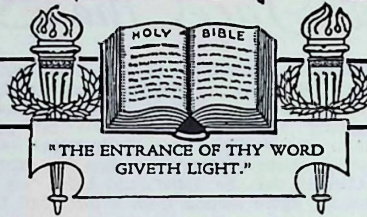


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MOHAMMEDAN GIRLS, INDIA

—Photo, H. R. Feger.

Some of hardest groups of India's 360,000,000 to reach. Of India's population approximately 330,000,000 are illiterate. India has over 77,000,000 Mohammedans.

China Faces the Storm

CHINA adapts herself to new conditions; she begins to rebuild her national life in the midst of war. What of the church? Is it standing up to the strain? Jesus once talked of two houses that were lashed and buffeted by a violent storm. We read of one of them, "The rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat upon that house, and it fell not." The day of storm revealed the quality of both builder and material. In the Far Eastern storm the house of the Chinese church "fell not."

One mission report says, "The whole mind of China has turned towards the Christians as those who have a faith to guide them and a power to support them during these tragic days." This is what Madame Chiang Kai-shek meant when she said at the monthly missionary prayer meeting at Hankow, "From the most unexpected sources I have heard admiration of the work that you have done and are doing." A cabinet minister, who is a non-Christian, remarked one day that he was studying the Bible. When asked if he were a Christian, he replied, "No, but I notice that the Christians throughout the country show a greater self-sacrificing spirit than others, and, therefore, I feel that there must be something to Christianity."

What is this Chinese church, "with a faith to guide and a power to support"? It has a distinguished group of Chinese leaders, as well as a small international team of men and women missionaries, and the main body

of Chinese Christians of all kinds and classes. How has it grown? In the midst of the Napoleonic wars, when Britain was struggling against an ambitious military dictator, between the time of Trafalgar and Waterloo, Robert Morrison began his work in China. On the 16th July, 1814, "at a spring of water issuing from a lofty hill by the seaside, away from human observation," he baptised Tsai A-ko, the first Protestant Christian in China. In his record of this great occasion, Morrison adds, "May he be the first-fruits of a great harvest, one of millions of such people." By 1842 there were still only six communicant members in China. By 1900 the numbers had risen to 85,000, and owing to the steadfastness and valor of Chinese and missionaries alike at the time of the Boxer persecution, the numbers increased by 1906 to 178,000. The startling increase since those days is best shown by the numbers of fully trained communicant members of the non-Roman churches:—

1920	- - -	365,524.
1935	- - -	536,089.

In addition, the Roman Catholic Church now claims a community of two and three-quarter millions.

In 1823, sixteen years after landing, Robert Morrison ordained Liang A-Fa as the first Chinese minister. By 1935, 2135 men had been ordained. Perhaps one clue to the secret of the vigor of the Chinese church is found in Liang's own life. For eight years

before his ordination he had suffered persecution—cast into prison, beaten with the heavy bamboo, going in constant peril of his life. A faith for which a man proudly sheds his blood is a faith which he prizes. This fidelity, independent of circumstances, was seen in striking form at the time of the Boxer riots, and in many parts of China since, during the successive waves of revolutionary change that hurry China forward to the life of a modern state.—From the pamphlet, "Chinese Christians Face Their War," by Stanley H. Dixon.

Chinese Home Mission Society

Headquarters at Shanghai not functioning.

Branch Quarters at Kunming (Yunnanfu) now threatened.

Church at Hueili still outside the danger area, but likely to be drawn in because of Burma Road.

Australian churches still responsible for C.H.M.S. subsidy. When they call we shall be ready to respond.



CANAL JUST OUTSIDE CITY OF KUNMING (Yunnanfu)

THIS peaceful scene is typical of much of the Western part of China (i.e., unoccupied China). Now this area is gravely threatened by the Japanese drive along the Burma Road and along the Railway Route from Indo-China.

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An Opportunity in a Crisis

THE Chinese character for the word crisis is made up of signs for *danger* and *opportunity*.

There is the suggestion that during a crisis, while there is danger, there is also an opportunity. The world is in the grips of a great crisis. To some the existing events present great danger, but others see in them a door of opportunity opening the way to a better age.

I.

Our word crisis has an interesting history. It is actually an ancient Greek word meaning "to separate." When used on the sports' fields it expressed the act of separating the winner of the race from the loser; at the law courts it was used to mark a man found guilty, suggesting the separation of the criminal from law-abiding citizens. For those who have not kept up with the moral pace life's race requires and for those guilty of committing grievous sins against man and God, a crisis is full of fearful dangers—it is a time of judgment.

II.

Some are inclined to think that a crisis is caused by evil men. The truth is that God and the sons of God introduce a crisis into the world. Righteous men rise and resist iniquity and condemn sinners for their evil. Not being free to go their way, the evil men become violent and use force to gain their ends.

Therefore, although a crisis is accompanied by disasters, it, nevertheless, points to the existence of the kingdom of God. It shows that there are men who are not prepared to allow the children of Satan to rule the earth. For an evil generation a crisis is a danger, but for the children of light it is a day of opportunity.

III.

There are two facts which ought to be related in this present crisis. The first is the extent of its shadow—it covers the world. There have been dreadful days of judgment in local centres, but never before has there been such a universal conflict. Europe, Asia, Africa, America and Australasia are locked in battle. The second fact is the spread of the Christian church to all the great continents mentioned. "If we look across the world we see that God has already won to himself people of all races," Basil Mathews once said. "In India to-day there are over a million communicants, in negro Africa two millions, in Japan two hundred thousand. These figures are indeed small compared with the millions who live in those lands. Yet the growth of the church in the present century is greater than in any similar length of time in Christian history. In both China and Japan the number of communicants has multiplied five-fold in this century and has doubled in the past ten years. In negro Africa the growth has been similar, and the number of communicants has doubled in the last thirteen years.

In India the number has trebled in the present century and doubled in the last ten years. In the Philippine Islands, where the church scarcely existed at the beginning of the century, the communicants now number nearly two hundred thousand. In Latin America communicants have increased sevenfold in this century and trebled in the past thirteen years."

Missionary enterprise has enabled an international community of saints to grow into a universal fellowship in the kingdom of God. In world conferences at Oxford and Edinburgh during 1937 and then at Madras in 1938, the universal church made manifest a tie of unity existing beneath many serious differences.

IV.

Let us now link up the main threads of our theme. All that has been written suggests that there is a link between the world-wide crisis and the rapidly growing church. Because of the growth of the kingdom of God, men everywhere are standing up to judge and condemn the sons of darkness. We believe that apathy in the presence of iniquity is a sin. Millions are now seeing the tragedy of their own sufferings. The gospel is dragging the scales from their eyes. Now they see man's worth in the sight of God. It is clear why all ought to enjoy the fruits of righteousness, justice and truth. Men once held by the chains of superstition, are now rising up and are condemning the cruel oppression of castes and systems.

When the church in all countries releases multitudes from heathen bondage, then the evil forces will not readily rise in war. Further, when the bonds of Christian unity grow strong enough to hold in spite of national barriers, peace will encircle the earth. Thus a crisis presents an opportunity for us to press on in lands beyond the seas with the conflict against Satan.



Native School Boys, Aoba, New Hebrides.

The expression on the faces of these school boys shows their interest in the lesson. A Bible picture has given added interest. Classes for these children continue under native teachers.

A World-Wide Christian Order

Leaders of Australian churches urge a united effort on July 5.

TOTAL WAR VERSUS RIGHTEOUSNESS

A. L. Read, M.V.O., I.S.O. (Federal President Churches of Christ Conference).

HAVING lived in times of peace and security—many of us quite oblivious of the blessings lavishly bestowed upon us—total war has come to the world. Now we long for peace in righteousness, we long for freedom for all



New Chapel at Dhond, India.

Building was made possible by the splendid gift of Mr. Campbell Edwards as a memorial to his late mother. Many Christians from other parts are now living in Dhond, making the waiting-room totally inadequate for the splendid groups now gathering for worship at Dhond.

peoples, and for the right for all to express their faith. How we long for a peace in which to cultivate the spiritual graces, and for total war to give place to total evangelism among our own and also backward peoples!

The church universal cannot view the brutality meted out to many nations, and the slaughter of harmless people by total warfare, without a feeling of horror, and also shame that much of our vaunted civilisation has proved to be only a veneer.

There is much to be done in the homeland, that the base of the work may abound and the kingdom of our Lord be extended in the world. Our consecration must be deepened and the local churches purified for use in the larger field of evangelism.

God continues to use good men and women in his service, and we in this generation can well be glad to have Dr. Kagawa, Dr. Stanley Jones and many other great souls who are being used in the strategy of the gospel. Faithful men and women are still carrying on the missionary enterprise in "occupied" and unoccupied China, and constant changes and perils are their lot. The islands of the Pacific have been molested and God's messengers have been forced to leave their fields of service. Many missions have been orphaned and supplies cut off through the home base passing into the control of those who serve not God.

Our beloved India is menaced and in peril. Our and other missionary gardens of the Lord are in jeopardy. Tens of millions of people are in risk of death or starvation, and similar suffering to that already poured out on China.

Does all this mean anything to you, dear reader? Does it send you to your knees in repentance for slackness, and to prayer that these backward peoples may be saved physically and spiritually?

