

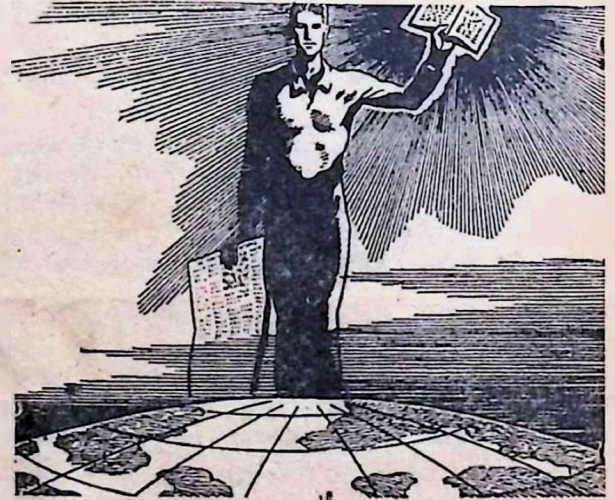
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"**H**OW did Christianity arise and spread abroad among men? Was it by institutions, and establishments and well arranged systems of mechanism? Not so . . . It arose in the mystic deeps of man's soul; and was spread abroad by the "preaching of the Word," by simple, altogether natural and individual efforts; and flew, like hallowed fire, from heart to heart, till all were purified and illumined by it; and its heavenly light shone, as it still shines, and (as sun or star) will ever shine, through the whole dark destinies of man."—*Thomas Carlyle.*



"**M**OST of the great evangelistic and revival movements have started, not from the council of the great leaders of the church, but from the pressure of the Spirit of God on obscure and humble men and women. It is only rarely that such new beginnings have been acclaimed and welcomed by the church. Much more often the pioneers have been despised, persecuted, and cast out. Only when the verdict of history has declared them to be in the succession of the apostles, only after the success of their work has become unmistakable, has the church set itself piously to build their sepulchres. There is never a time when this warning is not needed. Only if the church is prepared in every part to learn a new humility and a new sensitivity to the voice of God, can it be safe from the danger of falling again into this oft-repeated error."—*Stephen C. Neill.*

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## Jubilee Celebrations at Kyneton, Vic.

It was in 1903 that Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Harman commenced meetings for "breaking of bread" in their Kyneton home. By 1905, meetings were being held in the Zetland Hall, and in January of that year eight people were enrolled as foundation members of the church of Christ at Kyneton.

In January, 1928, the present chapel was opened, and recently much improved with several coats of cream paint, with red roof and trimmings.

Jubilee celebrations held on April 16 and 17, were a great success, and will long be remembered by all those who attended. The church was delighted to have one foundation member present, in the person of Mrs. Jenkin (nee Elsie Harman), of Preston.

Celebrations commenced on Saturday afternoon, with a reception, following which, greetings were read by E. Harridge (sec.), and a short history was read by the president of the Board of Officers, G. N. Goudie. Shoulder sprays were presented to Mrs. Jenkins, Miss M. Beer, and Mrs. T. Crymble, who with T. Price are earliest members, still in membership. Reminiscences, and a visitors' book were other highlights of the occasion.

A bountiful jubilee tea was held in the Mechanics' Hall, a centre of interest being the two tiered birthday cake.

B. F. Huntsman (Vic. Conf. Pres.), was the speaker at the thanksgiving service held in the evening, when musical items were rendered by the youth choir, and the Goudie quartet party from Hamilton.

At the "every member present" service on Sunday morning, June and Irvine Goudie sang a duet, and Mr. Huntsman gave the address. At the inspirational service at night, a former member of the Drummond church, A. C. Mudford, was the speaker, and musical items were given by youth choir, and a solo by R. Patterson.

Former preachers, H. A. Saunders, and R. Patterson, took part in some of the services, along with D. Oakes, present student preacher. Attendances were large, many former members and friends returning for the occasion.—J. C. Goudie.

## News of An Ancient Naval Base

A recent news item to the effect that Israel plans to set up a modern smelting plant at Ezion-geber, to exploit the deposits of copper ore there, is intriguing, for Ezion-geber was known to the Hebrews in the early days of their history. It became one of the greatest naval bases of the ancient world. Moses knew it well, having passed through it on his way to the land of Midian, and again as he returned to Egypt at the behest of God. When he led the children of Israel from their Egyptian bondage they passed through Ezion-geber. After wandering for forty years in the wilderness, they came to it again before marching north to the conquest of Canaan.

This ancient city was situated at the head of the Gulf of Akabah, and it was used by Solomon as a great commercial port, six hundred years after his forefathers had passed by it. In 1 Kings 9: 26 we read:

*"And King Solomon made a navy of ships in Ezion-geber, which is beside Eloth, on the shore of the Red Sea, in the land of Edom."*

As we know, Solomon had made an alliance with Hiram, king of Tyre, and Hiram sent his navy and experienced seamen to help him gather gold and bring it from Ophir as well as almsg trees and precious stones. In 1 Kings 10: 22—

*"For the king had at sea a navy of Tharshish with the navy of Hiram: once in three years came the navy of Tharshish, bringing gold, and silver, ivory, and apes, and peacocks."*

John Masefield's poem "Cargoes" is probably far better known than the above from which he takes the following portion—

*"Quinquereme of Nineveh from distant Ophir,  
Rowing home to haven in sunny Palestine  
With a cargo of ivory,  
And apes and peacocks  
Sandalwood, cedarwood and sweet white wine."*

Solomon's sailors had been to Ophir a thousand years before that. According to those who are supposed to know, quinqueremes did not come into use until after 300 B.C. These ships had five banks of oars. The biremes, ships of two banks of oars, were the largest afloat in Solomon's day, so far as is known, though one could quite easily believe that Solomon may have had larger ships.

The land of Ophir is still somewhat of a mystery. Josephus said it was India, whilst others believe that it was Arabia along the shores of the Red Sea. But some day that question will be settled in the same way as the spade and work of archaeologists and the enquiry of scholars have settled so many of the historical Biblical sites, which those, only too ready to discredit the Book, claimed that such places had never existed.

Ezion-geber appears once again in the Old Testament. It is some four hundred years after Solomon, when Jehoshophat made an effort to restore prosperity to Judah by reviving trade with Ophir. To this end he had his deputy in Edom build a fleet of ocean-going vessels (possibly ten, although Moffatt says one). We find the story in a single verse of scripture; viz., 1 Kings 22: 48—

*"Jehoshophat made ships of Tharshish to go to Ophir for gold: but they went not; for the ships were broken at Ezion-geber."*

Whether the fleet was broken by enemy action or was wrecked upon the reef before it had cleared the harbor we do not know—and may never know in this world. When, however, the ships lay broken and shattered, so were Jehoshophat's hopes, and with them died Ezion-geber.

For two thousand years the once mighty port and naval base was little more than a name which was printed broadly across the maps because its exact site was unknown. But a few years ago, Nelson Glueck, now Principal of the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, located and explored it, uncovering the ancient smelting furnaces which Solomon had built.

Ezion-geber will possibly be restored to some of its former glory which, we hope, will be used to bless posterity. Whatever our hopes on that score, however, we cannot think of the city without realising how transient is temporal power and glory. Unless nations, countries or cities, not only seek that "righteousness which exalteth a people" but maintain it, they may all too quickly become one with Nineveh and Tyre and Ezion-geber.

Again Ezion-geber reminds us of those who have sent their ships out and they have returned with rich burdens. We may think also of those who failed to send any ships out, but who never ceased to complain that life had dealt with them hardly. Changing the figure, they are like the man who buried his talent. But we think also of those whose ships, like Jehoshophat's, got no further than the harbor bar. All the golden dreams of yesterday are unfulfilled, and all the grand hopes we possessed are now shattered. Few, if any, go through life without some such experiences. But there is one great spring of sustaining power left to us whereby our cherished dreams and hopes may be revived. It is faith. Faith in God as a loving, heavenly Father. What a wonderful thing it is to know him as such and to have his presence, thought and power permeate our whole existence. To know that from even the worst tragedies that can befall men, he ever works to bring good out of such, to those who love and trust him.

DAVID G. HAMMER, Norwood, S.A., writes of . . .

# "Shining Where Light is Needed"



Philippians 2: 15, 16, ". . . in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world, holding forth the Word of Life."

