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**THE
CHURCH
MUST
TEACH!**

JESUS CHRIST

commissioned his Church to make disciples — "Go teach." Christianity is implanted, not inherited. We do not fall accidentally into the Christian life. We choose it. This is true for children, youth and adults.

Whatever methods we use, however methods change, at whatever age level we teach, the mandate is certain, authoritative and specific — "Make disciples."

To carry out this task faithfully, the Church must avail itself of every means which will confront persons with Christ. It must also be a fellowship of the concerned, a dynamic creative fellowship, expressing Christ in spirit and deed.

Our Youth Departments are entrusted with the responsibility of promoting effective Christian teaching among children and youth.

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WHAT YOUTH DEPART- MENTS ARE DOING

The annual youth offering, to be received in every State on Sunday, May 13, is a call to every member of our brotherhood to share by their gifts in the vital and vigorous programme of Christian education.

Money received in that offering becomes an investment in lives. It enables Youth Departments to promote in their respective States such activities as the following:

- Assisting in the establishment, organisation and staffing of schools in new areas.
- Conducting Happy Hours.
- Teacher training.
- Workers' conferences.
- Training of club leaders.
- Christian Endeavor and club organisations.
- Maintenance and development of camp sites.
- Promotion of "Christian Youth Fellowship" movement.
- Correspondence lessons for isolated scholars.
- Use of audio-visual aids for teacher training and the Christian education programme in the local church.
- Co-operation with Australian Council for Christian Education and other inter-church organisations.

This list does not exhaust the varied tasks of Youth Departments. Every member is asked to take a full share in this important work on MAY 13.

OUR FEDERAL BOARD

ALMOST eight years ago the Federal Board of Christian Education came into existence as States co-operated to produce Austral Graded Lessons and general youth publications. This is a mighty task. State Departments seek to operate in this field with competency. They seek to provide the best possible teaching materials for scholars of every grade and teachers of every church school.

"THAT MY HOUSE MAY BE FILLED!"

In every State, schools are finding their accommodation severely overtaxed. New scholars are being added every week. Many schools grapple with the problems of insufficient space and shortage of staff.

Surely there has never been such a challenge to the church to hold and to teach the children of the community. Certainly it calls for trained teachers, more mature teachers, effective teaching materials and methods.

These are points where Youth Departments are ready to offer leadership, counsel and material aid.

Failure lurks where slackness lies. So many lives in our keeping! We *must* not fail!

What Departments can do is measured by the financial resources, and for these they depend on the churches of the brotherhood.

THEY ENTER THE CHURCH

Every year our Conference statistics show that the greater proportion of additions to church membership are from the church school. Teachers are doing the work of evangelists. They are nurturing boys and girls in the Christian faith. Lives are in the making — slowly, to be sure. Yet the years of patient nurture are rich in fulfilment as young people make the great commitment of their lives.

Surely for this the best planning, the finest care, the greatest sacrifices are needed.

The Church must teach!

Acknowledgement.—The poster, *The Church Must Teach*, was adapted from that used by Disciples of Christ last year, and we gratefully acknowledge the permission granted to use it in Australia.

Go - Make
Disciples
of All

TAKE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SERIOUSLY

"If Christian education were taken seriously in your church, what would happen that is not now taking place? What changes would be made in the programme, in the attitude of workers toward service in the educational work, and the response of the members of the church in general? If most churches suddenly decided to take Christian education seriously, a flurry of activities would follow.

"More money would be given to the support of the programme of Christian teaching. Money cannot buy an effective programme of Christian education, but it can buy physical resources that Christian education must have in order to operate. Certainly, the appropriation made to Christian education in the church determines in part the degree to which that church takes Christian education seriously.

"Willing service will characterise any programme of Christian education that is taken seriously. One of the evidences of the lack of seriousness in Christian education is the unwillingness of persons to serve as teachers. It takes time to prepare to teach, and it requires strength and time to do the job well. Most teaching programmes are seriously limited by a shortage of competent teachers. We cannot claim to be taking Christian education seriously until we have a sufficient number of teachers who are growing on the job and are giving enthusiastic time to this service. A sudden resolution to take Christian education seriously would overwhelm the superintendent by the rush of volunteers for teaching service.

"If Christian education were properly supported, the results would be easily detected. Christian teaching should bring many to a confession of Jesus-Christ. It should give all instruction as to their responsibilities in the church. There should result an understanding of Christian issues and an intelligent application of Christian principles to the problems of life. Without

doubt, better boys and girls and men and women, better from the standpoint of Christian purposes and Christlike living, will result from giving Christian education the support it needs.

"Christian education will bring a fruitage in Christian living. It remains only for the Church to take the matter seriously enough to produce such results. Whenever we want better Christian living, we can have it by giving the support that Christian education deserves."

Federal and State youth leadership in our brotherhood is showing us how we may seriously tackle the task of Christian education. A generous offering on MAY 13 will enable Departments to function at the highest level.



Go With Your Child to Church.

LOOKING FOR REALITY

Young people today are being trained to look for reality. A spurious, second-hand faith is no use to them. The Church *must* convince them that we have a faith that stands the test of reality. We must prove a concern for them as *persons*, and not merely units to be fitted into previously devised programmes. That is the aim of our Youth Departments — to teach youth a Christ-centred faith, able to grapple with all life's realities.