Mission work is being continued under tragic and difficult circumstances. Money is ur-

gently needed for the work, and also to be ready to pour in other workers as soon as peace comes. Will you lay by and prepare for the special offering for the overseas work, to be taken up in all the churches on July 5?

A LIVING CHRIST FOR A DYING WORLD

P. D. C. Alcorn, B.A., President Qld. Conference.

WE, who are members of the church of our Lord Jesus Christ, may well glory in the thought that we have the message that will bring life and light to a dying world. The old economic order is passing, and efforts are being made to find a more satisfactory one. Our chief concern is that the new order be Christian. But any reconstruction scheme that confines itself to Australia will be inadequate. It must take in other countries. In achieving this world-wide Christian order, the cause of overseas missions plays an important part. Those of us, therefore, who are interested in making this world better and happier cannot be oblivious of overseas missions.

For some years we have been alarmed at the increase of paganism. Now the forces of heathenism threaten to conquer the world. The times demand that we give our utmost support to Christian missions, that the world may be saved from the darkness of heathenism and the blight of paganism.

Souls are dying, for it is written, "He that hath the Son hath the life; he that hath not the Son of God hath not the life." We in Queensland have been blessed by the presence and messages of Miss Caldicott. As we have listened to her addresses, we have realised how glorious it is to enjoy the blessings of Christianity. Such a realisation should make us grateful and should stir us to do more than we have ever done before for the extension of God's kingdom in other lands. We trust that the annual offering on July 5 will be a magnificent one.

Madam Chiang Kai-Shek said: "I wonder whether you realise that the principles of humanity demand a dynamic attitude towards life. Absence of hatred will be a dead and cold thing if it does not make it impossible for others to perpetrate wickedness and wrong."

THE CALL OF THIS HOUR

S. Stevens, President N.S.W. Conference

The Gospel

NO human circumstance can countermand a divine edict. Be it difficult or easy, the call is for the continuance of service. Though success encourages, reverses must not unbalance. The inevitability of this disposition is approved when we realise that the one hope of a better day is the triumph of the gospel in all lands. The peace-producing effects of the gospel message dissipate the hate and desolation of strife. Love and not hate is the panacea for all ills. The Christian missionary, therefore, brings to the human heart, to society in general, the only solution of human infirmity. The New Testament makes such a contention. Many are still without God and without hope. With the acceptance of Christ comes new hope and strength. Evidence of this is observed on every mission field.

Our Island Work

Being geographically near the islands of the Pacific, where our workers have served so successfully for years, it is perhaps natural and pardonable that we in New South Wales should feel a concern and pride in that work. The coming and going of missionaries is through Sydney's port. We welcome and farewell them. They remain constantly in our hearts and prayers. It is a good thing that it is so, for while they go forth at the Master's command, they also go forth in the name of our brotherhood. To them we have pledged our help and prayers, and theirs is the hardest part.

Our Part

Admission that only the gospel can redeem and that missionary work is a glorious service does not absolve from obligation. Admiration should provoke emulation. Knowledge incurs obligation. To know and do not is sin. Selfishness and love of ease are enemies of sacrifice, and sacrifice is the basis of all worthy living. What precisely do we each sacrifice for the sake of those who sit in darkness? Not what we can spare, but what we cannot, should be given in proof of our belief. If our people took the matter seriously to heart, money and all other needs would be met and an advance on all fronts would be made possible. Humans can help. The Almighty calls for co-operation, and the people await our response. May we not fall this day of opportunity! Bring to the Lord's treasury a gift worthy of the call of this hour.



Group of Officers, Dhond, India.

Picture taken in front of new chapel on day of opening. Reading from left—Back: B. Kadam, Y. Kolge, T. Escott, R. Bolduan, Mr. Ingle. Front: P. Sansare (secretary), S. K. Gaikwad, E. Waghmare (pastor), Dr. S. S. Patil (treasurer).

Building a World Around Christ

Presidents of conferences show the need of supporting overseas missions.

AN IRRESISTIBLE APPEAL

R. E. Edmunds, Conference President, Tas.

THE work of overseas missions has an irresistible appeal. The stories of the life and work of such magnificent men and women as William Carey, Hudson Taylor, Mary Slessor, C. T. Studd, David Livingstone, Mary Thompson, William Waterman, and many others who must remain nameless because of limited space, fill us with admiration. They fire our hearts with evangelistic fervor, and fill us with a strong desire to emulate their example.

Nor can we forget the faithful band from our own Australian brotherhood, who labor so faithfully in India to-day. They have given up all the advantages of their native land to go out into the regions beyond with the message of Jesus. Some have given up excellent positions at home, others have turned their backs on splendid opportunities to obey the call of the great commission. They contend with heat and squalor, ignorance and superstition, disappointment and heart break, sustained by a living faith, constrained by a great need. They have caught the vision splendid; they have seen the beckoning hand of the man of Macedonia; they have heard the voice of Christ yearning over the lost sheep, pleading for laborers to enter the harvest field, and having seen and heard, they cannot hold back, no matter what the cost. They have given up all to follow their divine Leader, and they command our prayers, our interest, our substance.

Then, too, we cannot forget the need of those to whom our missionaries have gone. Those who live in Christless lands, and bow down in ignorance to images of wood and stone. Christ wants them. He died for them. He looks to us to "work and pray without ceasing" that they might be brought into his kingdom. We cannot all be missionaries. God in his wisdom has ordained that some must do the lesser tasks, but we all can give. Let our gifts be cheerful, hilarious, prodigal.

"These things shall be: a loftier race
Than e'er the world hath known shall rise,
With flame of freedom in their souls
And light of knowledge in their eyes."



Chungking—China's Capital.

Chungking, situated on the Yangtze River in Szechuan. It is said to be the most bombed city in the world. Chiang Kai-shek, the Christian general, directs operations from here. General Chiang has encouraged missionaries to come into this part of China and continue their work. Szechuan is the province where our own work is situated, and its estimated population is 53,000,000.

IS IT WORTH WHILE?

E. R. Manning, Conference President, S.A.

PAUL in his vision beheld a man of Macedonia standing before him, his hands, outstretched appealingly, beseeching him to "come over into Macedonia and help us." When he reached Philippi, where was the man? What did Paul find? Without the city gate, by the riverside, he found a small company of women meeting for prayer. As he went through the city he encountered opposition, persecution and imprisonment, and was asked to leave the city. His converts were few in number; but if we turn to his letter to the Philippians, we find no note of discouragement; on the contrary we discover a joyous letter, full of thanksgiving. The few converts increased in numbers and the church at Philippi was the first Christian church in Europe. What great results have followed! To-day our faithful missionaries have been compelled to leave the native Christians in the New Hebrides, but the church will live and grow. God's word will not return unto him void. What is to be our response to Abel Barney of Aoba, the Christian teacher left in charge?

The command for missionary work is God's, and the power is his also. The task seems appalling and beyond us; but if we can catch a vision of God's ministering spirits we will say, "Those that are for us are more than they that are against us." May we all between this and July 5 avail ourselves of the power of prayer, of the indwelling of God's Spirit, and of the consecration of our means, so that we may all be witnesses even unto the uttermost parts. The gospel is the power of God unto salvation. It is worth while to make it known.

SPIRITUAL VALUES

Mrs. J. Turner (Pres. Sisters' Conference, Vic.)

IN these days we are being urged through the medium of radio, press and public appeal to give more and lend more for the purposes of war and all that war implies. While many believe that such appeals are of primary importance we, as Christians, must realize now as at all times the supreme necessity of the spiritual issues

of life. We cannot shelve our responsibility in this direction until the war is over. Now is the time when so many of man's accepted standards have failed.

People of every land are seeking a foundation on which they can build and feel when the times of testing and shaking come that their structure will remain firm and secure. The only lasting foundation on which we and others can build is Jesus Christ; and until all peoples of the earth know of him, no lasting peace or world brotherhood can be expected. Therefore, to-day we must support missions more than ever before, because the Christian missionary is the one who points men to the abiding foundation.



Boat on Yangtze.

Many thousands of such craft ply on the river, and hundreds of families know no other home than their boat. The river itself is more than 3000 miles long.

TO OUR DIVINE CREDIT

Mrs. Corlett (Pres. Sisters' Conference, N.S.W.)

THE apostle Paul in his epistle to the Philippians throws an interesting sidelight on the matter of giving. As a missionary he had enjoyed prayerful support as well as financial assistance from the church at Philippi. No doubt this would greatly hearten him in his work, but it is interesting to read his words from Moffatt's translation (Phil. 4: 17): "It is not the money I am anxious for; what I am anxious for is the interest that accumulates in this way to your divine credit." Possibly the Philippian Christians had not thought of that. On being told this wonderful truth, that they had unconsciously opened a heavenly credit account, they would no doubt be stimulated to greater giving. This thought might well be applied to our brotherhood in relation to giving for overseas missions. In giving of our substance to maintain the work overseas, we are really giving back to the Lord what belongs to him; and yet in a wonderful way, according to his grace, this giving abounds to our divine credit.