The traveller is coming home late at night. A biting wind is blowing, and the darkness presses close around him. But as he comes to the top of a slight rise, the lights of the distant town twinkle before his gaze, friendly, warm and cheerful. That sudden glimpse of lights in the darkness is enough to renew his vigor, and spur him on! In the Christian life, there are many weary pilgrims, travelling through a dark and dreary wilderness, who are looking for an encouraging light. Perhaps Paul was thinking of some such traveller as he wrote to the Christians at Philippi, reminding them that they were lights in a dark world.

If we are to be the Lord's lights, most of us would prefer to shine where the company is good, where there are many other lights nearby sharing in the task of dispelling gloom. We would prefer to be like the light on a busy street, where neon signs are flashing, and lighted doorways are making yellow paths across the pavement. "Let me shine in the church," we say. "I want to be in the company of the saints.-I dread the loneliness and darkness of the outside world." But perhaps the Lord has other plans for our lives. He may not want us to shine in the busy street, or over the front door to welcome visitors, or in the reception room where the talk is gay, and laughter rings. There are many dark corners in the world. And the darker the corner, the more the light is needed! Perhaps there is some steep cellar stair, where danger lurks, and people come but seldom. In such a place, opportunities for usefulness are few. But when the necessity does arise, how important is that unimportant light!

## 1. Humility

We are to shine, says Paul, "in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation." That suggests, first of all, that we must cultivate that most elusive of all Christian graces, humility. If the Lord has some humble task to be done, some insignificant corner to be illuminated, some dark spot from which he wants the gloom dispelled, let us be willing to humble ourselves to do his will.

In the dark generation of today there is probably less need for neon signs and searchlights, and more need for low-wattage bulbs in dark corners. While

If you want people to see the light then let Christ shine through you.

we struggle to outshine each other along the brilliantly-lit highway, the darkness gathers thick in the alleys. The world does not so much need leaders as servants. "Be not many masters." "He that will be greatest among you, let him be servant of all."

The example of the Lord Jesus himself should be sufficient reminder, for in the chapter from which we took our text we are reminded that he "being in the form of God, counted it not a prize to be on an equality with God, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being made in the likeness of men." See him, shining in the darkness of the village in the hills of Galilee, calling humble fishermen to be his friends! See him stooping to do for them that which they would not do for each other, as he washed the disciples' feet. Here is One who has climbed the heights . . . of humility. As F. W. Faber wrote:

"Jesus, who deemst it not unmeet  
To wash thine own disciples' feet,  
Though thou wert Lord of all;  
Teach me thereby this wisdom meek,  
That they who self-abasement seek  
Alone shall fear no fall."

## 2. Service

The second thought, of service, follows naturally. A light is not simply to be in a dark corner, it must shine. We are saved to serve. We are only lights in a dark corner when we are really shining, holding forth the Word of Life. Here is a simple little illustration someone has provided, dealing with clocks:

"Some Christian workers are like an old-fashioned clock; they will not work unless they are placed precisely to their liking. But the more useful workers are like watches, they will work equally well in any position."

Anyone who has had the task of levelling a pendulum clock will see the point! And anyone who has had experience of that kind of Christian will recognise the type. Or, to come back to Paul's reference to lights, there are many lights which can only shine in circumstances that suit them. But the Lord needs lights that will not flicker when bumped, and will keep shining even when a cold wind blows. He needs lights that shine!

## 3. Steadfastness

It is not enough for a light to shine sometimes! It must be shining both wherever and whenever it is needed. The darker the corner, the greater the need for faithfulness. F. B. Meyer says

"If the Master has put you as a light on the cellar stair, never desert that post because it is lonely and distasteful, and because the opportunity for service comes rarely. To be found doing your duty at the unexpected moment, when his footfall is heard along the corridor, will be a reward for years of patient waiting."

His footfall may herald the approach of some traveller, needing the light to find his way. Or it may be the coming of some child who will stumble and fall if the light be not shining. Or it may be the coming of some timid soul who fears the shadows and needs the encouragement of our light. And, in the final count, his footfall may herald the day of his return. "Be ye therefore ready, for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of Man cometh." What if he came and our light was not shining?

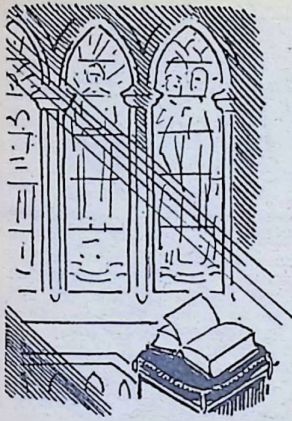
Yes, this world needs lights. It needs Christians who are willing and able to be lights in the darkness. The strength and purity of our lights, and consequently their real usefulness, depends upon our consecration, our surrender. For in actual fact we are only lights because we reflect the light. The moon and the stars shine as they reflect the light of the sun. The Christian shines as a light in a crooked and perverse generation in just so much as he reflects the Lord Jesus Christ. The world needs us, because it needs him . . . therefore

"Keep me shining, Lord, keep me shining, Lord,  
In all I say and do;  
That the world may see Christ lives in me  
And learn to love him too."



"Rise up, O men of God!  
His Kingdom tarrys long;  
Bring in the day of brotherhood  
And end the night of wrong.

"Rise up, O men of God!  
The Church for you doth wait:  
Her strength shall make your spirit strong,  
Her service make you great."



# THE LIVING WORD

## Studies on the planned Sunday morning readings

Sunday, June 5

### OLD TESTAMENT

Psalms 20.

#### Summary.

This Psalm gives the assurance of God's help in the day of trouble. It was a prayer of the people on behalf of the king as he prepared to go out in battle. Stacy Waddy suggests that it was a sacred song to be used in the field of battle prior to a charge, perhaps with the enemy already assembled on the opposite hill.

#### Explanatory Comments.

**"The name of the God of Jacob"** (v. 1). — This is a reference to God according to his known character, that is, he is "God the Conqueror." In Psalm 46: 7 he is spoken of as "God our Refuge." The term "Jacob's God" is a favorite of David, and refers back to the promise of God which is found in Genesis 28: 15. W. F. Barnes gives as a paraphrase: "May Jehovah in his known characteristics of power, eternity, and holiness set thee upon high."

**"The sanctuary"** (v. 2). — Undoubtedly the holy place which David had established on Mount Zion. God's help is regarded as coming especially from the place where he had "set his name."

**"Remember all thy offerings"** (v. 3). — This is addressed to David. We have record of some of David's offerings in 2 Samuel 6: 13, 17; 24: 25; 1 Chronicles 15: 26; 16: 1; 21: 28; 29: 21. It is not suggested that David made the sacrifices with his own hands.

**"Now"** (v. 6). — Duhm suggests that the Psalm was not only used in the day of battle, but was also sung in the Temple on great days in the king's life. First, there was the intercessory prayer for the king (vv. 1-5) which was recited. Then comes an interval during which the sacrifice is made from the offering which the king has provided. Next, after the priests have carefully considered the outward signs, and have satisfied themselves that the sacrifice has been accepted (cf. Genesis 4: 4-5),

the song is resumed, giving the king assurance of victory.

**"Some trust in chariots, and some in horses"** (v. 7). — David's enemies in the north, the Syrians, were especially formidable because of cavalry and chariots. Once David took from Hadazer, King of Zobah, 1,000 chariots and 7,000 horsemen. (1 Chronicles 18: 4.)

#### Suggested Theme.

### "ONLY BY GOD COMES VICTORY."

**Introduction.** — Life is not always easy. There are many times when even the most self-assured people feel the need of help, from one greater than themselves. Notice, for instance,

**I. VICTORY SOUGHT.** The people were conscious of great need, and so they turned to God in the hour of distress. They called on him, not only on their own behalf, but more especially on behalf of the king (see verses 1-5). Then consider,

**II. VICTORY'S SOURCE.** We are not left to ourselves. We have the assurance of Divine help (a) Some people put their faith in the wrong things (like horses and chariots). (b) The wise look to God who has already helped them many times in the past, and who has therefore proved himself.

**Conclusion.** — If victory in Christian living can only come from God then let us call upon him, in faith, and he will hear and answer us.

### NEW TESTAMENT

Acts 23: 1-11.

#### Summary.

Once more Paul has to defend his faith, which he does very well. As a result of his statement before the council there was division amongst his accusers. Fearing for Paul's life the chief captain ordered his removal to the castle. That night the Lord visited Paul to encourage him, and gave him a message of cheer.

#### Explanatory Comments.

**"I have lived in all good conscience"** (v. 1). — The words here mean that Paul was claiming to have lived as a citizen of God's commonwealth, that was a Greek and not a Jewish idea.

