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## A MOTHER'S PRAYER

*What can a mother give her children,  
Greater today than this one great thing—  
Faith in an old sweet, beautiful story  
A star, a stable, a new born king?*

*Shining faith in the young lad Jesus;  
Lover of high white things was he;  
Jesus straight as a Lebanon cedar;  
Jesus, clean as the winds of the sea.*

*Faith in the young lad come to manhood:  
Jesus compassionate, tender and true;  
Oh, my children — what more glorious  
Gift in the world can I give to you?*

*Carry it high like a lamp in the darkness,  
Hold it for warmth when the day is cold,  
Keep it for joy when youth goes singing,  
Clasp it for peace when you are old.*

*What can a mother give to her children  
More than a faith that will not dim?  
Take it my dear ones, hold it forever;  
A lamp for a lifetime — faith in Him.*

—Grace Noll Crowell.



*Evening Prayer*

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## How Great Ideas May Fail

It has been said that great ideas are not lost in the world because they provoke enemies. They are lost in the world because they lose their friends. One can, by ignoring something, ultimately destroy it.

Christianity will not be destroyed by the enemies of Christianity, but it can be sadly weakened by failure on the part of those who call themselves Christians. Other great ideals can be similarly weakened by the apathy and indifference of those believing that they support them.

That is one of the problems facing us as a community to-day. We are the inheritors of some magnificent ideals and institutions. Our system of justice, our form of democracy, our membership of the British Commonwealth of Nations are but three of the precious assets that we have, but which some of us may tend to weaken by apathy and indifference, by an "I-couldn't-care-less" attitude.

It is true that we were jolted out of this state of mind by something that happened early last year. The visit of Queen Elizabeth the Second to Australia reminded us of our loyalties and our allegiances and aroused a new enthusiasm. But now that Her Majesty is back in the United Kingdom, should we not make a conscious effort to keep this spirit alive?

When the 12 leading Australians issued "A Call to the People of Australia" nearly three years ago, they issued a warning against the danger from moral and intellectual apathy. The Call had its effect on the community, but this effect should not be allowed to wear off. Australia has too much at stake to run risks.

This is a question for every one of us as individuals. If we all do our share, the whole community will benefit.—Issued by the Committees in support of A Call to the People of Australia, 162 Exhibition-st., Melbourne, C.1.

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O Lord Jesus Christ, who didst pray for thy disciples that they might be one even as thou art one with the Father: draw us to thyself, that in common love and obedience to thee, we may be united to one another in the fellowship of the one Spirit, that the world may believe that thou art Lord to the glory of God the Father. Amen. (E.P.S. November, 1954.)

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# Making Christian Homes of Houses

"When thou buildest a new house," reads the Mosaic law in Deut. 22: 8, "Then thou shalt make a battlement for thy roof, that thou bring not blood upon thy house if any man fall from thence."

This was amongst God's building regulations, much-needed where roof tops were flat, and to which the house-holder and his family repaired in the cool of the evening. A good deal could be written of roof tops and their uses, but we have in mind the command of God concerning the protective battlements.

A great many Christians, and others, are building or buying new houses, and we pray these places will become real homes: for a home is not just so many walled squares with all mod. cons., and a garden too often kept in order on the Lord's Day. It doesn't become home until it has had that "heap o' livin'" within it that Edgar A. Guest talks about.

To mothers is given the great task of home-making. She is largely, if not wholly, responsible for warmth, and food, and comfort, its tasteful decorations, and so on. But the battlements of protection are not hers alone, for marriage should be a spiritual partnership in which both parents should hold their responsibility as a sacred trust from God. Alexander Campbell said, "On the altar of matrimony are woven all the cords of affection, all the ligaments and bonds that cement society. Destroy this institution, and not only the happiness of man, as a social being, but the safety of the whole race would be endangered."

In the early days of the U.S.S.R., an attempt was made to more or less destroy home and family life and to bring the people together in communities in which the children would be almost wholly cared for by the State. This economic measure was soon recognised as a destructive factor in the life of the nation, and families were encouraged to set up their homes again.

How much more is a nation strengthened where there are Christian homes and families wherein God is honored, loved and served. There is still much to be said for the text that so often would be seen on dining room walls some years ago:

*"Christ is the head of this house,  
The unseen guest at every meal,  
The silent listener to every conversation."*

One of the great battlements or safeguards to the home is

## PRAYER

Our small cover picture of Gelert's group depicts a mother lifting up her children to God in evening prayer. That the children should be

"bound of gold chains about the feet of God" should not only be every mother's desire, but every father's also. Moreover, every parent needs wisdom and grace in guiding and guarding the footsteps of the young. And where are these needed virtues to be received but from God! Our heavenly Father knows what we need and is more ready to give grace and wisdom, than we, with that strange servility of men, are ready to receive them.

## BIBLE READING

is another battlement to build. The word planted early in children's hearts is rarely forgotten. It grows with them. We would quote the psalmist who said, "Thy Word have I hidden in my heart that I might not sin against thee." It is indeed the best word, in the best place, for the best purpose. And they who grow into manhood and womanhood with minds stored with truths from God's book are rich indeed. Ruskin attributed the development of his character, and ability to the fact that his mother forced him to learn passages of scripture daily. We have known parents to be horrified at such a thing, who themselves use very strong measures on their children in acquiring some art or secular education and certainly seeing that they eat up their vegs.

There are many other safeguards to the home amongst which we would include consistency on the part of the parents. But there is little doubt that this will always be where the Bible is an open book, and where it is no strange thing to approach the throne of grace in prayer, and where there is encouragement and example in Christian obedience and worship. Let home be to us:

*"A place where everyone aspires  
To bring the treasure hour  
Of peace, and tend the altar fires  
Of happiness and love."*

Young people who are getting their own homes would do well to seek the spirit of Christ to dwell in them richly that this spirit may be with them in their homes. Ruskin concluded his great lecture "Of Queen's Gardens," observing that the foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests "and in your cities shall the stones cry out against you, that they are the only pillars where the Son of Man can lay his head?" How blessed were the homes where Christ was a bidden guest. How blessed are they who can answer as did the Shunamite woman when the prophet's servant cried, "'Is it well with thee? Is it well with thy husband? Is it well with thy child?" and she answered, "It is well?"

A. D. PYNE gives news of . . .

# Western Australia's 58th Conference

Western Australia's 58th Annual Conference was an unqualified success, with inspiring addresses, excellent business sessions, and record attendances and offerings. The theme was **Keeping Faith**.

At the 1954 Conference it was pointed out that in country districts, Easter Sunday is one occasion when folk who do not ordinarily attend church services, will do so. It therefore presents a valuable opportunity, and the Executive was asked to arrange this year's Conference to enable country preachers to return home for Easter Sunday services.

To comply with this, the Conference Sermon was planned as the opening Conference gathering on the Sunday before Easter. J. K. Bond (Wembley) preached a grand sermon on **Keeping Faith with our Vision**, to a crowded Town Hall. He pointed out that although the Restoration Movement began with the object of uniting the church, today we were not alone with that aim. Nevertheless churches of Christ still had a particular message for the world, and individual members had a grave responsibility in so living that that message would commend itself to others.

Youth Night was held on the Monday, and a new departure was the holding of it in the Town Hall, where another packed audience was treated to an outstanding programme—undoubtedly the best for many years. The first half consisted of a well presented play **The Nail**, which dealt with the effect of the crucifixion on a blacksmith who made the nails used on the cross. This was followed by a very well produced pageant of youth, **The Crown**. It was produced by Mrs. E. Black, and written by her daughter, Mrs. J. Brown. It urged young people to the higher things that are found only in the Christian life. Included were singing by a youth choir, and a brief message by S. H. Wilson. It concluded with representatives of all churches coming from the auditorium to the stage, and there uncovering "stars" in a large crown, whilst the background was a lighted cross.

The remaining meetings were held in Lake-st. chapel, and on Tuesday night, Roy Dixon gave an address on the Indian work.

On Wednesday, the Women's Auxiliary conducted its 50th Conference under the leadership of Mrs. J. K. Robinson. At night in Lake-st. chapel, a very large audience heard an inspiring message by R. Raymond.

One meeting that is not likely to be displaced on the Conference Program-

me, is the Easter Devotional Service. In 1942, it was decided not to hold a business session on Good Friday morning, but to substitute a combined devotional service. It has been adhered to ever since, and has always been a highlight of Conference, particularly impressing Eastern States brethren attending their first W.A. Conference. This year was no exception, and Lake-st. could not have held another soul. L. Cooke (Maylands) presented a most impressive and original message on **Keeping Faith with the Christ of the Cross**. The Choral Society, as with other Conference gatherings, gave great assistance with some fine singing, concluding with the Hallelujah Chorus.