There are many calls these days to give our substance for national work, and probably we all feel we must help our nation in her hour of need. But this is also a time when the gospel is sorely needed by every nation. Our overseas work needs our earnest prayers, and the greatest financial help we can possibly give. So don't let us miss the greatest investment—the giving that accumulates to our divine credit. Let this thought stimulate us to greater giving.

"We lose what on ourselves we spend,
We have as treasure without end,
Whatever, Lord, to thee we lend,
Who givest all."

Caravaning in Our India

H. R. Coventry

THE hot weather has set in full blast, and for more than a month now we have registered over the hundred each day; no cool changes. The only change likely is to be just a bit hotter. However, during March we were able to do some special work.

Wadgaon.—I had three preachers camping at Wadgaon again, for over a week, helping the resident preacher. I was able to spend a whole Sunday with them. Starting early by car from Baramati, I picked up the preach-



Bullock Caravan, Baramati, India.

Mrs. Coventry, and her daughters, Muriel and Janet, are with some of the co-workers who are now using this new vehicle for itineration work among the villages. The work is experiencing much blessing.

ers at Wadgaon and went to the home of one of our farmer members in Karanje, twenty miles out. We assembled together to partake of the sacred feast where the animals are usually tied under a straw shelter. This meeting was of great encouragement to this family who are struggling to get their farm going. On the return journey we visited another family for a brief talk, and then back to Wadgaon. In the afternoon we spent about two hours preaching in the bazaar, and selling gospels which were in fair demand. In the evening we showed pictures of the life of Christ to a good audience, and later returned with all the party to Baramati.

Shirsuphal.—On March 25 I started off by bullock caravan to Shirsuphal. It took us about six hours to do the fifteen miles along a very inferior dusty road, and then over a rocky track for the last five miles. Apart from having to avoid deep cart ruts, we made good progress. We found that the caravan made a very good basis for a camp. I have canvas awning to attach to its side, which makes good space for dining room, etc. I had four men with me, besides the driver and cook. For the first time we had Hari Waghmodi, formerly of Bori, but now a student at Wilson College, Bombay, who was on holiday at the time. He helped with his bright witness for Christ, and the folk were very interested to see a young patil from one of their own villages who is Christian and studying in college.

We spent six days under the big mango trees at Shirsuphal where Mr. Bolduan has camped of recent years. We visited all the near-by hamlets, and gave a lantern lecture each evening in a different spot. Often we had no table, and had to improvise any kind of a stand. Sometimes a kerosene tin and a box, sometimes a rough bed, sometimes an iron pot (water lift), but in every case the pic-

tures showed up all right. We were well received. The Mahars of this place are interested in the gospel, but they are waiting for Mahar groups in Baramati and elsewhere to make the break first and take a lead. On the Sunday night we had a special meeting for the village of Shirsuphal for prayer as it was the special day of prayer requested by His Majesty the King Emperor. Over one hundred Hindu men, a few Muslims and our party of Christians, were present. One of the leading men welcomed us and asked us to conduct the prayers. The village clerk made a little speech about the Empire, and then, after a few words of explanation, Vishwanathrao sang a special hymn he had composed and two other preachers led in prayer for the nation and for India in particular at this time. It was something unusual for these men, but they appreciated it.

Training Class.—The son of one of the patil families is very interested, and he has heard about our Bible training school in June, and said he would like to come to it, and after instruction return to his village to witness. We are praying for this young man that he may be bold in his faith.

Parawadi.—After this short but happy and profitable visit to Shirsuphal, we hitched up the bullocks and drew our caravan over the rocky track to Malkop, near Parawadi, for a short camp. The Mali, or gardener people of that place, were delighted to have us, and were disappointed when we said we could only make a short stay. They had been used to having Mr. Bolduan there for a long camp. We showed pictures in the evening to nearly a hundred of these folk, in front of one of their houses. Next day we worked in Parawadi and showed pictures there also. There must have been well over two hundred people present, for our hour and a half programme, and when we had finished they said, "Please tell us about the war; we are afraid." We tried to assure them that the dangers to them were not great, and tried to give a brief summary of the position. At the end we told them about the King's request for prayer, and asked would they join with us in prayer, which they did, while one of our preachers led us. It was a very happy meeting, and we felt we had good friends there.

That night, we were able to sleep in the caravan pulled up near the school, without going back two miles to our previous camping place. That shows the mobility of this vehicle and usefulness in such conditions. After living in it for a week, I am satisfied of its great usefulness for short camps, with small equipment. Next morning I was up in good time, and started on cycle for Baramati, 12 miles, and reached home before the sun got hot. The cart and caravan followed slowly and reached home much later. It was a trip that was well worth while, and we pray for definite results.

"THE ISLES SHALL WAIT"

D. G. Hammer

THESE words from Isaiah 42: 4 come to us as a promise in these dark days of our island work. In the past years our Island people have done a lot of waiting. Stories are

told of how the few Christians among the heathen, in the early days, prayed and believed, and planned for the coming of missionaries, long before they came. That was many years ago, but even in these later days our people have been waiting. The Pentecost Island Christians have been praying and waiting ever since Mr. Dow withdrew from the work there, but they have only been able to receive the Aoba missionary on periodical visits so far—and now even this measure of help has been necessarily withdrawn. The question is often asked, "Can the island churches carry on since the war has caused the withdrawal of the missionaries?" The answer is that they can carry on only in a very limited way.

Naturally, in view of our beliefs concerning the New Testament church and its government, the native people are being taught and trained to carry on their own village work, with only an occasional visit of the missionary, who helps, encourages and gives special teaching. To further this idea our teacher-training school was commenced. It is very sad that this training has been temporarily halted, as it was filling a long-felt need. In actual practice we have found it inadvisable to leave a village unvisited for more than a couple of months, as native teachers are often unreliable (and, for the most part, untrained), and all kinds of problems crop up which need the missionary's assistance. It is likely that, as problems were always kept a few months for the missionary's coming, they will now be kept over until the conclusion of the war; which means in effect that if a church disbands for any trivial reason, it will stay disbanded until the missionary sets the matter right. There are grave disadvantages in leaving the native Christians without help in the present stage of their development. Let us remember that these Christians have no background or tradition of Christian worship. Most of them are the first generation out of heathenism. Few of them are able to understand the Bible sufficiently well to relate it to their everyday lives and problems.

So they wait—but very insecurely. They carry on—but in a very limited way. Remember that at present no training is being given to young men as teachers, no launch is running or visits being paid to the isolated villages, no medical attention is being given to the people in their very great need. And when these services are again instituted, they will call for a great deal of financial assistance at the beginning. Please pray for these people in the Isles who are waiting—that missionaries may be able to go back and help them once again—that they may not have to wait too long.



Aoba Bible Students.

In all, twenty boys were in training, but school had to be closed when nurses left.

Opening of Chapel at Dhond, India

G. H. Oldfield

of Maewo, Pentecost and Aoba. How gladly we will go!

ON Sunday, March 29, 1942, the long-prayed-for opening of the new Grace Anne Edwards memorial chapel at Dhond eventuated. There have been many delays since the laying of the foundations, but at last the time arrived when the building could be opened and used to the glory of God. Mr. Escott came from Diksal so that he could perform the opening ceremony, which took place at 8 a.m. on the Sunday morning. A large crowd gathered in front of the chapel. Mr. Escott led the way into the building and declared it open. He then gave a fine devotional talk and the building was dedicated to the glory of God in prayer. In giving thanks for the building which is to be used in the service of God, Mr. R. Campbell Edwards was specially remembered in prayer, and our thanks were expressed to him for making the erection of this building possible as a memorial of his mother, Grace Anne Edwards.

At 9.30 a.m. the usual meeting for the breaking of bread was held, and we all rejoiced that it could be held in the chapel and not in the waiting room of the hospital as heretofore. Mr. Escott presided at this meeting, and Mr. Bolduan, who had come from

which are laid sheets of asbestos concrete. The building is impressive in its loftiness, and is much admired for its dignified beauty as well as for the usefulness of its design. A wall has been built in front of the building which is effective in keeping out both dust and noise from the traffic on the road. This wall was built with a special gift from Mr. Escott. Gifts have been made to the church of a nice reading desk, a table for the platform, and four chairs, as well as a large Marathi Bible.

On Easter Sunday, again, we did not have sufficient accommodation for those who wished to be at the meeting. On Easter Sunday night we had a meeting in English for the Anglo-Indians and English-speaking Indians, of whom there are quite a number in Dhond. The meeting was much appreciated, and the desire was expressed that we should have more of such meetings in English, now that we had a building suitable for them.

"COME BACK SOON!"

Mary L. Clipstone

TRULY God's ways are not our ways. According to our vision and judgment, the time was ripe for a great forward drive in our island work. The work was dear to the hearts of the brothers and sisters in the homeland, and many and constant were the prayers offered for the work and workers. And then—evacuation!

None of us had been long in the work, but already we had learned to love it and the people. How we long to go back! The school boys say, "Come quickly to Pentecost for us when you come back to Aoba—we want to come back to school." The teachers say, "We will pray that it will not be a long time before you can all come back." The sick ones say, "We have to go a long way now; suppose we want medicine, it is too far if a man is sick too much. Come back soon!"