**"The high priest Ananias"** (v. 2). — Thought to be the son of Nedebeaus, a notorious, scrupulous, and rapacious politician. He was appointed high priest by Herod of Chalcis about 47 A.D. Like most high priests he was a Sadducee. About 52 A.D., he was sent to Rome by Quadratus (Legate of Syria) as being responsible for the risings in Judea. He was acquitted, and when Paul was brought before him he was at the height of his power. He was assassinated in 66 A.D. as a result of his pro-Roman policy.

**"Thou whited wall"** (v. 3). — Or, as some versions "white-washed wall." This contrasts the decent exterior with the unclean contents. Paul was probably not referring to similar words used by Jesus, but to the wall mentioned in Ezekiel 13: 10f, which looked stable enough, but which fell before a stormy wind.

**"I wist not . . . that he was the high priest"** (v. 5). — Various reasons why Paul did not recognise Ananias have been put forward, e.g. Paul had weak eyes; there had been a change in the office since Paul's last visit years before; he was using irony.

**"The Lord stood by him"** (v. 11). — The appearances of the Lord to Paul marked the great crisis in his life, cf. 9: 4, etc.

#### Suggested Theme.

### COURAGEOUS CHRISTIANS

**Introduction.** — True Christian living is a great adventure. It is a life of high standards and great promises.

**1. TRUE CHRISTIAN LIVING REQUIRES CONSISTENCY** (v. 1). — Profession and practice must be in harmony. Lip and life dare not contradict each other.

**2. TRUE CHRISTIAN LIVING REVEALS COURAGE** (vv. 2-4). — It is no easy thing to bear personal injustice, yet Paul shows us that it can be done. That is one of the marks of a courageous Christian.

**3. TRUE CHRISTIAN LIVING RECEIVES CHEER** (v. 11). — It is the Lord's comforting presence which enables us to go on living lives of daring discipleship.

**Conclusion.** — The church and the world today needs, desperately, those who are courageous Christians.



Men may preach many ways concerning the soul's salvation. It is not men's "theories" that we should hearken to, but to the Word of God, "Once and for all delivered unto the saints." When that word tells us to "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ," let us hear and obey. When that word tells us to confess that faith in Christ "before witnesses" let us not deny our Saviour by our silence, but openly confess that we believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. When the scriptures say that we should repent and turn to God, let us do so. And as that word so often, so clearly and so definitely states to be baptised, i.e., buried in the watery grave and raised from it, let us unhesitatingly yield to the will, word and teaching of the Master. It is not the scriptures in part that we should obey, but the "Whole Counsel of God."

JAMES I. MACNAIR in "The British Weekly," makes a comparison in . . .

# Remembering Moody's Missions

The Moody and Sankey revival at the end of last century stirred Scotland deeply. It is the story of how two unknown Americans—one a preacher and the other a singer—created under God a religious fervor that swept Scotland like a flame.

There can be very few left who remember those far off days, but, on the other hand there is a large number of elderly people who lived on the edge of that time, the pattern of whose religious life was shaped in no small degree by the inspiration that resulted. Much of the zeal aroused no doubt quickly evaporated, but sober judgment could, I feel sure, claim that a great deal of the best in the religious life of the generation that followed owed its impulse to the Moody and Sankey campaign.

## "Glory Songs"

There is much that is common between Moody's and the Billy Graham's movement. The same evangelistic technique. The same theology. The same type of emphasis on the authority of the Bible. The same crowds. The same absence of obvious efforts to work up emotion, and the same quiet but impressive intensity.

In method there was, however, some marked differences. There was in Moody's approach no organised publicity. Indeed, on his first visit in 1873 his arrangements completely broke down, and it was only a, humanly speaking, haphazard meeting with F. B. Meyer that gave him the platform he needed. But once the movement got under way, it found an ally far more effective than all the high-pressure American methods that to us older folk, at least, are so very uncongential.

Music is prominent in Dr. Graham's meetings but, as far as can be judged, none of his hymns or choruses has caught the public ear, not even as did the Torry and Alexander "Glory Song." Within a short time of Moody's arrival in Edinburgh, half Scotland was ringing with Sankey's gospel hymns and catching tunes. Many of these were Negro plantation songs, sentimental and haunting melodies into which harmonies that any musically untrained ear could supply, fitted in most satisfying fashion. Others were stirring choruses. The words were in the main just simple statements of the gospel message, with ever-recurring reference to heavenly joys.

Soon, every message boy in Edinburgh was whistling the tunes and quickly multitudes of simple folk had learned their lilt and something of their words.



## Publicity Agent

While the Moody campaign in Edinburgh was going strong, two "funny men" in one of the music-halls stepped over the line of decency. One said to the other: "Man, Jock, you're looking moody the nicht." "Me? Nau, I'm only feeling sankyified." A gasp went round the audience. Then someone gave the tune, and soon the theatre was ringing with the tumultuous singing of "Hold the Fort." It is easy to see how these simple tunes proved a publicity agent that even television cannot hope to equal.

As was to be expected, the Moody mission met, as Dr. Graham's campaign is now doing, with much criticism. Though warmly supported by many of the most respected leaders of the day, by Alexander Whyte, Horatio Bonnar, and others, it was firmly opposed by equally fine people of a different tradition. Especially did they resent the intrusive evangelism that was urged as a duty on the young converts. These were urged to button-hole their friends and face them with pointed questions, such as "Are you saved?" or "Have you found Jesus?" This, Scots' reticence naturally resented.

The success of the campaign was not confined to any one class. Moody's most distinguished disciple was Professor Henry Drummond, who, on his part, carried the torch to circles where Moody did not enter. With students, Drummond had a strong influence. It was my fortune to be present at the last address that he gave to Edinburgh men. He was a figure not easily forgotten. Tall, slight and distinguished looking, and immaculately dressed, his most striking feature was his eyes which, strong and bright and slightly close together, had a distinct mesmeric effect. His address was, I remember, a kind of apologia.

## Ball of String

In 1883, that is on Moody's second visit, I was taken, aged then about 13, to one of his children's meetings. My father, a Scots Puritan of the finest

type, never hid from us, his children, his deep concern for what he called our "eternal welfare" but he was shy about making personal appeals, and it was his habit to take us to meetings where self-dedication was urged. It was no doubt for that reason that we were present at that special meeting.

Through the mists of 70 years I remember nothing of what the speaker said or how he looked, but I do, most clearly, recall something that he did. The great hall (the Glasgow City Hall, I think) was packed with children. While the sermon, which must have been on the formation of habit, was proceeding, I noticed some movement in the front of the gallery opposite, and saw that a ball of string was being unwound and passed along. So thin was it, however, that it frequently broke. When the ball had completed the round the speaker stopped and stooping, lifted into our view a length of a large ship's cable. From this he unravelled a few strands. These he held up and snapped as easily as the string had broken.

The lesson was obvious and that it should have remained with me through all these years proves that at least one boy learned that night something of supreme value.

Humbly and fervently, bow we before thee,

God of Humanity; great is thy care All whom thy Spirit guides, truly adore thee;

Hear thou and answer our Pentecost prayer.

Come as a sacred wind, mighty and rushing

Into our hearts; for we dream of release.

Come, O, thou Holy Ghost, blessing and hushing

All of our spirits in infinite peace.

Pour out thy Spirit! God, give us thy vision

Righteousness spread abroad, through all the earth!

Lift our souls unto thee; seal our decision;

We would but further thy Spirit's re-birth.

Then shall we steadfastly walk with thee, breaking

Bread of thy holy love, shared with all men;

Praying that from its night Earth may be waking;

Pentecost Spirit, Oh, come thou again!

—Gertrude Robinson.

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# MISSIONARY NEWS

## Ministries of Our Women

### SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

The monthly meeting of the Women's Conference, S.A., was held in Grote-st. chapel, Thursday, May 5, 1955. There were 98 ladies present.

The meeting opened with devotions led by Mrs. A. Jones who spoke on the value of Christian home life to young people.

Mrs. Ingham and Mrs. Trowbridge attended the Western Australian Conference and brought back greetings from the women there.

Young Women's Group reported a fine attendance at a "get together" social held at Grote-st.

Migrants at Finsbury camp are to be entertained this month by usual musical programme, afternoon tea, etc. We have been asked to arrange accommodation in our homes for migrant children during the January school holidays, by the Good Neighbor Council.

A number of our ladies offered to sell badges in the street day appeal for the Morialta Protestant Children's Home held this month.

The new wing of the Rest Home is to be opened on May 28, and we are responsible for afternoon tea. There is an urgent need for a woman to be in charge of the new wing, also an assistant.

