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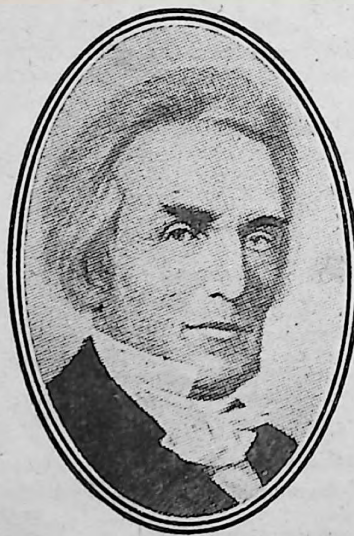
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A Prayer of Alexander Campbell's

We know much about the sermons and writings of A. Campbell, but little of the exact wordings of his prayers. Here is a prayer of his at the opening of the Session of the Indiana Constitutional Convention on Monday morning, November 11, 1850.

"Our Father who art in heaven; thou also inhabitest eternity and the praises of eternity! It is our highest honor and greatest privilege to be permitted to speak to thee—to speak to him who lives forever and ever—in whose hand is our destiny, and that of every living thing.

"We are indebted to thy bounty for health and life, and every blessing. All that is dear to our hearts in time and in eternity—our families, our country, and our friends—is at thy sovereign disposal, and we therefore desire to feel and to cherish in our hearts a continued and abiding sense of our absolute dependence upon thee for all things pertaining to the life that now is and that which is to come. We owe to thee all the blessings of our happy lot and all the circumstances with which we are pleased in our present condition. It is therefore our most reasonable service to express to thee our fervent thanks for all the privileges which distinguish and elevate our condition amongst our fellow men.



"The kind providence, heavenly Father, hast been vouchsafed to us, as a nation, the most blissful circumstances bestowed upon any portion of the human race. Thou hast most

generously bestowed the gifts and bounty of thy kind providence upon this portion of thy people. Oh, that we may all feel a corresponding obligation resting upon us, to restore to thee the homage of our gratitude.

"We feel our responsibility and our accountability to thee for the benefits of thy kind providence and the blessings of the great salvation which thou hast vouchsafed us as a people. When we contrast our condition, as a nation, with that of any other nation under heaven, we feel ourselves placed under the highest obligation to devote and consecrate all our powers to thee, who hast thus given to us such glorious and continued devotion among the sons of men, and may the influences and the powers which we exert, be ever on the side of truth, of righteousness, of wisdom, and happiness.

"Thou hast made it our duty, heavenly Father, to look to thee for every benefit and blessing necessary to our enjoyment of ourselves. Thou



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hast, therefore, commanded us to offer prayers, supplications, and thanksgiving for all mankind, for kings and governors and judges, and for all that exercise authority over the destinies of the human race. We therefore look to thee, this morning, as citizens of the kingdom of heaven—as a portion of the great family of man, for thy blessing on this convention, which has been assembled for the greatest object which could be vouchsafed or committed into the hands of any body of men of the community. Oh, that they may be duly influenced by just considerations of the great interests to be disposed of by their wisdom and discretion! May they have wisdom, foresight, and ability for the occasion. May they be wise in their deliberations, so that not only their contemporaries, but generations yet unborn may have reason to rejoice in the administration of justice, righteousness, and equity under the constitution which they may be enabled to frame.

“May the Lord vouchsafe to us, each and all, his blessings in the various situations and relations of life which we occupy, so that all our actions may be performed with an eye single to the glory of God, the general happiness of mankind. Conduct us, our heavenly Father, in all our ways, as seemeth good to thee. Accept of our imperfect supplications and forgive us all our faults and frailties. Regard us in the face of our great Redeemer, in whom we believe and trust, and through whom we desire to glorify thee, our Father and Creator, forever and ever. Amen.”
—Gospel Advocate.



A WORKER'S PRAYER

O Son of Man, who madest known
Through faithfulness in labor shown
The sacredness of common things,
The good that quiet service brings.

O Master Workman! grant us grace
The challenge of our tasks to face.
May duty speak thy summons clear
To larger life through work sincere.

Fit us to meet the test of earth,
To prove our fibre, strength and worth
By effort true, by loyal scorn
Of second-best, the burdens borne.

Thus do we pray in deed and word;
Thy kingdom come on earth, O Lord!
In work that gives effect to prayer
Thy purpose in thy world we share.

—M. S. Littlefield, D.D.

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VISION AND DUTY

"Men that had an understanding of the times."
1 Chron. 12: 32.

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair, we had everything before us, we had nothing before us, we were all going direct to Heaven, we were all going the other way . . ." So Charles Dickens opens his *Tale of Two Cities*.

We can recognise, with some little differences, such a number of voices today. These are no doubt wonderful times in which we live but they are serious days as well. We in Australia would say they are prosperous days and peaceful days. Those living nearer the powder barrel where inflamed passions of men are already causing such fire that the resultant explosion may rock the world into another war, would no doubt be calling these days "desperate times."

Unhappily the majority of Australians have little knowledge of what is happening overseas. In a class of sixty secondary school children, only three of these teenagers knew of the "Big Four" meeting in Geneva on July 18. They could no doubt have given some fairly accurate reports of events in British history. It is good that we should know of the past. It helps us to understand the present. On the other hand he who understands every time but his own can do little permanent good for society. If he lives in the past he becomes mystical, and if he lives only in the future he becomes fanatical. Most great inventors have been men who realised the need of the hour and gave of their genius to lighten labor or to make life more pleasant and happy.

The world needs men today who understand their times and the need of their times. And of one thing we can be sure, the world no longer wants political jugglers but men who see the need of a broken sin-saddened world and recognise that *"the Lord he is God"* and would have every man of every race and clime come under his dominion.

*"God give us men, the time demands,
Strong minds, great hearts, true faith, and
willing hands."*

NEVER A DULL MOMENT

"Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer; for I believe God." Acts 27: 25.

One of the last pieces which the late Dr. Morrison wrote was entitled *Social Consequences of Individual Faith* and was based on the above text. The writer emphasised that few, whilst recognising

Paul as a great preacher, would ever have considered him to be of any use in a storm at sea and in a shipwreck. If any did so they were reckoning without the great faith of that apostle. He not only brought new hope to the men on board but they were all brought safely to land because of him. Truly has it been said, "One man and God are a majority."

How much a man of strong faith in God means to this world! We receive courage and strength from men full of faith. They turn our hearts from despair to hope, from fear to trust in God.

When we think of all that Paul suffered — beaten, imprisoned, stoned and left for dead, shipwrecked . . . we know there was nothing dull about his life. Everywhere he went he was an inspiration to those who believed, and salvation to many who had not before heard the word of life.

It is just such a responsibility that every Christian has. We may not journey far from our own home town but wherever we are, to carry the light of faith in God is our individual and collective responsibility toward the community as well as to mankind everywhere.

When Isaiah heard the voice of the Lord saying *"Who will go for us,"* Isaiah answered *"Here am I, send me."* He might have said, "Let George do it," or, what would be even more modern, "Let the committee do it." Isaiah's answer is one with a refreshing sense of individual responsibility.

There are multitudes who agree that something ought to be done about it, but that somebody else ought to do it. How rare is the attitude, "I ought to do something about it. This is my responsibility." But when we come to that position we begin an active life of discipleship and there will never be a dull moment for us either. Not that there are any tricks in plain and simple faith, but there is God-given wisdom and power to those who believe and live under God's direction and control. "This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." 1 John 5: 4.

THOSE POOR TOURISTS

We've been hearing about it for so long that we know just what hardships tourists suffer. When they come to Australia they can't get a drink of liquor just when they want it! The amazing thing is that the same propaganda is used about tourists in Britain. They can't get a drink at the airport terminal any time of the day or night. Its probably the only spot in Britain where they can't. Despite this shocking hardship suffered by tourists there is no sign of the tourist trade falling off. Perhaps it is not generally known that the world organisation of air-crew and stewards of air-liners have asked for the prohibition of alcoholic drink sales in passenger air-craft. They *know* the danger.

PAUL BERTHOLD in the "Christian Standard," writes of

THE CHRISTIAN'S JOY

Someone has said that if you are not happier because you are a Christian, it is doubtful whether you actually are a Christian. And again it has been said that many have just enough religion to make them miserable, but not enough to make them happy. Jesus declared, "I came that you might have life and have it abundantly." He came for this explicit purpose that our lives might be rich, full, and joyous.

Proverbs tells us that joy is as medicine to the soul. "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine; but a broken spirit drieth the bones" (Prov. 17: 22). Medical scientists confirm this. They tell us that the person who is depressed is the one who is more susceptible to diseases, and that despondency is the cause of many physical and mental illnesses. Man's mental attitude is highly necessary not only to physical health but also to mental and spiritual health. The National Association for Mental Health tells us that nearly half of all hospital beds in America are required for the mentally ill. The stress and strain of the complexity of modern society is making frustrated neurotics out of multitudes.