We have been dreaming dreams of a hospital, better equipment, a larger training school, etc. We know that our committee and the brethren of our churches have been praying that these dreams may become a reality too. Please, brothers and sisters, all continue to pray for these things, also that the day may soon come when hatred and bitterness will have gone from the hearts of men, so that we may sail back across the seas to represent you in the Master's work amongst the dear folk



Our Island Nurses.

Nurses V. Wakely (left) and M. Clipstone are here seen preparing to draw out teeth. These nurses won the love and esteem of the natives, and on being told the nurses had to evacuate said, "There is no need for you to leave, we will hide you in the mountains and send food to you. We will fight the Japanese."

PROVING OUR LOYALTY

Mrs. A. L. Wendorf (President Women's Conference, Queensland)

IN the midst of the conflict raging on earth to-day, with so much is apt to confuse our minds, distract our thoughts from spiritual things, hinder our vision of the cross and prevent us from concentrating on the work God expects us to do for him, there is a tendency to forget that the need to-day is greater than ever to be "about our Father's business." To-day, more than ever, we must remember the words of Jesus, "I must work the works of him that sent me while it is day; the night cometh when no man can work." God alone knows how near that night may be; and whilst we have the glorious consolation and comfort of being able to look to God, and put our implicit trust in him, knowing that, no matter what may happen, God will not fail us, yet in the midst of this assurance, let us not forget to bring the glorious news of salvation to the millions who do not possess the same hope and comfort which we experience in Christ Jesus, so that they in turn may lift up their souls unto him, who alone can redeem them. So let us prove by our offering this year that we are determined that nothing shall separate us from the love of God and through all this turmoil our aim is still to seek first the kingdom of God.



The Late Mr. E. N. Zadheew and Family.

With the passing of Mr. Zadheew, our work has suffered a loss. In Shrigonda especially will this loss be felt. Only 35 years of age, he leaves a wife and five children. The wife is headmistress of the girls' school, Shrigonda. He was called the "right-hand man," meaning he would put his hand to anything. He loved more than anything else to be sent on journeys, to carry out some work, and to use the opportunity on the way to speak a word for Christ.

Shrigonda specially for the purpose, gave a splendid talk on the church. Our seating accommodation, which is about 150, was taxed to the uttermost, and numbers sat on the verandahs outside. Very many came to rejoice with us in the opening of the building. At 8.30 p.m. another meeting was held, when Mr. Bolduan gave another address, after which a bhajan was held, when the singing continued until midnight.

The building is a very convenient one for our purposes. The auditorium is about twenty feet wide and forty feet long, and has a sloping floor. The platform is roomy and has an open baptistery built in to it. On each side of the platform are vestries, and right round the auditorium is a wide verandah. There are large windows, which open right back, on each side of the building, built in such a way that those sitting on the verandahs (in an overflow meeting) can see and hear almost as well as those inside the building. The building is of red brick and the floor of red concrete, lined to represent tiles. The windows and doors are recessed and of Gothic design. At the back of the platform is a large panel in the shape of a Gothic arch, in which we hope to have some suitable text inscribed. The roof is supported by three wooden trusses upon



Pentecost Bible Students.

Nelson and Abel had to return to Pentecost when the nurses evacuated. Six Pentecost boys were in training altogether.

MISSIONS

Missions are just,
Justice means must
In the idioms of God;
And must is now,
And we have a vow:
We'll follow where Christ trod.
Though wars may blast,
Missions will last
To smelt the gun and sword,
And build the good
World brotherhood,
The kingdom of our Lord.

—Chauncey R. Piety.

Here and There

Mr. Arthur Black, brother of Dr. J. W. Black (Britain), passed away on April 9. He was a keen social worker.

We learn from the "Australian Christian World" that A. W. Ladbroke, M.A., Dip.Ed., now in South Africa, has been appointed a teacher in the N.S.W. Bible College.

Sir George Adam Smith, the very learned scholar of the Old Testament who passed away recently, wrote several monumental works. During the last war a copy of his "Historical Geography of the Holy Land" was given to every British officer in General Allenby's army. Many have valued his "Isaiah" and "The Twelve Prophets."

We are indebted to A. Anderson, secretary of Foreign Mission Board, for supplying photographs for blocks and gathering material for this special overseas mission number. Each State is represented. As president of the Victorian Conference we present our appeal in the leader. It is hoped that the day of the offering, July 5, will prove to be a time of sacrifice and rejoicing for all interested in overseas missions.

The North Suburban Churches Conference (Melbourne) held half-yearly gathering at Thornbury chapel on Saturday, June 5. Musical items were rendered by Preston church choir, and the address was delivered by Jas. E. Thomas. This meeting was held to coincide with Thornbury's 21st anniversary celebrations, and a profitable time was spent. W. Graham, president, presided over the meeting. During the evening an offering was received toward the Chaplains' Fund, and this has been forwarded to Chaplain Snow for use in comforts for the troops.

Joseph J. Mackenzie, M.A., a former member of the Australian College of the Bible that came into existence in 1902 to continue the training of young men for church work and out of which the present Federal College of the Bible grew, sends greetings to "the old A.C.B. boys" and others who know him. Mr. Mackenzie is the preacher of the first Christian church at Massillon, Ohio, U.S.A., where he has ministered for the past thirteen years. Many of the former students of the "A.C.B." now occupy important positions in church and business spheres.

"National Security (War Damage to Property) Regulations" provide for cover for church property against war damage, without payment of contribution. Although free from contribution, it is still necessary for returns of all church property to be made in respect of fixed property through the local government authority, and in respect of plant at full value, irrespective of the limitations referred to below, through an approved insurance company. It should be pointed out that equipment such as organs, books and documents are subject to a general limit of compensation as follows: (a) In the case of an organ, £3000; (b) For all other items (except buildings), £100.

Under the auspices of the Victorian C.E. Committee, a C.E. Workers' Conference was held at Lygon-st. on June 13. D. C. Ritchie, chairman of committee, presided. Tea was served by the Lygon-st. society, and was followed by an inspirational session when W. R. Hibbert addressed the Endeavorers on the theme, "C.E. in Action." The group discussion session proved very helpful and stimulating. The J.C.E. section was led by Miss Rita Roberts; I.C.E. by A. W. C. Candy; and Y.P. by D. C. Ritchie. The findings of the groups on suggestions for C.E. work will be, at a later date, circularised to the societies. During the evening the superintendents of committee work were introduced. It was expressed that there should be more of these occasions.

Progress in New South Wales

Four New Buildings Opened Free of Debt.

AT the end of the Kurri Kurri mission, the new church building was opened free of debt. It was an outstanding achievement made possible by the amazing sacrifices of the members. It is a splendid building (one of the best in Kurri). It is 52 feet by 22 feet, lined and nicely finished. Almost the entire building was erected in the last three weeks of the mission. To get material was difficult. To secure carpenters was impossible. It had to be erected by volunteer labor. In that way over £100 was saved. Then when the magnificent sum of £880 was given at the thank-offering it was found that the building and mission were paid for, leaving a substantial surplus. The writer has had many wonderful offerings, but never one quite so wonderful as this one. He doubts whether he will ever again see such sacrificial giving. Of the £880, £800 came from the Kurri members. Apart

The Passing of A. L. Read

Federal Conference President
Chairman of Foreign Mission Board.

We have all been saddened by the news of the passing of the President of the Federal Conference of churches of Christ in Australia. A. L. Read, M.V.O., I.S.O., passed away on Friday morning, June 12. The outstanding work of our brother in church and State was much appreciated. We extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Read, all relatives and friends. In next week's issue of paper we hope to insert an adequate account of his life and work for the kingdom of God. As Federal President he wrote the appeal appearing in this issue on behalf of the Federal Foreign Mission Board of which he had been chairman for some years.

from a few friends in N.S.W., only two others helped—"A Follower Also," from Victoria, and Mr. Greatbatch, Koonya, Tasmania. Last year we had an offering of £805 at Wollongong, but many hundreds came from elsewhere. So we say, "Hats off to Kurri."

Mr. Jenner has been called to take charge of the church. The church is self-supporting. The building was opened on May 30.

On June 6 we had the joy of taking part in the opening of a school hall at Bankstown. It was a delightful function, enjoyed by all. Again it was a delight to see faith manifested in these days in the erection of the building, and works evidenced in the opening of it free of debt.

On June 7 Messrs. Jackson, Steer, Corlett and Hinrichsen and Mrs. Corlett went to Wollongong to be present at the opening of their new school hall. It is doubtful whether any church has done such an outstanding work in its first twelve months. Not only has it met all local obligations and sent scores of pounds to outside work; it has raised the money so that their delightful school hall was opened free of debt when the offering was received. The services for the day were an inspiration. At least 95 per cent. of the converts are working very happily.

Last month North Parramatta opened their building—also free of debt.

Dark days, but delightful doings in the name of the Lord.—E. C. Hinrichsen, Director of Evangelism.

Golden Jubilee

Of Organised Youth Work in N.S.W.

THE N.S.W. Young People's Department has just celebrated its Golden Jubilee. Comments received from many quarters suggest that the meetings were amongst the most enthusiastic and inspirational conducted by the department for many years. The anniversary was a brotherhood jubilee, and the brotherhood heartily supported it. Commencing in a high spiritual atmosphere, at Pitt-st. Congregational Church, the first meeting was inspired by the glorious music of "The Gloria" and the "Hallelujah Chorus" sung by a choir of nearly 100 voices. F. A. Youens left many a listener resolving on a more earnest consecration to the Saviour.