The World Day of Prayer convenor reported that £200 has been donated to the British and Foreign Bible Society.

There have been 263 visits paid to hospitals and various institutions and usual comforts taken.

### NEW SOUTH WALES.

There were 73 ladies present at the first meeting after the Annual Conference. Mrs. Wylie, of Lidcombe, newly elected president, presided at the meeting. Devotional session was led by Mrs. Frost of South Auburn, who spoke on the "Abiding Christ" (John 15: 1-11). Mrs. Baker sang "Constantly Abiding." Mrs. Hughes, of Manly, gave a summary of the Annual Conference, stating, it was "a pure joy and inspiration" to her. It was a most comprehensive report and brought back to our minds the details of a very happy day of fellowship spent in the King's business.

Mrs. McArthur and Mrs. E. W. Roffey who attended the Victorian Women's Conference gave reports on the work in that State. These were very much appreciated and it was felt that much of what we had heard could prove helpful to us in our work.

Before closing with hymn and prayer, Mrs. Wylie quoted the following: "The proof of Christ's resurrection lies in no theory but in you, in your transfigured, in your transformed, and in your Christ victorious life."

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

### AOBA ACTIVITIES

I have been fairly busy since I have been the only one at Ndui Ndui. I have been trying to help all those who need a little help. This includes three Bible classes, the teachers' prayer meeting, the women's meeting, and their village meeting, as well as giving the children a little health talk each week. I have found out that, by the time I have prepared a little talk for each of these, I have very little time for my own Bible study. But now that Mr. and Mrs. Beale are here all these things will be shared.

Mrs. Beale has not started school yet, and has said that she would look after the hospital for me, while I have a short holiday. I went down to a neighboring missionary's place last week for two or three days. I returned on the Sunday, as that was the welcome day to Mr. and Mrs. Beale. On Monday, after our missionary prayer meeting here, I went home with Mr. and Mrs. McLean, and stayed there till Wednesday morning. Abel Barney said that he would take me over to Maewo for a few days, but the wind changed, and we could not go there, so today I have just been sewing and gardening.

Today Mr. and Mrs. Finger should be in Santo, and as we know there is a trader there with a fair sized ship, we are almost sure of their return by tomorrow. It will be a busy time for them getting their goods ready for Maewo where they will be stationed. Until they have gone out of their house, Mr. and Mrs. Beale are living with me. Mr. Beale is a handy man, and is doing all sorts of jobs round the house — leaking roofs, broken doors, etc.

In May, we are to have another womens' conference here on Aoba when the women will come from the other two islands. It takes a good deal of organising, for it will be no mean task for the women to feed all when they come to the conference, although most of them will supply vegetables. Last year we had one on Maewo, and this was our first women's conference; unfortunately, the women from Pentecost could not be with us, so we just had the women from Maewo and Aoba. I went over from Aoba with about 36 women from eleven different villages, and we were all very pleased with the conference, and the way the women took part in it.

As you can imagine they need very

much help, but it is a joy to see them and realise the progress they have made. Of course getting them all together creates a problem in transport, and we are hoping for fine sea weather at that time. We hear that Mrs. Smith will be coming over, but not Mrs. Jones. Mr. and Mrs. Jones have a big job on hand, getting buildings ready to get their school started. I am afraid they are both very tired, and will be ready for furlough when that time comes later on in the year.—A. F. Kennedy, Aoba.

### AN EVENTFUL QUARTER YEAR

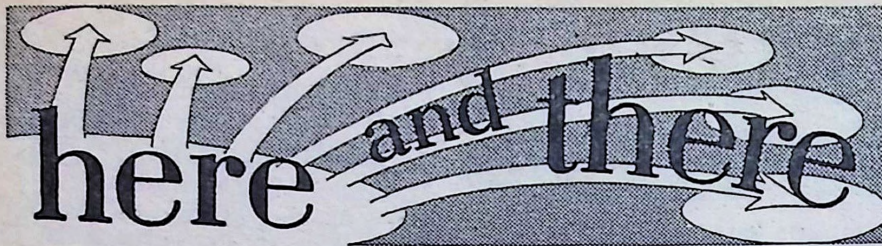
Although the year 1955 is only a quarter past, that quarter has certainly brought some sorrows as well as joy.

As we have mentioned in previous articles, our people on Pentecost are divided into three groups; North, Central and South, and for many years there has been a certain amount of animosity between them. This is quite understandable when we know that it is only about 50 years since these people were cannibals, and old traditions die hard.

We have been striving ever since our arrival on Pentecost, nearly eight years ago, to join these people in Christian fellowship, with a certain amount of success; then suddenly the ill-feeling broke out again and all refused to co-operate. In the midst of this trouble, two brothers in the Central district quarrelled, and the rest of the people took sides. For a while, our position was like sitting on a case of dynamite with the fuse burning. How careful we had to be not to show one man of one group, any more favor than one of the other group. While all this was going on, we had two or three days of earthquakes. One day we had 31 "shakes"; we had to move rather quickly at times to catch things as they fell off the shelves; however, our sole "casualty" was one bottle of jam!

The earthquakes were followed a few weeks later by a near hurricane, fortunately the centre of which passed well to the south of here, but we had very high seas for three weeks, the slipway for the launch was tied in a knot and about 100 tons of stones were left in the place where we usually keep the launch.

That seems a recital of all our sorrows, but the joys came when the two brothers made up their quarrel, the differences between the three districts seem to be clearing up, the earthquakes have finished, and the hurricane has passed.—Jack Smith, Pentecost.



A. H. Pratt, preacher of the church at Mt. Evelyn, Vic., passed away in Epworth Hospital on Wednesday night, May 18, following operations. It was in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pratt that the church at Mt. Evelyn met before the present building, on which Mr. Pratt labored untiringly, was erected. Services were conducted in Mt. Evelyn chapel and at Fawknor cemetery on May 20, at which a number of preachers took part.

Robert M. Hopkins died on Sunday, May 8, in Lexington, Kentucky, U.S.A., at the age of 76 years. The funeral services were held in the afternoon of May 10. Dr. Hopkins was one of the dynamic leaders within our American brotherhood and also in the inter-denominational world."

W. Giezendanner, preacher of the church at Wynnum, Qld., who will shortly commence his ninth year of ministry there, has been re-engaged to serve with that church for a further two years.

Mr. and Mrs. Rowland P. Morris of Brighton, Victoria, have been in New York during the first few days of May. He is on a business trip, visiting a few centres in the United States and Canada. These friends spent Sunday, May 15, in London, stopping off on the way to Geneva. At Geneva, Mr. Morris will attend an important committee meeting of the World Council of Churches, concerning public relations. Following this Geneva meeting, they will travel to Toronto to attend the World Convention, August 16-21, immediately after which they will leave for Melbourne. Dr. and Mrs. Jesse M. Bader entertained Mr. and Mrs. Morris in their New York home.

During April, K. A. Macnaughtan began his ninth year of ministry with the church at Swanston-st., Melbourne.

Third week of the Nelson District Mission effort, conducted by F. A. Youens, Gardiner, Vic., concluded on May 8, with 13 decisions at Motueka. Motueka church building was inadequate to accommodate the numbers attending and the Motueka Memorial Hall was taken for the concluding Sunday. Prior to Motueka, nine decisions were recorded in the week's effort at Annesbrook, and three in the Richmond effort. Mr. Youens is now with the Spring Grove church.

Members of Aldgate Valley-Stirling, S.A., churches, visited the home of Mrs. Chaplin on Saturday, May 14, to honor the occasion of her 90th birthday. An enjoyable evening was spent. Mrs. Chaplin is a pioneer member of our church in the district.

The Austral has a loyal and conscientious staff who are at all times anxious to produce work of quality and satisfaction for our brotherhood departments, local churches and individual clients. Over the years, Austral

#### Christ's Prayer for the Unity of His Followers.

That they all may be one,  
As thou, Father, art in me and I in thee,  
That they also may be one in us,  
That they may be perfected in one,  
That the world may believe that thou didst send me.

(John 17: 21-23.)

trained men have assumed executive and other responsible positions in a number of business houses. Our apprentices are young men of good standing from our suburban churches and one apprentice, Bruce Marston, was selected by the instructor at Melbourne Technical College to have his photograph taken whilst operating a printing machine, and this picture appeared in the Melbourne Herald in connection with Apprenticeship week. Bruce was one of three who obtained highest marks in theory and practice in Printing Trades examination of the College.

The meeting of the Victorian Ministers' Association will be held in the Swanston-st. Lecture Hall, on Monday, June 6. There will be lunch at 1 p.m. and meeting at 2 p.m.

