

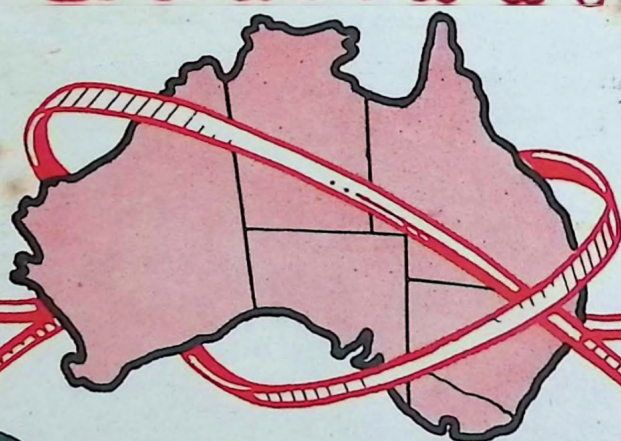
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# THE OVERSEAS MISSIONS' JUBILEE NUMBER...

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# OUR JUBILEE



INDIA

1905



NEW HEBRIDES

# 1955

Remember the Annual Offering on

# JULY 3<sup>RD</sup> 1955

# JUBILEE RETROSPECT

Accompanied by Miss Tilley and Miss Tole, we arrived in Bombay, January, 1915, and were met by Mr. and Mrs. Strutton. Miss Tilley was not new to India, Miss Tole and I were new workers. We left by night-train from Bombay, reaching Dhond about 3 a.m. and Mr. Watson met us. Dhond meant nothing to us then—it was the junction where we changed trains for Baramati and Shrigonda. There was no mission hospital, for we had no work there. The other ladies went to Baramati, whilst Mr. Watson and I went to Shrigonda. It was still dark when we arrived at the railway station, but the crescent

At that time, at DIKSAL, a Government bungalow had been rented—now there is a mission bungalow, a small church, a prayer room, a dispensary and buildings for the workers. These were built in Mr. Escott's time.

At INDAPUR, the two-storey building, handed over to us by the Scottish Mission, has been enlarged to form a Friendship Centre and dwelling for Mr. and Mrs. Waghmodi; there is also another house for co-workers and their families.

At BARAMATI, the scene has completely changed. In 1915, when I first

Afterwards came Miss Vera Blake (now Mrs. Price), Mr. J. Leach, Miss Laurel Redman, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Killey, Mr. and Mrs. Escott, Miss Mamie Campbell (later Mrs. J. Leach), Dr. G. H. Oldfield, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hughes, Miss E. Vawser, Miss Jessie Gibson (Mrs. G. H. Oldfield), Miss L. Foreman, Mr. and Mrs. R. Bolduan, Miss G. Lambert, Mr. and Mrs. Colin Thomas, Dr. and Mrs. L. Michael, Miss Helen Wiltshire, Mrs. and Mrs. B. V. Coventry, Miss K. Taylor, Miss W. Walker, Mr. Daryl Cartmel, Miss H. Skuce, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Heard, Mr. Bruce Munro, Mr. and Mrs. R. Dixon, Miss G. Batterham, Miss R. Roberts, Miss D. Geyer — fifty missionaries in all. Last, but not least, were two added from "Our India" — Mr. J. Bairagi and Mr. H. Waghmodi.



After 40 years, Miss F. Cameron has laid down her active work in India.

This is the last picture taken of her at Shrigonda, just prior to her departure. These girls are typical of the thousands that passed through her hands over the years. Many are trophies of his grace.

moon and a big bright star near it was a familiar sight in a strange land. The mission horse tonga was waiting for us, and after the five-mile drive we were met at the mission by Mrs. Watson and family. Workers' quarters had been built and the Watson family were living in two of the rooms. The bungalow was nearing completion, and the one finished room was given to me.

That was in 1915 — but in 1955 there is a big church building, more workers' houses, the Girls' Home and school, the Girls' Home bungalow, other smaller buildings and two additional wells. The out-stations—Dhoraja, Fargaon and Bhangaon—have buildings also.

DHOND, in 1915, where the mission is located, was a barren waste. Today a hospital with its administrative block, three bungalows, nurses' quarters, staff quarters, a row of buildings for workers, a fine church, besides other buildings, are to be seen.

saw it, there was only the Magarey bungalow, a block for Indian workers, a dispensary used also for church services, and a structure for the primary school. A handful of huts near the canal formed the early Tribes' Settlement. In 1955, we have the Boys' Home, two additional bungalows, a big school, a Friendship Centre in the town, numerous houses of a good type for workers and co-workers, a big church, the Brighton Hall, two wells, besides numerous other improvements.

So much for bricks and stone. Who were the workers amongst these scenes?

Mr. and Mrs. Strutton, Mr. Ludbrook for a short term, Miss Terrell, Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Pittman, Mr. and Mrs. Watson, Miss Tilley, Miss Tole (who did military nursing during World War I), Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Coventry, Miss Caldicott, and myself. The solid work done by Mr. H. R. Coventry placed the Churches of Christ Mission on the missionary map of Bombay State.

The objective of the home churches in sending workers—

To preach, teach heal;  
To care for the needy;  
To establish the church that would continue the work already started;  
To uplift the Christ that idolatry might be undermined and God given his rightful place;  
has been abundantly fulfilled.

We prayerfully ask each member in the home churches to thankfully consider what God has done through you. Your missionaries know how far they have fallen short of their set ideals and goal, yet the work has been blessed beyond our deserving. How much have you made this work your own—individually? The extent to which you have prayed for and supported it is known to you alone.

May he lead us on to yet holler service as the church in "Our India" moves forward to the next cycle—the centenary.—Miss F. M. Cameron.

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IRA A. PATERNOSTER, Fed. Conf. President, discusses . . . .

## THE PASSING YEARS

This is the year of Jubilee for our mission in India. For fifty years we have been privileged to share with our Indian brethren the wonderful story of the Saviour's love. We have been able to bring to the hungry food; to the sick healing; to the homeless children shelter, and to the lost a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord.

We do not forget that prior to 1905, we shared with our American brethren work in another part of India, but just now we are thinking of what God has enabled us to do in "Our India."

In 1916-17 it was our privilege to visit the India mission with the late beloved William Morrow, and we were able to gather the six missionaries, who constituted the staff at that time, in a Field Council, and draw up the first constitution. The late H. Watson was appointed chairman, and Roy Coventry, secretary/treasurer.

At that time we had no hospital at Dhond and no homes for children. The criminal tribes work had not started and there were no Friendship Centres.

Baramati and Shrigonda were the only centres where there were resident missionaries, and because of limited staff, very few other villages were visited.

We felt however, even in those early days, that solid foundations were being laid. While there was no hospital at Dhond, a site was in mind for one, and we inspected it. Indapur had just been offered to us, but was not occupied until many years after.

Today there is a splendid work being carried on by those in charge of the hospital at Dhond, and only eternity will reveal all this institution has contributed to the extension of Christ's Kingdom.

Baramati has developed far beyond the bounds of the Mission compound and is reaching many in the village itself through contacts made in the Friendship Centres and the school.

From Shrigonda the Word has gone forth into the district round about and the missionary and his message is reaching the hearts of many who were previously hostile to the name of Christ.

While Diksal has never been a large centre, it has been one from which the gospel has radiated far and wide and many in that area thank God for the help received in so many ways.

One of the most encouraging developments, we note, is the place our Indian brethren are coming to take in the leadership of the church of Christ in India. John Bairagi, Dr. Patil and Hariba Waghmodi, quite apart from others filling positions of importance, are an indication of the way the work has developed, and we thank God for this sign of growth. It has made possible the steps taken recently to bring the Indian brethren into the management of the mission. In all this we see the guiding hand of a loving Father, who has so graciously answered prayers that the time would come when the church in India would be able to take control. This day is not as yet, and the church in Australia for many years must stand be-

hind the work with money and missionaries and more and more prayer. India is still the land of opportunity and in the next few years we should see great numbers turning to Christ. Our missionaries are highly respected and many barriers have broken down. We must not lessen our interest in and support of the work.

A year ago at this time I was privileged to visit the New Hebrides.

My first contact with the Island work was when I attended the wedding of Frank Filmer who had returned from Pentecost for the occasion. This was in 1909 and ever since then I have had a longing to visit that field. Several times it seemed as though my dream would come true, and then in 1953 everything was in readiness for me to leave on the Tuesday, instead of which I went into hospital the previous Saturday. This necessitated waiting another year before getting away.

For many years the Island work made little progress. It was difficult to get workers to stay long enough to firmly establish the work. Finally with the going out of Mary Clipstone (Mrs. Finger) with her knowledge of medicine, a turning point came. The natural reserve of the women was overcome, and the way was opened for a real forward move. Today we are happy in the fact we have five married couples and a single nurse in the field.

Some names associated with our Island work should never be forgotten. Taby-Man-Con was a name early associated with the work on Pentecost



SILVER JUBILEE, INDIA, 1930.

**THEN.** There were 15 missionaries working in "Our India," and some visitors. **TODAY,** including our Indian top level workers there are 23, and an increasing number of Indian co-workers.

Miss Mary Thompson is seen in centre of front row (black dress); to her left Mrs. H. H. Strutton, who, with her husband, were our pioneer workers to "Our India," 1905. (Mr. Strutton is seen fourth from right back); Miss Edna Vawser is the sole remaining active missionary in this picture of 25 years ago.

and largely through his persistent begging a worker was sent out. Again we think of David Bullacasso and his splendid influence and it was a sacred moment as I stood by his grave at Ranwadi. We were delighted to meet Silas and Samuel, two who worked in the sugar plantations in Queensland and were returned to their Island home when the Kanakas were sent back. These two men have remained faithful all through the years. Other splendid men are witnessing for Christ in these days, men like Abel Barney, Isaiah, and Joel on Pentecost together with younger men like Gordon on Pentecost, Abel the medical dresser on Maewo and Phillip of Longana. The fine group of young men in the Training School at Londua represent the coming generation of leaders of the church in the New Hebrides. As they return to their villages and bring the message of Life and Salvation to their own people in their own tongue we can with confidence look forward to

a strong church built upon the Word of God.

