders has preached at all services since return from holidays. Morning addresses have been based on book of Hebrews. Young people's clubs commenced year's activities. Members of girls' clubs have visited mission at Carramar on several club nights. Bible school is practising for anniversary under Miss F. Thomas. Members of Ladies' Church Aid visited Mrs. Clydesdale on occasion of her 79th birthday and conducted a short service, bringing good wishes and congratulations.

**Earlwood.**—Delightful fellowship was enjoyed at prayer meeting on Feb. 25. After service a social gathering was held, and sisters served supper. A. Hinrichsen, now in his fifth year of ministry with church, was presented with a fountain-pen, and Mrs. Hinrichsen with a pottery flower-bowl. Messrs. Thomson, Caspersenn, Matthews, Turner and Smith spoke of the high esteem in which the preacher and family are held, to which Mr. Hinrichsen responded appreciatively. An autograph book of scripture verses was presented to Mrs. N. Matthews, who is transferring to Wiley Park church, also to Miss Cox as a birthday token. £500 has been contributed to building fund over past four years.

**North Sydney.**—Reports presented to annual business meeting revealed consistent work in all departments. Parcels were sent regularly to brethren in England, over 200 having been sent to date. Dorcas and Mission Band had been busy, helpful meetings being held. J. Modral was elected a life member of board of officers in view of long and faithful services. Lincoln Reed was added to board. Financial statement showed credit balance for year, and £125 paid off building. Recently church officers entertained young people at launch picnic, opportunity being taken to call at Woolwich college. On March 1, church entertained Principal and Mrs. Patterson and students at a social evening.

**Merewether.**—Church has been gladdened by one decision and three reconsecrations. Visiting Sunday morning speakers have been Geoff. Crossman, from Bankstown, and Mr. Wilson, of U.P.A., who also spoke at opening meeting of Newcastle district women's guilds, held this year at Merewether. Ladies' Guild raised £50 for year, to be used to put a new roof on church building. Relining of building has been commenced, and a new platform has been

erected. Prayer meetings are being held in members' homes with increased attendances. Sunday school picnic was held enjoyably at Spears Point. School is practising for anniversary. Kinder department has enrolled 10 new scholars since Christmas. Tom Robinson is in hospital recovering from operation.

## Victoria

**Newmarket.**—On Feb. 22 R. Sack commenced ministry with church. On Feb. 29 he spoke at both services. On March 7, A. Goss was received into fellowship. Sympathy of church is extended to Mrs. McGinnis and family in loss of husband and father.

**Collingwood.**—Attendances morning and evening are improving. Church enjoyed fellowship with college students, Messrs. Grant, Roberts and Jarmyn, who helped in services. Mrs. Hodgson was received into fellowship from South Richmond on morning of March 7. Girls' club is improving. Bible school attendance is good.

**Swan Hill.**—On Feb. 6, Berean Fellowship held a picnic tea and hike and also met new minister for district, Mr. Candy, and his wife and two daughters, for first time. A welcome social was held on Feb. 11 in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Candy. A new member was welcomed into church on Feb. 8. Sunday school reopened on Feb. 8; attendance has been good.

**Ascot Vale.**—On Feb. 29, harvest festival was held with a fine array of goods, later donated to Children's Hospital. Mr. Burt was speaker at both services. At annual business meeting of C.M.S. on Feb. 27, a very favorable balance sheet was presented by treasurer. The society is in a healthy state. Church is enjoying fellowship with Miss Jean Weisan, of W.A.

**Geelong.**—Good meetings were held on Feb. 29, Mr. Stirling preaching. All auxiliaries have started after holiday season. Good attendances at both services on March 7, Mr. Stirling preaching. On March 3 Ladies' Aid society held annual meeting, when all officers were re-elected for coming year. Y.P.C.E. has good meetings. After usual meeting members enjoy a social hour together.

**Preston.**—Mr. Searle has addressed all meetings since commencing his ministry, and attendances at morning services have been good; evening services are fairly well attended. Forceful gospel addresses are given by Mr. Searle, and he is also visiting members and others. Week-night fellowship services, led by a different member each week, have been commenced on Thursday nights, Mr. Searle dealing with studies in Acts of Apostles. On Feb. 21 Benita Sedgman was married to K. Crick, A. B. Withers, assisted by J. E. Searle, officiating.