In every issue of *The Australian Christian*, there is news given concerning those who are sick or bereaved. We know that in church and in prayer meetings, prayer is constantly being made for all those who need the special blessing of God. May we commend to you those whose names appear week by week in news items, whether they be the bereaved or those who have become followers of Christ, or those entering into the joys and holy responsibilities of matrimony; that these be borne before the throne of Grace by you.

An after church fellowship was held at Beverly Hills, N.S.W., on May 15, to farewell Miss Edna Lincoln, prior to her departure to Norseman Aborigine Mission station. The preacher, N. C. Reese, and others, spoke highly of the work of Miss Lincoln in the local church and a money presentation was made to her.

## Federal College of the Bible

### FIRST TERM EXAMINATIONS HONORS LIST

**Old Testament:** A. Cant, R. G. Deane, K. Draney, Miss E. M. Galloway, Miss O. V. Laird, J. R. Sutton, R. P. Veal, J. Warfe; 14 others passed.

**New Testament:** D. G. Beanland, R. C. Bust, A. Cant, R. V. Chamberlain, R. G. Deane, K. Draney, Miss E. M. Galloway, Miss O. V. Laird, E. C. Ots, J. R. Sutton, R. P. Veal, J. Warfe; 10 others passed.

**N.T. Greek I:** A. Cant, C. N. Perkins, J. Warfe; 3 others passed.

**N.T. Greek II:** D. G. Beanland, R. V. Chamberlain, R. G. Deane, J. R. Sutton; 3 others passed.

**N.T. Greek III:** R. Combridge, D. Oakes, B. J. Richards, G. D. Rose, R. A. Ryall, J. H. Western; 4 others passed.

**Homiletics I:** A. Cant; 8 others passed.

**Homiletics II:** D. Beanland, R. Bust, R. Deane, K. Draney, J. Sutton, R. Veal; 3 others passed.

**Homiletics III:** A. Avery, S. Bannon, R. Combridge, D. Oakes, B. Richards, G. Rose, J. Western.

**Apologetics:** A. Avery, B. Richards, G. Rose; 4 others passed.

**Religious Education:** D. Beanland, R. Bust, R. Chamberlain, R. Deane, K. Draney, E. C. Ots, J. Sutton, R. P. Veal; 5 others passed.

**English Grammar:** K. R. Milne; 2 others passed.

**Greek and Roman History:** C. H. Dow; 2 others passed.

**Practical Church Work:** A. Cant, W. J. Edwards, J. Warfe; 4 others passed.

**Church History I:** A. F. Cant, I. C. Mackey; 5 others passed.

**Church History II:** R. V. Chamberlain, R. G. Deane, Miss B. Flavel, Miss E. M. Galloway, Miss O. V. Laird, J. R. Sutton, R. P. Veal; 6 others passed.

**Comparative Religion:** Miss E. M. Galloway, Miss O. V. Laird, D. R. Oakes, B. J. Richards, G. D. Rose, R. A. Ryall; 6 others passed.

**Doctrine:** Miss E. M. Galloway, G. A. Hearn, Miss O. V. Laird, D. R. Oakes, B. J. Richards, G. D. Rose, R. A. Ryall; 7 others passed.

**Ethics:** B. J. Richards, G. D. Rose; 3 others passed.

**Economics:** C. H. Dow, K. R. Milne.

—E. L. Williams.

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# INTERSTATE CHURCH NEWS

## Discipleship

Lynnette and Pamela Brogden, Janice Clark, Janet Hansen, Gloria Leigh, Ian Gilford, Douglas and Kevin Rosolen, Mrs. B. Newbery, Mrs. C. Rosolen, Mr. May, Beverly Hills, N.S.W.

R. Bilston, P. Draper, Miss B. Brewer, Prahran, Vic.

Messrs. Carroll and Parsons, Dubbo, N.S.W.

Hazel and Merle Quayle, Patricia Moneat, Gilgandra, N.S.W.

Shirley Cleeland, Collingwood, Vic.

F. Murray, Miss J. Murray, Taree, N.S.W.

Mrs. Hudswell, Miss B. Roche, Clayton, Vic.

Graeme Collins, Colin Power, Bentleigh, Vic.

Mrs. F. Abbott, E. Francis, Inglewood, W.A.

Robert Colson, Keith Burns, Preston, Vic.

Miss M. Lloyd, Berwick, Vic.

Mr. and Mrs. Roseby, Toowoomba, Qld.

Mrs. Page, K. Bullock, Lygon-st., Carlton, Vic.

Phyllis McKenzie, Carol O'Dea, Kalgoorlie, W.A.

Glenys Henderson, North Perth, W.A.

Ian Conibar, Allan and Ron Spencer, Wangaratta, Vic.

J. Stirling and K. Sherriff, Wynnum, Qld.

June Thomas, Dawn Rush, East Ipswich, Qld.

## Membership

Mr. Whitnall from Albion to Kingaroy, Qld.

Mrs. Edson, to Murray Bridge, S.A.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Walters, Miss Shirley Walters, from Strathalbyn to Aldgate Valley-Stirling, S.A.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren, from North Fitzroy to Bentleigh, Vic.

Mrs. McEwan, from Woorineen to Bentleigh, Vic.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitford, from Perth to Inglewood, W.A.

Mrs. Wedd, from Bassendean to Inglewood, W.A.

R. Earl from Warracknabeal to Lygon-st., Carlton, Vic.

J. Siep, from Bundaberg to Toowoomba, Qld.

Miss C. Campbell, Wellington, N.Z., to Lygon-st., Carlton, Vic.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen, from Townsville, Qld.

M. Spencer, from Rutherglen to Wangaratta, Vic.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Carlson, from Roma to Wynnum, Qld.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Wyer, from Bundaberg to Wynnum, Qld.

## Marriage

Joy Sumpton to Don Streader, Gardenvale, Vic.

Ruth Bade to Keith Paton, Toowoomba, Qld.

Dawn Pitman to John Siep, Toowoomba, Qld.

Pamela McMillan, West Preston to Raymond Minahan, Surrey Hills, Vic.

## Fallen Asleep

Mrs. Hahn, Prahran, Vic.

Mrs. Russack, snr., Kadina, S.A.

## Queensland

Kingaroy (P. French). — Cottage prayer meetings are being held in preparation for two weeks' evangelistic mission to be held in September. There was good attendance at both meetings on May 7. Church has enjoyed fellowship with many visitors. Mesdames Adermann and Latcham, are steadily improving in health after long illness. Three have been received into membership by transfer.

Townsville.—Townsville church, with an average attendance of 15, has recently built a youth centre for Nth. Qld. at Magnetic Island. This is the third building project undertaken by this small but enterprising group in ten years. The two church buildings in Townsville are now debt free. A circuit with Charters Towers has been arranged, by the H.M. Committee, but so far no one has accepted the call. About 80 children will enjoy the B.S. picnic shortly. A small C.Y.F. meets fortnightly.

Toowoomba (E. T. Hart and G. Gibson). — In preparation for Faith for our Times Campaign, which is to be conducted by R. Greenhalgh, special emphasis has been laid on prayer and attendance at mid-week meeting has improved. Prayer meeting is also being held after gospel services. Church picnic was held on May 2, when schools competed for sports pennant. This was

again won by Harlaxton. Teachers' lesson competition in connection with Project Day, resulted in Beverley Grenfell, Crown-st., winning flannelgraph section; Ron Hole, Harlaxton, poster section; Spencer Deuble, Margaret Street, blackboard section. Dawn Pitman and John Siep were given a kitchen tea by Y.P.F., presentation was also made by choir.

East Ipswich (R. Hilford). — Interest is being maintained, good attendances have been recorded, highest morning attendance approx. 120, and over 100 at night. During April visitors included Mr. Trudgian who spoke on behalf of City Mission; Mr. and Mrs. L. Finger, Mrs. Finger speaking at Fellowship Tea, and Mr. Finger addressed gospel meeting when chapel was filled to capacity. Church family camp was held at Caloundra from Apr. 23 to 25, when about 60 gathered. Twelve members from Boonah also shared in the fellowship. Two young ladies made their decision on May 1, and were baptised on 15th. Mr. and Mrs. J. McCormack and family, and Mrs. Wyllie were recent visitors. Talent scheme was launched on May 15, with talents returnable in Nov. The amount received will be used in building extensions.

Wynnum (W. Giezendanner). — B.S. again held united picnic on Labor Day. Church co-operated with United Mission which made impact upon whole district. Missioner was E. H. Watson (Sydney).