The days of childhood quickly pass,
So fleet the time, like withering grass,
Or like a breeze one moment stirred
That sighs and then no more is heard;
So soon must end each separate street,
Converge to where the cross-roads meet,
Where youth must choose the path to take,
Select the instruments to make
From gift of life, a citadel,
Or shambling waste, a heaven or hell.
God, let there be, to guide each youth,
The undimmed Light, the torch of truth
That those of tender years behold
In Christ, life's radiance unfold.

—Edna Elvira King.

N.S.W. Annual Conference rallies round the theme

"WE SERVE CHRIST"

Reported by A. B. Clark.

A happy and encouraging Conference opened with the acknowledgement of our debt to our heavenly Father; and expressions of loyalty to Her Excellent Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The President of Conference, Principal A. W. Stephenson, M.A., was assisted by Vice-Presidents, G. E. Knight and L. C. Yields.

After sixteen years of splendid service to the N.S.W. brotherhood as Conference Secretary, Spencer C. Woolley did not accept further nomination. T. W. Dunne also retired from the office of Conference Treasurer, after fourteen years' service. Vice-President G. E. Knight expressed the appreciation of the brotherhood to these brethren, and made a presentation to each. Mr. Woolley expressed thanks to all those who, over the years, had made his job a pleasant one. He first commenced secretarial work some forty years ago in the Junior Christian Endeavor. Mr. Dunne, whose retirement was necessitated by the illness of his wife, said, "I feel I should be making the presentation, because I have been enriched by the Christian men and women with whom I have worked."

G. E. Knight also welcomed A. W. Stephenson to the office of President for a second term. E. F. Morris and H. E. Bell, of Chatswood, were elected Conference Secretary and Treasurer, respectively.

The devotional theme of Conference was, *We Serve Christ*. Five deeply appreciated devotional addresses on the theme were presented by senior ministers.

An attempt by the Conference Executive to form a *Master Roll* has been hood coloperation. Appreciation was fused to supply statistics to make such a roll possible.

The church at Canberra was described as an excellent piece of brotherhood co-operation. Appreciation was also expressed for the work of Federal Home Missions in Northern Queensland.

Statistics provided some cause for heart-searching, and investigation of our approach to the task. Four hundred have been lost by roll revision, and the total membership is less than in 1954; but average attendance at the Lord's Table was higher than for three years. Three hundred and thirty additions by faith and baptism were reported.

The Aborigines Mission Committee, in co-operation with the Social Service Committee, and the Gilgandra

church, has purchased 18 acres of land for the settlement of aborigines, whose camp was washed right away by the recent floods. There are 27 Christians in the settlement who describe themselves as "Church of Christ." Some spiritual assistance has been given also to the natives in the Lismore district, and it is hoped that more definite assistance will be made possible.

The membership of the Building Advisory Committee was increased from three to eight, including representatives of such professions and trades as will assist churches in their building projects. The profession or trade of nominees will be shown on the ballot paper.

A record number of children enrolled in our Bible Schools was reported by the Young People's Department. There are 6,240 scholars in 76 Bible schools. There are 40 teachers and 380 scholars more than the previous year. About 55 per cent. of schools have Bible classes. One hundred and ninety-five young people were added to the church during 1955. The doxology was sung when the youth director, Roy Greenhalgh, announced that the loan on the Supplies Department has been paid off.

More than fifty decisions for Christ were made in thirteen churches served by students of the Bible College at Woolwich.

The Home Missions Committee enthusiastically described the opportunity for a new and effective witness at Leightonfield, a new Housing Commission Area. The church at Burwood has promised to pay for the land; and an appeal was made for £2,000. The Home Mission offering of Conference was dedicated to that purpose. The brotherhood was very thankful that, after his long illness, E. C. Hinrichsen was able to give the address to the H.M. and Bible College Rally.

The Conference was enriched by the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Munro, of India. Mr. Munro expressed his pleasure and pride in the work being done in the name of the Australian Churches of Christ in India. Frank Spooner, an Aoban Christian youth, who is entering medical school in Suva, was also present, and brought a greeting. He thanked the churches for sending the missionaries to his islands. The British Government will pay £300 for his training, and has promised to try to send him back to our islands

when his training is completed. When he returns, the Aoban Christians will provide a home for him. The Christians on the islands send an annual offering to the Federal Board of more than £2,000.

The missionary theme was impressively presented, in a pageant, *One Great Fellowship of Love*, arranged by the Women's Conference.

The Social Service Committee reported the completion of the first Duplex home on the Pendle Hill home site, plus the laying of the foundations for the second unit. A third Duplex unit is planned, plus flats, and a Community Centre.

Conference Officers and Committees

Past President: S. H. Laney.

President: A. W. Stephenson.

Vice-Presidents: R. Greenhalgh, S. C. Woolley.

Secretary: E. F. Morris.

Assistant Secretary: D. Deall.

Treasurer: H. E. Bell.

Home Missionary Committee: G. S. Brown, L. S. Dewberry, R. Greenhalgh, M. C. McArthur, N. H. Matthews, H. B. Palmer, Mrs. R. W. Stanhope, W. Turnell, R. H. Wakeley, A. K. Wilson.

Overseas Mission Committee: A. B. Clark, C. R. M. Graham, I. A. Paternoster, L. A. Piper, J. Reed, Miss H. V. Rofe, Miss D. Winks.

Bible School and Y.P. Committee: G. H. Benjamin, J. H. Christison, David Crawford, J. W. Fraser, Mrs. Rae Freckelton, A. J. Frost, R. Greenhalgh, J. P. Henderson, J. W. Hunter, John Morris, N. H. Morris, P. H. Morton.