Modern psychology has much to say about "frustration" and "emotional security." These are good terms. Emotional and mental illnesses are the most common cause of human disability, we are told, The psychiatrist of our day is doing a landslide business because of it. But Jesus, the Christ, knew more about psychology and psychiatry than any one who ever lived. He is the Great Physician. But too few have gone to him for help. He is the only one who can truly give "emotional security" and remove "frustration."

America's foremost psychiatrist, W. C. Menninger, in speaking of those whose lives are unhappy and miserable, says "They think almost entirely of their own selfish interests . . . They want to receive and not give." But isn't that the very heart of the teaching of Christ? Repeatedly, he endeavored to draw man's attention and affection from self and things of the world to others and to spiritual and heavenly things. "It is more blessed to give than to receive." "We look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen." "Seek those things which are above, . . . set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth." "We see Jesus . . . crowned with glory and honor." ". . . look unto Jesus." Some one has said that if you look at yourself, you will be miserable; look at others and you will be envious; but if you look at Christ you will be happy.

Not only is the Christian's joy as medicine to the soul, but it gives strength. "The joy of the Lord is your strength" (Neh. 8: 10). The joyous Christian becomes a strong Christian. In the hour of bereavement he will find strength, because he rejoices in the blessed hope. In the hour of temptation he will find strength, because he finds a greater thrill and enjoyment in Christ than in things the world has to offer. The more a man enjoys his Christianity the less he will care for the things of the world. He will find such an enjoyment that nothing can keep him from the Lord's house at the appointed time and from rendering service unto the Lord. The person who is finding abounding joy in the Lord will not find his Christian duties and obligations to be irksome and burdensome, but rather he will do them, not because he feels he has to, but because he wants to.

Joy is also an essential mark of a Christian. "The kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost" (Rom. 14: 17). The apostle Paul lists joy as one of the fruits of the Spirit (Gal. 5: 12). Hence one could not have joy unless he first had the Spirit. You cannot have the fruit without the tree.

Jesus told us how our joy might be made full, "These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full" (John 15: 11). By going back a few verses we find that "these things" are: "If you abide in me, and my words abide in you . . . that ye bear much fruit . . . continue ye in my love. If ye keep my commandments . . ." "If

ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them" (John 13: 17).

The Epistle to the Philippians has been called "an Epistle of joy." Notice the emphasis on joy throughout the Epistle. Paul's prayer was sweetened with joy (1: 4). He rejoices that Christ is preached (1: 18). He wished to live to gladden the church (1: 25). He longed to see the Christians' joy made full by being like-minded (2: 2). His farewell to them was "rejoice in the Lord" (3: 1).

It should be noted from various Scriptures that joy is not determined by the outward circumstances, but rather it is a condition of the soul. Paul and Silas when at Philippi for the first time to preach the gospel were beaten with stripes and imprisoned, but in the midnight hour they sang praises to God (Acts 16: 25). Even while writing the Epistle to the Philippians Paul was in prison at Rome, yet his soul thrilled with joy. The early Christians rejoiced that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the sake of Christ. Paul says, "as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing" (2 Cor. 6: 10). It is said of the church at Philippi "that in great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality" (2 Cor. 8: 2).

D. L. Moody said, "He only is truly happy whose sole confidence is in thee." Isaiah said, "Thou will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee" (Isaiah 26: 3). Christ would have us find his joy and rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory.

Pioneers' Day in Queensland

It is many years since the pioneers of our Queensland churches were honored as pioneers. The fact that the Commonwealth Government proposed to issue a Cobb and Co. postage stamp honoring Australia's pioneers suggested that our churches could honor our own seniors.

Appropriately Conference Executive desired that the function should take place at the Aged Christians' Home. It is so central being in the city area of Brisbane and itself has several of our pioneers.

One hundred pioneers attended from the metropolitan and near country areas. Apologies and greetings were received from more distant and "shut-in" ones.

There were three nonagenarians who attended: Mrs. Reeve, mother of our

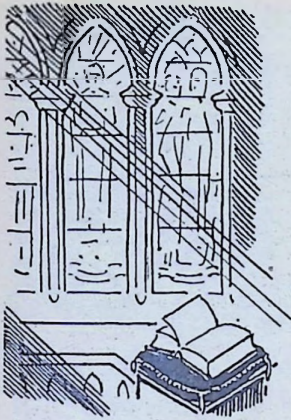
Federal Vice-President; Mrs. Adermann, mother of the Federal member; and Mrs. Hardaker. The last named has been a church member 72 years.

The President of the Home, H. W. Hermahn welcomed the visitors and handed them over to the Conference President, S. W. Vanham.

Mr. Vanham paid a fine tribute to our pioneers. Several seniors, Geo. Cane, F. Euchelmaier, Mrs. Hardaker, R. Smith and A. Berwoth told of their early experiences. A. Berwoth also referred to our early work among the Kanakas. He sang a hymn as the Kanakas used to sing it. J. B. Ash gave address of thanks for the outing and told of early days at Ann-st.

Women's Conference Auxilliary provided a fine afternoon tea.

—C. R. Burdeu.



THE LIVING WORD

Studies on the planned Sunday morning readings

Sunday, August 7

OLD TESTAMENT.

Isaiah 11: 1-10.

Summary.

In this passage, Isaiah is lifting his eyes from the immediate and depressing prospect of national upheaval and disaster. Notwithstanding the calamitous judgments that were to roll over Israel, the distant scene was not bereft of hope. To all appearances ruined and lifeless, the old stump of the House of David would still contain within itself the hidden springs of resurgent life. Somewhere in the dim recesses of the future—be it soon or late—the Ideal Ruler was to come of the royal family of Judah. Endowed with gifts and graces above all others, this mighty deliverer was to bring to an end the humiliation of Jacob. Clothed with righteousness, he would effect the moral and spiritual cleansing of his people. The Gentiles would come to his light, and kings to the brightness of his rising. His sceptre, raised in Israel was to become a rallying-point for all the scattered and divergent loyalties of the far-sundered races of the earth, and Jerusalem, his resting-place—so long downtrodden, and a by-word amongst men—would be glorious.

Explanatory Notes.

“Rod out of the stem” (v. 1).—R.V., “shoot out of the stock” implying that the tree had been cut down.

“The stem of Jesse” (v. 1).—Jesse was the father of David. The coming ruler was to be of the lineage of David.

“Make him of quick understanding” (v. 3).—R.V., “his delight shall be in the fear of Jehovah,” meaning, according to Dummelow, when he sees this fear of Jehovah in others.

“He shall not judge . . .” (v. 3).—That is, he will not have to base his judgments upon mere appearances, or the testimonies of others, but will be infallibly guided in his decisions.

“Smite the earth” (v. 4).—Peake suggests this should read “smite the violent.”

“With the rod of his mouth” (v. 4).—

The power ascribed to the Word of the Messiah is a striking feature.

“The girdle” (v. 5).—The girdle bound clothes together in preparation for marching or fighting. It is symbolic for readiness for action.

“The wolf also . . .” (v. 6f).—This work of regeneration was to take in the rest of creation. Cf. Rom. 8: 19f.

“Cockatrice” (v. 8).—Cf. R.V. and R.V.M. “Probably the great yellow viper common in Palestine” (Dummelow).

“Seek” (v. 10).—meaning “resort.”

“Rest” (v. 10).—meaning “resting-place,” referring to Jerusalem, the seat of the royal house.

Suggested Theme.

“THE DAY OF HIS COMING.”

Introduction.—Christianity is a Faith with a future. Not for us the dreary prospect of a world crushed in the icy maws of universal death. For us, as for Isaiah, the sustaining vision of recreation and renewal. Like the prophet of old, we wait the glorious day of his coming, with all its radiant transformations and satisfying fulfillments. Note Isaiah's picture of:

I. THE COMING DELIVERER (vv. 1-5).—(a) His lineage (v. 1); (b) His endowments (vv. 2-3a); (c) His character (vv. 3b-4a); (d) His influence (vv. 4b-5).

II. THE COMING DAY (vv. 6-10).—(a) Natural enemies at peace (vv. 6-9a); (b) Earth full of the knowledge of the Lord (v. 9b); (c) Unity around his standard (v. 10); (d) Resort of the Gentiles (v. 10); (e) The glory of Jerusalem (v. 10).

Conclusion.—“Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, looking for, and hasting unto, the coming of the day of God . . .” (2 Peter 3: 11-12.)

NEW TESTAMENT.

Matthew 18: 1-20.

Summary.

At first sight, we appear to be concerned here with the teaching of Jesus upon a number of unrelated themes. The transitions in thought are abrupt and confusing. But a careful reading discloses a suggestive unity around an important, and frequently overlooked, theme. For here Christ is emphasizing the real greatness, the preclusiveness, and the ultimate authority of the Divine Community.

As we may learn from parallel passages (see Mark 9: 33-37 and Luke 9: 46-48), the teaching of Jesus upon this occasion, was called forth by a dispute. In reply to the exasperated inquiry of the disciples, Christ set a child in their midst, and told them that without humility of spirit they

could not hope to enter the Kingdom of God. But it needs to be borne in mind here, and in what follows, that Jesus is not speaking primarily of children as such. His observations envisage “these little ones which believe in me.” These, according to the Master, are the truly great. These are the beloved who must not be hurt, under threat of dire judgment. These make up the community whose “binding and loosing” is ratified in heaven, for they are more than just an aggregate of people—Christ is in the midst of them!