## Western Australia

Geraldton (H. E. Greenwood). — There were improved attendances at gospel services during April. On Apr. 24, a married lady decided for Christ. First B.S. anniversary services were held in Kindergarten Union Hall on May 1, when there were 43 children and 34 adults present. Junior clubs for boys and girls are functioning well. 30 boys and girls are in membership. There was an excellent attendance at gospel service on Mother's Day, and heartening number of non-members present is clear indication that B.S. is making an impact on the homes.

Inglewood (R. W. Marshall). — At all services chapel has been filled to capacity. During month, five received into fellowship, two by faith and baptism, and three by transfer. Visiting speaker on Youth Sunday, was A. J. Fisher, Lake-st. Much activity among auxiliaries during past month. Kinder, primary and cradle roll held anniversary on Mother's Day. Chapel was packed to overflowing and need for extension to chapel is being felt. Speaker was Miss I. Beard (Subiaco). C.E. held fellowship evening at which church

members were guests. They also held Mother's Day social, posies being presented to oldest and youngest mother present. On Youth Sunday, a tea was held which 46 Y.P. attended. Miss N. Paul, holidaying from Melbourne gave interesting talk. Y.P. took part in evening service. Women's Christian Fellowship held film evening in aid of manse fund. C. M. Nelson showed colored slides of recent trip to Continent. Ladies have paid visits to sick and shut-in members, and Christian Guest Home. Increased attendances at both morning and evening services are being maintained.

**Kalgoorlie (F. Griffiths).** — G. A. Ewers (Conf. Pres.), visited church, and inducted newly elected elders to office. Deacons elected were: J. Denn, L. Denn, C. Wright, W. Tonkin, E. Tinetti, J. Bowden. Easter camp was most successful with 38 present, including a number of Aboriginal Y.P. from Norseman and Cundeelee Missions. Youth Director, R. Hillier was speaker at both services during recent visit, purpose of which was to improve B.S. teaching standard. Men's choir journeyed to Norseman Mission to take part in opening of new dormitory.

**North Perth (C. H. Hunt).** — R. Dixon (India) visited and showed films of work in India. Ladies held monthly meeting. Youth council has met and youth service was held on May 1. J. Stewart, after many years of faithful service, as secretary has resigned, and A. Chatfield has been appointed. Ladies have made gifts of cakes, etc., to Guest Home during past month, as their share in this ministry. J.C.E. gained 22 places in recent District Union Eisteddfod and five places in State finals. Y.P. and J.C.E. members combined in special evening to honor Mother. Boys' Club continues to hold interest of boys who also held a Mothers' night. Fellowship has been enjoyed with Mrs. Ingham, S.A.

**Subiaco (R. Raymond).** — Good attendances are maintained at all services. On Apr. 24, R. Dixon preached and screened pictures of Indian work. On May 1, several Y.P. assisted in a largely attended youth service. Miss Thea Lake and Graeme Black gave brief messages. On 8th, two Y.P. confessed Christ in morning service, and were baptised at evening service. This service was led by mothers of church. It was a grand day for all. Girls' Club (which is led by Mrs. Black) treated the mothers to a delightful entertainment and supper on 10th. Men's Fellowship is going well, and plans are being made for useful service. H. B. Vawser is pres., and R. Marshall, sec. Mrs. Green has left to make her home in Hobart. Recognition of the valued service given to church by Sis. (Matron) Taylor, over many years was made by church and Christian Women's Fellowship at after-church function in April. Mr. Raymond spoke of practical and

valued service rendered by Miss Taylor and of how she was loved in the community. Church and Women's Fellowship joined in making presentations.

## New South Wales

**Gilgandra-Dubbo (V. S. Dallinger).** — Gilgandra church activities are back to normal after considerable flood disorganisation. Elected at annual meeting were W. Quayle, sec.; W. Hodgkiss, treas.; L. and R. Burrell, W. Mudford, T. Quayle, deacons. B.S. anniversary was held on May 1 with good attendances. There were three decisions, and these girls were baptised on 8th. Mother's Day services were held on 8th, and a suitable programme was presented by B.S. Eumungerle B.S. continues, with interest being shown in the district. Mr. and Mrs. R. Burrell are assisting the work there. Church appreciates assistance of Messrs. Greenhalgh and Wylie (Sydney) for help in fencing work on farms. Messrs. Roffey, Gowan, senr., and jnr., were visitors on 7th and 8th. Ladies' Fellowship at Dubbo has commenced activities for year.

**Kingsford (A. G. Elliott, M.A., B.Sc., Dip.Ed.).** — Anzac services were featured on Apr. 25, while on Sunday evening, May 1, there was a visit from Youth Gospel Team. Following youth fellowship tea, R. Date showed slides of camping and other youth activities, and the team assisted in conduct of gospel service, Bruce and Harold Hayward, Jill French and Hazel Louis taking part. Mother's Day service on May 8, proved a fine meeting. School choir sang under Mr. Larcombe's direction. Recent morning speakers, including Messrs. Christison, Crawford and Greenhalgh, have been appreciated. Sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. E. Smith, in sudden passing of their son-in-law, T. Murray. Visitors included Misses R. and J. Jeffries (Annbrook, Nelson, N.Z.) and Miss D. Boettcher (Kedron, Qld.).

**Kurri Kurri.** — During quarter, church had happy fellowship with R. Greenhalgh, Mrs. Murray and daughter (Sydney), Sis. Pigeon (Lake Cargelligo), W. Howard (Merewether), Mr. and Mrs. Aird (Mayfield). All messages were appreciated, including that in song from Sis. G. Hunter and Mr. and Mrs. Aird. Eight persons made the good confession and all were baptised.

**Lismore (A. C. Caldicott).** — 140 communed on Mother's Day. Average communicants 110-120. Messrs. G. B. Davis and D. Willis, Woolwich Bible College, have shared in services. A. C. Caldicott has entered fourth year of service. Three Crusader soccer teams are playing enthusiastically in district games. All departments are in good heart.

**Marrickville (P. E. Thomas, B.A.).** — Attendance and interest at mid-week services has increased. Prayer meeting on May 4, was presented by deacons

of church, when C. Maxwell led meeting, and L. E. Thomas, E. Button and K. A. Rae gave short messages concerning worship services. Bible class organised barbecue on 7th, at Woronora River when thirty enjoyed time of fellowship. Outing concluded with a sing-song around camp fire. Gospel service on 8th, was arranged by Women's Fellowship. Meeting was led by Mrs. Paris, assisted by other ladies, and message was presented by Mrs. Lewis. Fellowship formed choir and rendered message in song. Ladies also arranged prayer meeting on 11th, when Mrs. Stinson led meeting, and Miss G. Paris conducted helpful discussion. Evening service on 15th was led by T. Benson with help of representatives from Boys' Club and J.C.E. Message was delivered by J. Dean. After many years association, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ferguson, because of distance and transport difficulties, are transferring their membership to Hurstville. Appreciation is expressed to speakers W. Hill, R. Greenhalgh, Dr. Crisp, W. French and J. Dean, whilst preacher was on vacation.

**Beverly Hills (N. C. Reese).** — At annual meeting of Women's Fellowship on May 4, Mrs. J. Dixon was appointed pres., Mrs. White, sec., and Mrs. Hansen, treas. About 100 women sat down for lunch, after which Mrs. Collins (A.I.M.) addressed the gathering. B.S. had special services for Mother's Day and C.E. held social in honor of Mother during the week. Cooking demonstration arranged by C.E. resulted in £21 being raised towards funds for building extensions.

**Hornsby (K. R. Fennell).** — Anniversary month meetings continued on May 8, when gospel service took form of youth night. E. Newton conducted service, B.S. contributed an item, two members of Clubs read Scriptures, and preacher gave flannelgraph talk. I. A. Paternoster showed slides of work in New Hebrides on 11th. At gospel service on 15th, Sisters' Fellowship assisted, Mrs. Bishop rendered solo, Fellowship sang, and two read Scriptures. Sisters were represented at anniversary of Epping Fellowship on 10th. Annual offering for Y.P.D. has amounted to £13/9/-. Some members have been ill. Fellowship with visitors has been enjoyed. Assisting speakers have been A. and R. Surtees. Appreciation is expressed to T. Morton for his excellent workmanship in making the second pulpit.