Social Service Committee: C. Baker, B. F. Bradshaw, E. Crawford, J. V. Ellerby, D. J. Gowans, H. C. Gowans, J. H. Gowans, W. C. Roffey, A. C. Thurrowgood, L. C. Yields.

N.S.W. Bible College Board: R. W. Beadle, J. W. Boswell, B. G. Corlett, A. W. Cust, N. A. Moore, I. A. Paternoster, E. W. Roffey, C. A. Saxby, Roy Stanhope, D. J. A. Verco.

Aborigines Missions Committee: C. T. Garrett, G. E. Knight, G. S. Laney, Mrs. H. V. Larcombe, E. Oswald, E. Park, J. G. Shaw.

Advisory Board: R. Greenhalgh, J. P. Henderson, S. H. Laney, I. A. Paternoster, P. E. Thomas, Dr. C. A. Verco, D. Wakeley.

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Western churches in Conference face up to

"THE UNFINISHED TASK"

The 59th Annual Conference of Churches of Christ in Western Australia, held from March 25 to 31, was an unqualified success. It was characterised by large attendances, grand singing by congregations and Choral Society, inspiring addresses, an excellent spirit and a forward look to **The Unfinished Task** — the title selected for the Conference theme.

The programme outline repeated that of the previous year in most respects. The **Conference Sermon** was preached in the Town Hall on the Sunday prior to Easter. In spite of summer's last "kick" (98 degrees, with 103 degrees on the Monday) there was a large audience to hear the President (C. J. Robinson) officially open the Conference. D. G. Hammer, Superintendent of Carnarvon Mission, delivered a challenging address on **The Unfinished Task of the Restoration Movement**, pertinently asking what it was sought to restore, and replying that the aim should be to restore men.

On Monday night a capacity house witnessed the **Youth Committee** programme in the Town Hall. Much preparation had been put into a play **A Greater than Caesar**, and a pageant **Christ for the World**. It was a well worth-while night, that greatly impressed those present.

Tuesday saw a slight departure from tradition when a **Missionary Meeting** was held jointly by the **Federal Aborigines Mission Board** and the **State Foreign Missionary Committee**, in Lake-st. chapel. S. G. Middleton, State Commissioner for Native Welfare, gave an excellent address on the need for more positive action in regard to the aborigine people, and said that undoubtedly the best approach was through Christian Missions, which the Government was only too pleased to assist. Dr. Lindsay Michael then showed pictures and gave a commentary on the Indian work.

N.S.W. Officers—continued.

Chapel Extension Committee: E. Harris, S. Morris, R. A. Souness.

Boys' Home Committee: Mrs. D. Frost, G. Hardiman, W. Hill, F. Kimpton, G. E. Knight, M. Leask, W. Mansell, K. C. Payne, J. F. Tait, L. E. Wylie.

Building Advisory Committee: K. L. Baker, L. B'lls, F. Ellsmore.

Nominations Committee: R. Greenhalgh, H. E. Hayward, I. A. Pater-noster, L. A. Piper, D. Wakeley.

Reported by A. D. Pyne.

The sisters' big day was on Wednesday, when the **Women's 51st Auxiliary Conference** (already reported in these pages) was held.

Friday morning once again gave us that unique W.A. Conference feature—the **Easter Devotional Service**. This service never fails to attract a capacity congregation, and never fails to give a rich spiritual experience, uplifting the hearts of all who hear. This year the service was marked by magnificent singing, and an address by R. Brittain, **There Yet Remains a Way**.

In the evening a great **Brotherhood Rally** was held. The incoming President (F. J. Stephenson, of Subiaco) was introduced, the outgoing President (C. J. Robinson) was presented with a copy of the Scriptures by the Past President, G. A. Ewers, in appreciation and recognition of his leadership through the year. Opportunity was also taken to mark the work of the **Women's Auxiliary** by the presentation of a Bible to the outgoing President, Mrs. G. A. Ewers. The address, which stirred all present, was given by F. A. Yonens, of Victoria, who is now conducting a tent mission with the **South Perth church**.

An addition to Conference this year was a meeting on Saturday night. This was arranged by the **Brotherhood Centre Committee** and was the occasion for launching a plan to inspire the churches to recognise the urgent need for the commencement of the project. Alone among the States, W.A. possesses a fine block in the City where central meeting places, offices, bookshop, etc., can be located. A poster giving a proposed front view was unveiled, and copies given to representatives from all churches.

Business sessions were held on Thursday night and Friday afternoon, and large attendances and an excellent spirit prevailed throughout. They ran well to schedule and finished "on time." Highlights were —

1. **Three new churches** admitted — Applecross, Rivervale and Carnarvon. The two former are suburban, where meetings have been held for some time, whilst at Carnarvon a church has now been formed in the town.

2. **Additions by faith and baptism** were 229, an increase of 71 over the previous year.

3. **Offerings for all purposes** totalled £47,709, or £6,385 more than 1954.

4. **Most churches** have now acquired manses, and the tendency is to erect new, or alter existing, **church buildings**. Extension into new areas is being planned.

5. **Continued growth** of the cause at Geraldton, where the **Home Mission Committee** sponsored a mission conducted by J. K. Bond. Mission converts were present as Conference delegates.

6. **The Christian Guest Home** is now free of debt, following a payment of £5,250 from the Department of Social Services. Plans for extensions, estimated to cost £27,000, were submitted to Conference.