Business sessions attracted 150 on Thursday night, and over 200 on Friday afternoon. G. A. Ewers (Conf. Pres.) did an admirable job as chairman of meetings, which produced a few difficult moments.

Perhaps the outstanding reports brought to Conference, concerned a trust established by C. Nelson, and the opening of the Christian Guest Home. Shortly after last Conference, Mr. Nelson informed the Executive that in memory of his father (the late E. Nelson who was so well known to our W.A. brotherhood) he desired to transfer to a trust his equity in a large block of flats, the income from which is to be used for the purchase of land and erection of buildings in new areas. This magnificent gift, which, after certain provisions for maintenance, etc., will make several hundred pounds available annually, was the answer to a problem which had given the Executive a great deal of concern—how to finance land in new areas as a provision for the future. Conference acknowledged the gift with very deep gratitude and appreciation.

The Social Service Committee was able to announce that a proposal to purchase a property at Joondanna Heights for a Home for the Aged, had been finalised, and was now in operation. Further, when the property held at Carlisle has been subdivided and sold, the Joondanna home, with promised Federal assistance, will be debt free. We praise God for both of these grand reports.

Features of other reports were:

**Statistics.** There were 158 baptisms during the year and the total known membership is now 3,590, an increase of 50. Offerings for all purposes totalled £41,324, an increase of £4,300. There is now a record number of preachers in the field.

**Home Missions.** Collic church has become self-supporting. Geraldton work is progressing, and a mission is planned for June-July. H. E. Greenwood is serving there under the auspices of the Home Mission Committee. There was a record Home Mission offering of £930.

**Youth.** A new record of 3,137 children attending our Bible schools, with 467 teachers, was established in 1954. Other youth activities have also increased.

Friday night was Brotherhood night and another capacity attendance saw the introduction of the incoming President, C. J. Robinson (Bassendean), and heard a stirring message from R. W. Marshall (Inglewood). Recognition of the Women's Auxiliary, which raised over £1,000 for Home, Foreign and Aborigines' Missions and the Christian Guest Home, was made by the presentation of a Bible to the Women's President, Mrs. J. K. Robinson. A similar presentation was made to G. A. Ewers, retiring Conference President.

The Federal Aborigines Board arranged the final meeting of Conference on Saturday night. Missionaries-elect for Carnarvon, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell, were introduced, and the address was given by A. Crooks-Hull of the Methodist Aborigines work. The programme concluded with pictures of mission activities shown by J. K. Robinson.

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# WOMEN

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

## Programme for June

Devotional Theme: "COURAGE."

Mrs. James P. Foot, Launceston.

### CALL TO WORSHIP.

"Eart thou not known, hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding. He giveth power to the faint, and to them that hath no might he increaseth strength."

### HYMN.

No. 589, "The call of God resounding."

### PRAYER.

Our Heavenly Father, we would humbly bow before thee, and in acknowledgement of thy goodness would confess thee to be our Father and our God. We thank thee for thy manifold mercies and continued love and care to us, though so unworthy of any of thy blessings. We come before thee this day to worship and praise thee. Grant us while we tarry here, a loving sense of thy presence, cheering our hearts, strengthening our faith and quickening our love to thee. We confess our sins and pray that for the sake of Christ thou wouldst forgive us and help us so to live that everywhere we may carry the spirit and life of the Master with us. Grant, we beseech thee, that we may have that purity of heart by which we may be always able to see thee. May we see our opportunities everyday, and help us to use them that we may best minister to others and bring glory to thy great and Holy Name. We ask all

Properties: J. J. Collingwood, A. C. Olds, E. R. Berry, W. J. Yoemans, W. H. White, J. M. Rhodes.

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May 3, 1955.

in the name of Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Saviour. Amen.

### SCRIPTURE.

Esther 4: 1-17.

### MEDITATION.

The human drama of the Book of Esther is that of a woman who was willing to imperil not only her position, but her life, out of loyalty and love for her own people.

When the royal decree went out that all Jews were to be massacred on a certain date, Mordecai decided to approach Queen Esther who was a Jewess, and beg her to influence the king in favor of her people. There was a law that no one might enter the royal presence under penalty of death, unless the king extended to that one the golden sceptre that they might advance to the throne. In other words, it was impossible to see him without an appointment. It was this dangerous task which Esther undertook. "I will go in unto the King," she said, "which is not according to the law, and if I perish, I perish."

The lesson of Esther's story is one of courage and love for her own people. Sometimes when a person has achieved a position of power and eminence, they perhaps quickly forget the simple life from which they came, and even be ashamed of anything that might remind them of it. Not so with Esther, for it required courage, strength, conviction and beauty of character for her to love and remember her nation in its hour of great crisis.

Esther requested prayer and fasting that she might be given courage as she proceeded to her task.

Let us meditate now on the particular calls for courage in the everyday journey of life as far as we can forsee it.

Firstly: Physical courage. Strength for the daily task.

Secondly. The courage of our convictions. "Do not be ashamed to own him."

Thirdly. The courage of initiative, i.e., making a new start, taking the lead, where others stand back, courage of perseverance, the courage of resistance.

Shall we now in silent prayer remember: The need of others for encouragement; pray for worried, nervous and timid people; peoples bound by superstitions and fears, and who have never heard of Christ the Saviour. Pray for those haunted by fears that grow from unforgiven sins.

### DEDICATION.

Offer ourselves to be used by God to encourage others as we may have opportunity each day.

### PRAYER.

O Lord, give us grace, we beseech thee, to hear and obey thy voice which saith to every one of us, "This is the way, walk ye in it." Nevertheless, let us not hear it behind us saying, "This is the way," but rather before us saying, "Follow me." When thou puttest us forth, go before us, when the way is too great for us, carry us, in the darkness of death, comfort us, in the day of resurrection, satisfy us. Amen.

### HYMN.

No. 579, "Jesus calls us o'er the tumult."

### BUSINESS.

### MISSIONARY LETTERS.

### PRAYER FOR MISSIONS.

### SOLO.

### TOPIC.

### HYMN.

No. 588, "Take up thy cross."

### BENEDICTION.

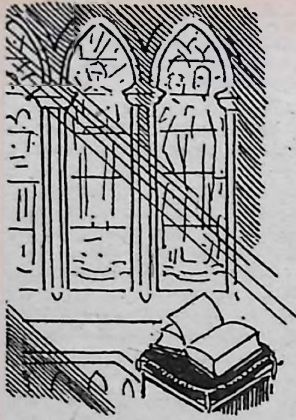
Teach us good Lord to serve thee as thou deservest, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for any reward, save that of knowing that we do thy will, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

## Tasmanian Youth Camp

Easter Camp for Tasmanian young people was held at the Rotary Club Camp, Taroona, where thirty young people under the leadership of E. W. Taylor, with Mrs. Harvey and her daughter from Launceston acting as cooks, had an exhilarating time. One young man brought a bus-load of campers from the Tasman Peninsula.

Study book used was *When I Survey* written by E. T. Hart, to whom campers were indebted for help gained from book. Morning devotions took the form of a "quiet time" when campers as individuals spent time in prayer and study of a set passage of scripture. Day programmes included hiking and ball games; evening programmes, films and a camp concert. Campers were pleased to receive a visit from D. Nicholls and W. Wigney, who were visiting the Tasmanian churches.

A Youth Rally at Collins-st., Hobart, on Sunday afternoon was conducted by campers, Mr. Taylor giving the address. The highlight of camp came on Sunday night when at a Fireside Gospel Service, nine young people made their stand for Christ, five being first decisions, and four re-consecrations. —Milton Wallbridge.



Sunday, May 15

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 61.

Summary.

This passage, especially in its opening verses, is familiar because of the use made of it by the Lord Jesus Christ. Chapter 61 follows upon, and carries out, the predictions of future glory as seen in the previous chapter. The reading falls into two parts. In the first three verses, which have been called "the Gospel according to Isaiah," we see the Lord's Servant set apart to preach the good tidings of God. In these verses, too, we have something of the content of the message. The remainder of the chapter reveals Israel's destiny as a kingdom of priests.

Explanatory Notes.

"The Lord has anointed me" (v. 1). — That is, to the office of preaching the Word of the Lord. In the ancient world, Jewish and pagan alike, it was customary to refresh guests by pouring cool and fragrant ointment on their heads. Cheyne gives us an Egyptian illustration: "Every rich man had in his household an anointer, who had to place a cone of ointment on the head of his master, where it remained during the feast." Two special cases of anointing are mentioned in the New Testament—Luke 7: 36-50, and John 12: 1-11. There are, in addition, many other references to the practice, e.g., Matt. 6: 17; Mark 6: 13; and Mark 14: 8. All of these references are concerning anointing generally. In the Scriptures, however, anointing did have a richer, and more significant use. We are told in the Old Testament of three classes of people who were anointed to set them apart for their special work, and these are (a) prophets—1 Kings 19: 16; (b) priests—Leviticus 8: 12; and (c) kings—1 Samuel 10: 1. It is important to remember that Jesus Christ is the Lord's Anointed One.