**East Preston.**—At annual business meeting on March 4, members were presented with a very encouraging review of church activities. Membership stands at 38, with four more to be received into fellowship. All on present board of officers were re-elected. A ladies' club has been formed by women of church. Mrs. Watson is president, Mrs. Crisp secretary, and Mrs. Coxhill treasurer. Church is grateful to T. Battye, of West Preston, who has painted interior of chapel. Attendances at all services have greatly improved. On evening of Feb. 29, a young lady confessed Christ.

**Parkdale.**—An interesting convention was held in chapel on Feb. 28. In afternoon Mr. Wakerley, of V.A.M., gave interesting sidelights on work amongst aborigines in Warburton Ranges. Mr. Edgar gave a talk on work among the lepers. Miss Dorothy Clark sang two appreciated solos. After tea, Mr. Thompson, Director of Institute of Archaeology, gave an interesting and instructive film strip, "A Modern Detective Looks at Ancient Jericho." Miss Frances Cowper sang three beautiful solos and choir an anthem. At business meeting on Feb. 19 Mr. Manning consented to labor with church for another year.

**Box Hill.**—On Feb. 26, at annual business meeting of church, following officers were elected: Deacons, F. Clark, G. Clare, J. Ferris, R. Muller, J. Scott, W. Waters; deaconesses, Mesdames Morgan, Elliot, Gray, Hammond; secretary, R. E. Ward; treasurer, J. Scott. On Feb. 23 Mr. Barker passed away at his home at 3 a.m. Sympathies are extended to family and relatives. On evening of Feb. 27, Dr. and Mrs. Kemp arrived home after attending World Convention at Buffalo and visiting British Isles. Members are glad to welcome them.

**Kyneton.**—Women's World Day of Prayer service, Feb. 13, was held in chapel, representatives of seven churches being on platform. Drummond combined Sunday school picnic was held in Malsbury Gardens on 14th. One was received into fellowship on 15th; Miss Margaret Westerland, of Laen, sang a solo at night. On 22nd, three Bible school girls confessed Christ, E. K. Skillicorn preaching. Man and wife, recently baptised, were received into fellowship. A young married man confessed Christ on 29th, and with three others was baptised. Auxiliaries have resumed meetings, including midweek prayer meeting. Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Moore in loss of sister.

**Boort.**—Church has formed a circuit of Boort, Pyramid Hill, Wedderburn and St. Arnaud. Victor Quayle is to commence his ministry at beginning of April. L. Blackburn, of Burnley, spoke at all services on Feb. 28. Bible school has received thanks from Britain for parcels of food sent to needy members in British churches. Several members of Bible school went to Hall's Gap camp. Mrs. Streader is able to meet with church after illness. Robt. Lanyon is on a well-earned holiday. During Mr. Streader's absence on holidays Mr. Lanyon conducted most services with help of Edwin Dyer and Mr. Coventry.

**Moreland.**—Excellent services were held on Feb. 29 at harvest thanksgiving. Choir rendered special anthems, and 177 attended evening service. Display of produce was divided between food parcels for Britain and Children's Home in Albion-st. On March 7 Mr. Curtis, from West Coburg Baptist Church, gave a helpful address in morning, when he exchanged with Mr. Miles. In evening Mr. Miles presided over gospel meeting, while Mr. Theo Fisher, of U.S.A., gave an excellent address. K.S.P. won State championship for 1948 at swimming carnival on Feb. 28. A social evening was to be held on Mar. 9 in honor of R. Conning, to be married to Gwen Beer on March 13. Bible school interest and attendances continue to grow; 185 present on March 7. During week two foundation members, Mrs. J. J. Anderson and Mr. E. Paul, were called to be with their Lord.

**Essendon.**—On Feb. 22 Hayden McCallum addressed evening meeting; Mrs. Marr sang a solo. Mr. McIlhagger was speaker at both services on Feb. 29. Mr. Fordham (Moreland) presided. Mr. and Mrs. Elliot (Balwyn) were welcomed into church. Mrs. Bone, sen., was welcomed back after illness. Choir sang anthem at evening service. 33rd church anniversary services were held on March 7. Mr. McIlhagger presided, K. Jones was speaker. Choir sang two items at morning service. At re-union service at 3 p.m., speaker was Dr. E. R. Killmier; Mrs. Marr sang two solos. Over 100 sat to tea. Dr. Kemp gave an interesting talk on his recent tour. A large number attended evening service—Mr. McIlhagger gave an inspiring address; items in song were given by choir and Mrs. Cook. Church has been saddened by loss of Mrs. Anderson, sen. To her loved ones church offers sympathy. Sunday school has commenced practice for anniversary under C. Ferguson. Both cricket teams have entered semi-finals.