Resolutions were carried with reference to betting shops, 6 o'clock closing, and liquor licenses for sporting clubs.

Incoming Officers and Committees

Executive: President, F. J. Stephenson; President Elect, J. W. Gordon; Secretary, A. D. Pyne; Asst. Sec., G. A. Ewers; Treasurer, F. C. Mogridge; Member, J. K. Bond

Home Mission Committee: Executive, plus C. H. Hunt, J. Lavery, R. G. Liddle, F. Newcombe, W. A. Smith, J. Stewart, E. Wortlehoock, W. Paget, Mrs. Park, Mrs. Pallot.

Foreign Mission Committee: T. Banks, R. Pritchard, S. G. Taylor, L. Smith, Miss E. Marshall, Miss R. Connolly, Mrs. L. J. Michael, Mrs. J. W. Gordon.

Training Committee: W. Paget, A. Wilson, R. Hillier, S. Wilson, L. Park, Miss A. Anderson, R. Pritchard.

Broadcasting Committee: J. Rhodes, W. Samuel, L. Cooke, Mrs. Henderson.

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

Advisory Board: J. Gordon, C. J. Robinson, L. C. Peacock, W. S. Bown, J. K. Robinson, R. W. Marshall.

Youth Committee: R. H. Hillier, R. K. Brittain, A. Chessell, L. Grist, Miss J. Hudson, Mrs. E. Morgan, Mrs. R. P. Pallot, Dr. T. Thomas, S. H. Wilson, N. Monson, J. K. Robinson, E. Gough, Miss J. Yeates.

Social Service Committee: C. M. Hogen, R. W. Marshall, P. J. Marlow, H. Gilchrist, E. Watt, Miss Youd, W. Nightingale, R. Pritchard, Mrs. Wilkerson, Mrs. Palmer, plus Board of Christian Guest Home.



We are indebted to V. C. Stafford, Federal Director of the Board of Christian Education, for all special youth material and blocks included in this issue. We urge a generous offering throughout Australia on May 13.

The editor is appreciative of the extra help of manager, A. R. Haskell, and members of the Austral staff, in finalising last week's issue, after he fell victim to influenza.

Many friends will be saddened at the news that W. H. G. Wakefield passed away in Melbourne on April 19, at the age of 68 years. He had served the Australian brotherhood for almost forty years, completing his College course in 1916. He had served interstate ministries, but recent pastorates have been in Victoria. His last field of service was at Warracknabeal. To Mrs. Wakefield and other loved ones we extend Christian sympathy.

Mrs. James D. Wyker, prominent in our American brotherhood and inter-church activities, will be presented with the "Laywoman of the Year" award on April 28, by the annual Washington Pilgrimage of American Churchmen. Mrs. Wyker led United Church Women, 1953-55, and in that capacity visited Australia early last year. She was prevented by illness from giving one of the main addresses at the Fifth World Convention of Churches of Christ in Toronto last August. Dr. Billy Graham will receive the "Clergyman of the Year" award, and that for the "Layman of the Year" goes to Paul T. Babson, business executive, active in the Congregational Christian Churches.

Lars Larsen, one of our veteran preachers, celebrated his 79th birthday on April 6, and his 53rd wedding anniversary on the 8th. He is at present engaged in an interim ministry at Ma Ma Creek, Qld.

Christian Women's Fellowship — Victoria and Tasmania. The usual monthly Council meeting will be held at 11 a.m. in the Lygon-st. lecture hall, on May 4. Leader of devotions, Miss B. Gill; speaker, Miss B. Bates. All delegates and friends are asked to keep this date and time in mind and plan to attend.—B. L. Williams, exec. sec.

The Macnaughtan-Robbins mission at Lismore, N.S.W., has resulted in a number of decisions and reconsecra-

tions. Sunday meetings have been crowded. The press, radio, and church hoarding have all been used to great advantage, while thousands of handbills have been distributed, and amplified music has been used prior to the services. Mrs. H. B. Robbins has addressed the women of the church, and assisted in other ways. Arnold C. Caldicott is the enthusiastic preacher at Lismore.

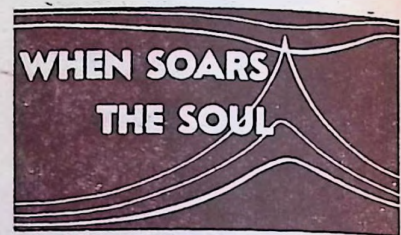
Morning worship service from Bendigo church, Vic., will be broadcast over 3BO on May 6, at 11 a.m.

H. M. Long, preacher at Horsham, Vic., has been invited by that church to extend his term of engagement from three to five years.

The Children's Welfare Association of Victoria has arranged a very interesting Conference on Child Care, on May 4 to 6 inclusive. Sessions on the Friday at 8 p.m., and 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. on the Saturday, will be held at the Emily McPherson College of Domestic Economy. The Sunday afternoon session will be at "Orana," Methodist Peace Memorial Homes for Children, 87 Elgar-rd., Burwood, at 2.15 p.m. There is no fee for attendance at the Friday evening and Sunday afternoon meetings, when speakers will be Dr. Guy Springthorpe (on Child Welfare) and Dr. L. J. Murphy (on The Problems in Education for Deaf and Partially Deaf Children) respectively. On the Friday, fees of 4/6 will be charged for each of the morning, afternoon and evening sessions (including morning tea, afternoon tea, and supper, respectively), while lunch will be available at 4/6 and buffet dinner at 7/6. Reservations can be made with Mrs. R. N. White, 204 Church-st., Brighton, Vic., XB 6564.