"Beauty for ashes" (v. 3). — In the Revised Version the word "beauty" is given as "garland." The people were to wear on their heads the garland of

# THE LIVING WORD

## Studies on the planned Sunday morning readings

joy, and not the ashes of sorrow. Verse 3 gives a lovely series of contrasts which will well repay our study.

"They shall build up the old wastes" (v. 4). — Similar predictions of rebuilding are to be found in Isaiah 49: 8; 58: 12; and 60: 10.

"As a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments" (v. 10). — It is suggested by some that in this verse Jerusalem is speaking, and giving thanks. The allusion here is to the custom of the bridegroom to wear a special head-dress on the wedding day. (See Song of Solomon 3: 11.)

Suggested Theme.

### "THE PERIL OF BEING PRIVILEGED."

Introduction. — What a tremendous challenge we find in the words "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me . . . the Lord has anointed me." When a man can say that, he is indeed a privileged person. But privilege always brings its own responsibility. That is the peril of being privileged.

**I. ANY MAN WHO SPEAKS ON BEHALF OF GOD IS A PRIVILEGED PERSON.** Notice the kind of people for whom the preacher is expected to have a word of help. (a) The afflicted. (b) The sad and the worried. (c) Those who are bound (as by some habit or sin). (d) Those who are imprisoned (as by fear, and the like). All of these are mentioned in verse 1. Those who speak for God need to have a word from the Lord for such as these. Remember, too, that every Christian is a preacher—either by lip or by life. "He that speaks for God should speak in God's strength" (Spurgeon).

**II. ANY MAN WHO IS CHOSEN BY GOD FOR SPECIAL WORK IS A PRIVILEGED PERSON.** — Israel was to be made up again of people who were chosen of God for a great task. They were to present God the Father to the nations (v. 6). We see, therefore, that they were people with (a) real obligations (v. 6), facing (b) rich opportunities (v. 7), and prepared to make (c) required offerings (v. 10).

Conclusion. — Whenever God gives a person some work to do, the privilege of being chosen lays upon that one the stern necessity of acting speedily, gladly, and with a whole heart. Those who obey God's strong and compelling voice, go on to rich blessing and deep contentment!

### NEW TESTAMENT.

Hebrews 5.

Summary.

The greater part of this chapter is concerned with the high priesthood of the Lord Jesus Christ, through whom

we, as Christians, have direct access into the presence of the Heavenly Father. The last four verses have something to say about the difficulty of explaining what has been said, to the readers, because of an unfortunate dullness on their part to understand.

Explanatory Comments.

"Every high priest" (v. 1). — The idea of the high-priestly ministry of Jesus Christ is mentioned several times in Hebrews, e.g., 2: 17, 18; 3: 1; 4: 14-17. Barnes says: "The Jews regarded the office of the High Priest as an essential feature in the true religion; and it became, therefore, of the highest importance to show that in the Christian system there was a High Priest in every way equal to that of the Jews." Then Barnes adds: "In his rank; in his character; and in the sacrifice which he offered, he was more than equal to the Jewish high priest and they who had forsaken Judaism and embraced Christianity had lost nothing in this respect by the change, and had gained much."

"After the order of Melchizedek" (v. 6). — There are several references in Hebrews to this person. See chapters 5, 6, and 7. In the Old Testament he is mentioned in Genesis 14: 18, and Psalm 110: 4. One writer speaks of him as "Melchizedek, king of righteousness and king of peace, who had no ancestry, no birth or death, who blessed Abraham after he had smitten the kings, and received tithes from him, has a perpetual priesthood" (cf. Hebrews 7: 3). The idea in comparing the priesthood of Melchizedek and Jesus, is simply to reveal the permanence of Christ's priestly ministry. As the priesthood of Melchizedek was of a royal and perpetual kind, so in a deeper sense, was the priesthood of the Son of God. The whole aim of the writer of the Epistle to the Hebrews is to show the superiority of our Lord's divine priesthood.

"Prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears" (v. 7). — "The reference here is undoubtedly to the agony in the garden of Gethsemane (Matt. 26: 36-46, and parallels). The intensity of the struggle in the mind of Jesus is revealed in the phrase." — Andrews.

"Oracles of God" (v. 12). — Not, as quite commonly is the case, the revelation contained in the Old Testament, but in this case, the doctrines of the Christian faith. The "first principles" mentioned in this verse are probably those set out in Hebrews 6: 1, 2.

Suggested Theme.

"THERE IS NONE GREATER."

Introduction. — One of the great joys of the Christian life is that we

have an assurance of the adequacy of Christ's nature, position and ministry. In the Epistle to the Hebrews, he is set forth in his supremacy, for this is the letter of "better things." In chapter 5 is seen the sufficiency of his priesthood. Notice,

**I. THE GREAT QUALIFICATIONS OF HIS PRIESTHOOD.** — There are two requirements mentioned. (a) **Human brotherhood** (vv. 1-3). It is necessary for our High Priest to "bear gently with the ignorant and the erring." Our Lord is able to "bear gently" with us because he knows how terrible the strain of temptation is. (b) **Divine appointment** (vv. 4-6). The great High Priest is not self-appointed. He derives

his authority and his office from God the Father. Even as Aaron owed his appointment to a direct, divine call, so our Lord has a high-priesthood which is equally divine in its origin and authority. Observe,

**II. THE GRAND FULFILLING OF HIS PRIESTHOOD.** — This we see in verses 7-10. "Once more the writer returns to one of his favorite themes, and points out again how the experiences and suffering of Jesus during his earthly ministry fitted him for his high-priestly work."—Andrews. See,

**III. THE GOD-GIVEN WARNING ABOUT HIS PRIESTHOOD.** — Some of the people were finding it hard to understand his teaching, so the writer

(a) gives a strong warning, calling the people to attention (v. 11). There is also (b) a stern reminder that not to advance is to be in danger of going backward (v. 12). Finally we have (c) a special appeal to Christians to go on growing and developing—in their knowledge of God, and ability to make right selections (v. 14).

**Conclusion.**—Jesus Christ is our great High Priest—there is none greater. He ministers to us, and calls us to pass "out of the minimum into the maximum stage of Christianity." But the really amazing thing is that he not only calls us, he controls us with his power, so that we can achieve things which would otherwise be impossible.

## Victorian-Tasmanian Women's Conference

### Report of 69th Annual Conference

The 69th Annual Conference of women of churches of Christ in Victoria and Tasmania, was held in Lygon-st. chapel on April 6. Mrs. M. Ward was in the chair for all sessions. The attendances were 310, 400, 300.

Many visitors were present from other States and country. These included Mesdames McArthur, Roffey and Miss Maine from N.S.W.; Mrs. Dawson from Canberra; Miss Caldicott from S.A. The following missionaries on furlough were welcomed: Mesdames Heard, Dixon and Sister Batterham from India, and Mrs. F. Manning from Africa. Mrs. A. R. Lloyd welcomed the visitors, and Mrs. Roffey (N.S.W.) responded.

The devotional periods were led by Mrs. Wilkie Thomson and Mrs. R. McKenzie. Some were missed from the meeting. Mrs. McDonald of Gardiner, who had been a church member for 70 years, had received the home call. Some were sick and could not be present. These included Mesdames G. Mitchell, Hagger, Steele and Tucker. These were all remembered in prayer led by Mrs. Randall.

Reports from superintendents of committees and district Conferences showed that the work each year increases, a vast amount being accomplished by our women. The Missionary Dept. reported £1,092/6/7 in contributions for H.M., F.M. and College. The Hospital Visitation Committee paid over 900 visits to hospitals, contacting over 5,000 patients. Little children to old folks in homes are remembered by our ladies. The Isolated Sisters Committee still continues its good work of writing letters to isolated members in Victoria and Tasmania. Every month, each of our Social Service Homes is visited and afternoon tea, entertainment and gifts for the pantry provided. £2,091 was given by the women of our churches for the Will H. Clay Nurses' Home. The C.O.B. Auxiliary have attended to the needs of students, and kept the interests of the College before all. The

Temperance Committee reports much activity. Thirty posters are in buses. All district Conferences, including Tasmania, report a good year. Mrs. Oliver received £185 for the support of Bible Women in India.

The Treasurer's Statement showed that over £4,000 was raised for all purposes.

The Young Women's Fellowship reported continued growth. There are 36 groups now with a membership of nearly 800. These groups show an interest in all departments of the work and material support has been given this year to Overseas Missions and Aborigine work. Miss Win Waterman was given a gift to the value of £63 prior to her marriage.