Explanatory Notes.

“Who is the greatest” (v. 1).—Note R.V., “Who then is greatest?” The question suggests the frustration occasioned by their ambitious rivalry.

“Except ye be converted” (v. 3).—R.V., “Except ye turn,” implying that far from being greatest in the kingdom, something more was required before they could enter it.

“Humble himself as this little child” (v. 4).—It has been suggested that the point is not so much the humility of children, as that the disciples were bidden to be in spirit and in feeling “what children are in reality and status, little ones.”

“One such little child” (v. 5).—Meaning, a child-like person of any age.

“Whoso shall offend” (v. 6).—R.V. “shall cause to stumble.”

“A millstone” (v. 6).—Lit. “a millstone turned by an ass, as opposed to one turned by hand, i.e., ‘a great millstone’ (R.V.)”

“It must needs be” (v. 7).—An observation of experience rather than a suggestion of fatalism or determinism. Man is regarded throughout as a responsible agent. Cf. Luke 17: 1.

“Their angels” (v. 10).—This passage with Acts 2: 15 supports the idea of special guardian angels. It is implied here, that the angels entrusted with this ministry to “the little ones” are of the highest order, since they stand before the face of God. (Cf. 2 Kings 25: 19.)

Verse 11.—“The words are wanting in many of the best MSS” (Ellicott's Commentary). The R.V. omits this verse.

“Tell it unto the church” (v. 17).—More accurately, “the assembly,” or “the congregation.” The application of these words may have been wider than “the church” of Matt. 16: 18, but since Jesus was legislating for his own society, the church would certainly be covered by these requirements.

“An heathen man” (v. 17).—R.V., “gentile.”

“ whatsoever ye shall bind” (v. 18).—The promise, before made to Peter (Matt. 16: 19) is here extended, not

only to the rest of the disciples, but to the whole community.

Suggested Theme.

THE PRECEDENCE, THE PRECIOUSNESS, AND THE POWER OF CHRIST'S 'LITTLE ONES'.

Introduction. — "Where is the wise?" cried Paul, in proud disdain of those standards too often reversed by the verdicts of history. The answer to that question, as well he knew, envisaged a small company of folk, who, out of loyalty to Christ, "had forgotten themselves into immortality." These are the wise, the great and the mighty.

Thrones and dominion are theirs, and "they shall reign forever and ever." Note:

I. A QUESTION OF PRECEDENCE (vv. 1-6). — (a) The question in dispute (v. 1); (b) The indispensable condition of greatness (vv. 2-4); (c) Christ identified with the "little ones" (vv. 5-6).

II. AN ASSURANCE OF PRECIOUSNESS (vv. 7-14). — (a) Responsibility for offences clearly implied (v. 7); (b) Better any sacrifice than to harm one of Christ's "little ones" (vv. 8-9); (c) For they are exceedingly precious (vv. 10-14).

(III. A FORM OF PROCEDURE (vv. 15-20). — (a) Steps towards reconciliation (vv. 15-17a); (b) The last resort—the discipline of the community (v. 17b); (c) The authority of the community derived from the presence of Christ within it (vv. 18-20).

Conclusion.—In time and in eternity, the Christian shares the triumph of his Lord. The promise of Christ belongs to all that noble company who have endured the crisis of the great unburdening: "Fear not little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give unto you the Kingdom."



INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

"Vision and imagination" characterised the decisions of the Ninth Session of the U.N. General Assembly in regard to peaceful use of atomic energy. The Commission of the Churches on International Affairs said this in evaluating the Assembly's work. This appraisal was contained in the introductory paragraph to a report which the C.C.I.A. regularly makes to its member churches around the world at the close of each U.N. session.

The C.C.I.A. with Sir Kenneth Grubb as chairman is the joint commission of the World Council of Churches and the International Missionary Council; it has member commissions in twenty-two countries. Dr. O. Frederick Nolde is the director.

The C.C.I.A. also had special commendation for the U.N.'s treatment of "the refugee problem within the mandate of the U.N. High Commissioner," but regretted it was impossible for the General Assembly to make substantial progress in relation to solving the problems of Palestine and unification of Korea. The C.C.I.A. found some satisfaction, however, even in this area, in the U.N.'s efforts "to keep the situation from deteriorating at a time when the prerequisites for solution had not yet been met."

On certain issues, e.g., that of non-self-governing territories, and of human rights, the C.C.I.A. warned that "the Assembly seemed in danger of becoming too much a prisoner of its history and, in repeating familiar arguments, to lack the creative spark on which progress must depend."

Urging churchmen to greater concern over U.N. activities, the document said: "As the United Nations approaches the completion of its first decade it is highly important that non-governmental organisations . . . as well as governments, should devote the same care to the development of the

U.N. that was given to the formulation of the Charter ten years ago."

Taking up each of nineteen points dealt with by the Ninth Session of the Assembly, the memorandum gives the background, the reasons for church concern, and the procedure followed by C.C.I.A. in expressing that church concern at high U.N. levels. The memorandum also indicates what action was taken in each case by the General Assembly, showing to what degree it accords with the mind of the churches as expressed in their official pronouncements.

In regard to "Regulation, Limitation and Reduction of Armaments," for instance, the memorandum gives details of the presentation by the C.C.I.A. to the U.N. delegates, of the statements on disarmament contained in the report on "Christians in the Struggle for World Community," which was received by the Second Assembly of the World Council of Churches at Evanston, Illinois, in August, 1954. This statement amplified at length the

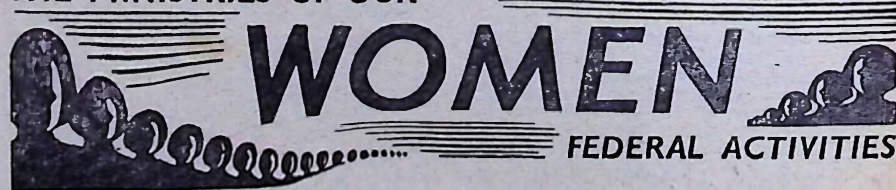
position that the churches should, without forsaking their conviction that all weapons of war are evil, press for restraints in their use. Recognising the need for effective international inspection and control, "Christians in all lands," said the statement, "must plead with their governments to be patient and persistent in their search for means to limit weapons and advance disarmament."

"In regard to the refugee question, the C.C.I.A. supported the U.N. High Commissioner's programme and his proposed budget for dealing with permanent solution and emergency aid. The C.C.I.A. carried on intensive consultations with U.N. delegates, and sent a special letter on the subject to all members of U.N. Committee III, which initially debated the High Commissioner's proposal.

As a result of the U.N. action on the matter, a new combined United Nations Refugee Fund (16 million dollars) is being established for the period 1954-58. C.C.I.A. officials said that this indicates a next task for the churches and church members — to urge their own governments to participate in the fund."—E.P.S. Geneva.

(Contributed by C. L. Smith, for the Federal Committee for the Promotion of Christian Unity.)

THE MINISTRIES OF OUR



FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

NEW SOUTH WALES

N.S.W. Women's Conference was held July 1, at 11 a.m. Mrs. Wylie (Conf. Pres.) was in the chair and 89 women were present.

Mrs. Knights, of Belmore and Vice-President of Conference led the devotional period, reading from Psalm 148. "Praise ye the Lord" was the topic, urging that hearts should be brimming over with joy and praise.

Praise should be in our hearts and a song on our lips. Belmore sisters rendered the hymn, "Praise ye the Lord, we will adore him."

Mrs. Williams from Warradale, S.A., was a visitor.

Mrs. Pearson returned missionary from Norseman spoke to the meeting on the work and needs of the missionaries. She gave us a great insight into the work; stressing the physical

and spiritual needs there and rejoicing in the improvements that have been made since their return.

The President made reference to the fact that a presentation had been made from the management committee to Matron Woodhouse on her retirement from "Ashwood House" Aged and Convalescent Home.

The representatives of the Women's Inter-Church Council report a splendid attendance at the eighteenth Annual Rally. Mrs. Greenhalgh (C. of C.) presided and welcomed the Salvation Army representatives, who have recently become members of the council.

The annual report showed that progress had been made in the affairs of Wybalena Hostel in which twenty girls are in residence. The new matron, Mrs. Ruby McCallum has the confidence of all members. The council has taken an increasing interest in the New Settlers' League, and welcomed forty New Australians at afternoon tea after a naturalisation ceremony.

R. B. Lew, President-General of the Methodist Church in Australia gave an informative address on the Evanston Assembly. The essential unity of the Church was stressed, although there was division in the churches. Evidence of racial discrimination was to be deplored, as there was a high standard of education in colored people both in America and South Africa.

The Women's Conference has formed a Bible study group. The first meeting was held July 4, and we rejoice to report that 36 women were present. The study group plans to meet fortnightly.
—E. Hayward.