A large congregation of almost 200 overflowed the chapel at Kaniva, Vic., for the final service of M. T. Lawrie's ministry on the evening of March 25. Friends from all parts of the district were present, and, following the gospel service, a farewell gathering was held in the church hall. Representatives of church auxiliaries, the Ministers' Fraternal, Methodist church, cricket club, and others spoke of the quality of life and service that had endeared Mr. and Mrs. Lawrie to all who knew them. On behalf of the church, A. F. Williams presented them with a cheque. A presentation was also made to A. Le Couteur following the morning service on March 25. He has left to live in Ballarat,

When soars the soul earth's clamoring voices cease,
Stilled in the wonder of God's power and peace.



Take time and trouble to keep yourself spiritually fit. Bodily fitness has a certain value, but spiritual fitness is essential, both for this present life and for the life to come . . . It is because we realise the paramount importance of the spiritual life that we labor and struggle. We place our whole confidence in the living God, the Saviour of all men, and particularly of those who believe in him. Don't let people look down on you because you are young; see that they look up to you because you are an example to them in your speech and behaviour, in your love and faith and sincerity.—1 Tim. 4: 8-12 (Phillips).

Keep your youth! Don't let any outward happening spoil that beautiful, divine gift, and don't spoil it for yourselves. . . . Youth is like the alabaster box of spikenard, very precious. Don't hoard it; don't profane it; pour it out at the feet of Christ — who is wherever a wrong is to be righted, or a heavy burden shared, or a dull task accepted, for the sake of love or gratitude. On that path you may make no fortune, but, though you live to be ninety, you will keep, with God's help, the spirit and the fragrance of youth.—May Kendall.

O Father of "the young Prince of Glory," who, because of him, art the Father of us all, humbly we thank thee for all the gifts of youth — for questing mind and healthy body, and the deepening wonder of thyself. Help us to keep both mind and body pure, and the whole of life responsive to thy Spirit. We thank thee for him whose ideals are set before us, whose salvation is our surely, whose strength is our stay. He it is who deepens both our capacity to enjoy life and to share it. We pray, then, for all our brethren in every land, for all youth struggling towards the light which is in the Lord of us all. Amen.

I would live ever in the light,
I would work ever for the right,
I would serve thee with all my might,
Therefore to thee I come.

—Marianne Hearn.

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THE LIVING WORD

Studies on the planned Sunday morning readings

Sunday, May 6

OLD TESTAMENT

Psalm 24.

Summary.

The first two verses tell us that because of God's work in creation, he is the Master and Lord of all the world. Verses 3 to 6 set before us the qualities which fit a man for worship. Verses 7 to 10 comprise a song which was sung by a company of people standing in front of the gates of the Temple.

Explanatory Notes.

"The earth is the Lord's" (v. 1). — The order of the words in the original emphasises not the "earth" or the "world," but God himself. The word translated "world" means the "habitable earth."

"for he hath founded it upon the seas" (v. 2). — Again it is the "he" that is emphatic. The stress is on the greatness, the glory, and the grandeur of God. "The idea of the land resting upon the waters is poetic in form, but it fairly represents popular Hebrew ideas. Cf. Gen. 1: 6; 7: 11; Ps. 136: 6" (W. T. Davison).

"he that hath clean hands, and a pure heart" (v. 2). — "He who is innocent of violence and wrong-doing (Ps. 18: 20, 24) in thought as well as in deed. (Cf. Ps. 73: 1; Matt. 5: 8)" (Kirkpatrick).

"the Lord of Hosts" (v. 10). — This name for God — Jehovah Sabaoth — is met for the first time here in Psalms. It depicts God as the supreme Sovereign of the universe.

Suggested Theme.

"WE ARE GOD'S TRUSTEES."

Introduction. — It is essential that we should understand our place in God's scheme of things. In the divine programme we are not meant to be masters, but servants. Concerning time, talent, and treasure let us remember that "we are God's trustees." Now, God's trustees must be:

I. WISE. — Recognising the sovereignty of God. (v. 1). No man is wise who is unaware of God's supreme place in the world, and in the lives, which he has made. God's trustees, also, must be

II. WORTHY. — In our service for God we must reveal the kind of character which he can bless, and which expresses itself in (a) praise, (b) prayer, (c) purpose, and (d) power-filled service. Then, again, God's trustees must be

III. WORSHIPFUL. — All life must have the appearance of being divine in nature. Notice, in v. 4, the quality of character required by real worshippers of God (a) purity, (b) humility, (c) honesty.

Conclusion. — As God's trustees we must be in complete submission to him. When we try it, we will find that this is the most satisfying way of life that there is.

NEW TESTAMENT.

Acts 1: 1-12.

Summary.

"The Book of Acts is unquestionably one of the most important historical works ever planned" (Blair). In the first five verses Luke summarises the contents of his first volume (The Gospel of Luke), and in the rest of the passage (verses 6 to 12) he presents further material, about the last days of Jesus on earth, which was not recorded in the earlier book. He gives a fairly complete, summarised statement of the ministry of Jesus, both before and after the resurrection. In so doing he sets the stage for the beginning of "The Christian Drama of World Conquest," which is the central theme of Acts.

Explanatory Notes.

"The former treatise" (v. 1). — The Gospel according to Luke.