We were much impressed with the work being done at the hospital by Sister Kennedy assisted by Mrs. Finger, and the fine school that had been built up by Win. Waterman (Mrs. Beale). The Training School at Londua under the capable leadership of Ron and Phyl. McLean greatly encouraged us, and the fellowship with them and the young men was very pleasant. Too much cannot be said in praise of the work of Harold and Mary Finger. We felt their influence was very real upon the people amongst whom we moved. Their removal to Maewo will bring hope and assurance to the churches there, and in the Longana area on Aoba where they will also have the oversight.

Unfortunately, the Smiths had not returned from furlough at the time of our visit, but we had opportunity to observe the great amount of work they had done on Pentecost. Possibly the best commentary on their work

came from the village of Ramputor, where, upon drawing attention to the number of children running around, the reply was that since the Smiths had come the children no longer died.

Owen and Ruby Jones were just becoming established in the school work at Ranmawat and we were delighted with what they were doing in gathering so many children together for teaching. We are glad to know they have now established themselves and the school at Ranwadi where years ago the Sandells lived.

Mention must be made of the work carried on by the churches of Aoba on the Islands of Malo, Tutuba, Mavia and Santo. This great piece of Home Missions shows the depths to which the gospel has penetrated in the lives of our Island brethren.

We have cause to thank God in this our Jubilee year. Will you remember in a special way as you make your gift the first Lord's Day in July?

E. L. WILLIAMS, M.A., Fed. Conf. Executive Chairman, speaks of . . .

## A VISIT TO "OUR INDIA"

To anyone who has grown up in Western civilisation and knows only the normal Australian way of life, India, with its style and standard of living, is a new world. One has to see it to believe and understand it. The primitive conditions under which many live, and the poverty which is apparent on every hand cannot fail to depress. On the material side, India cannot be saved short of a social and industrial revolution. Tradition, ignorance and prejudice are a trinity—with its face against progress. It is true, of course, that in various respects a new India is on the march. When one boards the Deccan Queen, which runs on a five feet six inch gauge line and travels from Bombay to Poona, one is introduced to the new India. But when in Poona, one sees people lying sleeping overnight on the railway station and all around on the open spaces outside the station, and when one moves out into the villages, save for the relief of some simple schemes of irrigation in a dry and hungry land, one is introduced to the old India. While staying with Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Munro at Bhigwan we were taken to an annual celebration, to which people gathered from far and near—the young men to compete in wrestling matches. Following the events of the day some officials launched out in characteristically long, dry speeches in which they tried to convince the people of the advantages of education. This is part of the long, hard job of the literacy programme. During our stay in Baramati we went out with the team on Sunday afternoon, as they visited homes and observed the Lord's Supper with small groups and also visited a bazaar where various mem-

bers of the party preached. We walked around with Roy Dixon while he distributed Christian literature. It was first necessary to check if people could read. One group so checked, revealed that a majority could not read. Here was a sign of the old, but the fact, that it was among young people that readers were found, was a sign of the new.

A student of Hinduism and other living religions of the world will find gems of thought amid unworthy elements, but to whatever heights Hinduism rises in theory, India makes it plain that in practice Hinduism is a heavy bondage. None can deny that Christianity is associated with social, economic, industrial, scientific and spiritual progress. Whatever reactionary elements may be cited in Christian thought and history, the history of those nations, which have nominally accepted Christianity, is an illustration of Christianity's contribution to spiritual and material progress. Personally and socially Christianity is redemptive, Hinduism and other religions of India are not. Christianity delivers from the bondage of sin. The truth makes men free. Assuredly India need the healing touch of Christ.

It was a delight to see the evidences of this healing touch in "Our India." After travel in many lands among strange people, we felt that we were suddenly transported home when, escorted by Bruce Coventry who had met us in Bombay, we were met by a group of our missionaries and taken into their homes at Dhond. Here we saw the healing ministry of Christ at work in our splendid hospital. At Bigwhan we were made aware of the practical

friendship ministry carried through by the Munros. In the old Scottish Mission house at Indapur we were entertained in what is now the home and Friendship Centre of Hariba Waghmodi and family. How much we felt at home when in the upstairs portion we were introduced to a picture gallery of former "Glen Iris" days. We were taken to Hariba's old village and watched them spinning and weaving. We stood by the church built by Hariba's father. In the evening a large number gathered in the big room in the mission home, which is used as a Friendship Centre. They almost sat on top of one another as we showed pictures and talked through Hariba as interpreter. Living in the midst of his own people he is able to make a singular contact for Christ. At Baramati, Shrigonda, Dhorja and Karjat we saw the splendid work being done in the schools and the homes for boys and girls.

This mission work impressed us as an oasis in the desert. Here was a gospel of deeds which at once preaches the Word and opens the way for the preaching of the Word. One could not help being reminded of the programme of Christ outlined in Luke 4: 18-19 and Matt. 11: 5. We would pay our tribute to the missionaries who labor on the field and remind all that this is our work, our privilege and responsibility. We owe sacrificial sharing to Christ, our missionaries and the people who are committed to us in "Our India."

A JUBILEE OFFERING—

Sunday, July 3

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# INDIA Dhond Hospital—Day by Day

A week or two ago a telephone message revealed the fact that two patients with nasty fractures had arrived almost simultaneously. One of them was a lad of about nine years of age, nursing an arm bound up with all the unimaginable things possible, that only village genius could devise. To approach the patient called for either a real sense of duty or a frightful cold, for the odor possessed remarkable repellent powers. After removal of the trappings and some of the black caked "medicine," and a good deal of patient soaking in an antiseptic bath, it became evident that the arm would need to be amputated above the elbow. This of course was not agreed to at once. No doubt the unhappy scene can be readily conjured up. A lad with such a limb in an arm bath, quite toxic and in

Dr. L. J. Michael, Dhond.

pain, who had probably never seen a hospital before; relatives sitting around on the ground either crying or stunned or asking the impossible, and medical staff trying to reason with and help them. However, the operation was performed without any trouble.

The boy though frightened at first, became very friendly, and returned to his home quite happy after nine or ten days. The operation was doubtless the means of saving his life, but let us pray that the seeds of the gospel planted in the hearts of the boy and his relatives while here in hospital may bring forth fruit unto life eternal.

it matter what they accomplish in this life so long as they are servants of the Living God. We would that many will follow Hariba and that he will inspire boys to be true to their wonderful Saviour.

## A Small Hindu Boy

Win. M. Walker, Dhond.

"A little child shall lead them."

Pray with us that this may be true in the case of a little laddie who comes regularly to a class held amongst the outcaste children on the outskirts of Dhond. Sahebu has been one of the most regular attenders of this particular class since we commenced meeting about three years ago. He is 10 years of age, and the only son of an orthodox Hindu family. The mother was not very happy about Sahebu's keenness at first, but now often comes to the class herself, and takes great pride in hearing her young son repeat verses of scripture he has learned, or tell Bible stories that have been the lesson the previous week.

He often runs along the road to meet us as we go to class, and I remember, one day his first remark when he met us was, "I forgot to pray when I got up this morning." We have tried to teach these young people to give thanks to God before they eat, and to pray to him morning and evening. From Sahebu's young lips and in this Hindu home, many little prayers have ascended to the Father. He was very impressed with the story of Daniel and his faithfulness in prayer, and it is just lovely to hear him repeat this in his childish way. Pray with us that this laddie may one day accept Jesus as his own Saviour, and be the means of leading many of his own people to him. "Prayer changes things."



Missionaries gathered at last annual conference, India, August, 1954—and some visitors. Visitors are: T. Hill (back row, second left) from Disciples mission; Dr. Kline (Yeotmal Bible College); Miss Foster (Z.B.M.M., Sholapur); Miss Hooper (P.I.V.M.); all back row from Colin Thomas onwards. Mrs. T. Hill, on right of Miss Cameron seated. The F.M. secretary will be present at next annual conference, Sept., 1955—Jubilee celebrations.

## "I'm going to be a Sahib"

Edna D. Vawser,  
Shrigonda.

On Monday, one of the older students was here and he said he would like to meet all the little boys. They were watering the garden so he called some of the children and asked them to bring the other boys. They came at once. They sat on the verandah and they sang and talked. They were asked what they wanted to do when they grew up. One lad, without any hesitation said, "I want to be Waghmodi Sahib." He really meant that he wanted to be like Mr. Waghmodi and to be a missionary. I told this to Mr. Waghmodi the other day. He laughed and said that that same child and another lad were talking one day at Indapur (they are only seven years old). This same

child said he wanted to be a Government official and be called a Sahib; the other said he wanted to be a motor driver, he loves anything that goes on wheels. So the first boy said, that he would be the Sahib and employ the driver to drive his motor car. It is funny, that although they are so small, we could almost prophesy that the one will go far with his studies, he is clever and has determination to do something purposeful with his life and the other will be happy and contented to have wheels, lots of wheels to interest him.

Little things, but how wonderful it is to be able to put their little feet on the right pathway and to put an ideal before God's little children. What does



Indian parents bring their baby to Dhond Hospital for treatment.

# INDIAN WORKERS—

## “Foreign Missionaries, Get Out!”

In recent days the Hindu Mahasabha movement has started a movement against the foreign Christian missionaries. They go in bands to various mission stations and make all kinds of false charges against the missionaries and Christians. Their hatred is seen in the bad accusations and slogans that they use, i.e., “Foreign Missionaries, get out!” “Drive out the Missionaries!” etc.