**Montrose.**—Meetings, though small, keep to usual average. M. Keatch, from college, has commenced his ministry with church, and members look forward to a year of good service. Fellowship class every alternate Saturday evening at Mr. and Mrs. Rogers' home is well attended and a good time is spent by young people. Sunday school is in good heart and practising for anniversary; Mr. Keatch is training scholars.

**Mitcham.**—Work continues to progress under leadership of A. Cameron. Morning meetings are well attended. On Feb. 18 annual meeting was held, with splendid reports from all departments. Mr. Moore was elected to board of officers. On Feb. 22 Mr. McLean gave an outstanding address in morning. Mr. and Mrs. Shaw were received into fellowship. D. Rhodes and Miss I. McLean have been appointed leaders for young people's clubs. Babies Bailey and Evans are in hospital; during past days they have shown progress toward recovery. On March 8 Mr. Cameron spoke in morning to a good congregation. Church joined with Methodists in evening, assisting in opening meetings of Hyman Appelman campaign. Mr. Mountney, of Warburton, is evangelist.

**Echuca.**—Meetings during February were fair, and some visitors were welcomed. Excellent addresses were given by Mr. Dudley, and two young ladies from girls' club decided for Christ. This year a combined club has been formed for girls and boys over 14 and a boys' club for lads under 14. Over 40 attended Tuesday night's meeting, at which decision was made regarding clubs. Ladies resumed auxiliary, and again donated £50 to building fund for youth hall. A tribute was paid to the two sisters who worked so loyally at church and died recently within a month of each other—Mrs. Darlow and Mrs. Beyer. Their loss will be greatly felt. Ladies made plans for coming year's work, and have set a high aim (£60) for so few members—11. Mr. Trimmer, of Sydney, entertained young folk. Mrs. Norris is now out of hospital.

**Dimboola.**—Harvest festival services were held on Feb. 15, and on Monday night following a social evening was held when fruit and produce, etc., were sold. During social prizes were presented by leader Miss Joan Norton to children of Y.W.L. for best kept books and for attendance. Final services of ministry of G. T. Black were held on Feb. 29, Mr. Black having been minister since tent mission in November, 1946. A farewell gathering following evening service was presided over by J. Smith, of Horsham, who spoke of Mr. Black's work in ministry. Other speakers supported chairman's remarks and good wishes of congregation. A presentation of wallet of notes was made. Visitors were present from Warracknabeal and Horsham; supper was served by ladies of church. Church has entered into a circuit with Horsham and Haven for supply of speakers. Bible school will be held before morning service, which will be the only service each Sunday for the present. G. Mathieson was speaker on Mar. 7 at inaugural service of circuit.

#### SILVER WEDDING

**SANDO-MOYLE.**—Mr. and Mrs. H. Sando announce with pleasure the 25th anniversary of their wedding, celebrated at Fitzroy church of Christ, March 10, 1923, by the late L. C. McCallum. Present address, 4 Oxford-st., Northcote.

#### BIRTH

**BAILEY (Neyland).**—On March 3, at "Moggiel," Surrey Hills, to Joy and Mac—a son (Keith Macgregor).

#### DEATHS

**JAME.**—On March 3, Victor Norman, of 42 Hedderwick-st., Essendon, loving husband of Madge and devoted father of Rosemary, Susan and little Julie-Ann.

"Asleep in Jesus."

**McGINNIS.**—On March 3, at his residence, 329 Racecourse-rd., Newmarket, Neil Edwin, the dearly beloved husband of Doris (Blythe), loved father of Maxwell and Neville. In God's care.

**PAUL, Edwin H.**—On March 4, at 46 Dundas-rd., Inglewood, Perth; loved husband of Eva; father of Muriel (Mrs. Arnup), Nancy, grandfather of Graeme and brother of Bert (dec.), Rose (Mrs. Pittman), Violet (dec.), Ruby, Ernest.

Sleep on, beloved, sleep and take thy rest;  
We loved thee well, but Jesus loved thee best;  
Good-night.

#### IN MEMORIAM

**FLOOD.**—In fond and loving memory of my beloved wife and our dear mother (Grace, Mrs. L. Hewitt), Olive (dec.), and Jessie (Mrs. G. Strack), called up higher March 11, 1939.

In mind a constant thought,

In heart a silent sorrow.

—Inserted by her loving husband and daughters.  
**HAINES.**—Called to higher service on March 9, 1941, Thomas Edwin, devoted father of Myrtle (Mrs. F. Gross), Harry and Stella (Mrs. J. Atkinson); also mother on Nov. 20, 1934. Our loved ones.