VICTORIA

Victorian and Tasmanian Women's Council Meeting held July 1, at 2 p.m. The President, Mrs. Lloyd was in the chair and 112 delegates and friends were present. The devotions were led by Mrs. P. Retchford who read J. B. Phillip's translation of 1 Cor. 13 and brought helpful thoughts from it.

Recommendations carried were:—

That Mrs. H. F. Morris be the Women's Conference representative to the Literature Committee.

That members of the Missionary Department visit all Mission Bands in and around Melbourne. A conference to be called for July 26 at 11 a.m., at Lygon-st. chapel when all presidents, secretaries and treasurers be invited to meet the Missionary Department.

That 1,000 copies of Pamphlet No. 5, "Your Life and Your Money" be printed and distributed among our women. Also, that all groups be asked to study or read through the pamphlet during the month of August.

The President expressed the good wishes of all to Mrs. Cleland prior to her departure for overseas.

Mrs. Ploog of the Dorcas Committee made a plea for the aged poor, following which a suggested was made that our women watch for needy cases and report same to the Social Service Department.—L. Williams.

S.A. NEWSLETTER

FIFTY YEARS AGO.

The Advertiser carries a small paragraph daily entitled "Fifty Years Ago," and recently it stated that on a particular date 50 years ago a wedding had been solemnised between Mr. and Mrs. Ira Paternoster in U.S.A. The officiating ministers were J. E. Thomas and Con Gordon. It was a pleasing little note, particularly as Mr. Paternoster had recently been here. Like many others, we rejoice with these good folk in their anniversary.

CHAPEL PLANS.

Several of our churches expect to commence building their new chapels in the course of the next few months. Some of the smaller groups are an object lesson in giving. The little church at Enfield Heights, meeting in the local Institute over the last few years, have diligently saved over £700. To this the ladies have reached £100 which they have set aside for interior decoration. This group regularly has over 40 attending, and a growing school. Their plans are completed for the building.

Cowandilla is another church ready to erect a new chapel. Their strong youth work necessitates more space.

Flinders Park expects to commence building in September and be ready for opening in March of next year. The school record is being broken with regularity, as many as 170 children crowding into one of the smallest buildings we have in the state.

Murray Bridge is to open their fine new youth hall on August 13, with Theo. Edwards performing the ceremony. This will mean that the buildings of the church will stretch through from the main street to the one at the rear giving the church an excellent equipment.

Colonel Light Gardens is now roofing their new hall to accommodate an expanding school. Whilst only operating on a part-time ministry with F. G. Banks, the school continues to reach towards the 200 mark.

Hawthorn men are also working on a new hall. When completed this church will have three buildings in which to work.

The temporary buildings for Hampstead Gardens and Ascot Park are already going up. Hampstead members are engaged in a canvass of the area for the opening day of their school.

Albert Park chapel should be opened before the end of the year. This chapel will be one of the nicest we have as far as interior effects are concerned.

KILBURN.

Recent events at Kilburn merit a special word. About one month ago nine teams of visitors set out calling after instruction from their minister, H. G. Norris. A membership of 94

one Sunday, and three weeks later 43 added to it! For the three Sundays services morning and night were packed. People who had never attended are coming and staying. Not one of the additions by baptism and reconsecration is under 18 years of age. The school is reaching remarkable figures. And all crowding into a small hall and an old army hut!

It seems that the Brotherhood must make Kilburn a priority and set a building on their land. This crowded housing area offers unlimited opportunity.

A pertinent comment was passed at a recent meeting there—"Home Missions pays!"

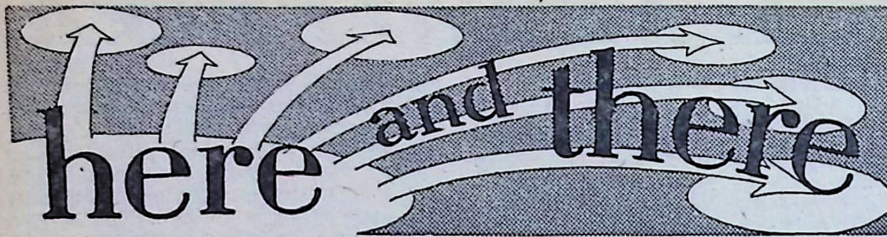
TWO GREAT MEETINGS.

I attended two wonderful gatherings during the week, both on the same night. The Adelaide Town Hall was packed to see the annual display of the Girls' Life Brigade work. The Lady Mayoress of Adelaide, Mrs. Philp, opened the gathering. She declared that over 800 girls are meeting weekly in companies. This girls' movement, under the patronage of Her Majesty, the Queen, is catching on in this State. The excellent quality of mission posters, handwork, P.T., and other phases of a full orb'd youth expression commends the G.L.B. The large number of young married and single women who are leading the movement earn our deepest appreciation.

The other meeting was one sponsored by the Church Men's Society in the Magarey Hall at Grote-st. It was a delight to see the hall packed with men from all around the city and some from the country. H. G. Norris gave a talk on the Kilburn operation and gave good advice regarding the usage of visitation evangelism. He stressed the need for adequate preparation. The Committee of the C.M.S. deserves all the encouragement possible as they journey from place to place enthusing men for active service in the church. Once again we heard the need for more literature to be made available.

One cannot fail to get the impression that, even though somewhat slow in beginning, that the C.M.S. on a Federal basis can become a real force for evangelism within the Brotherhood. From experience here we would commend to all States that this matter be given full support.

The major impression made upon the writer is this—that basic to the success of any future planning must be the quality of the State Committee. I believe that we have such a group of virile business men organising our work here. They will not accept discouragement, but keep at it. It is fair to say that they must win out. More power to them! E. P. C. Hollard.



The Living Word for August will be prepared by V. C. Stafford, and for September by G. J. Andrews. Previous contributions to this page by R. V. Amos, J. E. Brooke and L. G. Read have been appreciated.

Women's Conference of Victoria and Tasmania; Council meeting to be held in the Swanston-st. Lecture Hall at 2 p.m. on August 2. Leader of devotions, Mrs. N. Gilmore, speaker, Miss Lucy Burtt, M.A., of the Society of Friends. All delegates and friends are invited to attend.

W. N. Bartlett has been offered a further three years engagement to serve with the church at Croydon, S.A.

Word has been received that A. Anderson arrived in Vancouver on July 10 after enjoyable and uneventful plane trip across the Pacific Ocean. That evening he showed pictures to specially arranged meeting in Vancouver and left following day for Seattle, later to journey to San Francisco. In each city, he is contacting brethren from the churches and meetings have been arranged wherever possible.

Our Social Service Department and the Temperance Committee of the Victoria-Tasmania Women's Conference is planning a Monster Temperance Rally to be held in Collins-st. Baptist Church on September 30 and friends are asked to reserve the date. Activity by all churches concerning resistance to the liquor traffic is requested, particularly in view of the State Government's intention to hold a Referendum on later closing hours.

The church at Bet Bet, Vic., is planning a reunion of present and former members in connection with the 70th anniversary of the church on September 11. Friends are urged to contact G. A. Sewell, Bet Bet, of G. T. Bryant, 81 Elizabeth-st., Newport (ML 2046).

A choir of 500 voices is being enlisted for the Toronto Convention. It will be led by Ernest Lawrence of Texas Christian University, Fort Worth. The numbers sung will be "Hallelujah Chorus," "The Glory of the Lord," "Holy art Thou (Largo)" all by Handel, and "The Heavens are Telling," Haydn; "God so Loved the World," Stainer; "Cherubim Song, Number 2," Bartnlansky.

We regret to report that E. C. Hinrichsen is unable to fulfil preaching appointments temporarily. He is very ill in Auburn District Hospital, N.S.W., and is likely to remain there for two or three weeks.

A. R. Haskell, manager of The Austral Co. is the new chairman of the Federal Literature Committee. Provocative Pamphlet No. 6, *Dream Coming True* by F. C. Hunting published by this committee is now available.

What matters I or they,
Mine or another's day,
So the right word be said
And life the sweeter made.

—Whittier.

The Oronsay delegates for the World Convention were given a great "send-off" as the ship left Sydney. The large representative gathering on the wharf sang "God be with you." Among those bound for Toronto are K. R. Cameron, Miss D. Webber, Miss L. Bills, Misses Hall, Miss W. Matson, R. Date, Mr. Mrs. and Miss Cleland, Mr. and Miss J. Brown, Miss D. Gluyas, A. Wells, Mrs. K. Pittman and Mr. and Mrs. Stephenson. Mr. Hayden McCallum is also on board to continue studies in New York. M. Savage, the N.Z. Vice-President of the World Convention came from Wellington to welcome the party at Auckland. Mrs. Cleland, J. Brown and R. Date, responded for the Australian party at the function at Ponsonby-rd.

T. R. Morris was honored by the staff of Morris and Walker (Melb.) on his 80th birthday (July 15) with a luncheon. Some of the employees have been with him fifty years and over. Mr. Morris' name is well known throughout the brotherhood, here and overseas. His membership is with the Brighton church.