The Hindu Mahasabha had announced in the paper that they would be coming to Shrigonda during the first week of December. Seven or eight of them arrived on Dec. 2 and called a public meeting in the middle of the town for that afternoon. A large crowd assembled, in front of their dais. Above this was a prominent sign “Foreign Missionaries, get out!” The meeting was in progress as we returned from Dhorja in Mr. Coventry's motor. On noticing the sign I notified Mr. Coventry and we agreed that it would be good if I went along to hear what was being said. The leader of the delegation was speaking on arrival there, and his address was followed by two others. Just as they were going to close the meeting I approached the leader and asked if I could say a few words as I would like to speak, being an Indian Christian, from that point of view. On receiving permission to do this my heart overflowed with joy as I had the privilege of witnessing before this large gathering of people. For this I thank my God. When I stood on the platform

B. K. Shinde, Shrigonda.

Bikoo Shinde is a trusted preacher at Shrigonda, and always gives a splendid witness.

to speak there was a sudden hush as all listened quietly to what I had to say.

I began thus: “My brethren in this town, the preceding addresses have dealt with the subject of ‘Foreign Missionaries, get out!’ here I would like to ask these speakers what evil have the missionaries done to warrant such agitation against them. Further, you who live here in Shrigonda, know that the missionaries have been working here for the last 40 or more years. During that time have they given any of you any trouble? Have they bribed anyone here to become a Christian? Have they forced anyone into becoming a Christian? Or have they done any injustice to any of you? If so, I challenge you to say so publicly now. On the other hand these missionaries have served the poor, destitute, naked, orphans, widows, etc., of this area and country day and night. Furthermore, it is well known far and wide, that the missionary doctors and nurses, forsaking comforts are serving the sick and suffering, giving life to thousands, who otherwise would suffer cruelly, without discrimination.

“Reference has been made to the Roman Catholics, but there is a tre-

mendous gulf between these Roman Catholics and Protestants which I would like you to understand. I am a Christian of this land, and am proud of my native land. Jesus said, ‘I came not to be served, but to serve.’ So are we Christians serving this land and will continue to do so in the future. Christ taught us to love our neighbor as ourselves, therefore in serving our neighbor we are in a sense serving our God. He also commanded us to preach the Gospel of Good News to every creature, thus we preach and will continue to preach this Gospel of Salvation to our fellow countrymen. My humble request to the Hindu Mahasabha is to consider what service these missionaries have rendered to our land, and continue to render, and so cease this agitation against them and the Christians.”

After my talk Mr. Bhide, the leader of the party, again addressed the gathering, making further accusations against the missionaries and speaking very disparagingly against the Christians. However, the important thing in all of this is that none of the people of Shrigonda took any part in their programme or offered them any support.

Again I praise my God for giving me this privilege of witnessing to him, and for giving me the words to speak before such a big audience of people who know me so well. To him be all glory and honor for ever and ever. Amen.

## BARAMATI

S. A. Zadhov, Headmaster.

From time to time you may have heard something of the Baramati Mission School. At present there are 835 children on the roll. Also, in the kindergarten there are 40 children. Most of these children attending the school are from better class families, and many of them have fathers who are merchants, lawyers, doctors and Government officers.

Each morning, before the school work begins, the children and teachers gather in the assembly hall for prayer. At that time, between 600 and 700 girls and boys are present. The older children take it in turn to read the scripture portion, and many of them are Hindus.

The Education Department of the Government of Bombay has issued a circular stating that the school-day should begin with prayer. Our morning prayer period lasts for about fifteen minutes.



S. A. Zadhov, Headmaster of school, also a member of the Committee of Management. He is holding the school Register.

## MISSION SCHOOL

Although our school is outside the town, children from the town like to attend. The reason for this is that we have more space, both inside and outside, than the other schools. We have a good supply of drinking water, and there are gardens near the class-rooms. Some children sit in the gardens under the trees to eat their midday meal, which they bring in tiffin-carriers. It looks very pleasing to see them sitting together having their meal.

The field work is connected with the school. This year there were good rains, so the crops were good. Some of the school boys helped in this work, while others had some training in carpentry and tailoring. This was in line with the Government's policy of basic education.

The work of the school is progressing, and the Inspector seems satisfied with it.

Will you keep praying for us?

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# INDIAN WOMEN WORKERS

## Happy in Service

Sitabai Wanzari.

Greetings from Sitabai Wanzari. I would like to tell you that because of God's great mercy I am very happy here, likewise I also hope that you are well and happy.

With the blessing and help of God my work is really going well. All through my life and my service God has helped and blessed me and for that I give him thanks. It is my wish that through the rest of my life I shall be able to continue to serve him.

My son Ratnaker has been sick for many months. We have prayed for him and truly God has heard and answered. Today he is much better, and as soon as the doctor gives him permission he will again go back to work. How thankful I am. With all my heart I do thank and praise him.

Psalm 66: 16-20 I read and I receive much peace and help.

May God richly bless and keep you.



Miss F. Cameron and Sitabai, Matron of Shrigonda Girls' Home.

## Thanks to God

Tanhubai Adhav.

Greetings from Manhubai Adhav.

This is to let you know that through your prayers I am still alive and very happily continuing to serve. For this I give thanks to God, and I pray that he will continue to use me.

It is my wish, I continually ask help for this and pray that these little children who are in my care, may prove to be truly good and that they will serve the Lord Jesus Christ. I have 14 small boys and 12 small girls to care for and for them I ask his help. I ask you also to pray and thus help me in this work, and that through prayer the strength given may be used in his service.

Kindly give my greetings to the Christians in Australia.

May God bless you—Tanhubai Adhav.

## Tales from Dhond Hospital

Gwen Batterham, Dhond.

A small boy came to hospital with a broken leg. The family, of course, came too. They were from a small village, and had never been to the hospital. Probably, they had not seen Europeans before. They were most upset when told the boy would have to stay six weeks. His leg was put in extension, and the whole family was wondering what would happen next. Being in a ward with five or six others, there were many things to take the attention of the patients and relatives. They soon became very friendly and interested in everything.

The little boy learnt to sing hymns, and was thrilled to say "Good morning" in English.

The six weeks flew by, and they all went home. The next time the mother came in, she said Subhedar used to cry, he wanted to come back.

They have been back and forth many times since.

For some weeks, we went to the villages, one day a week, teaching, attending the sick, and distributing milk. In one village, some of the people were a little suspicious, then along

came a man who had been to the hospital both for himself and family. He told the people of his experiences at Dhond, and soon we were above suspicion.

A couple, from a wandering gipsy tribe, brought a sick little baby who needed a huge abscess opened. The people had never visited us before, and were afraid. They told the anaesthetist that if the baby died, they would take his life.

Incidentally, if the baby had been kept cleaner, it probably would not have developed the abscess, and it would have been much better for it, had they come earlier.

After they had been there about a

week, they were quite friendly, and the baby did recover.

We do hope that these, and many others may realise the love of Christ for them, by the work that it done because Christ loved us.

### JUBILEE OFFERING

What shall we offer unto God on Sunday, July 3, as a thank-offering for all his mercy during the past fifty years? Over 100 missionaries have served, rendering over 1,000 years of collective missionary service during this period.

Our jubilee offering must eclipse all previous offerings if we are to reach the aim during jubilee year of £25,000 for general purposes. This means £500 for each of the 50 years.

Bhose Village Headman Healed.

The picture shows Shunkarow shaking hands with Mr. E. W. Heard, and Colin V. Thomas. The old man now gets about quite well and acknowledges his great debt to Dhond Hospital and to Mr. Thomas.



*"The Heathen for Thine Inheritance"*

# NEW HEBRIDES

## Varied Opportunities

Phyllis J. McLean, Aoba.

"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities; against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

This is very truly our experience. In this place, that less than one hundred years ago was a stronghold for such powers, we oftentimes witness with joy a stepping forward in one part of our work, but our joy is cut short by a falling back in some other way. How hardly our enemy will give up those whose allegiance he has had in such recent times.

Just now we are praising God for teachers who have shown a greater desire to prepare for the teaching of God's Word on Sundays. There has been greater concern among our teachers, too, for the weaker churches and so this year they have been going about Sunday by Sunday to visit and

Londua near Training School. In these beautiful surroundings students are taught the things of God. Some school buildings are seen in background.



encourage. In women's meetings and Bible classes there have been good attendances too, but there have also been disappointments. Some who have had many advantages and much help have fallen down because of petty jealousy, and because of moral evils. At such times we can only hope in God, and trust his many promises, knowing that he is the Mighty God, who is able to save his people if only they will trust him.

We do feel the lack of schooling, so that many of our people suffer, as they

are unable to read with understanding the scriptures, and we praise God for the increased staff in our Island work that has made more teaching possible. We are thankful for the many opportunities of teaching that come to us in schools, village Bible classes, women's meetings, in the hospital, Sunday visitations and in our homes. We share with Paul that confidence he expressed to the Philippians, "He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ."

## Christian Growth

Winifred Beale, Aoba.

Whenever the question is asked, "Are missions worth-while?" the answer is found in what has been accomplished.

They were only little girls of about seven or eight years when they first attended the school. They were just like the other little girls. They laughed and played and did a little work. These three girls are Leith, Madeline and Annie.



Types such as these have been won to Christ. Some of them, raw heathens. Women had to be loaned clothing to come down from the bush to attend meetings.

The years have passed, and now Leith is eighteen, Madeline nineteen, and Annie seventeen. They are strong of body. They speak English fairly well. All their lessons are done conscientiously. The girls can weave baskets and other things in the fashion of the native craft. Many of their frocks they have made themselves. But these things only partly answer the question.

The girls have not only been equipped in body and mind. They have a love for Christ, and a desire to follow him, that is constant. There is a readiness to obey and a willingness to serve.

During my furlough, Leith, with the help of the other two senior girls, has taught in the school for the first two months of the school year. They have

had over forty girls to teach between them. On our inspection of the school the day after our arrival, we found it clean and tidy, the lessons set out neatly on the board, and a good attendance.