The Temperance Committee urged Conference to purchase a film for the teaching of Temperance. This was agreed upon at a cost of £50, which amount was donated as a gift by one of the ladies present.

Mrs. Ferris, Mrs. Francis, Miss Cocks and Miss Roberts delighted all with their singing. Miss Pittman officiated at the organ.

Three short addresses were given in the afternoon to challenge the women to be greater witnesses for Christ and his Church. Mrs. H. Morris spoke on Worship, Mrs. W. F. Nankivell on Study, and Mrs. E. L. Williams on Stewardship. Greetings were brought by Mrs. Heard, Mrs. Dixon, Miss Batterham and Mrs. Manning.

H. A. G. Clark was the evening speaker. The subject was **Women's Work Around the World**. His address was splendid and enjoyed by all.

Mr. and Mrs. Clive Ward were responsible for beautiful floral decorations.

After Mrs. Ward introduced the incoming officers, Mrs. Lloyd expressed the appreciation of the women to Mrs. Ward, and presented her with a Bible and flowers. Mrs. Ward presented Mrs.

Cleland with an overnight bag in appreciation of seven years' work as secretary of the Conference.

Newly appointed officers are as follows: pres., Mrs. A. R. Lloyd; vice-pres., Mrs. Randall and Mrs. Wilkie Thomson; past-pres., Mrs. Ward; sec., Mrs. E. L. Williams; asst.-sec., Mrs. N. McCann; treas., Mrs. Wickham; superintendents: Missionary Dept., Mrs. Withers; sec., Mrs. A. Kennedy; H.M., Mrs. Pettigrove; Overseas, Mrs. Randall; Aborigine, Mrs. McGregor and Mrs. Perkins; Prayer Meeting, Mrs. C. Hall; Homes' Visitation, Mrs. Hodges; Temperance, Mrs. Squires; Dorcas, Mrs. Ploog; Isolated Sisters, Mrs. McIvor; Catering, Mrs. Lowrey; Social Service, Mrs. Ward; Hospital Visitation, Mrs. Manning; Nominating, Mrs. Ward; C.O.B. Auxiliary to be named later. —J. M. Cleland.



### A PRAYER

O God, if I have hurt one heart today,  
Or caused one soul to go astray,  
Forgive!

Perchance I spake a thoughtless word,  
When off my guard, and someone  
heard.

O God, if I have made one life today,  
Less eager now, to kneel and pray,  
Forgive!

Maybe I looked, and nothing more,  
Yet just a look cuts to the core!

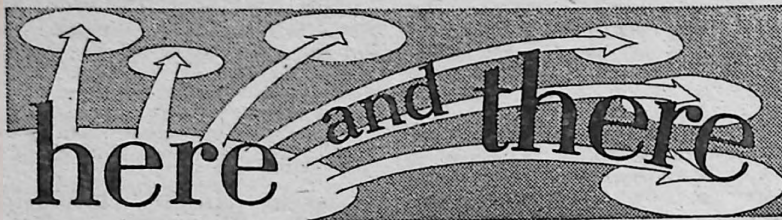
O God, if I have made life hard today,  
For one of Thine in any way,  
Forgive!

Perhaps an act misunderstood,  
Has turned out ill instead of good.

O God, if I have hurt thy cause today  
By action, look or word, or way,  
Forgive!

And where I've failed, dear Lord restore,  
And give me grace to sin no more.

—W. R. Rowe.



The service from Bendigo church, Vic., will be broadcast on Sunday morning, May 22, over 3BO, Bendigo, at 11 a.m.

The church at Maylands, S.A., honored the occasion of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Mathieson's silver wedding anniversary, on April 20. A very fitting, short thanksgiving service was held in the church, after which the guests of the evening received the congregation in the school hall. A delightful programme of musical and vocal items followed, several speakers, including the Conference President (M. A. K. Crosby), paying tribute to the service rendered by both our brother and sister to the brotherhood and local church work in S.A. A two-tier wedding cake graced the supper table and a gift of a silver tea service and tray was made by A. J. Ingham on behalf of the congregation.

The Living Word page during May is contributed by R. V. Amos, preacher at Chatswood, N.S.W.

Services marking the occasion of farewell to Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Stewart at Emerald on April 24, were very fine. At night the building was packed, delegations from several sister churches were present and Mr. Stewart was preacher. The meeting which followed the gospel service was presided over by Reg. Enniss, who referred to the splendid record of service by Mr. Stewart to our brotherhood, covering a ministry of 35 years. Presentations were made by the church and Ministers' Fraternal. A very memorable night was concluded with supper. Many expressions of appreciation and goodwill were expressed to these two fine servants of the Lord, who now retire to live at Boronia. Ian Mackey (C.O.B.) takes up preaching duties at Emerald on May 1.

D. Wakeley, preacher at Loftus Park, N.S.W., will commence a ministry with the church at Hurstville, N.S.W., on July 10.

As we go to press, some concern is felt for Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Taylor and family, whom, we understand, have been detained at Fowler's Bay, due to a burnt-out generator. This has already put Mr. Taylor a week behind in his scheduled overseas tour, but we are hopeful that he will have made the long journey overland safely ere this is read.

Returning to Melbourne from the Canberra church's anniversary on Monday April 25, L. J. Butler's car, in which his wife and C. Ward were passengers, skidded and overturned. Apart from some little shock and bruises no one was seriously hurt, for which we thank God.

G. T. Black, for many years a preacher of our churches in S.A. and Victoria, has undergone a serious operation in the Alfred Hospital, Melbourne. Mr. Black is making good progress and hopes soon to be home.

Sunday, May 8 is Youth Offering day in all our Australian churches. The brotherhood will take this opportunity to encourage and strengthen the hands of those who lead this important work.

From Peter Parsons Log in the British Weekly we cull the following: "The dean of a pastors' summer-school at which I am scheduled to speak on my American trip writes asking for fuller biographical information. 'Do not be modest about yourself,' he urges, and then adds the frightening request, 'Tell me everything.'" We wonder if any of our Toronto delegates received anything like this—and what they did about it!

"I was glad when they said unto me, 'Let us go unto the house of the Lord.' Ps. 122: 1. Here and there are those who have been glad to be invited, and called for, by church members who are vitally concerned about the Lord's work. Your visitation, your word may accomplish far more for Christ than you can imagine because it would be Christ speaking through you. A transposition of the above text may occur to you, "I was glad when they said unto me, 'We will go with you to the house of the Lord.'"

Green H. Hackworth, a judge of the United States courts, was recently elected president of the International Court of Justice. He was adviser to the United States delegation at the Dumbarton Oaks conference in 1944, and at the San Francisco conference in 1945, when the United Nations Charter was drawn up. Judge Hackworth is an active member of the National City Christian church, is 72 years old and is described by Warren Hastings, the minister of the church as "a true man of Christ in every sense of the word." We are glad that such a man is leading the world court.

Dr. Billy Graham, the world evangelist, was met at St. Enochs station by a crowd of 3,000 singing Blessed Assurance. Glasgow is accustomed to teen-agers wildly meeting variety and stage stars, but not to such an orderly crowd of ordinary people when a preacher steps off the train. At the civic reception following the speeches and replies, Lord Provost Kerr sat down at the piano and led the representative gathering of magistrates, councillors, church workers and ministers in the singing of the 23rd psalm. For the opening meeting of the crusade more than 3,000 people with no tickets queued for hours in blinding sleet and snow. 18,000 were crowded into the Kelvin Hall.

*Princ. E. L. Williams,*  
M.A.

#### TO VISIT SOUTH AUSTRALIA

The churches in South Australia are looking forward to the visit of Principal E. L. Williams, during May.

Unfortunately, it will not be possible for the visit to cover every area, but a very full programme has been arranged for the 10 days Mr. Williams will be in the State, and it is hoped that nearly all our churches will find some opportunity of sharing in the visit. The S.A. Committee for the Promotion of Christian Union felt that in view of Mr. Williams' visit to overseas churches, Conferences and Institutions, he would be able to stimulate and educate as once again churches approach the Pentecost period. We are fortunate indeed to have him coming and provide herewith an outline of meetings for benefit of our members.

Where possible Mr. Williams will also show colored Kodachromes of his overseas trip. We look to the support of the S.A. brotherhood in this venture, knowing that it will be a time of great blessing to the churches.

Evening meetings for Districts will be held at 7.45 p.m., on May 18 (Unley), 19th (Mile End), 20th (Maylands), 21st (Kadina), 23rd (Prospect), 24th (Croydon), 25th (Tumby Bay), 26th (Strathalbyn). On Sunday, May 22, the 11 a.m. service from Maylands church will be broadcast over national station 5AN, and we have made arrangements for Principal Williams to be the speaker. During Sunday afternoon, he will be at the Croydon Men's Bible Class, and other men in the area are invited to participate. At night he will speak at Glenelg. The preachers will share in the visit with some lectures from Mr. Williams at a special fraternal meeting on Monday, May 23. The climax of the series will come at the Central Rally for all church members on Friday, May 27, at 7.45 p.m. This will be held at Grote-st. and the Churches of Christ Choral Association will be assisting on the evening's programme. An offering will be received at these rallies to defray expenses.