"Theophilus" (v. 1). — This means "lover of God." Streeter suggests that the name "Theophilus" might have been the secret Christian name for Flavius Clemens, cousin and heir of Domitian. His wife, Domitilla, was secretly a follower of the Christian faith. This man was put to death by Domitian, in 96 A.D.

"being seen of them" (v. 3). — This word appears only this once in the New Testament. It is used in the Septuagint, in Numbers 14: 14, where it refers to God's self-manifestation in the wilderness.

"forty days" (v. 3). — An often repeated period of time in sacred history. See Exodus 34: 28, 1 Kings 19: 8; Matthew 4: 2, etc.

"a cloud received him out of their sight" (v. 9). — Daniel speaks of

one "like the Son of man" who "came with the clouds of heaven" (Daniel 7: 13). In the Old Testament the majesty of God is spoken of as being hidden from view by a cloud. Jesus is now received into the same cloud of the "Shekinah," or "divine glory."

Suggested Theme.

"WORLD CONQUEST BEGINS."

Introduction. — In the Book of Acts we see "The Christian Drama of World Conquest." Let us see how the plan began to operate.

I. JESUS CHRIST CAME INTO THE WORLD TO COMMENCE A GREAT WORK. — In v. 1 Luke tells us that he is going to deal with "all that Jesus began to do and teach." Dr. Weymouth translates that verse as "all that Jesus did, as a beginning." He started the task of world conquest, his followers were left to carry it on. It is still their obligation.

II. JESUS CHRIST ADVISED HIS FOLLOWERS TO UNDERGO A PERIOD OF PERSONAL WAITING. — This is seen in verses 4 and 5. God can do much for and through the obedient man — who awaits divine instruction. This time of waiting resulted in (a) a new sense of fellowship, with each other, and with the Master, and (b) a new sense of God's greatness, with the added knowledge that his way of doing things is best.

III. JESUS CHRIST PROMISED LIMITLESS POWER TO LIMITED PEOPLE. — V. 8 is the key. In it we find references to (a) Divine power, (b) a determined plan, (c) definite progress, and (d) a designated purpose.

Conclusion. — The Christian's task is world conquest — bringing all life into submission to the mind of the Master. For this mighty enterprise the power of God is available for those who are willing to take it. — Prepared by R. V. Amos, Blackburn, Vic.

A telegram received as this issue was being finalised reads: "Yeouens mission at South Perth, W.A.; now eleven confessions, three restorations, thirteen dedications. Five Happy Hour sessions, with average attendance of 128 children, despite drenching rain. Pray for many parents under conviction of the gospel." — Stanton Wilson. An earlier report mentioned record crowds at the Saturday night film services, 339 being present on Apr. 14. Large delegations from sister churches in the suburban area have given welcome support, and local interest is rising.



"SHEPHERD OF TENDER YOUTH"

So begins the earliest known Christian hymn. Jesus said "Feed my lambs." By witness, fellowship, worship and direct teaching the Church must take little children into her life and love them as her Lord loves them. With this must go good teachers, fine worship materials, correct teaching techniques, the best teaching aids, adequate space and equipment.

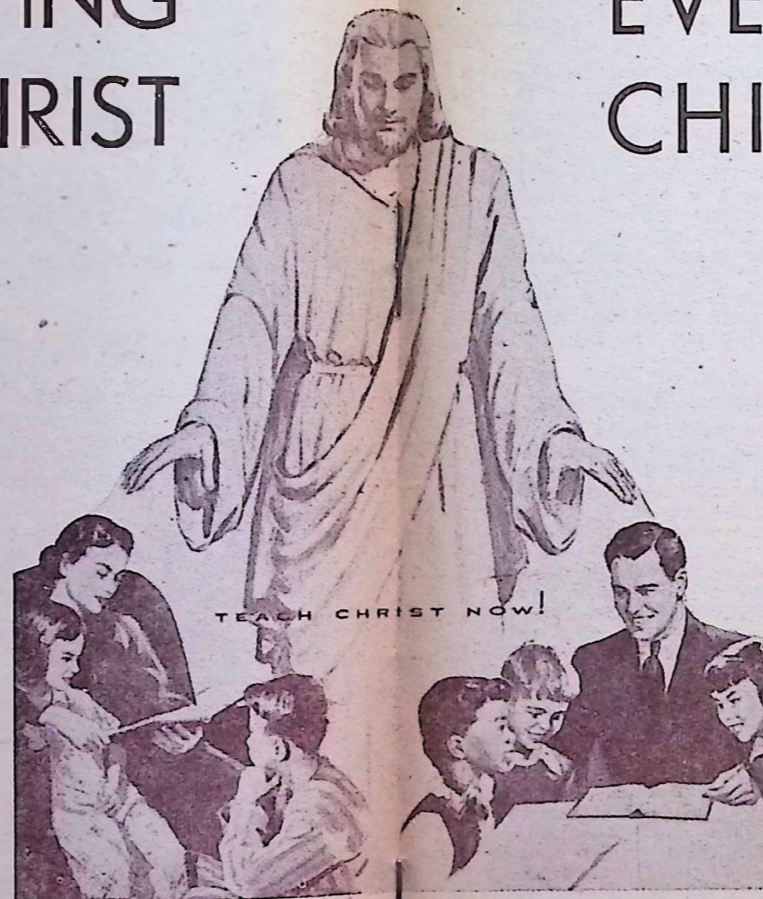
"WILL YOU TELL ME ABOUT JESUS?"