Friday evening, May 29, saw City Temple packed out. This was a memorable meeting. Sydney Gole, continuously a member of the committee for forty years and treasurer for thirty-one years, presided over this meeting. This was of special moment to our brotherhood, as his father, the much loved Edmund Gole, was chairman of the meeting on May 17, 1892. There has always been a Gole on the committee. A highlight of this meeting was the presence of D. R. Hall and Theresa Smith, both of whom were present at the first meeting. The first minutes written in the excellent handwriting of Miss Smith are preserved.

Saturday was jubilee cruise on the harbor. A glorious day, a happy crowd of nearly 600 brethren, a programme of song, choruses and testimony, led by R. J. Greenhalgh, completed a delightfully happy afternoon.

Sunday was Bible schools' day. By courtesy of 2CH this service was broadcast. The whole service apart from the address was supplied by children from our Bible schools. The many reports of this broadcast have been very satisfactory. This service, more than overflowing with children from our schools, brought this very happy occasion to its conclusion.

N.S.W. Young People's Department now looks forward to a future even brighter and more useful than the splendid record of the past fifty years. May God grant that this will be so.

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"Until the day break, and shadows flee away."

PRATT.—In loving memory of our devoted only child, Kenneth Arthur, aged 20 years, called home suddenly on June 12, 1933.

Why should we weep, when 'tis so well with him?

'Twas but a step from out our muddy street
On earth, on to the pavement all of pearl.

—Inserted by his parents, A. and E. Pratt, Ringwood.

June 17, 1942

News of the Churches

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Perth.—On morning of June 7 W. H. White gave a helpful exhortation. At 4 p.m. E. R. Berry rendered a solo. J. Wiltshire preached, and afterwards delivered a broadcast address. On June 10 prayer services were held at homes of Misses Williams, Cyril Cook, J. Wiltshire and C. Grist.

Subiaco.—Meetings are well attended, and the excellent work of R. Raymond is maintained. At evening service on May 30 a lady from the country and in charge of a Methodist Sunday school was baptised. At the same service another young lady stepped forward. The church has welcomed Mrs. Schurmann and her two daughters by letter from Malvern-Caulfield, Vic. At after service sing-song recently opportunity was taken to say good-bye to Miss P. Taylor and Mr. N. Eltheridge, who have joined the services and are leaving.

Fremantle.—Owing to local blackout conditions, Lord's day gospel meetings now take place at 4 p.m., followed by tea and social evening, specially designed to help men of the various forces, numbers of whom have taken advantage of the opportunity of fellowship, as many as 20 having been present on some occasions. Early in June Miss Jessie Gamble and Mr. George Allen were united in marriage. At a recent meeting of the Dorcas Society, the following officers were chosen: Mrs. Hunt, president; Mrs. Fieldus, vice-president; Mrs. A. Cooper, secretary; Mrs. Mason, treasurer. The church recently was glad to renew fellowship with O. Fieldus, who had been absent over a long period, owing to an attack of pneumonia. Plans are taking shape for celebration of church jubilee in November of this year.

QUEENSLAND

Brisbane (Ann-st.).—Forty young people were inspired by C.E. fellowship and an illustrated missionary lecture by R. J. Storey on June 9. Meetings on June 14 were well attended, 170 breaking bread. United Nations Day was featured, several American service men being present. At night Mr. Brooke gave a special series of winter sermons. Mrs. Gartshore was soloist.

Charters Towers.—Attendance at all meetings is good and several visitors have been present. Women's Christian Fellowship held annual meeting, when officers were elected. The church has lost the service of Mr. Samuel both as an officer and as a Bible school teacher, on his being called up for military duties. He exhorted at morning meeting on his last Sunday with the church.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Lenswood.—A recent visitor, Mr. Taylor, from Mallala, spoke at morning and afternoon services, and was much appreciated. Owing to petrol restrictions, Sunday school and 4 p.m. gospel service are held at Forest Range (de-licensed hotel). A social held recently in aid of Comforts Funds amounted to £3/6/-. Over £14 has been raised in this manner for that fund. Church and school are in good heart.

Cottonville.—This church recently decided to support a drive against alcohol and gambling. Strong letters were forwarded by the preacher to State and Commonwealth authorities. On evening of June 9 a social was tendered to Miss Miriam Gloyn, who on 13th was married to John Coventry, R.A.N. Both young people were faithful and enthusiastic workers in Sunday school and Endeavor. Mr. Coventry's duties force them to go to another State. Girls' Fellowship has regretfully decided to discontinue meetings until winter is over. Further parcels have been forwarded to representatives away with the fighting forces.

Edwardstown West.—The appeal for kinder extension has been successful, and it is expected to have the work done shortly by voluntary labor. School attendances are improving after sickness; 103 present on June 14, with four new scholars. A. G. Brown spoke at morning service and W. L. Ewers at night in interests of overseas missions.

Winkie.—C.E. meeting was held on June 2. W. A. Hunt was morning speaker on June 6, and evening service was combined with Berri, when Mr. Train, from Adelaide, delivered a message. Joyce Searle has left the district to take up duties with the W.A.A.F. Cadet Midshipman Frank Morrell has been home on leave and was baptised on May 10 at Berri.

Prospect.—At morning service on June 14 C. Schwab exhorted. A. Anderson conducted afternoon and evening services. The forming of an intermediate department was undertaken; 15 young people graduated to new department. Miss Evelyn Purdie was chosen as leader. Fellowship was enjoyed with visitors and members of U.S.A. forces. An excellent spirit prevails. There are good attendances at mid-week prayer meetings.

Nailsworth.—Ladies' Guild held annual meeting on June 9 with good attendance of members and others from sister churches. Mrs. W. Hurst gave a helpful message, and Miss Nancy Woods was soloist. Albert Anderson on June 14 brought a splendid missionary message to the church. Mr. Shipway preached at night. Bryan Pettman, of the Navy, and Alf Pettman, from Flinders Naval Base, were present at services on June 7 and 14. Several soldiers, including some Americans, have been present.

VICTORIA

Footscray.—S.S. attendance on June 14 was best since 1940. Choir now practises Sunday afternoons; its membership is growing.

Harcourt.—While at work on his farm Mr. Davis, of Sutton Grange, fell and fractured three ribs. He is making satisfactory progress in Castlemaine District Hospital.

Red Hill.—When Mr. Johnson visited Queensland recently Messrs. Salmon, W. H. Clay, Langford and Finger helped the church with preaching. Mr. Johnson has been back two Lord's days. His platform work is appreciated. C.E. also is benefited.

East Kew.—Good services were enjoyed on June 14, when Mr. Candy spoke at 11 a.m. and E. Roffey at gospel service at 4 p.m.; J. Wright conducted this service, and a testimony was given by Corporal Raymond Kifer, of U.S.A. forces. Mrs. James rendered a message in song.

Fairfield Park.—There was a good attendance at morning meeting on June 14, when J. Northeast exhorted the church. Mr. Hillbrick continues to give inspiring messages. Midweek cottage prayer meetings have been commenced. Miss Gwen Evans has been welcomed by transfer from Geelong.

Springvale.—Mr. MacKenzie addressed morning service on June 14. At close, expressions of appreciation by church of Mr. Anderson and his work were given and a unanimous vote given for a further term of 12 months. Mr. Gerrand addressed evening service. £3/6/- has been forwarded from offering and sisters' effort to hostel.

Preston.—Mr. Scambler commenced a part-time ministry on June 14, speaking both morning and evening. Mrs. Taylor and Miss Dorothy Taylor were welcomed by transfer from Maryborough. F. Meyer passed away suddenly on June 11, and was laid to rest the following day, W. A. Wigney officiating. Sympathy goes out to the bereaved relatives.

Oakleigh.—At worship service on June 7 three were received into fellowship—two by faith and obedience and one by letter. Mr. Neighbour conducted a baptismal service in evening, when two young ladies were immersed. Church members enjoy fellowship with guests and staff of Christian Guest Home at Sunday services, and at midweek prayer meetings.

Dandenong.—On June 3 the Women's Mission Band held thirteenth birthday meeting, when Mrs. Withers addressed the happy gathering. Mr. Marshall gave interesting addresses on June 7. On 14th he also spoke. Gospel service subject was on the ministry of hymns, when choir rendered some of Fanny Crosby's most favored stanzas under baton of H. Brown.

Middle Park.—Mr. Stewart delivers earnest addresses. Local Baptist church united with members at midweek prayer meeting on June 10. Women's Mission Band celebrated anniversary on June 10. The sisters of Prayer Meeting Committee took charge, and their messages were appreciated. Gordon Stewart has enlisted in R.A.A.F. and entered into camp on June 15.

Carlton (Lygon-st.).—On June 14 all services were well attended, Flag Day being fittingly observed. Lieut.-Col. Downing, of Spokane, Washington, U.S.A., was a visitor at morning service. 75 men of the various forces were accommodated in the lecture hall over the week-end. Church choir rendered a nice anthem at evening meeting, Mr. Nat. Haddow being soloist.