**Taree (M. H. A. Pieper).** — Good interest is being shown in all departments of work. Mother's Day services on May 8 were well supported, 82 were present at communion service, and 83 in evening. One was received into fellowship. Appropriate messages for the day were presented. On 15th, on eve of 92nd church anniversary, A. W. Billingham spoke at morning worship on Reflections of the Past. D. McElvenny (Kingsford) has been invited by New Building Committee to prepare plans of new chapel

to be erected at Taree. Fellowship was enjoyed with him on 15th. At recent meeting of Taree and Wingham officers it was decided to hold tent mission at Wingham towards end of year.

### South Australia

**Forestville (W. A. Russell).** — Happy spirit prevails in church and auxiliaries, and good work is being done. Attendances are good, especially at the morning service. On Mother's Day, 112 communed, and ladies' choir took part in evening service. J.C.E. and I.C.E. are in healthy condition. 80 people were present at combined C.E. on Mother's Day. House System in B.S. is creating interest, best attendance being 184. Girls' and boys' basketball teams have entered the church of Christ Assoc. Weekly instruction class for new converts is well attended. M. Clarke has returned from England and Continent. Sympathy of church is extended to Mrs. Shipard in loss of her sister, and to C. Reynolds in loss of his mother.

**Fullarton (A. W. Morris).** — Attendances are somewhat affected by school holidays, but morning service was well attended on May 15. Mr. Craddock led song service prior to gospel meeting. G. Cox, H.M. chairman, was present, and Miss J. Outlaw was soloiste. After church service youth fellowship at manse was greatly enjoyed. Mrs. Overland is back in worship again after a term in hospital.

**Aldgate Valley-Stirling (R. Graham).** — B.S. picnic at Kingston Park was a happy day of fellowship and fun. Combined gospel meetings are still well attended, particularly at Valley, where one young lady recently made her decision. Preacher has obtained house near manse site in Aldgate, and is now able to do more visitation work and assist in schools. B.S. at Stirling average attendance of 48 is being maintained. Youth offering has reached £10. £10 was also forwarded to N.S.W. Flood Appeal. Aldgate Valley Dorcas continues to do good work. On Mother's Day, combined gospel service at Valley was attended by over 60 people. At conclusion, B.S. girls presented posies to three mothers: Sis. S. Harslett (A.V.), L. Walters (Sterling), and Long (visitor). A bright session of favorite hymns selected by mothers was enjoyed, after which B.S. girls served refreshments. A notable absentee through sickness, was aged S. Harslett, notable because he has not missed a service for about 20 years.

**Grote-st., Adelaide (A. W. C. Candy).** — Attendances at morning and gospel services are well maintained, there being three decisions in recent weeks. Mid-week prayer meetings are creating interest. B.S. centenary services proved great success, many old scholars coming back to Grote-st. On May 4, 104 old scholars attended tea in Lecture Hall, followed by concert given by

B.S. scholars. G. Whiting (Youth Director) was speaker. Special Mother's Day service was conducted on evening of May 8, after which A. R. Jones showed films on Prayer and Bible Study in the Home. C.E. entertained Blackwood Y.P. on 16th.

**Murray Bridge (P. Whitmore).** — 43rd church anniversary services were marked by large congregations, acceptable messages from C. E. Curtiss (Bordertown), messages in song from Mrs. M. Campbell (Murray Bridge) and Miss G. Jacklin (Strathalbyn) and splendid offering of £138 for hall finances, including gifts of £5 from J.C.E., £10 from Y.P.C.E., £20 from B.S., and £20 from Sisters' Guild. Mother's Day services on May 8 featured special parents' and scholars' tea, and demonstration at B.S. by kinder dept., with many parents present. At evening service a married woman and two young married men confessed Christ, one being husband of earlier convert. All four were baptised at evening service on 15th in presence of large congregation of approx. 120. A lady has been received by letter of transfer. Sisters' Guild had interesting meeting with visitors representing H.M. Dept. Church regrets impending departure of Spencer family for Port Lincoln. Mr. Spencer has played major part in supervising and installation of electrical wiring for new hall. Flooring of hall and ante-rooms is rapidly nearing completion under direction of J. Bartlett (Croydon) and internal plastering is almost completed. Sympathy is extended to C. Grundy in passing of his brother.

**Kadina (R. E. Ewers).** — After recent morning service, Mr. and Mrs. E. Rose were presented with wallet of notes. S. Trenwith, spoke of their long connection with church and of Mr. Rose's faithful work as organist, officer, teacher in B.S., and member of choir. Mr. and Mrs. Rose are now residing at Kilkenny. After two years of brotherhood effort, six-roomed modern manse will be opened on May 21. Ladies' Guild held very successful anniversary service at Mother's Day evening service, only ladies taking part. Mrs. Green (Adelaide) was speaker. Birthday afternoon on 12th, was well attended, several ladies contributing solos, and Miss Cameron (missionary) being speaker. Birthday cake, cut by Miss Cameron, was sent to Christian Rest Home, Adelaide. Venetian blinds and modern electric stove, at cost of over £150 have been donated by ladies for manse. Church has been saddened by death of Mrs. Russack, snr., mother of church sec., Alf, and Keith, church officer.

**Kilburn (H. G. Norris).** — Sisters' Guild arranged family night on May 17, when over 100 attended. Mrs. Lawrance (pres.) welcomed Cosmo group of entertainers, who provided excellent programme of songs, music and humorous elocutionary items, with Mrs. C. Kelly ably supporting with

solos. To close programme, Mrs. Norris led devotional session giving helpful Family Talk. Happy evening was concluded with basket supper. Offering for new chapel furnishings was received.

### Victoria

**Bentleigh (J. Wiltshire).** — Successful meetings marked annual missionary week. Five societies were represented, including our own work in India. Offering of £66/14/- will be divided between the societies. On May 1 and 8, average of 144 communed. There were two baptisms on 8th. Y.P.S.C.E. have commenced open air work on Saturday evenings in the district.

**Berwick (R. Chamberlain).** — Several members travelled to Emerald to attend recent farewell social to Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Stewart. One young lady was baptised recently. Mrs. S. Hillbrick is making good progress after operation. J. Edwards (Dandenong) spoke at morning service on May 15 in absence of preacher who is assisting in mission at South Melbourne. Y.P. and B.S. tea was held on 8th, when Y.P. held youth parade, and took part in evening service.

**East Malvern (R. N. Gilmore).** — On May 1, men's tea was held in hall, at which D. Macrae, chaplain of Melbourne University gave talk on his work amongst students. Steps were taken to form a branch of the C.M.S. under presidency of R. Gilmore. L. Butler (Hartwell) gave valuable assistance in this direction.

**Essendon (M. Roberts).** — B.S. anniversary services were held on May 1 and 8. Speakers were L. Brooker, P. Foster, A. E. Smith and M. Roberts. Children sang well under baton of C. Ferguson. Kinder supt., Mrs. C. Ferguson, presented cradle roll certificates at afternoon service on 8th. Y.W.F. visited Institute of Archaeology on 3rd. W. Fordham (Camberwell) presided at morning service on 8th. Explorers entertained mothers at social evening on 10th. Mrs. Bone (snr.), is unable to attend meetings, because of illness.

**Gardenvale (H. A. Hunt).** — Ladies' Fellowship held 5th anniversary on May 3, when guest speaker, Mrs. E. L. Williams, spoke on living conditions in Germany. Presentation was made to retiring sec., Miss J. Sumption, prior to her marriage to D. Streader. B.S. also presented a gift. Both these folk have rendered loyal service over a period of years and will be missed from the local church. Mr. Hattwell, confined through illness, is slowly improving. Miss E. Heiden is holidaying in W.A. Two weeks mission with J. Robinson (Campaigners for Christ) has concluded, and although results are somewhat disappointing, church has been strengthened in its witness and faith.

**Harcourt (G. W. Barnett).** — Women's Fellowship celebrated 3rd birthday on May 5. Ladies from Castlemaine and

Bendigo were present. Mrs. Manning (Melbourne) was speaker. Cake was made by Mrs. Farrar and decorated by Mrs. C. Hall. Special afternoon service was held on 8th for Mother's Day. Chapel was filled to capacity when G. Barnett was speaker. Items by Good Companions were rendered; they also served afternoon tea. Northern District Conference was held at Harcourt when 111 were present. W. W. Saunders was speaker.

**Lygon-st., Carlton (L. G. Burgin).** — Youth Sunday was featured on May 8, when number of Y.P. took part in evening service. Mrs. Higgins was recipient of basket of flowers for Mother's Day. Visitors have included Mr. and Mrs. Rogers and daughter (Warracknabeal), Mr. and Mrs. Houston and daughter (Bendigo). Sympathy of church has been expressed to Miss J. Woonan in death of her mother. Four have recently been added to church, two by faith and baptism, and two by transfer.