W. W. Saunders whilst engaged in a wood-chopping working bee at the Oakleigh Guest Home injured his ankle. Although the injury is not serious he will be laid up for several weeks.

C.M.S. Activities, VICTORIA

September 11 has been allotted as C.M.S. Sunday in Victoria and Societies are requested to arrange appropriate services for that day.

It is very pleasing to see the number of churches which have a Men's Society. Already this year several new Societies have been formed throughout the State.

Central Board members of Victorian Church Men's Societies, which is now a Department of Conference, are as follows: pres., L. Chapman; vice-pres., F. Gillespie; sec., Harry F. Earl; asst. sec and treas., T. Frazer. Members, E. Hilbig, C. Houston, W. Manning, A. Marsh, W. Parratt, N. Summerton, A. Brown, E. McClean, W. W. Saunders, P. Retchford. The last two named are the preacher Representatives on the Board.

Target Fund for 1954-55, which was toward the Monbulk Camp Ablutions Project, totalled £101/18/3.

Target Fund for 1955-56, is for the native mission church at Fitzroy, it being the aim to reduce the debt on the chapel there.

The Garden Party held at the College of the Bible early in the year in conjunction with Young Women's Fellowships raised £225/4/9.

Each week speakers are provided by various societies for the Social Service Homes, each society in turn being responsible for supplying speakers for a month.

Advance at Holroyd, N.S.W.

June 25 was a day of rejoicing, it being the occasion of the opening of the church hall by A. W. Stephenson (Conference President).

Although the building was unlined and not quite completed, the opening was held on that date as it marked the anniversary of the first year as a church.

Greetings were brought on behalf of Conference Executive, Y.P. Dept., Church Extension and Home Mission Committees, and Graville and Loftus Park (neighboring churches). Over 80 attended.

The evening service, attended by over 100 was conducted by the Woolwich Evangelistic Party and E. C. Hinrichsen gave the address.

First church anniversary services were held on 26th when R. Greenhalgh spoke and G. Chislett presided.

Bible School was commenced on the same day and in the evening the first gospel service was held. A Y.P.C.E. was commenced on July 15.

Prayers of the brotherhood are solicited for the extension of the work in the district.—M. J. Olsen.

MISSIONARY NEWS

LOOKING AGAIN TOWARDS INDIA

R. Roberts

INDIA! The land of four hundred teeming millions of souls. The land that sits in darkness and the shadow of death—a people who through fear of death are all their lifetime subject to bondage. The land in which I experienced four and a half poignant years in learning the language and coming to know and love the people. The land in which we learn that no man is sufficient of himself in this great work of the gospel, but remember that our sufficiency is of God.

Yet it is with joy that I turn my steps once more towards India, and my brethren there, trusting that I may be more faithful than before in this great calling to witness of Christ among the heathen. That I may finish my course with joy, and serve my own generation by the will of God.

It is with a renewed hope, as with a quickened spirit and renewed strength of body, that we can turn again to India—the field of our labor for God in the gospel of his Son.

The reason for this hope is that we can say with Paul: "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone who believes—to the Jew first, and also the the Greek." The gospel has come us us Gentiles and is God's power unto us who were in times past not a people but are now the people of God. And so it is, and will be to these other Gentiles outside the sound of the gospel.

In those matchless words of Paul, "For which cause we faint not." The end of the gospel is with God, as its beginning was—the end of our confidence, even the salvation of our souls. We have this treasure in earthen, corruptible vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God and not of us. Let us then go forward with hope and joy. Romans 13: 12, "The night is far spent; the day is at hand. Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light."

It is not a chance thought that caused John Bunyan to name one of the chosen soldiers in Christ's band of pilgrims "Mr. Valiant for Truth." He coined this name from the words of God by Jeremiah in speaking of the corruption of the people: "They are not valiant for truth upon the earth."

Do we not live among such a people? The fallen sons of Adam are like that.

If this is our experience in this favored country (and indeed our own heart tells us that we are not valiant for truth either) then how much more is this this the state of affairs in a land darkened by idolatry, where bribery, and lies and no respect of persons, are the order of the day?

Who are those valiant for truth? They are those who are fighting the battle of the Lord, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life, and are equipped for fighting by being clothed in his armor of light.

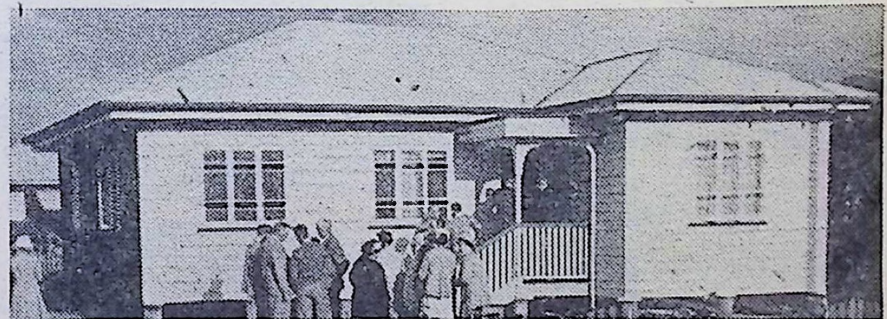
It is a joy to know that some of our Indian brethren in Christ are valiant for truth in the land of India. They

have taken to themselves the whole armor of God that they may not only fight, but stand in the evil day. It is our joy and privilege to have fellowship in the Gospel with such, whose spirits kindle ours, and we trust ours kindle theirs. We pray that they will carry the message of life and light to their own people after the door is closed to the foreign missionary.

When Mr. Valiant for Truth left this earth, he said: "My armor I give to him who shall succeed me in my pilgrimage and my sword to him that can get it." It is like that with the sword of the pilgrim—the word of God. Each pilgrim must win it himself and so become mighty in the scriptures and in God's service.

May we who are in India be valiant for truth in the land and so help to establish others in the faith of Christ, so that when we depart we can bequeath our armor—the armor of God—to them who shall succeed us in our pilgrimage, and our sword unto him who can get it.

New Manse at Maryborough, Queensland



Six rooms, with gas, electricity, telephone, and sewerage — cost £1,800.

A week-end that will be long remembered by the Church of Christ at Maryborough. On Saturday afternoon, June 11, S. Vanham, (Qld. Conf. Pres.) officially opened the new manse at 205 Tooley-st., Maryborough. The minister, A. D. Mortimer, read Psalm 146 as appropriate for the occasion.

A. C. Popp, elder of the church, outlined the incidents leading to the purchase of the manse, and expressed the wish of the local congregation that it would become a spiritual centre where members could come and discuss their problems and be helped spiritually.

Mr. Mortimer thanked everyone for the manner in which they had supported the venture. It had been made a matter of prayer, and prayer had overcome every problem and obstacle.

Before opening the manse, Mr. Vanham dedicated the home to the service of God by prayer. The gathering joined in singing the doxology and the

hymn "Blest be the Tie that Binds." Mr. Vanham then unlocked the front door and all passed in to inspect the neat modern home. Refreshments were provided by the Christian Women's Fellowship.

On Sunday morning, Mr. Vanham addressed a large congregation at the thanksgiving service. In his visits to all parts of the State, he had paid tributes to the Maryborough church on the way the work had progressed despite the set-back of the flood, and he congratulated the local church on their faithfulness and zeal for the work of the church. In the few months of Mr. Mortimer's ministry the church had made a wonderful response.

In the afternoon, Mr. Vanham addressed the men of the church, and inaugurated a Christian Men's Society in Maryborough. Mr. Vanham also addressed the church at Baddow, and the gospel service in Maryborough.

—A. C. Popp.



INTERSTATE CHURCH NEWS

Discipleship

- Betty Gale, Julie and Trevor Stagg, Caulfield, Vic.
 Miss M. Heale, Mr. and Mrs. Coulcher, Inglewood, W.A.
 John Herring, A. Kerry, N. Adcock, C. Good, Wagga Wagga, N.S.W.
 K. Bowen, Yarrowonga, Vic.
 Peter Merlo, Echuca, Vic.
 Mrs. B. Barrett, Kilburn, S.A.
 Graham Wyer, Wynnum, Qld.
 Charles Dalton, Bevan Cordy, Mrs. J. Lang, Mrs. B. Tribe, Footscray, Vic.
 Mrs. Thompson and Janice, Croydon, S.A.

Membership

- Mrs. Kleinig, from Unley, S.A., to Caulfield, Vic.
 Mr. and Mrs. A. Davey, from Brighton to Caulfield, Vic.
 Mrs. Cook, from Hawthorn to Kilburn, S.A.
 Mr. Morrow, Avril and John, from Kalgoorlie to South Perth, W.A.
 Mr. and Mrs. G. Bridge, from Victoria Park to South Perth, W.A.
 Mr. and Mrs. J. Wallace, from North Williamstown to Footscray, Vic.

Marriage

- Miss F. Hurry to H. Condon, Wollongong, N.S.W.