# INTERSTATE CHURCH NEWS

## Discipleship

- Arnold Baroon, Rosevale, Qld.  
June Kempster, Don Coats, Boondall, Qld.  
Keith Albury, Zillmere, Qld.  
Glenice Howie, Joan Branch, Ernest and Mervyn Matthews, Mr. Deutschmann, Maryborough, Qld.  
Geoffrey Barnett, Douglas Smith, Bordertown, S.A.  
Ray and Noel Waldron, Roma, Qld.  
Gwenda Searle, Daryl McLeod, Peel-st., Ballarat, Vic.  
Mrs. Jones, Joyce and Janice Hawser, Castlemaine, Vic.  
Janet McConnell, Roger Stebbing, Hampton, Vic.  
Lorraine Pickett, Hamilton, Vic.  
Mrs. J. Sibbick, Malvern-Caulfield, Vic.  
Geoffrey Barnett, Douglas Smith.

## Membership

- Mrs. Wilkinson, from Queenstown to Norwood, S.A.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. Kenley, from Coburg to Ringwood, Vic.  
R. Warne, from East Kew to Ringwood, Vic.  
J. Johnson, from Mildura to Ringwood, Vic.  
Miss R. McCormack, from South Melbourne to Ringwood, Vic.  
Mr. and Mrs. R. Jones, from Wollongong, N.S.W., to Boondall, Qld.  
Mrs. Gilmore, from Kedron to Boondall, Qld.  
Mr. B. Chamberlain, from Beulah Road to Semaphore, S.A.

## Marriage

- Daphne Hayter to Bert Chamberlain, Semaphore, S.A.  
Joan Rough to Frederick Rice, Peel-st., Ballarat, Vic.

## Fallen Asleep

- Mrs. Poole, Croydon, S.A.  
Mrs. Benzley, Dandenong, Vic.

## Tasmania

**Caveside.** — Visit of D. Nicholls and W. Wigney was a great joy to church here. The whole district was interested and the building was packed to over its full capacity. Brethren from Mole Creek attended and approx. 20 parents and children came from Western Creek, as well as 80 from Caveside. The church has never felt so much the need of a new chapel, which is now in course of construction. Owing to interest created during this visit, B.S. has decided to adopt an Aborigine child.

## Western Australia

**South Perth (S. H. Wilson).** — Special Easter services were well attended. Elders elected for next two years are: P. Jefferies, K. Ballantine and H. Heyhoe. On Apr. 21, R. Dixon (India) showed lantern slides on work in India, creating much interest. On 23rd, Bible class journeyed to Harvey to attend mission conducted by H. Fitch (Meriden). Youth council organised church outing to Araluen on 25th. Badminton equipment has been purchased, play is being organised, and a full recreational evening arranged for Friday evenings in Hall during winter months. Those responsible are Miss B. James, T. Marshall, M. Hodgson. First get-together was held on 22nd. Church annual business meeting was held on 29th. J.C.E. held tea on 24th, honoring past leaders, Miss G. Shreeve and N. Cooper. Miss I. Beard was guest speaker. 124 attended gospel meeting on 17th. Men's society held busy bee on 16th, much work was accomplished around building, seating repaired and varnished, and lawn levelled to new footpath. Church paper, *Messenger*, is sent to all isolated and absent church members.

## Queensland

**Boondall-Zillmere (R. Clymer).** — Change to early starting time for morning service at Boondall has resulted in increased attendance. Girls' Club now have their new uniforms of gold with blue trimmings and look very smart. Plans are being made for garden party at home of Mr. and Mrs. Smith to raise funds for building a hall. Zillmere ladies held a film evening in aid of renovations to hall. Films included color movies of a trip to North Queensland and Barrier Reef. Mrs. Scott is now home from hospital after an operation, and is making good recovery. Clem Herrmann and Keith Albury have taken up teaching in B.S.

**Roma (H. E. Paddick).** — In absence of preacher at Conference, Easter services were addressed by G. Stibbe and

A. S. Cooke. Increased attendances at both morning and evening services have been maintained. Averages for the past month were: morning 43 (28 communicants), evening 26. On Apr. 17, two were baptised at gospel service. Will Haye has been added to B.S. staff as kinder helper and relieving teacher.

**West Moreton Circuit (W. R. Jarman).** — Youth Director (K. Horne) visited C.Y.F. at Marburg showing slides of Caloundra, and speaking on *So send I— Youth!* Many circuit members travelled to Warwick for opening and week of services. One young man from Rosevale, was baptised at Warwick and later received in at Rosevale. Young men from Northern end of circuit enjoyed a social game of cricket at Albion on Apr. 16. A very good day of fellowship was enjoyed at Mt. Walker on Easter Monday followed by a sacred concert at night. Over 200 were present. Mavis Domrow celebrated 21st birthday party in Ipswich on Apr. 5. Mr. Madsen (Rosevale), A. Baills (Mt. Walker), Mrs. Schumann and Mrs. Kickbusch (Marburg) have been sick.

## New South Wales

**Burwood (J. Henderson).** — In spite of bad weather over Easter, meetings were well attended. Thanks are extended to those who conducted services in absence of preacher who was leader at youth camp at Lake Macquarie. Church was pleased to hear Mrs. Beale speak at evening service on Apr. 3, prior to her return to the New Hebrides. Increases in B.S. attendances are pleasing and as a result of recent competition, winners were taken by car to Jenolan caves. Remainder of school enjoyed a day at Wentworth Falls.

**Hornsby (K. R. Fennell).** — B.S. staff held first working bee to paint the hall on Apr. 13, while sisters of church conducted and supported prayer meeting. A. R. Norling spoke at gospel service on 17th, assisted by E. Germon in song. Annual church business meeting was held on 20th, which revealed church to be in good heart and a year of progress. Church gave to brotherhood work during the year £320/1/1, and general offerings amounted to £655/4/1. Officers appointed were Mrs. L. R. Bishop (treas.), R. Bartholomew, J. Ellerby (sec.), E. Germon, G. Glazier (asst. sec.), A. E. Morton, A. L. Morton and E. Newton. Other appointments were: B.S. supt., G. Glazier; kinder supt., Mrs. R. Bartholomew; organist, Mrs. Bishop; asst. org., Miss J. Bishop; A.C. and C.F.A. agent, Miss J. Glazier; auditor, E. Newton. P. H. Morton spoke on youth work at morning service on 24th. K. R. Fennell showed slides at

fellowship tea at 5 p.m., of his recent holiday, and conducted gospel service assisted by Mrs. Wardsworth and Mrs. Hewitt in song.

**Hurstville.**—During March and April church was indebted to following brethren for messages at the morning services: Chaplain B. E. Cavill (Brisbane), A. Rae (Marrickville) and W. S. French, W. Walton, E. J. Cowan (Hurstville). Woolwich College board is assisting during the time church awaits coming of new preacher, with the services of three students, K. Beadle and K. Crawford alternate Sunday evenings, and G. Wladysulk, Wednesday prayer meetings. The month of June is to be spent in painting and repair work to the manse. Prayers are for Mr. and Mrs. Saxby who are ill, and for Mr. Flynn, who is critically ill in A.G.H. Repat. Hosp., Concord.

**Lismore (A. C. Caldicott).**—Annual meeting was held on Apr. 18. Elders elected were: E. J. Walker, Ron Wotherspoon, G. M. Davis, and C. L. Savill; deacons; W. Willis, R. R. Wotherspoon, R. Lehman, J. Bignill and A. J. Stevens. Church resolved to honor Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Wotherspoon, both have acted as secretaries of church and Women's Guild respectively for 29 years each. Also long service honors go to C. L. Savill, 50 years an officer, and G. M. Davis near 40 years. Mrs. E. C. Savill will shortly celebrate her jubilee of 50 years as deaconess. Treasurer reported year's balance £3,446, including £1,141 Flood Relief. Women's Guild handled over 1,000 garments at Base Hospital. Over three years 153 decisions recorded, 133 baptisms. Preacher shortly commences fourth year in Lismore. 27 were in camp at Burleigh over Easter. An enthusiastic programme contemplates moves in several directions. Three Crusader Soccer teams are playing in the Lismore District Competitions.

**Inverell (E. F. G. McIlhagger, B.A.).**—During preacher's absence conducting mission at Doonside, services are being conducted by S. Laney (Burwood). B.S. picnic was held on Easter Monday. Average attendances for Mar. were 62 a.m., 41 p.m. Recent visitors were Mr. and Mrs. R. Goode and Sis. A. Bartram (Murwillumbah), W. Bagley (Bexley) and Sis. Donellan (Earlwood).