If you try to answer this question you are engaged in the Church's most important enterprise. It is a high privilege for parents and teachers. To discharge its teaching function fully, the Church must offer guidance to parents, establish a warm and vital parent-teacher relationship. Children are born into a home, not into a church kindergarten.



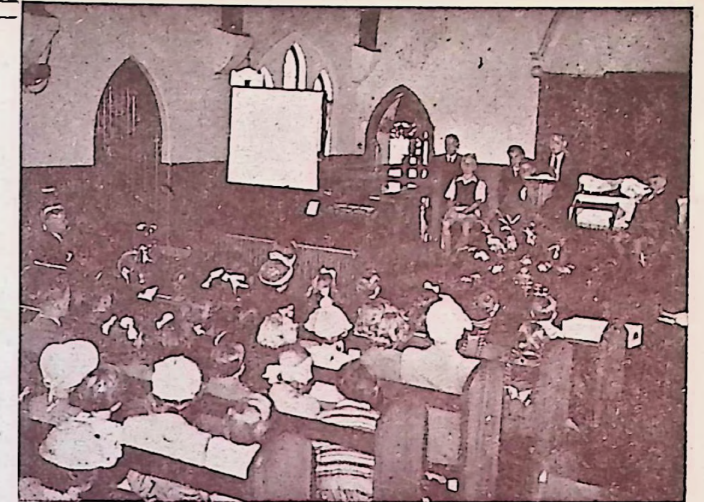
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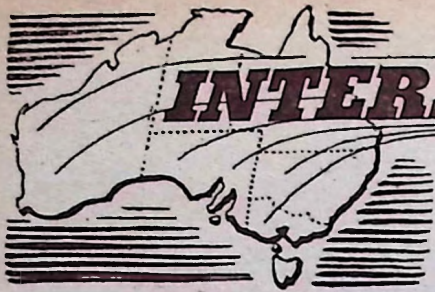
"LET THE CHILDREN COME TO ME!"

This ringing word of the Master challenges Church schools to work intelligently and skilfully among boys and girls. The requirements include a curriculum soundly based on the Bible, teaching materials fashioned to meet each age level, proper grading, efficiency of organisation, trained personnel, through-the-week activities in clubs, societies and fellowships.

"YOUTH, CAN I REACH YOU?"

Time and the forces of history are at work on the youth of our day. The Church must present the Christian way of life, develop a fellowship within which that life may grow. Every year thousands of young people are given chances in camp fraternities to learn Christ, and discover the meaning of the Christian faith for their world. Departments maintain camp sites, work out study programmes, and equip young people for Christian witness and service in the local church.





INTERSTATE CHURCH NEWS

Discipleship

Elaine Potts, Nailsworth, S.A.
Nola Muir, Caulfield, Vic.
Neil Terrace, Mrs. Groves, Sylvia and Christine, Prospect, S.A.
Mrs. Herbert, Mrs. Higgs, Graham Chapman, Bexley North, N.S.W.
Robert Angle, Desmond Lock, Balaklava, S.A.
Mrs. Davey, Miss D. Baker, Joy Northeast, Robert Thomas, Fairfield, Vic.
Audrey Nimmo, Lorraine Beyers, Margaret Reynolds, Surrey Hills, Vic.
Mr. and Mrs. V. Propatinik, J. Fry, Miss W. Fry, R. Mandry, B. Whiteaker, W. Richardson, Mrs. A. Ford, R. Franke, Mr. and Mrs. R. Hughes, Mrs. H. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. C. Grondal, Miss M. Grondal, Mrs. A. Grondal, L. Steere, C. Tonkin, V. Harrison, J. Bull, M. White, Mr. and Mrs. Shepherdson, R. Phillips, Miss E. Tucker, G. Henley, Mrs. V. Chester, Miss M. Webster, D. Webster, Miss J. Larsen, B. Busson, T. Ede, Mrs. A. Wright, Miss L. MacNish, Mrs. R. Kersting, P. Cangemi, Mr. and Mrs. N. Vernon, Mr. and Mrs. Rozema, R. Williamson, Collie, W.A.
Graham Logan, Queenstown, S.A.
Robert and Lorraine Kind, Robert Ladgrove, Arthur Cox, Carnegie, Vic.
Lorraine Alexander, Pamela Barling, Murray Small, Belmont, (Geelong), Vic.

Membership

H. McDonald, from Warragul to Merbein, Vic.
Mr. and Mrs. L. Kappler, G. Kappler, Miss S. Kappler, from Cheltenham to Albert Park, S.A.
Mrs. Kahne, to Prospect, S.A.
Mrs. Gillies, from Pyramid Hill to Newmarket, Vic.
Dr. Thornley Thomas, from Unley, S.A., to Perth, W.A.
Miss E. McGibbony, from Perth to Collie, W.A.
Mrs. F. Walker, Mrs. G. Henley, Miss G. White, Miss E. Richards, Mrs. L. Gillespie, Mrs. White, snr., Mr. and Mrs. W. White, Mrs. J. Fry, G. Isaac, to Collie, W.A.

Mrs. Barr, from Gatton to Toowoomba, Qld.
Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay Small, from Latrobe-terr., Geelong to Belmont, (Geelong), Vic.

Marriage

Beverley Munyard to Don May, Clayton, Vic.
Betty Brown to John Stevens, Bankstown, N.S.W.
Colleen Carslake, Avon, to Terry Howard, Balaklava S.A.
Rona Broderick Oakleigh, to Robert Hickin, Montrose, Vic.
Lois Thornton to John Langley, Bendigo, Vic.