Fallen Asleep

- Mrs. Dawson, senr., Inglewood, W.A.
 W. A. Cook, Inglewood, W.A.
 Mrs. Barham, Hartwell, Vic.
 A. E. Hancock, Hartwell, Vic.

Queensland

Ann-st., Brisbane (C. G. Flood). — Meetings continue to be well supported and all work is in good heart. Guest speaker at Men's Fellowship tea on June 19 was J. J. Dedman (former Minister Post-War Reconstruction), who gave an interesting talk on church sponsored migration with which he is actively connected. To help raise funds

for flower stall at forthcoming garden party, conveners arranged for cooking demonstration by Brisbane Gas Coy. on June 22. Excellent attendance of over 150 women contributed £25 from this function. Cottage prayer meeting on same date was held at home of Mrs. Munro. C.Y.F. meeting on 28th took form of "musical night" at residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. Smith. I.C.E. conducted anniversary tea on afternoon of July 3. Films were shown by G. H. Eager and visiting speaker spoke concerning forthcoming national C.E. convention. Concert party presented enjoyable programme at a "musical luncheon" on 13th, as part of Women's Fellowship's contribution to Building Fund. Gospel meeting on 20th was broadcast over 4KQ. Prior to evening worship, Men's Fellowship was addressed by I. Clarke, member of recent British scientific expedition to Grahamland in the Antarctic. Those present enjoyed a most absorbing talk on a little-known area. Church paper, *The Messenger*, is now being published weekly in roneo form and is proving very popular. Recent interstate visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Jenks (Lismore), S. Rayside (Scotland), F. R. Baker (Mile End, S.A.), R. Watson (Bexley), K. Robinson (Woolongong), L. Leggett, Dr. and Mrs. Hamilton (Inverell, N.S.W.), Mrs. and Mrs. H. Jenner (Essendon), Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Williams (Brighton), Miss Kath Dixon (Mt. Eliza), and W. Packer (Perth).

Wynnum (W. Glezendanner).—Youth of church enjoyed screening of films by C. Handy on July 8. C. P. Hughes addressed morning service on 17th in interests of Temperance. Increased attendances and financial support have characterised the services over recent months.

Western Australia

South Perth (S. H. Wilson).—Record B.S. attendance on July 10 with 244 present. H. Short has been appointed supt. Church library is progressing and 50 books have been purchased. Following ladies hold executive positions for Women's Conference: Pres.-elect., Mrs. F. Cooper; Wooroloo supt., Mrs. J. Collins; Social Service supt., Mrs. Wilkerson; Home Mission supt., Mrs. J. Pallot. Concert organised by youth council on July 15 was successful. Approx. £15 was received. Garage at manse has been completed. Parcel of first aid equipment has been sent to Mrs. M. Lindsay on Sunday Island by Ladies Fellowship. J.C.E. has sent parcel to New Hebrides. Boys' Club is active feature of work and human pyramids is creating keen interest. Attendances remain good, 125 at morning service on 10th. Mrs. C. G. Taylor was soloiste at gospel meeting on 10th.

Prayer meetings on Thursday evenings are creating keen interest. Good Companions had J. K. Robinson to show films on native missions on 20th. F.M. offering amounted to £35. Ladies' creche for young children is proving beneficial to morning service. Men's Fellowship held tea on 10th when J. Bridge gave travel talk and films. Recent visitor was Mrs. Ardley (Launceston).

Cottesloe (G. Smith). — Mid-week prayer meetings are being held in members' homes. Prayer committee, also Claremont ladies visited C.W.F. on June 21. Cottesloe and Palmyra ladies visited Fremantle C.W.F. on July 7. Miss McWhinney represented Australian Christian Student Movement at gospel service on June 26. 16 have confessed Christ during past three weeks, including seven married women, two married men and seven teenage B.S. scholars. Six were baptised on July 10. Mr. Giblett, field secretary B.&F.B.S. was morning speaker on 10th.

Inglewood (R. W. Marshall).—There have been three decisions in recent weeks. Much sickness prevails among aged members. Mr. Abbott is back in fellowship after illness. On July 10 92 communed. B.S. attendances are good but there is an acute shortage of teachers. C.E. enjoys varied programme from week to week, average attendance for last month, 19. Mid-week prayer meeting has grown to 21; this meeting is preceded with half-hour of questions and answers. Three of our young ladies are nursing at Princess Margaret Hospital for children. During past month, two aged members have passed on, Mrs. Dawson, senr., and W. A. Cook. Sympathy of members goes out to their loved ones.

New South Wales

Wagga Wagga. — Mr. Blyth, recently returned from overseas has related interesting experiences of his trip. There have been two decisions, two baptisms and two rededications during past weeks. F. Button has been welcomed back after a period in hospital. W. Mowsar is unwell.

Lismore (A. C. Caldicott). — Dr. Chappell spoke at recent prayer meeting attended by a large gathering. Averages attendances are encouraging with 126 communing on July 17. Three adults have decided for Christ. The hoarding *God's Book — Everybody's Book* has caused a wide interest. Bruce MacDonald has left for Air Force training at Canberra. A Bible was presented to Shirley Podmore on her departure to work in Brisbane. Women's work is at a high level.

Taree (M. H. A. Pieper). — On July 10, services were well supported. At morning worship A. F. Scott (B.&F.B.S.) brought the message. Mr. and Mrs. Greenhalgh were visitors for the weekend. It was a matter for regret that Mr. Greenhalgh was unable to meet B.S. teachers in afternoon and speak at night owing to illness. Evening meeting had support of strong band of Y.P.C.E. tea being held that afternoon. A special gift of £70 from two members of one family has been donated to overseas work. The amount will be set apart for Churches of Christ Agricultural College in India, this being mentioned by E. W. Heard on recent deputation to the church.

Kurri Kurri. — Work continues in good heart. Speaker on July 3 was J. Orr. Two married men made their decision and were baptised. Barbara and Hugh Wotherspoon sang a duet. Church is preparing for forthcoming Convention with E. C. Hinrichsen. Interior of chapel is being painted. Following were elected at annual business meeting: W. Davidson, S. Willetts (elders); T. Wotherspoon, T. Marley, R. Hector, A. Wotherspoon, R. Hamilton, H. Hunter (deacons); Sis. E. Willetts (B.S. supt.).

South Australia

Balaklava (L. G. Armstrong). — Church services during June were well attended, with average of 120 breaking bread. Members supported mission held at Owen and Long Plains conducted by E. P. C. Hollard. F.M. offering is £215 to date. Outside of chapel has been renovated and painted. Y.P.C.E. conducted meeting at Long Plains on July 15. Church members were entertained at social conducted by J.C.E. on 16th. Men of church travelled to City to attend C.M.S. fellowship held in Grote-st. chapel. Sis. May and Deuter and Mr. Vietch are in hospital. P. McPharlin and H. Bowden are out of hospital and making steady progress. Sympathy of church is extended to Sis. Mills and Shepherd in loss of husband and father.

Kilburn (H. G. Norris). — A married woman confessed Christ at close of morning service on July 17. B.S. attendance at 10 a.m. was 242 and six new scholars were enrolled. Chapel was full at night when three of recent converts were baptised, many non-members attending. Mrs. A. Dinning was soloiste. Senior C.Y.F. club arranged visit to telephone exchange on 15th, when over 40 Y.P. attended. Newly formed creche is proving valuable help to morning services.

Tumby Bay (A. B. Titter). — Auxiliaries are working to raise funds for furnishing of hall, and B.S. arranged a P.S.A.. Items were given by children and an offering of £46 was donated to the Hall Fund. Church had fellowship with E. L. Williams who showed slides of his trip abroad and gave an address. District churches joined in a

fellowship tea. Visit from R. Dixon was much appreciated. An Estey organ has been purchased for church, thus enabling B.S. to have use of previous one.

Whyalla (A. E. Stevens). — With an active membership of 50, the work is at present in good heart. B.S. averaged 89 for month of June. Girls' Club averaged 27. Ladies' Guild has prepared box of clothing for Mt. Margaret mission. Men of church have constructed brush fence around tennis court. July 17 and 24 featured B.S. anniversary with G. A. Whiting as speaker. Mr. Whiting is conducting Happy Hours during intervening week. Visits of R. Dixon (India) and Mr. and Mrs. Crosby (Conf. Pres.) were inspiring. F.M. offering to date is over £10. Sympathy of church is expressed to W. Berry in passing of his father. Mid-week prayer meeting still proves a powerful force in church with average of 25 attending. Y.P.S.C.E. recently formed meets on Friday nights. Y.P. are planning youth camp.

Croydon (W. N. Bartlett). — 44th church anniversary was held on July 10. J. E. Webb was guest speaker at morning service. A mother and daughter made their decision at the evening meeting. Choir assisted at both services and a solo was brought by Miss Doris Brand. Church has been re-decorated and members are pleased with the result. Youth tea was held on July 17. At after-church fellowship B. Marriott showed colored slides of his trip to the Eastern States. Church has been saddened by passing of Sis. A. Hoskin and H. Dempster.