**Rockdale.**—A. Norling was speaker at morning service, on Apr. 17. Mrs. Willmette, S.A., was visitor. Evening service was conducted by a group of Y.P. from the Youth Dept. I.C.E. held a fellowship tea. Representatives from district churches were present at Women's Fellowship anniversary on 20th. About 140 sat down for lunch. Mrs. Larcombe (Women's Conf. Pres.) was speaker and Mesdames Dodd, Tonge and Partridge were artists. W. Small was speaker on 24th.

## South Australia

**Bordertown (C. E. Curtis).**—Bordertown-Mundalla B.S. picnic was held on Mar. 26. Sound film was shown at Band of Hope meeting on 29th. On Apr. 3, E. P. Hollard (H.M. organiser) commenced fortnight's mission effort following up in church after a week's united W.C.C. mission held in the Institute, which was crowded out on the final night. Mr. Hollard outlined plans for Men's Work on a Federal basis as instituted at Federal Conference, to 70 men, around tea table on Apr. 6, and sound film Talents was screened at mission meeting afterwards. Visitors came from Kaniwa, Vic., and Naracoorte. Attendances throughout the mission were very good, and on each Sunday the building was crowded, even with extra seating. Mr. Hollard's messages were greatly appreciated and have strengthened the members for the task ahead. Two lads from the B.S. and one young man made the good confession. C.E. said farewell to their sec., Miss Betty Hart, on Mar. 30. Miss Hart goes to fill a position on the staff of Christian Rest Home, Adelaide.

**Croydon (W. N. Bartlett).**—Good attendances have been maintained over the past weeks. On Apr. 2 Y.P. took a concert party to Minda Home to give some cheer to inmates. Over the Easter weekend, members of K.S.P. went on a camping holiday at Goolwa under leadership of preacher. A youth tea was held on 17th. This was attended by about 60 Y.P. who later attended gospel service at which three Y.P. were baptised. Fellowship hour at which supper was provided was held after church service. It has been pleasing to see eight Y.P. make their decision for Christ in recent weeks. Church mourns loss of Mrs. Poole, who was taken suddenly as result of accident.

**Norwood (D. G. Hammer).**—Special advertised Sunday evening services are arousing interest and have brought visitors to the meetings. Monthly after-church Youth Fellowship is growing in numbers and youth work is in good heart. Working bees are being held at the manse and the property being improved.

**Prospect.**—Work is being carried on with valued help of visiting speakers. March meeting of Ladies' Guild was addressed by Miss Mann. Good Companions Club recently celebrated 2nd birthday with attendance of 63, including mothers and friends. Prospect Baptist friends joined with us in Good Friday morning service. At inaugural meeting of the C.M.F. on Apr. 13, the aims of C.M.F. were outlined by Don Young. First meeting of C.W.F. was held on 20th, when an inspiring address was given by Miss E. Messent.

**Semaphore (R. H. Sercombe).**—Attendances at services are very good, average communicants 67. Stewardship

week commenced on Mar. 27, G. M. Mathieson was guest speaker. Temple Day was held on Apr. 2, and evening service had a note of thanksgiving

when it was announced that £196 had been received toward erection of vestries. All services were well attended. Thanks to Koongarra Quartet party, Mr. and Mrs. Stacey, Mrs. Wormald and church choir for their assistance. B.S. continues to grow with seven new scholars in past month. Girls' L.B. reports average attendance of 16. Ladies Guild has provided new curtains for school hall. Mrs. Foote addressed the Guild on her travels abroad. Fellowship has been renewed with Mrs. McKenzie and Mrs. Knowles after lengthy spells in hospital.

**Fullarton.**—A. Anderson completed his interim ministry on Apr. 24. His services have been of inestimable value to the church and the teaching ministry at prayer meetings greatly appreciated. Mr. Lawrence and Mrs. Overland who are both in hospital, are now progressing.

**Gawler (A. R. Pigdon).**—Three have been received into fellowship, two by transfer and one young lady by baptism. Members did visitation, preparing for Come to Church campaign. As result of visitation, attendances at first meetings have been greatly encouraging, there being 108 at gospel service. E. P. C. Hollard is missionary and W. Philp, song leader. About 30 members attended Easter meetings at Williamstown on Good Friday. B.S. has entered into efficiency campaign. Mr. Jones, Mr. Hatherly, Mrs. Window and Mrs. Gregory have been welcomed as additions to B.S. staff.

**Murray Bridge (P. R. Whitmore).**—Excellent attendances marked annual united Easter services on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings in chapel, Salvation Army citadel, Presbyterian church and combined communion service in Methodist church on Good Friday. Opening meeting was in our chapel, with 72 present. Grote-st. Y.P. in camp assisted with Easter Sunday services. Two Y.P. attended Longwood camp. Sisters' Guild, with helpers, in large catering project, raised £96, £10 being donated to local hospital, balance being held for hall projects. Many gifts of kitchen utensils and equipment for hall are still coming to hand. Seating needs for hall are now being investigated. Y.P.C.E. continues with good attendances in homes, novel Bible cricket match in home of Mr. and Mrs. Baker, Long Flat, creating interest. Church regrets impending departure of Baker family from district. Dramatic club has commenced, meeting weekly. Men's Fellowship plan visit to Osborne Power station. Young married woman confessed Christ at Anzac Sunday gospel

service. Aged Sis. Downing is unable to attend services, but is remembered for faithful membership over many years. Mother of Mrs. R. Downing has had serious operation in Victoria.

## Victoria

**Peel-st. Ballarat.**—A fortnight's mission concluded on Apr. 3, with youth tea in the afternoon, when Mr. Jackel gave address. After evening service a fellowship hour was enjoyed when a cheque was presented to Mr. Jackel for his services and a word of appreciation expressed. A baptismal service was held on Apr. 1. Meetings continue to be well attended at both morning and evening services. Prayer meetings are also growing in numbers. On Apr. 17, A. Graham was speaker at both services.

**Hampton (K. J. Clinton, B.A.).** — Building was crowded for children's film service on April 24. B.S. scholars and teachers had been guests of church members at tea. As a result of C.S.S.M. mission and visitation, B.S. continues to grow. On 24th, there were seven new scholars and a record attendance of 121. A camp reunion was held with Black Rock folk on 23rd. Miss Batterham visited school and showed slides of work at Dhond hospital to which school recently gave £41.

**Bendigo (R. V. Holmes).** — Many Easter visitors were welcomed, including H. Steele (Croydon) who addressed both services on Apr. 10. Services on Apr. 17 were conducted by J. K. Martin. C.M.S. met with Baptist men at monthly tea. A two shilling talent has been issued to Ladies' Auxiliary members, returnable in Sept. A valuable property adjoining church property has been purchased.

**Castlemaine (G. W. Barnett).**—Three were baptised at gospel service on Apr. 3, and received into fellowship the following week by elder, Mr. Peeler. On Easter Sunday, fellowship was enjoyed with group of Y.P. from Lygon-st. who were in camp at Yapeen. They assisted at both services. Visitation campaign to homes of members has been conducted. A number of members are ill. Mr. Cooper has taken over leadership of Boys' Club which meets on Tuesday evenings.

**Dandenong (L. G. Read).** — Evening service on Apr. 3, took form of film service when *The Power of Prayer* was shown. C.E. Quartet rendered items. During Easter period a group of Y.P. went to Hall's Gap camp and received great help and blessing from it. J. Edwards and R. Geyer (Gardiner) were speakers on Easter Sunday. At evening service on 17th, Miss Frances Cowper was soloiste. After the service a fellowship hour was held. Church regrets passing away of Mrs. Benzley.

**Drumcondra (R. Wilson).** — Speaker at morning service on Apr. 10 was C. Latimer (Melb.). Miss Elinor Mountjoy is home on furlough from Gnowangerup Mission station, W.A. Membership of Women's Evening Fellowship has reached 22. On 23rd, an evening was held for L. Crossfield who is leaving to do 12 months' naval duty at sea. Preacher presented him with a book on behalf of B.S. staff, and Trevor Cole made presentation from scholars in his class.

**Essendon (M. Roberts).** — M. McNicol (Nth. Essendon) presided at morning service on Apr. 10. Mrs. Hutton and Mrs. Grant rendered duet at evening meeting. Explorers held film evening on 16th. F. Manning, morning speaker on 17th, told of mission work in Belgian Congo. C.M.S. held quarterly tea meeting, guest speaker was L. Chapman (pres. C.M.S. exec.). Mrs. William (W.C.T.U.) was speaker at combined ladies' meeting on 21st. At close of morning service on 24th, a presentation was made to Mr. and Mrs. Murdoch, foundation members, who celebrated their golden wedding during the week. H. Grant is convalescing after recent operation. Mrs. Blair is absent from meetings, because of injury to her hands.