In talking to Leith at one time I found in her, a concern for others in their need. She was speaking of some children who have not had the help that she has enjoyed. So a desire has grown in her heart to help those children, that they too, may share in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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## Searching the Scriptures

R. McLean, Aoba.

I was carrying my small daughter along an island road that led through a shady forest. My destination was a site near the sea where a picnic had been arranged with other missionaries. Presently I came across a man sitting on a rock at the side of the road. After the customary greetings, he said, "I have been waiting for you. I want you to explain some verses of scripture." We studied the Word of God for over an hour. He wanted to understand thoroughly and if any of my explanations were not clear he would ask for them to be repeated.

His name is Jonathan and only last year he was made an elder. He takes his office seriously and is anxious to fully understand the Word so that he can impart it to the people. Since our meeting on the road he has accepted an invitation to come to our home for lessons.

It is a joy to teach Jonathan and others like him, because they are hungering and thirsting after righteousness. When we see the light in their faces as they receive understanding, it indeed causes us to rejoice that we have been sent to teach the holy scriptures.

# BEGINNINGS

Mary Finger, Maewo.

New enterprises and ventures challenge and inspire us to great efforts—consistent efforts. May this be true of the new ventures in our Island work.



House built by the people of Maewo for Mr. and Mrs. Finger to live in when they came to visit. Now the people have set to and made a larger house, and materials have been sent from Australia to finish the house off and make it more comfortable for our missionaries' use.

This is a day of beginnings. Our Island brethren are busily engaged in establishing new churches in areas where Christ is not known.

Last year, more of the oversight of the churches was put into the hands

## “OUR PEOPLE”

A. F. Kennedy, Aoba.

It is a real joy to be with the men in their prayer meetings, and to know the real desire to advance in spiritual things. Many of these men come quite a distance, and from very needy villages. If they can only receive a blessing, and share it with their people in their own villages, it will be well worthwhile.

Week by week, several of our teachers are going around to the outlying villages, and taking several helpers with them, for the Sunday services. This is definitely a move in the right direction, and I pray God will bless this ministry, and I believe he will. Our difficulty now is to know just where to go for services, without clashing with them, not that there are not enough villages, but it is difficult to have any arrangements made beforehand. It is just not done, but they do not mind if we happen along at the same church, still it seems a waste of service, when another village could have been helped.

Women's meetings and village meetings are all being well attended now, also Bible classes throughout the week.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harold Finger are now located on Maewo. A new departure, but not a new work—pray for them.

of the Island brethren. More elders and deacons were set apart for the task, and at present these men are enthusiastically carrying out their task of visiting and encouraging the churches.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones are commencing their labors in their new field — on Pentecost.

Mr. and Mrs. Beale are locating at Ndul-Ndul to establish an intermediate school for advanced pupils of the village schools, and to do evangelistic work.

Maewo, for the first time, is to have a resident missionary couple located there to help the churches, spiritually and physically, and to establish an intermediate school for pupils from the Aoban churches, and Maewo children.

It is a grand thing to commence a new task for the Lord Jesus. It is a greater thing to finally complete it.

The success of these new moves in the Island work, and their triumphant completion depends upon the home churches in Australia, that means, upon the vision, prayers and gifts of each individual Christian.

What is the outcome to be? It depends upon you.

New teachers have gone to the indigenous work on Santo Island, and visits are made from the leaders here.

Please pray that all their efforts will be God-guided, and that there will be that burden for lost souls, that will ever keep us all ever round the throne of grace.



Main ward block, Aoba.

Miss A. F. Kennedy is in charge, and finds plenty of work for herself and voluntary workers. Note the beauty of the surroundings.

# Food for the Road

H. J. Finger, Maewo.

The native folk on the Island of Santo, in the New Hebrides, have a most interesting custom.

There are continuous mountain ridges throughout the inland of the Island, and travel is very difficult. The tracks are wet and slippery, because rain falls daily on the mountains. One minute the track is down in some deep gorge, the next, winding its steep way up the side of a mountain ridge. Consequently, travel is very dangerous, especially to the inexperienced white travellers.

Some villages are long distances apart, and it would be easy for a party to be caught at dark, far from food and shelter. To provide for such emergency, at various places along the track, gardens have been planted, and anyone needing food may help himself. These particular gardens are



Christian group of men, Maewo. They waited long for a missionary, now they rejoice.

called "Food for the Road." It is an unwritten law that travellers and villagers must be very careful to replant as they use, for the needs of future pilgrims. Many men and women travelling on these mountain tracks have been glad to have this "Food for the Road."

Yet, there are so many in those parts who know absolutely nothing of the real "Food for the Road" which came down from heaven, the Bread of Life, even Jesus. There are no churches inland on Santo. The Island is 40 miles wide, and the need to establish churches is urgent. Some attempts have been made, and are being made, but so far, only the coastal fringe, is the witness of his Church.

We have given much thought to the possibilities of reaching those isolated people, and rejoice because the Aoban church has realised her responsibilities towards these folk. Several coastal churches have been established by the Aoban church, with a view to reaching further inland, and the future may prove that God's "Food for the Road" of life, has not been planted in vain, but has been the means of saving many souls for the eternal kingdom.

# Pentecost Personalities . . . . .

## Matuey—the Bewitched

Dorothy Smith, Pentecost.

One of the most colorful characters on Pentecost today is Matuey. It is difficult to judge her age, but she appears to be about 60. Her hair is snow-white, and the native begin to go grey



Thomas Tumtum, one of the early teachers on Pentecost. Deeply spiritual he won many souls to Christ.

between 50 and 60. When we first came to Pentecost we did not know of the existence of Matuey, and even though we made regular visits to her village, never once did we catch so much as a glimpse of her. Neither did the natives ever mention her. I am convinced, if they so desired they could hide people for the whole of their lives.

The reason for this complete secrecy, was that Matuey had an "evil spell"

## Harry the Leper

Jack Smith, Pentecost.

Harry, being a leper, is one of the world's unfortunates. In earlier, happier times, he was one of the mission's good teachers, but since this disease has overtaken him, he has voluntarily isolated himself and family away from his village. He has built his house some distance away, and has even built a tiny church where he has services, just with his family.

His body and face are scarred with leprosy patches and he has lost all the fingers of his left hand but, in spite of these blows he is still cheerful.

put upon her in youth, and ever since, has had a great ugly ulcer on her leg. She was so crippled that she could only walk on all fours. So great was her shame—of her condition and of the "evil spell" that she forbad the mention of her name to us.

During our second term here, Matuey was brought to us by a trader from another Island, who had taken her away whilst we were out on furlough. Matuey had been to a hospital for treatment, but was declared incurable.

She was a pathetic sight as she crawled along with one leg bend under her. On the right leg extending from the ankle, over the instep, and up the leg to the mid calf, was a tropical ulcer, which had eaten in to the bone. We treated her here, and when the ulcer was almost healed, she went back to her village, all our pleading with

her to stay was to no avail, because everyone was certain that by reason of the "spell," she could never be completely healed, so, home she went.

However, she became much worse, and now that she could no longer hide from us, we finally persuaded her to come back to hospital, but not before many more years had elapsed. She came last October, the ulcer was much worse and the stench from it was dreadful. After intensive treatment she is now nearly cured, and with the aid of a stick can almost walk upright again.

We have told her that Christ heals her. Only he can break the power of sin if she will yield herself to him. We do pray that she will believe this for her cure is in God's hands.

Please pray for Matuey, that God will manifest his power, he alone is supreme and can break the fetters of the evil one that binds her. Pray that she will be cured so that these people will know the mighty power of God and cease to believe in evil.

Andrew, chief of the Christian village of Ranwash (left) with Willie Tumtum, grandson of Thomas Tumtum shown on this page. Willie volunteered to go to a benighted heathen village and finally the whole village became Christian.



## "The Heathen for Thine Inheritance"

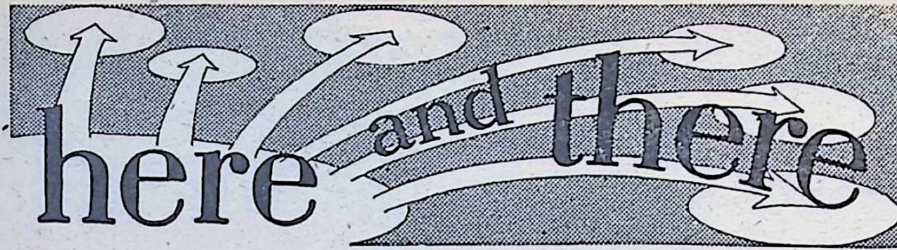


View of the mission hospital, Ranmawat, Pentecost, where Mrs. Smith carries on a fine work.

He has two sons and two daughters living, one daughter, Miriam, is at the mission, but his wife died at Miriam's birth.

We are now arranging to have a house built not far from the mission so that Harry and his family can be treated. This has been impossible in the past.

Periodically, the Government here make plans for establishing a leprosy, but the idea never seems to pass the planning stage. We have been hearing of these plans for the past nine years! A supply of the new drug for treating leprosy, has been made available to us at a very reasonable cost, hence, in the very near future we hope to begin treating these people.



Overseas matter for this issue has been prepared by A. Anderson, Federal Secretary of the Australian Churches of Christ Foreign Mission Board Inc.

The church at Hartwell, Vic., has successfully concluded its **Youth and Life Campaign** over the week, May 15-22. A. E. White, B.A., was special speaker, and Ken Sturgess song-leader. The splendid addresses were an inspiration to all. In spite of the extremely wintry weather, attendances averaged 121 over the seven nights. The **Five Minutes With Your Neighbor** interviews were an added attraction as were the youth and church choirs from North Esendon and Hartwell. Soloists also greatly helped. The church young folk sponsored the week's services. H. J. Patterson, M.A., is preacher at Hartwell.