Victoria

Mildura. — Services have been well maintained and several visitors have been welcomed. Church is happy to have Mr. Squires at meetings again after being away with broken leg. New residents in the district are Mrs. Geyer (Adelaide) and Mr. and Mrs. Nankivell and daughter (Ringwood). On June 23, the ladies farewelled Mrs. Thomas. Mrs. A. Ling thanked her for her help and leadership during her time in Mildura and presented her with a fruit set. On 25th, a farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas and family was held. Mr. Mansell on behalf of church presented Mr. Thomas with a cheque. Mr. Thomas gave his final addresses to good congregations on 26th. Mr. and Mrs. Wilkie, holidaying from Ballarat, have taken over services during their stay in Mildura. On July 10, church gathered in school hall to say bon voyage to K. Cameron (church sec.) who sailed for U.S.A. on 15th, for six months. A gift of two books was made by A. McWilliams.

Noble Park. — Services are continuing with helpful messages from many brethren who freely give of their services. Special gospel services have been held over past three months with

encouraging results. These services are to be continued. Films have been screened once a month and family night services are held on alternate Sunday evenings. B.S. work is in good heart. Christian Women's Fellowship has been formed and a good attendance is being maintained. Mrs. Grainger brought an interesting talk on her trip to England at the last meeting. Plans are in hand for sale of work later in year. Parcel of good used clothing was sent to Retarded Children's Appeal.

Oakleigh (J. W. Lewis). — Harvest festival was held on July 10, when W. Thomson (Malvern-Caulfield) exchanged with preacher for morning service. Members rallied splendidly to appeal for goods which resulted in a wonderful display. Gifts were distributed to our three Social Service Homes, and Burwood Boys' Home. During afternoon, 44 boys from Burwood Boys' Home and their superintendent, Mr. Harris, were brought in cars to chapel and met by members who entertained them to tea. On July 3, Youth Council organised youth tea for juniors associated with various auxiliaries. On 13th, Y.W.F. held a cake decorating demonstration with G. Gilbert. There were 45 ladies in attendance, representatives attending from Dandenong and Jordanville churches. C.Y.F. group has been formed and are planning meetings to be held bi-weekly on a Friday evening.

St. Kilda. — At church annual meeting officers appointed were M. J. Elliott, sec., A. M. Norton, treas., A. L. Finger, B.S. supt. Church appreciates help of V. Brown, R. Sumpton, L. Harman and D. Ferguson at recent services. A. G. Ball (Melbourne City Mission) conducted film service on evening of July 3. Attendance was encouraging. Alan Lloyd, polio sufferer, has entered Frankston Orthopaedic Hospital. J.C.E. is active under leadership of A. W. Norton, £6 being contributed for New Hebrides Lighting Plant project. Mrs. Clare, approaching 90 years, is regular attender at both services. Prayers have been offered for Mrs. Dall (95 years) who has contracted bronchial condition.

Balwyn (J. E. Brooke). — On July 17, 116 broke bread for the day. Preacher spoke at both services, the evening meeting being exceptionally well attended. Church rejoiced to have Mrs. Lennard who has recovered from illness in attendance. Visitors at morning service included Mr. and Mrs. Gardiner (Wellington, N.Z.), Mr. and Mrs. Barber (Surrey Hills) and Mrs. Wheaton (Miram). B.S. attendances have remained steady and anniversary practice has commenced under D. Warmbrunn's leadership.

Echuca. — Church is grateful to various speakers who are helping during time without preacher. Messrs. Duus and Pearl (Bendigo) and Payne and Miller have assisted recently. J.C.E.

under leadership of Mrs. Frencham, held special evening, which was inspiration to large number present. Collection amounting to over £10 was taken for manse fund. Mr. Harrington, outgoing missionary to Indonesia, gave inspiring address at morning service on July 17. C. Frencham has been home on leave from Navy. Fellowship has been enjoyed with other visitors.

Maidstone (E. H. Randall). — Sympathy is expressed to R. Geake who recently lost his mother. On July 10, A. E. Hurren exchanged with preacher at morning service. Mesdames Clencie and Randall sang a duet at night. Fifty broke bread for the day. Picture night for children, screened by D. Kellond (Footscray) and including films of local football, produced a bumper house and much enthusiasm. Good Companions under leadership of Val Henry and Dawn Taylor are making progress with an attendance of over 30.

Yarrowonga (F. Roberts). — Church is rejoicing in three months' ministry of Mr. Roberts. Messages have been challenging and inspiring, and attendances have increased. F.M. offering has reached £120 (incomplete).

Bambra-rd., Caulfield (E. J. Miles). — Excellent attendance and interest is well maintained. Monthly church parade at evening services by auxiliaries are an inspiration. Interest in monthly film services is a cause for encouragement. Recently church rejoiced in baptism of one married man and two Y.P. Many have been laid aside during winter months, including J. Machin (sec.). It was a rich experience on July 20 to witness almost 50 young men and men of church sit down to Men's Fellowship dinner at which E. J. Miles presented proposals of a campaign of Christ's men in action. A mutual ministry, ministering to men and women in a continuous progressive programme. The extensive programme was endorsed by the men committing themselves to the campaign in prayer. Young men's football club is enjoying a most successful season.

Dandenong (L. G. Read). — Mission Band held very successful variety evening on July 2. C.O.B. students conducted morning service on 3rd. Y.P. visited Hampton Park Union Church for their Endeavor anniversary on 9th. Preacher addressed morning service on 10th and Mr. Ball (Melbourne City Mission) was speaker at night. After the service a film of the mission work was shown. Youth fellowship was held at which College students took part on 16th, and Emmanuel Quartet rendered items.

Footscray (A. E. Hurren). — Attendances at breaking of bread have averaged 126, interest is well maintained and meetings enjoyed. Women's Fellowship and Ladies' Aid sponsored picture nights for end of year effort. At District Mission Band rally Mrs.

Heard delighted all with her message on India. On behalf of the Oriental Mission in Korea, the Phi Betas were able to donate £11 to the work of the society. Weekly prayer meetings in homes of members are well attended. On July 1, 37 attended meeting held in home of Mr. and Mrs. Dowling at Werribee. Presentation was made to Olive Trezise and Kevin Fortington in honor of their approaching marriage. Sympathy of church was expressed to F. T. Morgan in death of his father. Church has enjoyed fellowship with Mrs. Ashlin (Hobart) and Betty Anderson (Wangaratta).

West Preston (A. B. Withers). — On July 20, W.M.B. had an afternoon for others. S.C.E. meeting was taken by board of officers on 20th. J. D. Lang spoke at Y.P.S.C.E. meeting on 18th. A young lady was received into fellowship at morning service of 17th. Some members attended C.O.B. concert on 15th.

Cheltenham (R. C. Bolduan). — Members attended united gathering in Church of England hall on June 15 to hear H. A. G. Clark speak on Evanston Assembly of W.C.C. C. W. Mannering (Cheltenham Methodist) was speaker at evening service on 19th. Later, members of Methodist Youth Fellowship combined with C.Y.F. for after-church fellowship meeting, when Mr. Mannering led helpful discussion on Methodist attitude to church union. Men of church have been assisting with services at Christian Guest Home, Noble Park and Black Rock churches. F.M. offering amounted to £52/5/-.

Malvern-Caulfield (W. J. Thomson). — At worship service on July 3, Loyalty Campaign was inaugurated. Short addresses outlining plans were given by G. F. Illingworth, J. Holloway and preacher. Following dinner at church on 18th, five teams went out with invitations to parents of B.S. scholars to attend specially planned services. A gift was made to Miss Gwen Moody on the occasion of her coming-of-age. All regret her illness in hospital and of Mrs. Moody at home. A gift was made by the B.S. to Mrs. J. Beveridge who was for a number of years kinder supt. Deepest sympathy is expressed to Mrs. Kruse in the loss of a daughter.

ENGAGEMENTS

GRAY—SMITH. — Mr. and Mrs. Robin Gray, 157 Glenlyon-rd., East Brunswick, Victoria, have pleasure in announcing the engagement of their younger daughter Barbara Vivien, to John, only son of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Smith, South Woodford, Essex, England.

JACOBS—CLENCIE. — Mr. and Mrs. M. Jacobs, Burnie, Tasmania, have much pleasure in announcing the engagement of their elder daughter, Margaret Noel, to Raymond George, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Clencie, 12 Prince-st., North Footscray, Victoria.

DEATH

JOHNSON.—On July 18, 1955, at her home, East Brunswick, Elsie, youngest daughter of the late Alfred and Sarah Johnson, dearly loved sister of Alf, Florrie (dec.), and sister-in-law of Alice.

"God whispered, peace be thine."

IN MEMORIAM

DEMERAL. — Treasured memories of my beloved husband, Claude, who passed away, July 31, 1943.

"Beyond the sunset, O glorious morning."

GRAHAM. — Cherished memories of our loving husband and father, William Gordon, called suddenly to higher service, July 29, 1954.

"God has him in his keeping, We have him in our hearts."

GRAHAM. — In memory of our beloved minister and friend, W. G. Graham, who was called Home, July 29, 1954.