**Prahran (P. Retchford).** — E. Heard (India) spoke on May 1. Senior C.E. meetings are a great help to all who attend. Prayer meetings are continuing to be well attended; over a period of three months, meetings have averaged over 50 present. Lady from W.C.T.U. attended W.M.B. and gave demonstration of cool drink making. South Yarra ladies attended.

**Preston (J. E. Searle).** — Screening of films *The Resurrection* and *The Ascension* concluded a series during which good congregations were maintained. Mother's Day was special feature on May 8, when two ladies assisted in evening service, and solo was rendered by Mrs. H. Chapman. White flowers were distributed by Y.P. P.B.P. club entertained mothers on 10th; each mother receiving a gift. Junior Boys' Club has been formed, over 20 members having been initiated. Men's Society enjoyed visit to Royal Melbourne Hospital laundry. At close of gospel service on 17th, two young men made the good confession.

**Bambra-rd., Caulfield (E. J. Miles).** — Preacher, with R. Whittaker as song leader conducted fortnight mission with church at Ascot Vale. Church has appreciated messages of visiting speakers including E. Heard (India), H. B. Robbins, Chaplain G. Crossman (R.A.A.F.), and V. Gole. Attendance and interest are a source of encouragement. Building was packed to capacity at evening service on Mother's Day when number of Y.P. assisted preacher in special service for youth. P.B.P. choir under leadership of Miss J. Milne, and quartet party, made valued contribution to an impressive service, there was one confession. On 15th, a married man made the good confession. Stewardship is theme during month of May in teaching ministry by preacher. Plans for 35th church anniversary services

should promise an enriching experience. P.B.P. have two teams in Basketball competition whilst young men are having successful season in football competition.

**Clayton (J. Reid).** — Miss S. Corner (U.A.M.), was guest speaker at open B.S. on Mother's Day. Record attendance that day was 155 with seven visiting mothers. Primary dept. has been started. W.M.B. entertained guests at Christian Guest Home recently. I.C.E. visited 3KZ to assist in recording of This is Life programme. There have been two baptisms recently.

**Collingwood (K. Christensen).** — Increase in interest, and numbers are still continuing. Messrs. Henderson and Styles (C.O.B.), and Mr. Beaumont (Fairfield) have been visiting speakers during preacher's absence at South Melbourne Mission. Mid-week meetings have been cancelled to allow members to attend mission. Visitation campaign which began on Apr. 21, is continuing steadily. M. Crocker (Warrnambool) has been recent visitor. There was one decision on Apr. 17.

**Swanston-st., Melbourne (K. A. Macnaughtan).** — One baptism on May 15. During recent absence of preacher, services were taken by J. A. Wilkie, H. B. Robbins, S. Burman and A. Wilson. Sympathy has been expressed to Mrs. E. A. Lawson on death of her youngest brother, C. W. Moysey. He was formerly in active membership at Swanston-st. Mrs. W. Hodgetts (June Freer) was in Fairfield Hospital but has now returned home. Mrs. L. Millis has left on a trip abroad. Plans have been completed for formation of Y.P. group, to meet on Sunday afternoons, under leadership of R. Pugh. Men's Fellowship recently conducted Wednesday night meeting at Men's Hostel of Melb. City Mission.

#### IN MEMORIAM

**HOGBEN.** — The rolling stream of life goes on, but the memory of the voice and smile of our John is ever near. Killed by accident, May 30, 1950. — Inserted by his mother, father and family.

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Chinese Mission, Queensberry-st., 50th Anniversary, June 4, at 8 p.m. Social meeting. Speaker, L. G. Burgin. Special meetings, Sunday, June 5, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

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We praise God for this new milestone at Norseman.—Maston Bell.

### BIRTH

DOW (nee Williams). — To Jean and Charles, at Kaniva Hospital, on May 13, a daughter—Robyn Jean.

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Bayswater Hall

CONFERENCE SERMON

Speaker: E. L. Williams, M.A.

Soloiste: Miss K. Jones

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trict with his family, took up land at  
Westmere where he married. After re-  
tirement he lived at Dandenong, then  
at Carnegie. Previously of the Anglican  
communion, he and his wife were  
baptised at Carnegie by W. Quirk in  
February, 1947. He continued in active  
fellowship with the church here, faith-  
fully attending all services, including  
mid-week prayer meetings. He came to  
be highly respected and greatly loved  
among us. He was always ready to help  
where he could and served the church  
in caring for the property. After an  
illness of only two days he passed to  
the new and greater life through his  
active faith in Christ. That which was  
physical was laid to rest on April 9,  
1955, Easter Saturday morning at  
Springvale Cemetery. In conducting  
the services, the writer, by request,  
quoted Mr. Gange's favorite hymn,  
"Was there ever kindest shepherd?"  
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daughters the church expresses Chris-  
tian sympathy, sharing with them the  
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Les. Wheat.

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Saviour Jesus Christ, that he might  
rest from his labors, suddenly and  
quietly, the beloved secretary of the  
church at Beverly Hills, Les Wheat,  
was called from the scene of his earthly  
pilgrimage on the morning of Apr. 1.  
Few men of our acquaintance have  
displayed the stewardship of qualities  
and talents which our brother did, for  
both his gifts and his attainments were  
of a high standard. On his passing his  
work was found to have been kept  
right up to date as is seemly in one  
who watches and waits and works  
pending the return of his Master un-  
expectedly. His personal devotion was  
of the highest, and his character and  
conduct consistently exemplary. Those  
who knew him most intimately were  
agreed that in him we beheld one who  
seemed to live ever with the conscious  
remembrance that he lived for his  
Name's sake who said "I in them . . .  
that the world may know." He was re-  
ceived into membership of the local  
church in March, 1932, and for 21  
years carried out faithfully the duties  
of secretary, as well as being superin-  
tendent of the Bible school for a period  
of sixteen years. In addition to his  
gift of artistry he was also a skilled  
bricklayer and these talents were put  
to a good use in the Lord's service,  
our brother having helped in the  
erection of many local chapels, etc. He  
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dolence and the word of promise, "Him  
that overcometh will I make a pillar in  
the temple of my God."—N.C.R.

**Mrs. Alice Lewis.**

The passing to her reward of Alice  
Lewis, brought peace after long suffer-  
ing, and an end to a lovely life. After  
coming to Melbourne from Gippsland  
about 1897, our sister became associated  
with the Newmarket Baptist church  
where she was a member until 1919  
when, with her husband and five  
children, she went to reside at Chelten-  
ham, Vic. She linked in membership  
with Cheltenham church in that year  
and began an active interest in all  
aspects of the brotherhood. She was  
one of the early members of the C.E.  
Movement and was always interested  
in its work. For many years she was  
president of the Mission Band at  
Cheltenham, and was known and loved  
by all who knew her, both in the fellow-  
ship of the church and outside. At the  
age of 72 years, her call came on Feb.  
4, at the Will H. Clay Nursing Home.  
After a service in her home a large  
number attended a beautiful service  
at Springvale Crematorium conducted  
by R. C. Bolduan who paid fitting  
tribute to one loved by all. She is sur-  
vived by her husband, three sons and  
two daughters, all of whom delight in  
the fellowship of the church, and who  
cherish the memory of a life lived for  
God, her home and family, and for  
others.—J.W.L.

**Mrs. Rosa Russack.**

At the age of 74 years, Mrs. Russack  
passed quietly from this life during the  
evening of Apr. 21. Although she had  
been ailing for some time, following  
two serious operations towards the  
latter part of last year, the end came  
suddenly and unexpectedly. Rosa Rus-  
sack accepted Christ and joined in  
membership with the church at Kadina  
during the Chandler-Clay mission in  
1920. For 35 years she conducted in  
her quiet way a most effective ministry  
for her Lord, in her home, in her  
church and in her community. Together  
with her late husband, A. H. Russack,  
an esteemed elder in the church at  
Kadina, she was given to hospitality,  
and many visitors to Kadina will  
cherish the memory of this Christian  
lady. Her bright personality, and cheer-  
ful disposition, were constant evidence  
of her Christian faith, and even in  
hospital, her influence radiated to the  
lives of staff and patients. The large  
gathering of people who attended the  
funeral, were a fitting tribute to the  
high esteem in which Mrs. Russack  
and her family are held by Kadina  
citizens. We know that she has gone  
to be with her Lord, and we lovingly  
commit her three sons, and loved ones,  
to the care of him, whose comfort and  
understanding are real and eternal.  
—E.B.E.

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