The church at Canberra had the joy of nine decisions, which included a whole family, parents and two sons, on May 22. G. R. Stirling is preacher in this growing cause.

Second week of the mission at East Malvern, Vic., has brought larger attendances. On May 30, there were two decisions, making six to date. Hall was packed on June 1 when two girls were baptised. The service made a good impression on the many strangers present who had not previously witnessed a scriptural baptism. Messrs. Saunders (missioner) and Gilmore (resident preacher) are furthering the efforts of the mission and further decisions are expected before it closes. Church has been much encouraged by visits from sister churches and faithful leadership in song of Messrs. Geyer and Corlett from Gardiner.

It has been necessary to hold over some church news through short space this week due to extra material used to publicise our Foreign Mission activities.

H. Hargreaves who recently resigned as full-time preacher from the church at Echuca, Vic., but has since conducted an interim ministry with the church there, has now retired. Good wishes of the local congregation and friends go with him as he retires from full-time work. C. Watson, preacher at Brunswick, Vic., has accepted a call to Echuca and will commence his ministry with that church later in the year.

A. B. Clark, preacher at Boonah-Silverdale, Qld., has accepted a call to labor with the church at Rockdale, N.S.W.

An **In Memoriam Service** to honor the late A. H. Pratt (former preacher, Mt. Evelyn church, Vic.) will be held in the Mayfair Theatre, Mt. Evelyn, on June 19, at 2 p.m. Church members in general are invited to attend the service.

#### True Giving

Epitaph on General Gordon's monument in St. Paul's: "He gave his strength to the weak, his sympathy to the suffering, his substance to the poor and his heart to God." He gave the former three because he first gave his heart to God.

#### SECOND

### Annual Conference,

BOONAH-SILVERDALE, QLD.

A day of inspiration and fellowship was enjoyed on May 14, when second annual conference of the circuit was held at Boonah. The morning meeting was very small, and F. Langford, Director of The Programme for Progress, talked informally about the functional church to those who had gathered. Men's business session commenced at 1.15 p.m. in the basement, and a Women's session commenced in church building at 2 p.m. Mrs. A. B. Clark presided and welcomed Mrs. C. R. Burdeu, president of State Women's Conference, and Miss Ruth Roberts, missionary on furlough from India, both of whom delivered informative and helpful addresses to the assembled ladies. Shoulder sprays were presented to the guests by Mrs. W. Vogler. Reports of activities of Boonah and Silverdale ladies were presented by Mesdames W. and A. Frieberg respectively. Mrs. I. Stubbin and Mrs. J. Raymond rendered a duet. Gifts of articles for Aborigines Missions were displayed.

At 4 p.m., a combined session was addressed by C. R. Burdeu, secretary of State Conference.

A talkie film entitled, *Which Will Ye Have?* was shown at commencement of evening session, which was presided over by circuit president, C. L. Abbott, and addressed by F. Langford.

Circuit officers elected were: pres., C. L. Abbott; sec., F. S. Warwick; treas., W. Vogler.

#### Drunkennes Soars in N.S.W.

It is with some reluctance, apparently, that the figures relating to drunkenness in N.S.W. have been released.

Since the introduction of 10 o'clock closing, attempts have been made to show through journals and "news-reels" the wonders of so-called "civilised" drinking. The press in some cases has declared that a new era has dawned for N.S.W., and all types of drunkenness are on the wane. But figures obtained by the N.S.W. Temperance Alliance President, and published in the *Sydney Morning Herald*, show that in 13 courts in Sydney and suburbs, there has been an increase of 3,947 convictions, a rise of 42 per cent. since Feb. 1 to Apr. 30, the first three months of 10 o'clock closing. *The Herald* (Melb.), of 1/6/55, now reports that taxation officials have uncovered widespread falsifications of wages books in Sydney hotels!

### Woolwich Bible College, N.S.W.

#### FIRST TERM HONORS LIST, 1955.

**New Testament:** J. A. Blankley, B. M. Nowitzke, F. W. Reynolds. Six others passed.

**Old Testament:** J. A. Blankley, K. E. Crawford, B. M. Nowitzke, F. W. Reynolds. Six others passed.

**Comparative Religion:** J. A. Blankley, L. F. Barker, Miss E. A. Bunn, D. J. D. Creeper, G. D. Chislett, K. E. Crawford, G. B. Davis, Miss P. Jones, P. T. Kavanagh, B. M. Nowitzke, G. E. Owins, B. A. Roberts, F. W. Reynolds, C. Terry, D. Willis, G. Wladysiuk, P. C. Woolford.

**Restoration Movement:** J. A. Blankley, L. F. Barker, Miss E. A. Bunn, K. E. Crawford, G. B. Davis, B. M. Nowitzke, B. A. Roberts, F. W. Reynolds, C. Terry, D. Willis, G. Wladysiuk, P. C. Woolford.

**Christian Doctrine:** G. Wladysiuk. Six others passed.

**Church History:** J. A. Blankley. Four others passed.

**Christian Ethics:** Six passed.

**Evangelism:** Miss E. A. Bunn, K. E. Crawford, G. B. Davis, G. E. Owins, F. W. Reynolds, C. Terry, G. Wladysiuk, B. A. Roberts. Five others passed.

**Religious Education:** Miss E. A. Bunn, K. E. Crawford, G. B. Davies, Miss P. Jones, B. M. Nowitzke, G. E. Owins, F. W. Reynolds. Six others passed.

**Homiletics I:** K. E. Crawford, G. E. Owins, F. W. Reynolds. Three others passed.

**Homiletics II:** L. F. Barker, G. B. Davis, B. M. Nowitzke. One other passed.

**Greek I:** K. E. Crawford, B. M. Nowitzke, F. W. Reynolds, D. Willis. Three others passed.

**Greek II:** Three passed.

**Leaving English:** Two passed.

**Ancient History:** K. E. Crawford, F. W. Reynolds.

—A. W. Stephenson, Principal.



# INTERSTATE CHURCH NEWS

## Discipleship

- Esme Middleton, Ann-st., Brisbane, Qld.  
Kay Streeter, Margaret Taber, Ivan Hole, Toowoomba, Qld.  
Mr. and Mrs. A. Schenscher, Mrs. J. Gregg, Mr. W. Carpenter, Murray Bridge, S.A.  
Muriel Good, Long Plains, S.A.  
Barbara Russell, Malcolm Bacchus, Warren Oliver, Mile End, S.A.  
Ron Pengelly, Ivan Short, Semaphore, S.A.  
Loretta Draper, John Howard, Frank Saunders, Hampton, Vic.  
Pauline Smith, Collins-st., Hobart, Tas.  
Beverley Thomas, Robert Springgay, Robert Howard, Max Hoad, Prospect, S.A.

## Membership

- Mrs. D. Edson, from Avon to Murray Bridge, S.A.  
Mr. and Mrs. H. Fletcher, from York-st., Ballarat, Vic., to Owen, S.A.  
B. Roberts, from York to Owen, S.A.  
Mr. and Mrs. F. Morris, from Mile End to Henley Beach, S.A.  
Mrs. Mason, from Stirling East to Henley Beach, S.A.  
Mrs. Oliver, from Grote-st., Adelaide, to Henley Beach, S.A.  
Mrs. R. Fairclough, to Hornsby, N.S.W.  
Mr. and Mrs. F. V. Brown, from West Preston to Hampton, Vic.  
R. Clothier, from Wallaroo to Prospect, S.A.

## Marriage

- Pamela Cox to John McKinlay, Henley Beach, S.A.  
Valarie Murray to Max Milne, Shirley Davies to Allen Richards, Doreen Waters to Harold Fletcher, June Sherriff to Aleck Fraser, York-st., Ballarat, Vic.

## Fallen Asleep

- Mrs. E. Turner, Ann-st., Brisbane, Qld.  
Mrs. Marriage, Toowoomba, Qld.  
G. Lamphire (senr.), Mile End, S.A.

## Tasmania

Devonport (D. P. Holloway). — Attendances are well maintained. Services are being carried on by local brethren on alternate Sundays. Bi-weekly prayer meetings have been commenced. D. Nicholls and W. Wigney visited church on Apr. 6. Mr. and Mrs. Bruton and family were welcomed back and slides were shown on Aborigine work. Visitors have included Mr. and Mrs. Masterman and Sis. Cox. Mrs. Bruton spoke at Ladies' Fellowship and Youth Club. Mrs. Townsend has been in hospital. Many B.S. children have been away during school vacation.

Collins-st., Hobart (H. W. Street). — May was Youth month. B.S. supt., M. Davis, spoke on Challenge of Youth on 1st, and E. W. Taylor (Nubeena-Highcroft) was guest speaker at one service. Special youth activities, including interchange of visits by youth of Kellevie and Collins-st. social evenings, hikes and church parades have been a feature. One of the Y.P. made her decision. Month came to an end with youth banquet. Men's Fellowship is conducting Friendship Campaign aimed at strengthening fellowship and increasing attendances. This is a first step in a Campaign for Christ. The men, in twos, plan to visit every church home to promote closer understanding and firmer friendships. Y.W.F. is working for an electric cleaner for chapel and ladies of church are also raising funds for kitchen furnishings. Morning attendances are good, and an improvement in gospel service attendances is also apparent. June is Faith and Fellowship month. Church enjoyed fellowship with Mr. and Mrs. Petty (Doncaster, Vic.), and members were pleased to have greetings from Mr. and Mrs. Burt (preacher, Doncaster) who were formerly engaged in a ministry at Collins-st.