We know not what the future hath  
Of marvel or surprise,  
Assured alone that life and death  
His mercy underlies.

**McCALLUM.**—In loving memory of our dear friend, Miss M. McCallum, who was called to higher service on March 16, 1947.

"Asleep in Christ."

—Inserted by the members of the Ladies' Mission Band, Ascot Vale.

**McCALLUM.**—In loving memory of my friend Miss M. McCallum, who passed to be with the Lord on March 16, 1947.

"Peacefully resting,  
Safe in the arms of Jesus."

—Inserted by her loving friend, P. Young.

#### BEREAVEMENT NOTICE

Mrs. M. de Kusel wishes to thank all kind friends for letters, cards, telegrams, floral tributes and personal expressions of sympathy received in her recent sad bereavement. Will all kindly accept this as a personal acknowledgment of my sincere gratitude?  
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#### COMING EVENTS

**MARCH 17 (Wednesday).**—Victorian General Dorcas will meet in Swanston-st. lecture hall from 10.30 a.m. till 4 p.m. All sisters interested in this work are invited to attend.

#### SWANSTON STREET.

SUNDAY, MARCH 14.

11 a.m., Mr. J. Wiltshire, organiser, Hyman Appelman Campaign.

7 p.m., K. A. Macnaughtan will preach on "A Strange Cure for a Bad Complaint."

#### HYMAN APPELMAN GOSPEL CAMPAIGN INAUGURAL MEETING,

MELBOURNE TOWN HALL, SUNDAY,

MARCH 14, 3 p.m.,

Dr. Hyman Appelman will Preach.

Mr. Homer Britton, supported by the Campaign Choir, will lead the singing at 2.30 p.m.

COLLINS STREET BAPTIST CHURCH.

Tuesday, March 16, 12.30, Dr. Appelman talks to Christian workers.

Thursday, March 18, 12.30 p.m., Dr. Appelman talks to business people.

Dr. Appelman and Mr. Homer Britton open their suburban missions on March 14, 11 a.m., Camberwell Baptist Church; 8.15 p.m., Hawthorn Town Hall. Singing will commence at 7.45 p.m. Dr. Appelman will speak over the air at the Gospel Hour (3AK) at 10-11 p.m.

#### NORTH FITZROY 75th ANNIVERSARY SERVICES.

SUNDAY, MARCH 14.

11 a.m., Mr. A. W. Stephenson.

3 p.m., Mr. R. Ennis.

7 p.m., Mr. E. L. Williams.

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#### THIRD ANNIVERSARY

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Tuesday, March 23, 8 p.m., programme, with address by J. C. Cunningham.

All invited.

#### "BACK TO MARYBOROUGH,"

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Visiting members and friends of Maryborough church of Christ are invited to attend Easter services in chapel.

#### 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.

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#### 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. Pederesen, 50 Smith-st., Warragul.

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## Churches of Christ Cricket Association (Vic.) GOLDEN JUBILEE

A review of the years by Sydney Smith.

IN the year 1898, Mr. Tom Cook, president of the cricket club of the old Fitzroy Tabernacle in Johnston-st., conceived the idea of an association, and had his secretary, Bert Franklin, write to the churches, calling a meeting.

The meeting was held on Sept. 5 of that year, and the association was formed, with B. J. Kemp as president and F. H. Kemp as secretary. The sub-committee appointed to draw up a constitution was composed of Frank Kemp, Len Gole and Will Woodbridge, all of whom we are happy to have still with us, Mr. Kemp officiating as an umpire at the present time.

The teams competing the first season were Fitzroy, North Fitzroy, North Richmond, North Melbourne and a combined team from Swanston-st. and Ascot Vale. North Richmond has the honor of having competed without a break from that time to the present day. Hard wickets were used for the first season, and thereafter matting.

The successful launching and establishing of the association was largely due to the efforts of J. A. Davies, president 1899-1903, and F. H. Kemp, secretary 1898-1902, when he departed to South Africa.

Other officers of note were W. C. Craigie, beloved president 1904-32; A. W. Cleland, president 1933-36. To-day's president is W. A. Fordham.

Following F. H. Kemp as secretary were W. McCance, 1902-3; L. Gole, 1903-6; G. Dickens, 1906-7; Alf Hagger, 1907-23; A. Collings, 1923-7; W. A. Fordham, 1927-46. Of these outstanding service was rendered by A. Hagger for 16 years, and W. A. Fordham for 19 years. Present secretary is E. H. Wilson.