Ormond.—C. L. Lang is giving good messages at prayer meetings. On June 7 he gave fine messages at worship and gospel meetings. June 14 was 17th anniversary day, and at worship service W. R. Hibbert gave a stirring address. He also attended Bible school. C. L. Lang gave a very good sermon at gospel meeting. R. Booth, an officer and youth worker, goes into R.A.A.F., and will be greatly missed. Auxiliaries are still meeting.

Brim.—In honor of Mother's Day Endeavorers held a special meeting. Many mothers were invited and entertained, and supper was served. On June 6 twenty-five S.S. scholars received prizes for past year's work. On June 14 the church appreciated an inspiring visit from Messrs. Gale and Black. Attendance was small owing to many members being ill, and winter roads. The work of Messrs. Rogers and McPherson is a great help.

Ascot Vale.—A very happy day was spent on June 14, it being the 51st anniversary of the church. A number of old friends gathered. Mr. Webb gave an impressive address in the morning, and a splendid address was given by Mr. Candy at 4 p.m. A number of members are laid aside through sickness, Sisters Patterson and Cracknel being amongst the number. Ladies of the church held a produce afternoon for hostel for soldiers and raised £4/5/-.

Essendon.—At morning service on June 14 A. G. E. Smith gave a fine address to a good congregation. At gospel meeting Mr. Jackel presented an illustrated sermon which held the interest of the large crowd. For the new Fellowship Class Mr. Jackel has arranged a special series of talks. The church is sorry to lose the services of James Strack, who has been transferred to Bendigo by the Army. His wife has taken over the "Australian Christian" agency from her husband.

North Richmond.—A special series of meetings under leadership of Mr. Nixon, of Sunshine, has been concluded. They were a great source of inspiration to all attending. A complimentary social in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Hall, who have served the church as choir-master and chorister for 25 years, was held on June 6. Two hundred past and present church members attended. During last month Sunday school attendance reached 103. At gospel service on June 14 one young man made the good confession.

South Yarra.—The church is indebted to Mr. Payne for week-end services till the coming of Mr. and Mrs. Cole. On June 14 fellowship was enjoyed with Mr. Hibbert at a youth tea, and at night he addressed the church. Miss Amelia Searce was soloist. A. G. Searle has been sent on special duty to Perth. Mrs. Russell, from Gardenvale, has kindly consented to act as organist in his absence.

Geelong.—On June 14 K. A. Maenaughtan was speaker at both services. Great interest is shown in his addresses by large congregations. A young brother was received into fellowship on Sunday morning. A special effort is being made by officers of church to reduce debt on building. Mr. Maenaughtan is doing a great work in his third year of ministry with the church. Much sickness prevails amongst members.

Kaniva.—Miss Mary Clipstone addressed a large gathering of women from the Mission Band and from other churches in the town on May 25. All expressed keen appreciation of her story, and of the fellowship with the folk of other communions. One young man made confession at gospel service on May 31, and was baptised on June 7. At South Lillimur on June 14, a presentation of a Bible was made to Miss Dorothy Crouch in recognition of her services in church, school and C.E.

Ararat.—Brighter services with better attendances have been held lately. Afternoon instead of evening service has been successful. For past three Sundays F. Burt, from the college, has been the preacher. Last Sunday he finished his first twelve months with Ararat and Stawell. Both addresses were very interesting. Mr. Randall has been at Stawell. The month about arrangement between preachers seems to be much better than week about. Mr. Bryant has been laid aside with sickness.

Mildura.—John Leng was speaker at 11 a.m. on June 7. At gospel service members of local V.D.C. and V.A.D. were present, when Mr. Lewis delivered an inspiring message. The 11 a.m. service on June 14 was broadcast through 3MA.; Mr. Lewis was speaker. B. Jenkins rendered a solo. Gospel service was followed by a baptismal service, when seven young people, who recently made their confessions, were immersed. Mr. Lewis gave an appropriate address. He has been appointed Y.M.C.A. welfare officer with R.A.A.F.

Ballarat (York-st.).—W. Feary and J. A. Wilkie have been morning speakers, their messages being most instructive. S.S. has started a six months' aeroplane competition to get new scholars. A pleasing feature of the work is the midweek prayer meeting when a happy and profitable time is spent. The young people are ably assisting gospel services with their fine singing and solos. Attendances at all meetings are encouraging. The young people spend a happy hour at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edwards after church on Sunday evenings.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Greystanes.—Sgt. Dan. Hunt, of the American forces, was present, and P. J. Pond preached on Pentecost Sunday. Other speakers the past month were J. H. Adams, N. Taylor and W. Roberts.

Pendle Hill.—Mrs. Henshall has been in hospital. Mrs. Escott, also of Ashwood House, has been in hospital with eye trouble. P. J. Pond conducted service on June 14. Other recent speakers—W. T. Smith, L. C. Yelds, W. Roberts and R. Kenyon.

Lidecombe.—The A. Hinrichsen mission is growing in numbers and interest; wonderful meetings during last week. Splendid attendance at evening service on June 14, when Mr. Hinrichsen spoke. Miss Micklerite rendered a solo and Misses Saintry (Rockdale) sang a duet. A fine spirit of fellowship exists among members. The preacher, Mr. Henderson, is doing a good work in visitations.

Granville.—Sgt. Travis Tony, church of Christ, Paris, Texas, assisted at service on May 31. P. J. Pond conducted special Pentecost and Empire Day services. Other recent speakers were K. Taylor, W. Roberts, S. B. Hibbard and R. Kenyon. The church expresses sympathy with Mr. Croft, in the loss of his wife; with J. Terry, bereaved of his father; and with the family of late Sister Griffen.

Wollongong.—Sunday, June 7, was a happy day for the church. A visit from the mission party of 1941—Mr. and Mrs. Corlett, E. C. Hinrichsen and V. Morris, together with Messrs. Steer and Jackson, was greatly appreciated. Mr. Hinrichsen addressed two well attended services. In the afternoon the new Sunday school hall was opened by Mrs. Wyndham Jones. The hall was opened free from debt, and was built by voluntary labor assisted by one carpenter, a member of Wollongong church.

Bankstown.—On June 6 and 7 the church celebrated 21st anniversary. About 100 sat to tea in newly extended back room. The tea was prepared by the ladies and young people. John Budgen, home on final leave, was farewelled. The church presented him with a writing case. Following the tea was a public meeting. The chapel was crowded, and E. C. Hinrichsen inspired with his message. Presentations were made to three foundation members—Mrs. Pugh, and Mr. and Mrs. Budgen, also to Mrs. Leggett. Sunday brought the celebrations to a close. Mr. Youens gave an inspiring address in the morning and Mr. Thomson at night. Prior to the tea on the Saturday afternoon, families of the church planted trees as a 21st birthday gift. Elsie Hameister, who recently underwent an operation, is recovering in hospital.

Auburn.—Despite brownout conditions and sickness, all work of the church is well maintained. Ethelbert Davis was preacher at both services on June 14, special mention being made of Flag Day. At the church quarterly meeting on June 11, the subject for discussion was "The Church and Its Purpose." Dorcas sisters have decided not to hold annual sale of work to raise money for building fund this year; instead, they will make an appeal for contributions from all members. On June 9 the Dorcas made their appreciated monthly visit to Newington Women's Hospital and Home. Ron. Bartholomew has been appointed church secretary in place of Arthur Kalmier, who is prevented from regular attendance through military duties. At church meeting on June 11, appreciation was expressed on behalf of the church for the splendid service rendered by Arthur Kalmier while acting as church secretary.

Secular Use of Sunday Concerns Tasmania

THE right use of the Lord's day and the proper respect that the world in general ought to pay to it continue to exercise many minds. One contributing cause to the maintenance of the interest is the fact of Sunday, June 14, being one day chosen for the distribution of ration books.

Tasmanian Presbyterians are concerned. The Tasmanian presbytery held its quarterly meeting recently and decided to ask all ministers and home missionaries to bring clearly before the people the attitude of the church to Sunday observance.

Launceston Council of Churches discussed the matter. The press statement indicates that the council "protests against the continued use of Sunday for secular purposes and regards with alarm the continued and increasing disregard for the Lord's day by governments and officials." The council also urged churches whose buildings were to be used for the issue of ration books to refuse the use of

their buildings on June 14 for such a purpose. The announcement of issuing centres reveals that in several cases such refusals were made and other places found by the electoral authorities.

Hydro-Electric Liquor Licence

"To know all is to forgive all." One wonders! Last month we mentioned the fact that the Hydro-Electric Commission had been granted a liquor licence for its construction camps. On June 3 we read in the press, "The Hydro-Electric Commission does not propose to provide wet canteens at construction camps under the control of the Commission." We were glad. On June 4 we read in the same paper, with no comment or explanation, "A wet canteen has been constructed at Butler's Gorge. (Butler's Gorge is one of the H-E. Commission's largest construction camps.) Arrangements are being made for the supply of beer. The canteen is expected to open in a week." Then we were puzzled. The solution of the mystery has not yet come to light. Maybe it never will.