## Queensland

Boonah (A. B. Clark). — At morning service on May 1, S. Vanham (Conf. Pres.) spoke and launched the Commonwealth Campaign. K. Horne (Youth Director), spoke at evening service and presented Third Prize Efficiency Banner to B.S. H. Jenner, B.S. supt., suitably responded and two items were presented by school. Table Tennis competition between Boonah Y.P. and Croftby was won by Boonah. Men of church entertained mothers to tea on Mother's Day, each mother receiving a gift and posy. Members of J.C.E. also distributed posies. Members of Ladies' Guild conducted evening service. Mrs. W. Volger presided and Mrs. A. B. Clark gave address. C. H. Carter visited Band of Hope and gave illustrated address. C. Muller (C.O.B.) is

home on vacation. Boonah-Silverdale Circuit Conference was held on May 14. Church was saddened at news of death of A. H. Pratt, former member at Boonah.

Ann-st., Brisbane (C. G. Flood). — I.C.E. entertained mothers at tea on afternoon of Mother's Day. Bouquets were presented to oldest and youngest mothers present. B.S. picnic was held at Mowbray Park on May 14, when large attendance of children and parents enjoyed excellent programme. Men's Fellowship monthly tea on 15th was addressed by guest speaker, G. Andrews (Albion). Attendances remain buoyant at all meetings despite inclement weather and sickness, especially among older members. Sympathy of church was extended to family of late Mrs. E. Turner who passed away recently. Mrs. Turner had been a member at Ann-st. for many years and one of its oldest members. Cottage prayer meeting was held on 18th at home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Collins. At conclusion of gospel meeting on 29th, a young woman made her decision. A few weeks previously another young woman became a member by faith and baptism. Fellowship has been enjoyed with many interstate visitors at recent services.

Roma (H. E. Paddick). — Attendances at all services during May have been good, with an average of 28 breaking bread at morning service. On May 15, Teachers' Dedication Service was incorporated in Communion Service. May 22, Y.P. gathered for tea at manse and young men conducted gospel service at 7.30. Attendance was excellent. Strip film, A Woman to Remember was shown during service. B.S. attendances are good, and with recent addition of W. Haye, staff now numbers seven.

Toowoomba (E. T. Hart and G. Gibson). — Faith for our Times Campaign was launched on May 15, with R. Greenhalgh as missionary. Both services were very well attended. At conclusion of gospel service, three Y.P. were baptised. Meetings were held each night of the week except Monday, and despite cold and wet weather, were well attended. Attendance on night of 22nd was almost 200. A Happy Hour was conducted at Crown-st. during first week, and following Sunday three new scholars were added to school. R. Greenhalgh was speaker at Ladies Meeting, A.N.C.M., Y.P.F. and also at a Teachers' Conference on Saturday afternoon. Saturday night was family night, when film Walking With God was screened. Mrs. Marriage who celebrated her 101st birthday in January passed away on May 21. G. Gibson is at present in hospital in Brisbane.

**Gympie-Monkland (R. Roberts).** — Over Anzac week-end, 39 Y.P. spent a profitable time in camp at Tin Can Bay. Fellowship was enjoyed with Miss Isabel Stevenson, missionary from Borneo and G. Barga of W.E.C. Visit of Miss Ruth Roberts was very much appreciated at a special women's meeting. She also spoke to Endeavorers and gave gospel message in open-air service on May 8. Echo meeting of Tin Can Bay Camp replaced usual gospel service on 1st, when campers testified of blessing received at the Bay. Gospel service on Mother's Day was conducted by mothers. Choir of ladies sang and papers were given by three mothers—Mrs. Dowdle on "Ruth," Mrs. McLellan "Lydia," and Mrs. Turner "Dorcas." Evening service on 15th was conducted entirely by I.C.E. Testimonies were given by D. Brelby, B. Stokes, E. Joyce, G. Hook, and M. Joyce. Gladys Henry read the Scripture, and address was delivered by J. McLellan. J.C.E. presented tableau, *The Key*, at gospel service on 22nd. Friends from Goomborian fellowship took charge of gospel service on 29th.

### Western Australia

**Harvey (T. D. Maiden).** — Walls of chapel are nearing completion. Two weeks of special meetings with H. Fitch (Merridan) were enjoyed. There was one restoration. Many non-members attended. R. Pollock (Kellerberrin) spent a month in the district and served as organist during the mission. Visit of R. Dixon (India) and films on missionary work were enjoyed. I.C.E. decorated chapel for Mother's Day services. Ladies' Fellowship meetings are well attended and sale table benefits funds. Pool system is proving successful.

### New South Wales

**Hornsby (K. R. Fennell).** — Anniversary Month celebrations continued on May 28 when Open Air Campaigners conducted an Evangelistic Rally in chapel. Sunday, 29th, was occasion of 49th Church Anniversary which was a glorious climax to the special month. H. Walmsley (Tamworth) was guest speaker and brought challenging messages. Mr. Bartholomew presided at morning service. A goodly number were present at the P.S.A., and all artists were appreciated. Sisters of church prepared an excellent Anniversary Tea which over seventy enjoyed. After tea, two religious films were screened prior to gospel service. A large number attended evening service conducted by preacher, and Mrs. M. Gray and R. Barr assisted in song. H. Walmsley was speaker.

**Marrickville (P. E. Thomas, B.A.).** — Church welcomes home preacher and wife after beneficial holiday. Youth Council arranged prayer meeting on May 18, when T. W. Benson conducted meeting and Miss H. Shepherd led

discussion. Gospel service on 22nd was presented by choir under leadership of L. E. Thomas. Preacher closed service with short message when two young people made their decision for Christ. Happy time of fellowship was enjoyed when Y.P. organised barbecue and bonfire night on 24th. Life Gift Fellowship meeting on 25th welcomed missionary E. Heard, who reported, with help of lantern slides, on work in India. Men's Fellowship enjoyed meeting on 29th, when D. Verco (Deputy Dir. of Educ., N.S.W.) presented a very instructional address. Auxiliary month in special campaign was brought to close on 29th, when gospel service was led by Men's Fellowship. K. A. Rae conducted meeting and W. Francis, T. W. Benson and preacher presented sermonettes on peace, joy and salvation in Christ. Men formed choir and rendered messages in song with C. Nutt as organist. Offering of £8/8/- was received during meeting for B.&F.B.S. Recent welcome visitors have included Mr. and Mrs. Stewart (Kurri) and Mr. Stewart, senr. (Scotland).

**Tamworth (H. I. Walmsley).** — Fete held on May 21 was very successful bringing in £60. Preacher was recent guest speaker at Hornsby church anniversary. Morning address on 29th was given by C. Love. Night service was combined church service preceded by combined church youth tea. Visitors for month were Mrs. Newton (Lismore) Mr. and Mrs. Jackson (Carringbah).

### South Australia

**Croydon (W. N. Bartlett).** — Attendances at services have been maintained at a high level throughout May. Kinder Department held Play afternoon for mothers and children on 7th, and had a special B.S. meeting on Mother's Day. Y.P. conducted morning service on Mother's Day, B. Bailey being speaker. Baskets of white flowers were presented in evening to the two oldest mothers present. On evenings of 9th and 11th, G. A. Whiting gave lectures in Training for Service campaign. Youth Tea was held on 15th. J. Beaumont, B. Marriott and W. N. Bartlett preached at service following, and film Family Worship was screened at after-church fellowship. Special service was held on Empire Youth Sunday with Y.P. taking part. On 24th, Principal E. Williams (C.O.B.) gave address to Port Line group of churches.

**Dulwich (S. E. Mathews).** — Chairman of H.M. Committee, M. A. K. Crosby, recently addressed church and showed slides of chapels in course of erection, others completed, to provide for expansion in suburbs where there is an influx of new residents. J. Cain (Camberwell, Vic.) was speaker on May 8. Mrs. Morrow has gone on an overseas tour. Meetings are well attended and Y.P. are assisting in the services during Youth month. Working bees have tidied up church grounds.

**Henley Beach (J. E. Webb).** — At annual business meeting, all officers were re-elected and M. Thomas and A. Toshach were added to the Diaconate. Owing to marked revival of interest in church and rapid development of district, Mr. Webb was invited to give more time to church work and was offered increase in stipend. He has accepted church's invitation. It was decided to install fluorescent lighting in the chapel building. B.S. continues to have increased attendances and has been busy practising for forthcoming anniversary. Women's Fellowship is having interesting meetings and recently S. E. Matthews showed pictures of Switzerland. Church attendances are consistently good and there have been three decisions for Christ. A Men's Fellowship, to meet monthly, has been formed, with J. E. Webb, pres., and M. Thomas, sec. Partly through intervention of preacher, an application to Council for use of Henley Oval for organised Sunday sport has been rejected. Prospects for the future are exceedingly bright.

**Long Plains-Owen-Avon (M. D. Williams).** — Owen B.S. anniversary services were held on May 22. Speakers were Messrs. Gibson (Balaklava) and Williams. Tea meeting and social evening was held on 23rd. Internal renovations and exterior painting to Owen chapel is under way. Several children from Avon B.S. attended Junior Camp at Longwood during school vacation. Mrs. Candy (Adelaide) was speaker at Owen Guild annual rally on May 4. Youth services were held in each church in circuit on 8th, Y.P. leading. Long Plains and Avon are appreciating regular visits of speakers from suburban churches, relieving local speakers during preacher's absence at Owen on alternate Sundays. Mr. and Mrs. R. Dixon (India) held two special meetings in circuit recently and members appreciated their interesting and challenging messages on our Indian mission work. Members journeyed to Kadina to opening of new manse and hear messages of Principal Williams on overseas experiences.

**Murray Bridge (P. R. Whitmore).** — Well attended week night meetings received progress report from Hall Committee on finances, building progress, and adopted date and programme for opening ceremony and celebrations to follow, details of which will be announced later. Meeting recommended purchase of 200 chairs and 46 were spontaneously donated. Four car loads of members journeyed to Strathalbyn for combined meeting to hear Principal E. L. Williams.