The important office of chairman of committees was excellently filled by the late Geo. Woodbridge for about 20 years, and others whose names come to mind are Fred Lee and R. H. Johnston.

It will be seen from the foregoing names that the leading spirits of the association have been well known in the brotherhood life of our churches, giving an assurance that the organisation has been, and always will be, a credit to the churches which it represents on the field of sport.

In addition to the honor of premiership striven for, we have been fortunate in the donations of various challenge shields over the years, the first being presented by P. B. McMaster in 1906 and won "for keeps" by Footscray in 1914. The next was the gift of W. C. Craigie in 1914, won finally by Mutual (Nth. Richmond) in 1926. Mr. Les McMaster then donated a shield in memory of his father (P.B.), which went to Prahran in 1937. The present shield is the gift of the surviving members of the Chetwynd (North Melb.) Cricket Club, now defunct, but for many years a loyal member of the association, and is being keenly competed for.

A grand feature of our existence has been the fellowship enjoyed with our Adelaide brethren in a series of matches played in both cities, commencing in 1904 or 1906, the last being held in Adelaide in 1939.

Next year the association will become "The Churches of Christ-Baptist Association." There is a certain amount of regret in coming to this decision; but in this we have taken the wider view, and in affiliating with the Baptist-Churches of Christ Recreational Council we believe that we are creating an avenue of approach to Christian union, by, in some measure, bringing together the young people of the two communions.

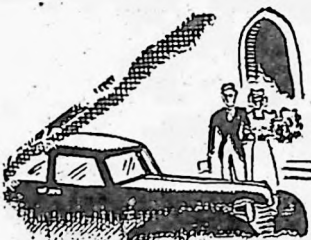
May we put this aim before preachers and church officers, and ask their friendly interest

and co-operation in adding to the numbers of churches represented in our association.

Jubilee re-union will be held on May 8 at Lygon-st. Old players wishing to be present are asked to advise W. A. Fordham. See advertisement in this paper March 23.

## GROUP FELLOWSHIP, GLENELG, S.A.

A SUCCESSFUL church tea was held to enjoy fellowship and to discuss future of mid-week activities. Several took part in discussion which followed. A talk by the minister, D. Pike, and some helpful and constructive ideas were presented concerning formation of adjuncts to church. Interest was also displayed following week, when a number met to further discuss matter. Four groups were formed, and everyone took part in a discussion circle, following which leaders of each group gave a resume of respective findings on re-assembling. There was some difference of opinion as to what constituted best means of fulfilling church's need in the way of fellowship during the week but most agreed that the need was for more fellowship and Bible study, and an outlet for practical Christian service. The board of officers gave final consideration to the general feeling at a special meeting, and it was decided to commence activities with three group meetings—the young people to meet at chapel, older ladies at cottage homes, and younger ladies in home of one of the members. It is pleasing to see increased attendances at choir. K. Leak now has the baton and is doing well. Practice is held at 6.15 p.m. on Sundays. A number of visitors have attended Sunday services of late, several being interstate and international visitors.



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## Obituary

R. A. James

**M**R. JAMES, a member of Blackburn church, Vic., for some 10 years, and before that at Bambrard., Caulfield, received the home-call. For many months our esteemed brother had suffered indifferent health, and went into hospital to have an operation and bravely endured much pain. He quickly recovered and returned to his home, and was progressing well and had fellowship with the church. A sudden relapse occurred, and he returned to hospital, and on Feb. 18 passed to be with his Lord and Master. On Feb. 20, the writer, assisted by W. Quirk, conducted a service at his home and laid his body to rest in Box Hill Cemetery. We pay our tribute to one who always had a bright personality, to one who trained his family to love the church, and we lovingly commend his dear wife, family and sorrowing relatives to the tender care and grace of our Lord.—F.L.

Gerald de Kusel

**O**N Feb. 9, in the Children's Hospital, Gerald de Kusel passed peacefully away. Gerald was only 13 years of age, and departed this life unexpectedly. He and his twin brother Ron lived at Dunolly for some time and were well known in the district for their devotion to their bed-ridden mother. They learned of Jesus and his love at their mother's bedside; she was always their inspiration. At Dunolly they were very keen students at the Sunday school and loved to go to church. Then they left the district for about two years, but they returned to Dunolly on vacation; we had the joy of helping them know Jesus as their own Saviour. They consecrated their lives to the Lord and were baptised on Jan. 25. It was only a few days later that Gerald was called to depart from this life to be with God. The service at the Preston Cemetery was conducted by J. Hindman, R. McKenzie and K. Clinton. We commend his loved ones to the comfort and care of our heavenly Father, sorrowing in their loss, but rejoicing with them in their hope which is eternal.—E. J. Seywell.