**Footscray (A. E. Hurren).** — Mission meetings continue to be inspiring, decisions now totalling nine and two reconsecrations. Messages in song from visitors, choir and local members are appreciated. Delegations from sister churches are appreciated. Cricket club was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Jones (pres.) to celebrate winning of premiership in local Churches' Association. Sympathy is extended to family of Mrs. Trezise who recently passed away.

**Hamilton (R. W. Saunders).** — A married woman and four Y.P. were baptised on Apr. 3. In absence of preacher at Conference, T. Rivett conducted broadcast service on 10th. T. H. Hadden conducted evening service when H. Mountjoy showed film *Light of the World*. F. Kennett and K. Mott have been in the Base Hospital. One day's offerings (£19), were sent to Social Service for Flood Relief Appeal.

**Newmarket (D. W. Hibbert, B.A., Dip.Ed.).** — H. Gross spoke on evening of Apr. 10. Miss G. Batterham showed mission slides on 17th. Bible on the Table was screened on 24th. Mrs. E. Ellis, who is home, has continued to improve in health and has been able to attend services. The confidence with which she awaits artificial hands and arms, and the hope in sight being restored in her remaining eye, indicate her fighting spirit.

**North Essendon (A. E. White, B.A.).** — Good meetings on Apr. 17, especially in evening when 118 attended youth night service. Clubs attended in regalia. Y.P. choir, under Ran. Tippet, sang

two pieces which they had previously rendered in Melbourne Town Hall. Average attendance in Mar. at gospel services was 109, and average of communicants 105. Officers have invited two younger members of church to attend board meetings as junior officers. Miss Beryl Farish will act as minute sec., and Les. Wilson will assist the treas. D. Ploog has been elected chairman of board.

**Ringwood (W. F. Nankivell, B.A., B.D.).** — Church is preparing for mission this month with L. Brooker and H. J. Patterson. Visitation committee has been active for some time and church meetings are being well attended with average of 93 breaking bread over last month. Visit by Mr. and Mrs. E. Heard, and slides of Indian mission work and talk at youth tea were greatly enjoyed, older members recalling Mr. Heard's ministry with the church. Fellowship with another former minister, V. Quayle, and his message was also greatly appreciated. Men's Society visited General Motors Works, and at quarterly tea had helpful and informative talk by H. A. G. Clark. First Degree Good Companions have served church by scrubbing floors and cleaning hall. Visit by Boronia Dramatic Society gave a very happy evening to church, monies raised being for projector and new church now being erected. A church tennis club has been formed. Y.W.F. conducted song service and gospel meeting at well attended evening service recently.

**Box Hill (W. A. Wigney).**—Preacher returned on Apr. 17 after two weeks in Tasmania on deputation work for Aborigines' Board. Youth tea, sponsored by Explorer club was held and guest speaker was F. Manning (Mission to Lepers) who later gave the gospel message, then screened a film on Leper work. Retiring offering was received. P.B.P. club held its 2nd birthday on 16th with over 100 visiting Betas and Kappas in attendance. A. Cant gave appreciated services to church during preacher's absence. Miss G. Batterham (India) addressed the Women's Fellowship on 26th. Cricket club succeeded in winning C grade premiership in district churches competition. L. Crouch continues to make steady progress towards normal health. Sympathy is extended to relatives of Miss M. Foreman, a loyal member, who recently passed away in the W. H. Clay Nursing Home.

**Malvern-Caulfield (W. J. Thomson).** — A married woman was received into the church following her baptism, on Apr. 17. Several new scholars have been added to B.S. Talent quest on 22nd was a great success. Mrs. Tillotson has again been ill and Miss Jessie Stephenson unable to attend services for a few weeks. G. T. Black is in Alfred Hospital following a major operation.

Ladies' Dept. held a teapot afternoon, Mrs. H. A. G. Clark judged the entries.

**Pascoe Vale.** — Fourth B.S. anniversary was held on Apr. 24, when speakers were D. Hibbert and V. Longthorp. Good attendances at both services. B.S. scholar made decision for Christ on 10th. Recent speakers have been R. Tippett, A. Kaye and H. Hammon.

**Surrey Hills (H. Earle).** — Twenty Y.P. under leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Newham spent Easter in camp at Maroondah, with Ron Oldfield and Graham Gilmour as group leaders. They took for their study the booklet *When I Survey*. At a church social on Apr. 20, a presentation was made, and good wishes were expressed to, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Murray who sailed on 26th for overseas and will return via Toronto. A presentation was also made to R. Minahan and Miss Pam McMillan in honor of their approaching marriage. Attendances at evening services show marked improvement with greater support by all auxiliaries. An all day sewing meeting by Ladies' Guild, resulted in 200 articles for Royal Children's Hospital.

**Wangaratta (R. J. Anderson).** — B.S. annual meeting was held, and G. Benson elected supt., R. Bartlett, sec., and Mrs. M. McIntosh, supt. of kinder. Mrs. McIntosh has served faithfully in the position for nearly 20 years. In absence of preacher on holidays, addresses were given by A. Jackel and Mr. Burriss on 17th, and I. Edwards and R. Ellis on 24th. Miss M. Dinning sang at gospel service on 24th. Discussion groups have been held at mid-week prayer meetings over the past two weeks and much has been profited from them. B.S. attendances continue to be over the 100 mark. Morning service on May 1 was broadcast over 3NE with preacher as speaker.

#### BIRTH

**SMITH.** — On April 28, at Fern Tree Gully Hospital, to Lols and Col, a son — Colvil Kim. Brother for Val and Gwen.

#### DEATHS.

**CLARK.** — On April 24, 1955, suddenly, at Balwyn, Wynne, of 106 Oakleigh-rd., Carnegie, widow of Lieut. E. D. Clark (43rd Batt.), loved mother of Denison and Gordon, loved mother-in-law of Helen and Mary, fond grandma of Lysbeth and Michael, David, Margaret, Barbara, Peter and Rosemary. Formerly of Norwood, S.A.

**PUCKRIDGE.** — On March 25, 1955, suddenly, at Adelaide, Olive, loved mother of Mary, loved mother-in-law of Gordon, loving grannie of David, Margaret, Barbara, Peter and Rosemary Clark.

# MISSIONARY NEWS



(Notes supplied by A. Anderson, Sec. F.M. Board.)

## "OTHER SHEEP I HAVE."

Interest and enthusiasm was aroused at the Melbourne Town Hall on Youth Night of the Victorian-Tasmanian State Conference, when the Youth Department presented a missionary pageant, *Other Sheep I Have*.

The aim was to portray the missionary work of the churches of Christ from its inception (1891) to the present day, using young people to impersonate all missionaries who have gone forth to India, New Hebrides and China. Credit is due to L. A. Trezise, Victorian Youth Director, who wrote the script, and the band of helpers who stood behind him in arranging the programme.

The musical background and darkened hall with spotlight on the stage provided a suitable atmosphere for the presentation.

The opening narration, as herewith presented, was read by the Youth Director:

"I am the good shepherd and know my sheep and am known of mine. As the Father knoweth me, even so, know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep.

"And other sheep I have which are not of this fold: them also I must bring and they shall hear my voice and there shall be one fold and one shepherd."

This is one of the sayings of Jesus which disturb the complacency of the church. How can we work only at home when we know that across the waters are thousands of men and women, boys and girls whose lives are blighted by ignorance, suffering and superstition? The church that is not missionary is not being Christian. It is the very nature of Christianity to spread out, to reach over, to evangelise or perish.

The voice of the Master keeps echoing down the years: "Other sheep I have, . . . them also must I bring, they shall hear my voice . . . one fold — one shepherd."

Churches of Christ in Australia had hardly got started when the urge to be missionary began to grow. Stirred up by the visit of a missionary from India in 1889, the people of these colonies began to look for young people whom they could send across the seas. They had to be young—missionary enterprise has always been a young person's job. Peter, James, John Paul were

all young people when the spirit was given to them, making them living flames to purge and quicken humanity.

So the church called for a young man in 1889 to go out to India. But there was no response. So the call went out for young women to volunteer. One came forward—timidly, hesitantly saying: "I wish I were fitted for this work."

The Federal F.M. Secretary then introduced each missionary or missionary couple as they came on stage, beginning with Mary Thompson (1891-1936) and ending with the missionaries who went forward this year, Miss Dorothy Geyer and Mr. Frank Beale. The early missionary group wearing period costume, aroused amusement and interest, particularly among the young people. When all had stepped on to the platform, more than one hundred were gathered together—missionaries of today meeting with those of more than sixty years ago.