**Kilburn (H. G. Norris).** — Church celebrated 9th Anniversary on May 29 when A. W. C. Candy (Grote-st.) was morning speaker, and H. G. Norris spoke at night, Mrs. Kelly being soloist. Special offering for Building Fund of new chapel resulted in over £130. B.S.

attendance of 256 including five new scholars was a record. C.Y.F. club on 27th was conducted by C. Kirby when 35 Y.P. enjoyed happy time.

**Maylands (G. M. Mathieson).** — On May 20, church heard address by Principal E. L. Williams. Church Anniversary was held on 22nd, and Mr. Williams was guest speaker. Service was broadcast. Youth Groups attended evening service when G. M. Mathieson presented the message. Social Evening on 25th was well attended despite wet weather. Speakers for evening were Miss Cameron and G. M. Mathieson. Koongarra quartette rendered several items, and duets were sung by Mrs. R. Pitken and Mrs. W. Heath. Supper ended a very enjoyable evening. B.S. and choir made presentations to Fay Rice prior to her marriage.

**Semaphore (R. H. Sercombe).** — Happy spirit prevails in church and auxiliaries and good work is being done. 20 members of Protestant Children's Home spent May 8 at morning and evening service. Dinner was provided by members of church in their homes, and tea was held at church including Y.P. of church. Many Y.P. took part in service, a youth choir and dialogue being featured. Mother's Day was observed, and J.C.E. supplied a white flower to many. Crowded evening service, when two young men made their decision. Ladies' Guild visited Christian Rest Home on 23rd. Mrs. Foote was speaker, and Mrs. Wormald soloist. Ladies provided afternoon tea. Number of visitors during month, including three ladies from W.A. Average communicants for month was 67. Fellowship was enjoyed with Mrs. Sercombe and daughter.

**Prospect.** — On Apr. 21, G. Whiting (Youth Director) conducted evening service and showed film *Jesus or Barabbas*. M. A. K. Crosby (Conf. Pres.) addressed evening meeting on May 8, and after service showed a film on Home Mission Work. On 23rd, Principal E. L. Williams spoke to members of Prospect and various northern churches on his visit to Evanston last year. Foundations have been laid for new manse in Pulsford-rd. Sympathy is extended to Mr. Goodwin in loss of his wife, Mrs. R. M. Goodwin, who was a foundation member at Prospect.

## Victoria

**Mildura (D. A. V. Thomas).** — Over past weeks many visitors have been welcomed. Church was pleased to have Mrs. Chislett back again after being ill in hospital. During school holidays, boys from four district churches, had a very enjoyable camp at Hall's Gap, despite rain and cold weather. C. L. Lang (Red Cliffs) was camp leader. During preacher's absence at camp, W. Peville conducted morning service and K. Cameron evening service. Men held working bee to level off church grounds; a great improvement has resulted.

**Dawson-st., Ballarat (F. C. Hunting).** — Very successful Easter Camp (Hall's Gap) reunion with an attendance of over 60 was held on May 28. On 29th, children from Orphanage were given hospitality for day by J.C.E. and B.S. scholars, on their half-yearly visit. At evening service chapel was crowded for screening of Billy Graham film *Hour of Decision*. At close of address that followed, there were five adult rededications. Mrs. Birch is still in hospital, but improving.

**Prahran (P. Retchford).** — Services are well attended. Senior C.E. Consecration meeting was held on May 15, followed by a fellowship tea. C.E. also held a Sunshine meeting on 20th in home of one member who has been unable to attend meetings for some years. Representative from M.M.B.W. was guest speaker at C.M.S. monthly meeting.

**Hampton (K. J. Clinton, B.A.).** — On May 15, two Bible Class scholars were baptised and at conclusion of film service on 29th, three more scholars made good confession. At morning service an exchange of pulpits was made with Mr. Barnes (Congregational). On May 22, first of monthly series of films on life of Christ was shown to school. Mr. and Mrs. Brown (West Preston) and Mr. and Mrs. Yarde and family (Swan Hill) have been meeting with church.

**Portland (V. Quayle).** — Preacher entered second year of ministry with church on May 1. B.S. scholars marched with other youth in march on Youth Sunday. Youth tea was held and Y.P. later assisted in evening service. Annual business meeting was held on May 27, when following were elected: B. Rivett, sec., D. Griffith, asst. sec., M. Goldsworthy, treas., F. Warburton, V. Marr, W. Crouch, D. Smith and C. Wills. G. Graham was appointed B.S. supt. Mrs. J. Couch has returned home after successful treatment in Melbourne. Mr. and Mrs. Milne have returned home to Red Cliffs. Church appreciated their active assistance while in the district. Mrs. Quayle is home after rest period in City.

**Surrey Hills (H. Earle).** — Church feels deep sense of loss in passing of their beloved elder, G. L. Murray. Five Y.P. have just completed leadership training classes with National Fitness and Y.M.C.A. Fees for these classes were paid by Explorer and Good Companions Clubs of church. B.S. has commenced monthly training classes for teachers training for teachers and Bible Class. During absence of preacher, on holidays, addresses have been given by W. Baird, Dr. Oldfield, W. F. Newham, R. Oldfield and G. Gilmour.

**East Preston (T. V. Weir).** — Gospel services have been well attended during May, special features being Empire Youth Service on 1st, when a number of Y.P. assisted. A play, *Crossroads* of

Life, was presented by P.B.P. on 8th. On 22nd, film *The Promise* was screened, at conclusion of which three made the good confession and one sister reconsecrated her life. Y.W.F. has been addressed by Police-woman Carr and Mrs. A. R. Lloyd, and held film evening and an afternoon, raising £18 towards its building fund activities. Church recently met for social evening arranged by P.B.P. when £7 was raised towards club regalia. Mid-week Fellowship combined with West Preston S.C.E. for its last meeting in April. The meetings during May were held in the homes of members. Study of booklet *Workshop on Evangelism* is being undertaken at these meetings, in preparation for mission to be held later in year. On May 6, Good Companions entertained a number of mothers at special Mothers' Night. Northcote K.S.P. and P.B.P. presented splendid concert on May 13, the building funds of both churches benefiting as a result. Their assistance is appreciated by church.

**Echuca (H. Hargreaves, Interim).** — Mothers of kinder children attended school on Mother's Day. 64th church anniversary and Temple Day were held on May 29, when C. Watson (Brunswick) was speaker at both services. Mrs. Parry rendered a solo at evening service. Miss Day is back at services after illness.

**Ormond (F. E. Buckingham).** — Erection of new chapel is well advanced and plans have been made for official opening later in year. Mr. Ritchie conducted prayer meeting on May 23. Preacher is in N.S.W. Ladies held their birthday meeting on 25th, when over 60 enjoyed programme contributed by Mesdames Boyles, Giles, Goodin and Blackwell. Mr. Booth is organiser for 1955 Fete. K.S.P. enjoyed bikes and rides on 30th.

**Parkdale (C. Dunse).** — Mrs. E. L. Williams was speaker at monthly snowball meeting held in home of Mrs. Wilson. About 30 were present. Carpet for platform has been presented to church by this group of women. Mrs. Clarke, oldest member of church celebrated her 93rd birthday on June 6. She is a regular attender at services and an active worker for charitable organisations. Tennis Club held annual meeting on May 30. Club was formed 30 years ago and is a great asset for recreation of members. Two good courts are on church property. Mr. Funston (Local Option) was speaker on 28th. Mrs. Pittman has celebrated her 87th birthday.

**Shepparton.** — Annual Temple Day tea was held on May 28, when H. A. G. Clark was guest speaker. Good attendances throughout Sunday when Mr. Clark brought message at morning service, and F. Mitchell at gospel service. Temple Day offering amounted to £264. Ladies' Guild and Mission Band netted

a profit of £22 by catering for N.E. Conference when a happy time of fellowship was enjoyed by all. Adele Taylor was farewelled prior to her transfer to Melbourne, and appreciation expressed for her services as organiste, B.S. sec., and C.E. worker. Mid-week prayer meetings have recommenced and interest is growing. Working bee is to be held to prepare manse for coming of D. Thomas and family in July.

**York-st., Ballarat (C. W. Jackel).** — Church released preacher for visitation and mission at Peel-st. A young man who decided for Christ at Hall's Gap Open-air service was baptised at morning service. B.S. attendance on May 22 was 134. B.S. anniversary extending over two Sundays had full attendances, and messages were enjoyed from B. Huntsman, Miss J. Bailey and C. Jackel. Presentations were made to Messrs. H. and B. Feary for their untiring efforts in B.S. work, and to Janice Murray for record attendance. A sacred Play was presented on *Mothers of the Bible* on Mother's Day, and posies were presented to mothers of Cradle Roll. Church tennis club won church competition at end of its first entry into church association. Men are active in giving preaching services to sister churches in Ballarat, in helping renovations at Colac and at residence of D. R. Stirling (Blackwood). Church is planning visitation prior to special series of illustrated chart addresses.

**Blackburn (S. Neighbour, B.A.).** — B.S. annual meeting was held on May 22. Reports showed that school is in healthy condition. At Teachers' tea new Superintendent, L. Fisher, was introduced. Teachers were inspired by his sincere desire to work with them for

#### BIRTHS

**SEDGMAN (nee Burston).** — On May 27, at Yallourn District Hospital, Vic., to Ivy and Hylton, a son.—Keith Edwin.

#### DEATH NOTICE

**PRATT.** — A tribute of appreciation and loving remembrance of Brother A. H. Pratt, who was called to higher service on May 18, 1955.

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#### IN MEMORIAM

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**SMEDLEY.** — In loving memory of my dear husband, Alfred Ernest, who passed away on June 2, 1952. Loved father of Harold, Ena and Beryl (Mrs. A. Meyer).

June 7, 1955.

good of school. Men's Society was formed at a tea which was attended by 25 men. At street stall on May 27, Ladies raised £46 for Box Hill Hospital.