## Hospital Visitation

*Chaplain Chas. Young writes concerning his first year's work as Chaplain.*

**T**HE purpose of this word is to express our sincere and deep gratitude to our heavenly Father for health and strength which enables us to engage in this worthwhile service, and to thank all who, by reason of their prayers and financial help, have made it possible for this important service to be carried on.

From all over Victoria and beyond I have been assured of prayers for, and interest in, the ministry to the sick and dying.

Pages could be written concerning the wonderful experience I have had and the golden opportunities that have been ours to speak a word for Christ.

Friendly chats, serious words, concerning the claims of Christ, opportunities to read the scriptures, to offer a word of comfort, and to pray with the sick and dying, are a daily experience of the chaplain. Scores of letters expressing appreciation for services rendered and help received, with invitations to visit them in their homes, assure us that our work is being blessed by God.

I have been graciously received by folk representing all creeds, and I enjoy every moment of my work. Thousand of visits have been made and much service rendered.

In addition to this daily ministry, which is not easy, I have ministered in the word twice every Sunday.

For this very important ministry to the sick and lonely, and sad and dying, we covet the prayers and support of our brethren, that

together we might minister in the name of Christ. Brethren, pray for us.

## 83rd ANNUAL CONFERENCE of CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN VICTORIA, MARCH 24 to 31, Synopsis of Programme.

- Wed., March 24—Women's Conference, at Lygon-st., all day from 10.30.  
7.45, Swanston-st., C.M.S. Annual Meeting.  
Thurs., March 25—2.30, Swanston-st., Reception by President, Women's Conference.  
3, Lygon-st., Preachers' Session.  
5.45, Lygon-st., Pre-Conference Tea and Discussion.  
7.45, Lygon-st., Opening Session General Conference. President's Welcome. Reports. Address.  
Fri., March 26—Lygon-st., 9.30, Conference continued. Address by Incoming President.  
2, Vital Departmental Discussions.  
7.15, Home Mission Demonstration.  
Sat., March 27—Lygon-st., Conference continued. 9.30, Discussion. Reports.  
2, Further Vital Discussions.  
7.30, Overseas Missions Demonstration.  
Sun., March 28—Independent Church, Collins-st., Conference Sermon Session.  
Mon., March 29—All Day, Picnic at Wattle Park.  
7.30, Lygon-st., Christian Endeavor Rally.  
Tues., March 30—5.45, Lygon-st., College Old Boys' Club Reunion.  
7.45, Lygon-st., Social Service Demonstration.  
Wed., March 31—8, Melbourne Town Hall, Great Youth Demonstration.

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ON Feb. 10 the churches in the southern district held their 44th annual conference at Strathalbyn, and the following churches were represented:—Murray Bridge, Milang, Point Sturt, Goolwa, Victor Harbour, Mt. Compass, Strathalbyn, Aldgate Valley and Stirling East.

H. Manning, of Mt. Compass, presided over the business sessions of the day, which were very well attended. Devotional exercises were conducted by K. Dixon (College of the Bible) and J. Cain (Stirling). Musical items were rendered by Mrs. Fax (Adelaide) and Mrs. J. Cain (Stirling). Mrs. C. Cartmel presided at the organ for conference sessions.

Addresses were given by E. Brooke (Cottonville) and W. A. Russell (State president). These stressed Christ's unchanging challenge, and the church at work in a changing world.

Obituary report was read by Ira Durdin, and reports from church secretaries showed steady work was being done.

Representatives from general conference, home and foreign mission committees, sisters' conference, youth department, aborigines committee, building extension and social service department, C.F.A. and College of the Bible outlined briefly work of various departments.

The following officers and committee were elected:—H. Manning (president); C. Cartmel (vice-president); J. Yelland (secretary); C. Grundy (treasurer); committee for two years, M. Jacobs, S. H. Goldsworthy, A. Page; for one year, P. B. Shipway, M. Caudle, Ira Durdin. Home mission representative, M. Jacobs.

Evening session was combined with Strathalbyn anniversary service. Ray Vincent, of Prospect, delivered the address, and special singing was rendered by Strathalbyn choir. The vice-president (Mr. Cartmel) presided over the closing session.

Southern conference next year will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 8, at Strathalbyn.



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