Chinese girls from the Queensberry-st. church brought a realistic touch as they represented the on-going church of China.

With the spotlight still showing on the group, the narration continued:

"The aggregate of this combined missionary service extends more than one thousand years.

"These were the people who in the radiance of their youth went out to find 'The other sheep!' This was the price they paid:

"Their lives; their training; their talents; their richest years — were given and are still being given.

"We will never know what it cost them — how much they paid; how much they endured.

"Sometimes we let them down by — lack of interest; want of gifts; failure to pray. Name them, count them, hold them before God in prayer.

"These are missionaries now on the active list" (missionaries on the active list then stepped forward and narrative continued): "A few years and they must be replaced. Other young men and women must catch the vision. The task is unfinished.

"How many years have we got in India? How many years have we got in the Islands?"

"The voice of Christ still urges: 'Other sheep I have, go ye out to find them!'"

The pageant concluded fittingly with the combined choirs and missionary group singing "Jesus Shall Reign."

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## Nellie Bay — First Camp

A Family Camp, the first in North Queensland, was held over Easter at the Queensland Young People's Dept's new Youth Centre, at Magnetic Island. Although accommodation had been provided for 46, some slept on extra mattresses, as a total of 51 attended. Three came from Rockhampton, three from Mackay, one from Home Hill, sixteen from Charters Towers and twenty-eight from Townsville. More than half were adults, who were led in study sessions by D. Paddon of the Rockhampton church, his theme being "The Way of Salvation." While these sessions were being enjoyed by older ones, Mrs. Paddon ably led the children, with the help of Mrs. Margaret Shaw of Wagga. The visit of Mr. and Mrs. Paddon and Ruth was made possible by the Townsville church, who plan to enjoy Mr. Paddon's presence at the morning service at Hermit Park the Sunday after Easter, and to drive him to Charters Towers from the gospel service.

One young lad from Charters Towers, gave his life to God at the conclusion of the gospel service at the camp on Sunday evening, and was baptised in the sea on Monday morning. Each evening, an inspirational meeting was held, the theme being "Concerning Power." Some discussions in the mornings went well over time, and I think it was agreed that with the essential scriptural doctrines of salvation, should always go the practice of love.

Swims were enjoyed by old and young alike, and rain did not dampen spirits, as this Youth Centre has a huge verandah, and the sun gave some sunny afternoons. Arcadia and the cascades were visited, and a friendly visit was enjoyed from a group of Presbyterian campers, who were all much impressed with our building. A concert on Saturday night, was a tremendous success if laughter is the gauge. Cooking was shared by everyone, and the standard was high.

Both in work, in play, in worship, and in studying the scriptures, the northern churches have never before been so united. We are conscious of this as we sang "Blest be the tie that binds," before the bus arrived at 6.15 p.m. on Monday evening to take us back to our separate isolated corners.—C. J. Beale.

### ENGAGEMENT

WEBB—DALTON. — Joan Beverley, elder daughter of Mrs. L. Webb, 24 Chirnside-st., West Footscray, to Arnold Charles, son of Mrs. I. A. and the late Mr. T. C. Dalton, Tempy, Vic.

### IN MEMORIAM

CAMPBELL. — Thoughts and treasured memories of our dear wife and loving mother, Ellen Elizabeth, who passed away on April 26, 1951.

—Fondly remembered by her loving husband, Hector and family.

DICKENS. — Emma. Called home, May 7, 1945.

"A starlight memory shines abiding and beautiful."

—Bessie Sinclair.

RODGERS. — Edwin. Treasured memory of my dear dad, who passed away, May 7, 1954, at Preston; also dearest mother, who passed away Feb. 6, 1953.

—Inserted by their loving daughter, Violet.

SAUNDERS.—Frederick Charles. In loving memory of our dearly loved father and pa, who was called to higher service on April 21, 1954.

"Though absent, he is very near."

—Inserted by his daughter and son-in-law, Val and Carl Donaldson.

(We regret that this notice was not published in issue for which it was lodged.—A.R.H.)

WOFF. — In loving memory of my beloved husband and our dear father, William Lawrence, who was called home on May 2, 1952.

—Inserted by his loving wife and family.

SMITH. — Lawrence. In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Laurie, called to our heavenly Father on May 5, 1951.

"Time passes, but our memory stays forever."

From Mum and Dad, Coral and Glenys.

### SILVER WEDDING

ANDREWS—EATON.—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Andrews announce with gratitude and pleasure, the 25th anniversary of their wedding, celebrated at Brighton on April 26, 1930, by F. A. Youens. Present address: 174 North-rd., Brighton.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Mathieson review with gratitude, God's blessings over the last 25 years, and thankfully remember all the loving kindness of the members of the churches with whom they have served in N.Z., Vic. and S.A., as they have journeyed along the pathway of life together. Present address: 38 Devitt-ave., South Payneham, S.A.

ROGERS—LANGLEY. — Congratulations mum and dad. Happy memories of your wedding celebrated on May 10, 1930, at Montrose church of Christ. Present address: Cambridge-rd., Kilsyth.

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Ernest Jacobs.

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The large attendances at the church and graveside showed the high esteem in which our brother was held by the church and the community.

Together with his late brother, Mel. Jacobs, he was a pioneer in the Mt. Compass district. He was also a pioneer in the establishment of the church at Mt. Compass. In the early days he used to walk from Mt. Compass to Willunga to be present at the Lord's Table on the Lord's Day. It is to such men as he we owe the early triumphs of our Movement. They loved "the plea" and deemed no sacrifice too great if it advanced the cause of New Testament Christianity. A man of deep sincerity, he loved the Church for which Christ died. The home and the church were his supreme interests, and those who knew him best esteemed him most.

The writer was assisted at the church and graveside by W. B. Manning, a former preacher at Mt. Compass, and the Conference President, M. A. K. Crosby. He leaves behind him an esteemed and beloved wife and family to mourn their loss. Fragrant memories, mingled with a glorious hope, will sustain those left behind until they meet again.—G.T.F.

Kesia Florence Duck.

After a short illness, Mrs. Duck was called from this life on March 10. Her passing was sudden, and we are led to believe, a sign of God's grace. Our sister joined the church at Long Plains under the ministry of Mr. Griffiths, in 1910. Eleven years ago she transferred her membership to Balaklava where she continued in fellowship until her passing. Many in these districts remember her for her self-sacrificing service in times of sickness. Always ready to respond to a call, she proved a faithful friend and help to many. She lived to serve. A short service was conducted in the church and at the graveside, where many gathered to pay tribute. Our sympathy is extended to her beloved husband, son, daughters and loved ones.—L.G.A.

David Patterson.

The church at Balaklava will miss the familiar figure of David Patterson taking his accustomed place in church each service. Our brother, aged 84, fell whilst working, and suffered a broken hip. For one week he patiently rested in hospital. However, on the night of April 13, he answered the call and quietly passed on into higher service. We who will miss him thank God for

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his friendship and example. We praise  
God that he was spared the suffering  
that seemed to be before him. We trust  
that he will hear the words from the  
Master's lips, "Well done thou good  
and faithful servant." Services were  
conducted in the church and at the  
graveyard, where friends gathered to  
pay tribute to one who had quietly  
lived and quietly passed.—L.G.A.

Mrs. Ada Lawrence.

On Easter Sunday, the glorious and  
triumphant spirit of Mrs. Ada Lawrence  
was released from the poor, tired and  
worn body, that she might "be with  
Christ which is far better." She was  
in her ninety-first year. Born in Lon-  
don, she came to Australia with her  
family in 1910. Thirty years ago she  
was baptised along with her husband  
by H. Gray at North Sydney. With her  
family she attended North Sydney until  
two years ago when she moved with  
her daughter, Mrs. A. F. Horsey to  
Jerrawa. Soon after this her husband  
died. Mrs. Lawrence regularly attended  
Canberra church, making the journey  
with Mr. and Mrs. Horsey, fifty-three  
miles each way. When services were be-  
ing held in the home she used to take  
part in reading the scriptures, and re-  
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possession was a Bible presented by the  
North Sydney Dorcas Society. Almost  
her last conscious words were an in-  
struction to her daughter to put aside  
her tithe for the Lord. She had a  
gracious disposition, and towards the  
end her one thought was that she should  
not be a burden. Near the last she lost  
the power of speech, but her face lit  
up and her head nodded approval when  
it was suggested that we pray with her.  
The funeral service at Yass was con-  
ducted by the writer assisted by the  
Presbyterian minister, Mr. Mullins,  
who made his church available. The  
note of the services at church and  
graveyard was of thanksgiving for a  
remarkable life, and rejoicing that  
"death is swallowed up in victory." To  
the gracious care of the loving Father  
we commend her daughter, Mrs. A. F.  
Horsey, and her son Cyril (North Syd-  
ney).—G.R.S.

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