Anglican Scholar Passes

The Anglican church in Tasmania lost one of her most scholarly ministers in the passing of Canon E. G. Muschamp, M.A., who died suddenly. He was noted for his wide knowledge of church law and history, as well as for his linguistic ability. He spoke seven languages fluently, and could make himself understood in and could understand ten others. To this outstanding scholarship he added such sympathetic understanding of human nature and pastoral concern for his people, with sincerity of depth of devotion, that he is perhaps most missed by the poor of his parish which included one of the poorest parts of Launceston.—Folliott T. Morgan.

S.A. Churches and Baptists Confer

AT the last General Conference in South Australia, it was resolved to make an approach to the Baptist Union with a view to a better understanding of the things which divide us and a closer co-operation. As a result representative brethren of both bodies have met on two occasions. The respective doctrinal positions were reviewed and some misunderstandings removed. At another meeting to be held this week practical proposals for united activities are to be considered. The difficulties of co-operating are increased by the fact that many of the Baptist congregations have "open membership." Many years ago an abortive attempt was made to work out a basis for the union of the two bodies.

Annual Conference Dates

The Union Executive have fixed upon Sept. 18 to 24 as the conference dates. Albert Anderson has consented to preach the conference sermon on Sunday, Sept. 20, in the Adelaide Town Hall. This year the Social Service Department will be granted a full afternoon on the Tuesday of conference for the consideration of their report and social questions.

Home Mission Matters

The annual offering, the returns for which are now almost complete, promises to yield an amount over £1100, or about £100 in advance of last year. Membership figures of the League of Five Hundred have risen to 167. Each member of the league has taken a pledge to contribute, if a call is made, at least one pound twice a year towards the erection of a new building for a new cause as a straight-out gift to the church. We have not enough preachers in the State to man all our fields. Two very important country centres are seeking preachers. Several city churches are releas-

ing their preacher once a quarter to conduct Sunday services in the country.

A Courageous Premier

Heavy pressure has been brought to bear on Mr. T. Playford (State Premier) to induce him to relax his ban on racing, but he has firmly held his ground, contending that the man-power problem in war industries is so acute that every able-bodied man is needed, and that the absorption of even a comparatively small number in training and racing horses cannot be justified. In replying to a strong deputation representing racing interests a few weeks ago, Mr. Playford said he had received many letters from that section of the community commending him for the action he had taken. Mr. Playford is unperturbed by the cries of a noisy minority who seem to be willing to place a particular form of sport before the desperate national need for man-power. Our Premier comes of sturdy religious stock. His grandfather was a pillar of the "Christian Church," and he is associated with the Baptist church.

Lord's Day Observance

Opinions may differ as to what may be permissible after the close of Sunday evening services in the way of entertaining troops on leave in the city, with the object of keeping them off the darkened streets, where grave moral dangers lurk for them and for others, but there is no question that the sanctity of the hours set apart for worship must be preserved at all costs. Much discussion has taken place recently on the subject of Sunday desecration and the various religious organisations have taken the opportunity of expressing their views, not without effect.—H. R. Taylor.

Thornbury, Vic., Twenty-First Anniversary Celebrations

THE church at Thornbury, Vic., has experienced a wonderful time of inspiration and blessing in the past two weeks. A series of meetings under the general theme, "The Church of the Centuries," was held from May 24 to 31, when J. E. Searle, E. L. Williams, A. W. Stephenson, T. H. Scambler, D. D. Stewart and A. L. Gibson addressed the church on different phases of the subject. The churches at Moreland, West Preston, Preston and Northcote gave valuable assistance with musical items on succeeding nights. Anniversary meetings commenced on Saturday, May 30, with a sacred programme arranged by the Youth Council. The young men presented "Twenty Pieces of Silver" in splendid style, and the young women contributed a tableau, "The Old Rugged Cross." Others who assisted were Miss F. Cowper, Prahran Male Quartette, and members of the Salvation Army. Sunday, May 31, at 11 a.m., W. E. Jackel was morning speaker; at 3 p.m. J. Turner addressed the children's session, and at 7 p.m. A. L. Gibson spoke to a crowded chapel on "The Church of the Future." Evening soloist was Arthur Haskell. On June 2 J. D. Northey, principal Congregational College, addressed a united church gathering, the theme being "Christian Co-operation." The ladies gathered in their anniversary birthday party on Wednesday, June 3. Over 150 ladies were present to hear Mrs. J. Turner and to have a taste of the birthday cake. On Thursday, June 4, the church reunion was held, when many former members united with the present members in a happy time of fellowship. H. Swain (preacher 1921-31) and F. E. Smith (first secretary) told of the work in the early years of the history of the church at Thornbury. Saturday, June 6, was the occasion of the conference of the North Suburban churches, when J. E. Thomas addressed the meeting and an offering was received for the Chaplains' Fund. The climax came on June 7, when over 200 were present

at 11 a.m. H. Swain was speaker and R. Lyall presided. All surviving members of first board of officers were present, some of whom took part in the service. At 3 p.m. W. R. Hibburt addressed a "back to Sunday school" gathering, and the school provided special items under the baton of J. E. Searle. At 7 p.m. T. Hagger preached the gospel message and Amelia Scarce was soloist. 224 were at breaking of bread during the day, and the special birthday offering reached £192. Mutual fund deposits had grown to £1065, which is sufficient to finance debt on the property.—F.N.L.

Obituary

Mrs. William Clinch

MRS. CAROLINE CLINCH, one of the oldest members of the church at Taree, N.S.W., passed away on the morning of June 4, at her home. She had reached the ripe age of 85 three weeks before, having been born May 18, 1857. She was the daughter of one of the pioneer members of the brotherhood in these parts, John Newby. In her paternal home she was married July 5, 1883, to William Clinch, who was also a most faithful member until he died four years ago. They had eight children, of whom all but one survived their parents. Mrs. Clinch was baptised as a young woman of 19 in the Manning River at her father's wharf, Chatham, where he operated one of the first stores in the district. She was one of six baptised on that occasion 66 years ago, by J. J. Haley. A life-long friend, Mrs. Amos Saxby, was one of the six, and is the only one left now, like Mrs. Clinch, a most faithful member of this church. Our late sister and her husband were faithful all their long lives. They would walk miles to worship and teach in the Bible school while the church remained in Chatham. To her last day Mrs. Clinch loved God's house and God's people. E. J. Saxby and A. W. Billingham took the Lord's Supper to her bedside on the last Lord's day she was with us, giving her deep joy. A beautiful, gentle life has run its course in time and leaves behind a fragrant memory. We laid her worn body away in the Dawson Cemetery, Friday, June 5, after a service at the church. We sympathise with the bereaved, and especially with the son on military duty in New Guinea.—A.G.S.

Mrs. E. Masters

ON Lord's day afternoon, May 31, our aged sister, Mrs. Ellen Masters, passed peacefully to be with Christ, having attained to the rare age of 96 years. Mrs. Masters, with her parents, arrived in Australia 86 years ago and took up residence in Victoria. At 20 years of age she was baptised at the Baptist church, George-st., Fitzroy. About the time of her marriage, at 24 years, she came into the fellowship of the Lygon-st. church, Carlton, and was afterwards a foundation member of the Collingwood church, meeting first in the Foresters' Hall, Smith-st., then Langridge-st., then Collingwood Tabernacle. In 1897 Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Masters had removed to Western Australia, and that year, with their five daughters united with Lake-st. church, Perth. In 1902 they became foundation members of the church at Maylands. Mr. Masters and one daughter (Emily, Mrs. J. H. Inverarity) pre-deceased Mrs. Masters. Four daughters, Charlotte (Mrs. A. S. J. Brown), Ada (Mrs. T. E. Peacock), Emma (Mrs. A. C. Chessell) and Rose (Mrs. E. R. Berry) mourn the loss of mother. In sure and certain hope of a glorious resurrection the body was laid away at Karrakatta, T. M. Bamford officiating. Thus closed a life of loving, faithful service. Her children have risen up to call her blessed, and to follow her as she followed Christ. Them we commit to the un-failing consolation of our God and Father.—E.R.B.

E. A. Read

THE church at Kadina, S.A., has suffered the loss of a sincere and earnest Christian worker in the passing of E. A. Read. His earthly course ended on April 17 after an illness lasting several months. Our brother entered into fellowship at Kadina, by faith and baptism, Nov. 5, 1911, during the ministry of E. G. Warren. From the beginning his life was given in faithful service to the church. He was made an officer in 1912, and became actively associated with the Bible school, where he was treasurer for a time. In 1921 he, with his family, was transferred to Mile End, and from there he went to Renmark in business. In 1926 he returned to Kadina, and immediately took up office, and was an officer until his death. Mr. Read had charge of the little Bible school at Willamulka, and after it was closed became a teacher again in the Kadina Bible school. He was a member of the choir. Our brother gave appreciated service in presiding and reading at the morning meetings, and was always ready to speak a word for his Master. Though not rich in this world's goods, he had much treasure laid up in heaven. Services in the house and at the graveside were conducted by the Kadina preacher. The large gathering at the graveside testified to the esteem and respect in which our brother was held in the town and district. An in memoriam service was held in the chapel on May 17. The sympathy of the church goes out to the family, which we commend to the God of love who doeth all things well. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints."—M.T.L.

(Other obituary notices appear on page 287.)