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HANCOCK. — On July 14 (suddenly), at his home, 21 Nevis-st., Hartwell, Albert Edward, dearly loved husband of Catherine May, loving father of Len, Allan, Dorothy, Gwen (Mrs. Hicks), Don, Eric and Peter.

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ANDREWS—PRATT. — Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Andrews have much pleasure in announcing the 44th anniversary of their wedding, celebrated at Church of Christ, Moorhouse-ave., Christchurch, New Zealand, by Mr. McCrackett, on July 26, 1911. Present address, Reef-st., Wedderburn, Vic.

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Sunday, August 14:

YOUTH SERVICES AND YOUTH TEA

Sunday, August 21:

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11 a.m., C. J. Robinson (Conf. Pres.)

3 p.m., P.S.A. Stanton H. Wilson

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Pleasant Memories

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One of my treasured books is "Preachers I Have Heard" by Alexander Gammie. The author sets out brief but stimulating cameos of famous preachers from many communions who in their day were the champions of spiritual truths as they understood them. Each man had his style, some very different from others, but all were inspired to set forth God, his Son Jesus Christ, and all the wonders of his love and of his book. Thousands of people gathered in the churches where these 57 ministers told forth the gospel, many of these preachers remaining for long periods in the one ministry, and exercising an influence beyond calculation. They came from Glasgow, London, Edinburgh, Aberdeen, New York and Africa, and numbered amongst them are such names as Dr. Alexander Whyte, Dr. George Mathieson the author of "O love that wilt not let me go," Professor James Stalker, Ralph Connor, Dr. J. H. Jowett, and Dr. G. H. Morrison, and many others whose names were known and respected throughout Britain and the Christian world.

It was in 1926 I had the privilege of hearing Dr. G. H. Morrison in the University Church of Presbyterianism. One had to wait in a queue until the "regulars" were first seated, then the strangers were ushered in to the few remaining seats by the black-coated door-keeper.

It is about "texts" that I write, and Dr. Morrison's I remember till today. From Psalm 51 it came, verse 10, "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me." He emphasised the marginal rendering for "right," namely, "constant."

Preachers must often ask themselves,

"Is Preaching Worth-While?"

Of course preaching is worth-while. In every way providing the text or central Bible thought is uppermost in the preacher's mind and has behind it the whole force of his personality. The "points" may be forgotten in the passing of the years, and maybe the illustrations will be credited to another, but the word remains, and that after all is what matters. "My Word shall not return unto me void."

A preacher is a scatterer of seed, and as long as his own thoughts are not too scattered, the text must leave an impression. But I would ask this question of those who preach. Are texts today as real as when they first burned within when they were first used, five, ten or twenty years ago? If a preacher today does not look back and recall with pleasure using such and

such a text as the basis of a sermon, how does he expect his congregation of former years to remember such with gratitude?

A Word of Encouragement

Receiving a Christmas card recently, I was greatly thrilled with a footnote which told of my friend's remembrance of a text used by me some 25 years ago. That text had touched him, but did it still touch me? As I pondered, I recalled the real thrill that shook my being, as I spoke from Luke 7: 40, "And Jesus answering said, unto him, 'Simon, I have somewhat to say unto thee.'" Preacher, have you got something to say? Then what followed Jesus statement, will follow your mes-

sages and ministry. Peter answered, "Master, say on."

I recall with great pleasure the use of 1 Corinthians 16: 17-18. "I am glad of the coming of Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus, for they have refreshed my spirit, and your's." What a thought that was, and is! To refresh someone's spirit, to instill some invigorating truth into a jaded mind and heart, is surely a ministry indeed! I thought too of two illustrations which I had used on that occasion. A woman with two children had visited the home of a not too well widow. While the two ladies talked, the children had wandered out into the garden and the boy into the fowl house. After the visitors had gone, the widow went to gather her eggs. The door of the fowl house was open, the hens were loose, the eggs broken. That visit was not a refreshing one. But again, there is a lonely old man, very lonely, hungering for news of his loved one and of the world. H. M. Stanley is seeking for him, and finds him by God's grace. After two years,



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A Word of Admonition

Romans sixteen, verse one, brings back much joy as the message, of which this verse was the basis, is recalled, "I commend unto you, Phebe our sister . . ." Ministers are often asked to "give a reference." We are invited to recommend someone to someone. If such a reference is to be more than glibly written words, the preacher must be aware of certain qualities in the one being approved. What do we, as preachers of God's Word, commend? To what practices do we give our personal and "official" blessing? What does the Church as such, commend? What did our Lord acknowledge as good and praiseworthy, and what kind of things or persons did he condemn? Behind the "I" is not only Paul's integrity, but that of every speaker or testimonial writer. You put yourself into the "I," and what you say will be remembered for good or bad.

A Word of Cheer

Then lastly, there is remembered the Three Cheers, based on God's good Word: "Be of good cheer, thy sins are forgiven thee"; "Be of good cheer, it is I, be not afraid"; and ". . . be of good cheer, I have overcome the world!" The using of texts and the repeating of same within reason throughout the message may not be encouraged today, but it has paid, dividends.

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OBITUARY

Arthur Clifford Killmier.

"Not only the church, but the whole town is the richer for his having lived here!" That was the comment of a Naracoorte resident, on hearing of the passing of A. C. Killmier, on March 30, 1955. Deceased was the second son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Killmier, Marleston, S.A. He consecrated his life to Christ at the age of eleven when he was baptised by E. G. Warren at Kadina. Later at Wallaroo he gave valuable service as a Bible School teacher, and at the age of 15 began to help by preaching. Desiring to be a full-time preacher, he entered the College of the Bible, Glen Iris, in 1918, graduating in 1921. On his return to S.A., he entered the Adelaide University as a medical student, planning to go overseas as a missionary. At the end of his first year of study, he was deemed physically unfit for mission service. He changed from Medicine to Arts Course, gaining his B.A. in 1929. Stirling East and Aldgate Valley formed his first pastorate, then followed five years at York, four and a half years years at Murray Bridge, four years at Pt. Pirie, then Mt. Compass. In 1941 he came to labor with the church at Naracoorte, and remained there for seven years. He then retired from preaching on account of ill health. He was an elder and ready always to use his knowledge and experience in the church. He was deeply interested in the commencement of the causes at Padthaway and Tarpeena. It was in the latter place that he took his last communion and preached his last sermon on March 19. Shortly after his return home from that trip, he suffered a heart attack but attended the office as usual until the day before his death. Naracoorte chapel, beautiful with many floral tributes, was packed for the service, so beautifully conducted by F. G. Banks. The lengthy cortege and large representative gathering at the graveside proved the love and respect of the church and community. Christian sympathy is extended to his loved ones.

Augusta Caroline Elliott.

Born at Bendigo, Vic., 73 years ago, Miss A. C. Allen came to Subiaco, W.A., in 1901, where she was active in C.E. work. When T. Hagger conducted a mission there in 1903 she united with Subiaco church. From then on she displayed her loyalty to Christ by a long record of faithful service. When the Women's Conference was formed in 1905 she became its first secretary. During subsequent years she held office on various occasions, being secretary for 12 years and president for four years. Continuing through 50 years on the executive, she was made a Life Member in 1938. Other activities included leadership of a senior Girls' Bible Class at Subiaco and a Loyal Daughters' Club at

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she married G. W. Elliott, who in his
quiet way largely made possible her
activity with the Conference. From
their Christian home came Allen, a
talented preacher in our N.S.W.
churches, and Elma (Mrs. G. A. Ewers).
There are also four grandchildren.
After a brief illness she fell asleep
on June 29. A large representative
gathering assembled at the Karrakatta
Crematorium when the writer con-
ducted a service. To her husband and
family loving sympathy is expressed,
knowing that they are sustained by
the Christian assurances.—A.J.F.

Mrs. Alice Maud Bousfield.

Mrs. Bousfield, a devoted member of
the Subiaco church for 25 years was
called from this life on the morning
of June 20. She had been a patient
sufferer for many years. Because of
weakness and age she had not been
able to attend services for a considerable
time before her death, but her spiritual
life and strong faith were maintained
to the end. She had, by her constant
reading of God's Word in earlier years,
built up for herself a reserve of
strength that was her stand-by in the
time of need. She was in every sense
a good woman. She had the constant
care of her devoted daughters, Mrs.
Beard and Mrs. Smith. We extend to
them and to all the family our deepest
sympathy. Their's is the comfort of
knowing that a mother who so over-
came by the blood of the Lamb, shall
receive the Overcomer's reward and
shall not have her name blotted out
of the book of life.—R.R.

Sarah Rattray.

Mrs. Rattray passed from this life
after a brief illness, on June 30. She was
a choice soul. For 37 years she was
a member of Subiaco church. During
the past decade she had been living
in distant suburbs but was consistent
in attendance at Subiaco. She was
for more than 25 years treasurer of the
Ladies' Aid. The magnificent floral
decorations in the chapel on the oc-
casions of the service of remembrance
was the Christian Women's Fellow-
ship's tribute to one whom they dearly
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