**Cheltenham (R. C. Bolduan).** — 98th anniversary of church was celebrated on May 29 with an Every Member Present Sunday. Preachers were L. G. Read (Dandenong) at morning service, who asked *What is the Church After?* and R. C. Bolduan who commenced a series of addresses on *The Gospel—in the Light of the New Testament*. 157 were present at morning service. Several past members returned for the day, including E. Brough and family and Mr. Lewis, senr. Miss Betty Fairbank was soloiste at evening service. Plans are almost complete for renovation and modernising of church building in preparation for centenary in 1957. Members have underwritten scheme with interest-free loans of nearly £4,000 and total amount of £10,000 to be raised will be almost entirely by direct giving. Miss P. Whitehead has left on trip to England and Continent. Several members of Good Companions Club attended camp in school holidays. Church members are assisting in conduct of Community Survey in Hightet area.

**Red Hill (J. Sutton).** — On May 7, sixteen Y.P. visited Springvale. Special Mother's Day services were held on 8th. Y.W.L. distributed white flowers and cards. Mothers of church conducted evening service. Several visitors were

present. Chapel was packed for evening service conducted by preacher on 29th. S. Royal gave personal testimony. Offerings were received during month for Youth Dept. and Social Service.

**Middle Park (J. Plummer).** — Mothers were honored on May 8 when bouquets of flowers were sent to several elderly ladies who are unable to attend services. At gospel service, solo by B. Benson was enjoyed. Attendances at morning services have been maintained. Recent visiting presidents have been W. Huggan, A. Knee, T. Clift, and B. Benson. Owing to indisposition of preacher on 22nd, gospel service was taken by S. Bannon (Sth. Melb.). Speakers on 29th where A. Thomas and D. Tallants. Renewal of fellowship is being enjoyed with Mr. and Mrs. W. Annear.

#### ENGAGEMENTS

**MOUNTJOY—GATES.** — Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Mountjoy, "Wandeeet," Valley-rd., Highton, Vic., have pleasure in announcing the engagement of their only daughter, Elinor Kennett, to Robert John, second son of Mrs. I. E. Gates, 28 Elgin-st., Geelong West, Vic., and the late W. H. Gates.

**TULLOCH—EDWARDS.** — The engagement is announced of Barbara Ann, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Tulloch, 4 Lewis-st., Springvale, to William John (Jack), second son of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Edwards, 5 Marion-st., Dandenong, Vic.



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### Programme for July

Theme: SERVICE.  
Mrs. Digwood, Western Australia.  
HYMN 607.  
PRAYER.  
READING.  
Acts 9: 36-42.  
MEDITATION.

In our Christian life there are offered to those who love the Lord Jesus, many avenues of service. So often we feel our limitations, and perhaps long to possess gifts which are not ours. We think how beautiful it would be to possess a golden voice, that we might sing praises to our Saviour and, through the sentiments expressed, lead others to love and know him. Perhaps we yearn for the gift of leadership and organisation, and think that if only we had these and other wonderful gifts, we should be able to accomplish much for the Master.

Let us consider the flowers. We have so many, rich in beauty of color and fragrance. We may look at the rose and think that here is perfection. We notice the tiny violet with its smiling face and sweet perfume, and find that it, too, is perfect, and it is so with them all.

Human beings differ also in their attributes and talents and the essence of service for our Lord Jesus Christ is the finding of our particular gifts, and using them in his service.

Let us think for a moment of the woman, Dorcas, mentioned in our reading today. Her name has been treasured from generation to generation in the women's groups of the Christian Church. She had fallen ill with a serious ailment which had proved fatal, but Peter was sent for and brought into the upper chamber, where her body lay. Vividly, Acts depicts this moving scene, and we may dwell with interest on the character of this woman whose passing had so greatly moved her friends. "This woman was full of good works and alms deeds which she did."

Here we have a character to warm the heart of Martha. Her gifts were of the homely, domestic kind, finding expression in her nimble fingers. The New Testament does not dwell long on gifts of this order. Ardor and devotion in evangelism secure the greater emphasis. Yet we do not waste time as we dwell on the character of a humble soul, who, if she could not serve her God in eloquent preaching, could still consecrate her skill in needlework to the sacred cause of the poor. For every one who can pour an expensive alabaster box of ointment at the Saviour's feet, or can extol him in rousing eloquence, there are a

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God. May we, then, bring our talents,  
whether large or small, to the Master,  
knowing that he will accept them with  
understanding. If we feel diffident about  
the little things we think we are able  
only to do, may we just remember  
that our Master himself said, "Inas-  
much as ye have done it unto one of  
the least of these my brethren, ye have  
done it unto me," and sing with joy in  
our hearts:

I am happy in the service of the  
King,  
Every talent will I bring.

HYMN 597.

BUSINESS.

MISSIONARY LETTERS.

PRAYER SESSION.

SOLO.

MESSAGE.

MESSAGE.

HYMN 593.

BENEDICTION.

**VICTORIAN AND TASMANIAN  
COUNCIL.**

May meeting was presided over by  
Mrs. A. R. Lloyd, 100 delegates in at-  
tendance. Devotions were led by Mrs.  
E. H. Randall. A message from the  
President of General Conference, Mr. B.  
F. Huntsman was read by Mrs. W.  
Thomson. Representatives to the follow-  
ing were appointed: Women's World  
Day of Prayer, Mrs. C. Hall, Mrs. F.  
Hodges; Inter-Church Council, Mes.  
Lloyd, Hodges, Huntsman, Randall,  
Thomson, Ward, Withers and L. Wil-  
liams. Proxies, Mes. Cleland and Wick-  
ham; British and Foreign Bible Society,  
Miss A. Craigie; Young Women's Fel-  
lowship, Mes. Lloyd, Williams, Cleland,  
Randall and Wickham.

As the three talks given at Con-  
ference called for further discussion,  
the remainder of the meeting was given  
over to reviews by Mrs. H. Morris and  
Mrs. Nankivell with questions and an-  
swers following. Thought provoking  
ideas were raised and discussion is to  
be continued at the next meeting.

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# FIRST IMPRESSIONS

*New missionaries sent out this year, tell of their impressions on their respective fields.*

## MIXED EMOTIONS

Dorothy Geyer, India.

**Humorous.** Can you picture . . . numerous black sheep, and goats with neck-laces? . . . Me trying to understand or to make myself understood? . . . Mrs. Munro and me riding at break-neck speed down the main street of Bhigwan in a tonga, to catch a departing bus—the tonga driver in full cry, the whole village out to watch? . . . A policeman standing under a big umbrella at a corner where cars



Miss Dorothy Geyer, India. This worker is well fitted for her task. She is a trained teacher. Holds the degrees of B.A., Dip.Ed., and graduated from the College of the Bible, Glen Iris.

seldom seem to pass, and bidding us "Good Morning" at about 4 p.m.?

**Sad.** Some of the pictures are sad ones. I mention several typical of this sad land. In one village—an old man living in a dark mud hut about six feet by four feet, and about four feet high; a Christian girl with T.B.; a Christian mother who still couldn't see the sense of sending her children to school; little children playing about in rags and dirt; an old blind man with no means of livelihood at all. On Poona Railway Station—a little boy of about eight, begging with imitation tears and groans. By the roadside—men and women bowing down to a stone, carved a bit and painted red.

**Glad.** There have been many things to make my heart glad—or perhaps I should say "many people." Missionaries who have blessed my life with their friendliness and generous fellowship. The lass who cooked for Win. Walker and me at Dhond: not long ago a Hindu, she is now a bright and sincere Christian—and, incidentally, speaks some English. A crowd of bright-eyed children in a village, where not so many years ago there were no Christians, singing as they welcomed me, in Marathi, then in English, "I'm glad I belong to Jesus." . . . And in and through all, there is the sweetness of God's own presence and love and care.

## WEATHERED STONE

Frank W. Beale, New Hebrides.

Jesus had a way of getting wonderful results out of the most unpromising material. Despised and rejected people, like Zacchaeus or Mary Magdelene, became steadfast and exemplary characters.

And, at the moment that is perhaps the dominant idea that came to me as I spent my first few days in the New Hebrides. It was a harsh exterior that was presented to my view. First, a grey outline amid the heavy cloud bank. Then a coast line, savage with the newness of its volcanic origin, not yet mellowed by the soothing effect of time. Grey basalt, mile after mile of it fissured and wrinkled, with sharp fangs rising out of the gently swelling sea.

But behind that coast I meet a people who now have the custom of shaking hands at all times. The days are remote when they were as harsh as the coastline of their island. The work of Jesus made a terrific difference. Maybe much remains to be done. Maybe there is a great inability to master some of the finer points of Christianity, but out of the unpromising material of the savage hearts, has come a promising change.

Today I meet a Zacchaeus when he came down from the Londua school to get oranges. And the difference between that clean, upright, well-spoken boy, and the idea of a naked heathen savage, was as great as the difference in the Zacchaeus who came down from the Sycamore-tree, to the one who climbed it. Jesus had passed this way.



Mr. Frank Beale — Completed his course at Glen Iris, and left for the New Hebrides to take up the work, particularly teaching in the primary school, Aoba.

# SOME EARLY PICTURES



Miss Cameron, Miss Vawser, and some workers at Shrigonda, India.



Early picture of Shrigonda Home — some of these girls are co-workers today; others have established Christian homes.



Group on Aoba (1908). Taby-Man-Con, fourth from left. All these came under the influence of Fred Purdy, pioneer missionary, Aoba.



Miss Rosa Tonkin (1901-1920) pioneer missionary to Shanghai, China. Her splendid devotion and the work accomplished, gave rise to the opening of work in the interior of China.



Mary Thompson, first missionary of the Australian churches of Christ. 1891-1934.



Frank Filmer, first resident missionary on Pentecost, New Hebrides. Some of these boys made splendid teachers.