COMING EVENTS

JULY 5.—Newmarket church of Christ Bible school anniversary will be held in the church on July 5. 3 p.m., Mr. W. R. Hibburt; 7 p.m., a special speaker. Hospitality provided for visitors.

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THE URGENT CALL

Mrs. E. M. Arnold (President Sisters' Conference, Tasmania.)

AS the time draws near for our annual offering for overseas work, we wonder what the women of our brotherhood can do. In almost every sphere in these terrible war days women are taking the place of men, or taking their places with men in helping the national effort. Now as never before women must play a greater part in the work of the church, or she will be seriously handicapped. The same is true in our overseas work. There are less men to do the really necessary things; and if our offering is to be successful, and our work sustained, more women than ever must be prepared to answer the call. This is a call to prayer. Let us be very earnest in our prayers for our missionaries, for the native workers, and for the native Christians.

All our workers have been withdrawn from the New Hebrides. The position in China is confused and heartbreaking. India is in danger; some of our missionaries are needing furlough, and others are unable to return. Let us pray as we have never prayed before. This is a call to remembrance. We can think of the good work accomplished in the years gone by, of the precious souls saved in many lands. We can think of the hindrance to the work because of lack of funds and ask ourselves if we did enough in the past years, or did our lack of support hinder the extension of his kingdom and so help to make war possible.

This is a call to sacrifice. We are called upon to sacrifice much for our Empire. We gladly go without, to help our lads in their battle stations. How much more should we be prepared to sacrifice more and more for the King of kings and Lord of lords. We should be glad to go without, to support those who represent us in the front line, fighting sin, superstition and death in heathen lands, telling the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

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TRUE UNDERSTANDING

Mrs. M. H. Hill (President Sisters' Conference, W.A.)

IN pre-war days, we in Western Australia were privileged to be first to welcome and last to bid farewell to many of our missionaries. What a stimulus it is to our overseas work to meet our missionaries, and to get first-hand information of their work. It was not "greediness" that prompted the Western Australian sisters to ask for two missionaries to attend their conference. It was because we have missed hearing all the little homely and intimate details of a woman's work among the girls and women of other lands.

The writer remembers a teachers' training class of many years ago in which was discussed the presentation of missionary stories in our Bible schools. We were urged to get away from the idea of arousing "pity for the poor heathen" and the spirit of patronage toward them. Rather were we to seek to develop a feeling of comradeship and brotherhood—a deep sympathy for those who lacked our opportunities and advantages, and lacked above all the knowledge of our Saviour. This better and truer conception of the missionary spirit has grown with the passing years. It has very largely been fostered among young and old by our visiting missionaries. Their stories of individual people and groups of people have kindled in us a very real sympathy. We have also been led to feel a true Christian bond of love toward our native converts and workers.

We look forward to the day when, once again, we may welcome our missionaries. So, feeling somewhat isolated ourselves, we sympathise with and pray for people of the New Hebrides in their far greater isolation. With the people of India, where we understand there

is an average of one missionary to a million people. With missionaries "shut in" in China. Truly our many privileges bring great responsibilities. May God help us to shoulder them.

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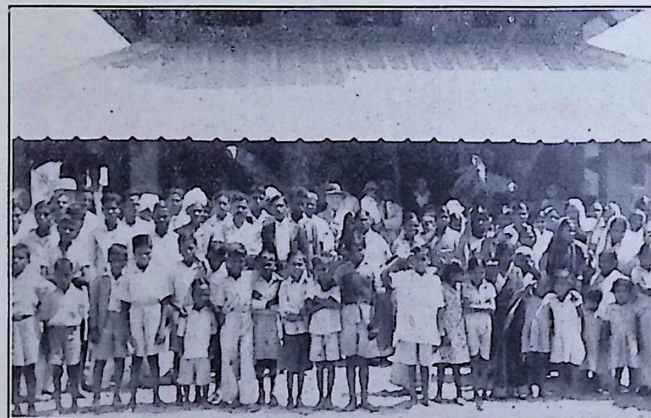
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It is then our duty to send the word of life that all may enjoy the same blessings and privileges which are ours. Jesus said, "Go into all the world and make disciples."

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Obituary

Archie Woodward

OUR brother died in the Brisbane Hospital on June 1, after a brief illness. In past years he was connected with Ann-st. and Albion churches, but for the past five years had been living at Redcliffe. His quiet, unassuming and faithful service has ended, and he is "absent from the body" but "present with the Lord." At the funeral parlor on June 2 a brief service was conducted by A. A. Mills, minister of Redcliffe Methodist church. The writer performed the last sacred offices at the graveside in Nundah cemetery. We commend Mrs. Woodward and her little son, and other relatives, to the sympathy and solace of Jesus.—H.G.P.

Edward James Legg

THE church at Footscray, Vic., was greatly shocked at the sudden passing of an esteemed brother. It was in the year 1902 that E. J. Legg accepted Christ during a mission conducted by H. G. Harward, when the chapel was situated in Paisley-st., Footscray. He was born at Taradale, Vic., May 21, 1874. He will be remembered by his quiet manner, loyalty to the church, and interest in young people. Our brother died while on his way home from work on June 6. D. D. Stewart, of Middle Park, and H. E. Easton, secretary of church, assisted Denzil C. Ritchie at the mortuary chapel at Footscray and crematorium at Fawkner cemetery. We commend to the bereaved the comfort, love and rich promises of God in their hour of sorrow.—D.C.R.

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TOPIC.—BLIND GUIDES

- June 22—Isaiah 56: 8-12.
- " 23—Matthew 23: 1-13.
- " 24—Matthew 23: 15-24.
- " 25—Matthew 23: 25-36.
- " 26—Romans 2: 17-24.
- " 27—1 John 2: 9-11.
- " 28—Isaiah 29: 13-24; Matthew 15: 1-20.

CALLING attention to the presence of "blind guides," our Lord tells his disciples to "let them alone." On this and other occasions he proved himself quite capable of dealing with them. Now, hurling his anathemas at them, he says, "If the blind guide the blind, both shall fall into a pit." If professed leaders lacked truth, how could they impart it? Both masters and pupils would fall into the pit of error. Our attitude to false teachers is well defined. We should "let them alone," confident that our Lord will deal with them, whilst contenting ourselves with scattering the seeds of truth.

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niggers!" said some, bitterly. Others said, "In
Europe he saves old organs, and now he is off
to Africa to save old niggers." Still Schweitzer
never swerved. Once when he was tired and
greatly vexed with blunders of the natives, he
exclaimed, "What a blockhead I was to come
out here to doctor savages like these!" Where-
upon his colored friend Joseph replied, "Yes,
doctor, here on earth you are a great block-
head, but not in heaven."

W. E. Sangster says. "It is not the apostles
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Creating a New Order

IGNORANCE breeds suspicion, and suspicion is the breeding-ground of fear, and from fear springs the world's hatreds, and so war! Has it ever occurred to you that Christian missions the world over are quietly building new ways, new

ing Indians, Chinese, Japanese and Africans have come to western lands.

4. Britain and America have been united in missionary co-operation for over thirty years. A common strategy is promoted through the International Missionary Coun-

rights of native peoples in face of governmental and business claims, specially in Africa and the Pacific. Their insistence, in pioneer days, on friendship with the people whose land was entered, maintained peace and fashioned the modern policy of "the trusteeship of native races" which led to the League of Nations "mandate" principle.

6. The world community of the church, which the missionary goes to serve, is an effective world brotherhood. Every country is within that fellowship, and in every country the church provides active leadership for a new order. In this sense the world community of the church is more representative than a League of Nations can ever be.

7. It is from the heart of the Christian church in every land that there must come the right attitudes of mind and thought towards other countries—the attitudes of fair play, patience, generosity and forgiveness which are the bases of a true peace. The church in every land must witness against the pharisaical, nationalistic attitudes which breed suspicion, fear and hatred.

8. Through fellowship and prayer the missionary enterprise maintains the soul of the world church in its witness for a righteous world settlement. Without the practical fellowship which world Christianity offers, the growing church abroad might easily crumble in the face of state opposition.—From the pamphlet, "Towards a New Order," by Cecil Northcott.



"Come over and help us!"

friendships, and a new order even while the world is at war? Here are eight practical illustrations of its methods:—

1. Every missionary is a day-by-day ambassador for the new order. He has voluntarily left his own country to live amongst a foreign people and identifies himself with them in love and service. He declares himself to be above the greatest obstacle to world happiness—nationalism—merely by his "disinterested" and unselfish presence.

2. The missionary enterprise is the world's greatest interpreter of nation to nation. Until very recently the West learned about the East mainly through missionary literature and information provided by the missionary societies. Through it has grown up an appreciation of the faiths, cultures and aspirations of other lands which are among the assets which make for a new order.

3. The inter-visitation between East and West, regularly practised now for generations by Christian missions, is in itself a big contribution to world understanding. The leading men and women of western countries have visited eastern lands, and during the last twenty-five years more and more lead-

ing Indians, Chinese, Japanese and Africans have come to western lands. America is working with Britain now in saving the work of the European missions in Africa, India and the East—a practical piece of Christian statesmanship whose action shows the ability of Christianity to overstep the world's frontiers.

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