Fallen Asleep

Colin Bailey, Bankstown, N.S.W.
Mrs. E. M. Tinker, Belmont, (Geelong), Vic.
W. H. G. Wakefield (retired preacher), Oakleigh, Vic.

Queensland

Albion (G. J. Andrews).—Many visitors had fellowship with church at Easter. Services were inspiring and attendances good. On Apr. 5, Women's Fellowship conducted morning tea and "Bring and Buy" table at Mrs. Burdeu's home. Y.W.F. featured a travelogue on the Continent, *The Hitching Way*, a most enjoyable film slide night on 9th. On 12th, C.Y.F. enjoyed a special film evening. Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Johnston entertained them at a social on the 7th in honor of their recent marriage.

East Ipswich (R. Hilford).—Church members elected to serve on State Conference Committees are R. Hilford, E. Neumann, W. E. Reeve, W. Risson, N. Neumann. A. Pieper, assisted by Sis. D. Rush, has been appointed new leader of Junior Youth Fellowship. On Apr. 8, Flower Show and Garden Party was held at Leichhardt (One Mile), and over £90 was raised for Piano Fund. All who attended films shown by F. Lee (Vic.) on Mar. 29 were challenged and inspired. Mr. Lee was accompanied by F. Langford (Kedron), who led in helpful discussion around supper table, following the meeting. Representatives of West Moreton churches were present. C.Y.F. members visited Silkstone Baptist C.E. on 9th. H. Christensen (Boonah) was guest speaker at Fellowship Tea on 8th. Encouraging sign is increase in attendance at Lord's Day evening prayer meetings. This has now reached an all time high level. Sympathy of church is extended to Mrs. I. Boettcher on death of her father.

Recent visitors were: H. Jenner and Kevin (Boonah), Mr. and Mrs. Berlin (Marburg), Mrs. K. Hack (Annst.), Alan Hilford (Wondoon), Mr. and Mrs. Fraser, snr. (Newcastle). We regret that Mrs. Hilford is at present in hospital, but is now making satisfactory progress. Average attendances for March were: a.m. 101, p.m. 59.

Ma Ma Creek (L. Larsen).—Several Y.P. attended Easter camp at Caloundra Youth Centre. J. Chappel (Bundaberg) was welcomed to morning service on Mar. 25. Quarterly rally of Lockyer C.E. Union was held at Ma Ma Creek on Apr. 10, when Mr. Dunlop (Laidley Baptist) was guest speaker. Bob Cole was re-elected treasurer of Union. Preparations are in hand for celebrating 71st anniversary of church. Pre-wedding tea was held in honor of church organiste, Gwyneth Neumann, and Alwyn Reisleiter.

Western Australia

Fremantle (R. K. Brittain).—Annual meeting held, and those appointed to office were: elder, G. Hughes; deacons: A. Coleman, D. Cressie, A. Johnson, D. Plenty, C. Sagers, R. Thomson, F. Verco; representatives for Palmyra, P. Beazley and C. Fewster. Reports from all auxiliaries were encouraging. Opening date of new manse is Apr. 21. Manse "Talent" scheme has been finalised with a total result of £106/5/-. Monthly Y.P. service is attracting many and proving most successful. B.S. At Fremantle and Wilagee report increased attendances. An efficiency competition is at present in progress. Girls will field two basketball teams this season, and the boys, both in "A" grade and a Junior team. Special bus was hired for the good number who attended Easter Youth Rally at Perth Town Hall on 26th.

Lake-st., Perth (D. R. Stirling).—Gospel services during month have included Men's Service on Mar. 18 and Youth service on Apr. 15, the youth service being preceded by a basket tea at which Mr. Hillier attended as speaker, and a number of Y.P. from Wembley church as guests. Morning service on Easter Sunday was broadcast over 6KY. On Easter Monday a church picnic was held at Yanchep, when 91 enjoyed a pleasant day. Mid-week meetings of prayer and fellowship were held at two church homes during month. As an outcome of Men's Tea held last month, and in an effort to increase church's witness and membership, a visitation by men of church was made on Apr. 17, 18 and 19. Those engaged in the campaign, and others, met first at church for

tea, fellowship and prayers. Dr. Thomas has been welcomed back into membership. Church was sorry to learn of passing of Mrs. J. Corbett, and its deepest sympathy has been expressed to Mr. Corbett.

New South Wales

Bankstown (G. S. Brown).—Chapel was crowded to capacity on Mar. 25 for memorial service to Colin Bailey. Three made decision at this service. Interior of building has been improved immensely by painting, also ladies supplied carpet and new curtains. On Apr. 8 there were three more decisions. Church regrets losses through transfer of Mr. and Mrs. Nicol and family, and Mr. and Mrs. H. Parsons. Visitors have included Mr. McLean (S.A.), Mr. and Mrs. Kedda (Brisbane) and Mrs. A. J. D. Robb (Christchurch, N.Z.). At annual meeting reports showed 50 decisions during the year, with 39 additions to church. £325 was given to brotherhood work. Aim for 1956 is another £300 for brotherhood work and £1,000 for improvements to building.

Bexley North (J. G. Shaw).—Prayers and sympathy are with John Sanderson who was injured at Youth Camp at Lake McQuarrie. Free-of-interest loans for reducing interest on church debt is proving most successful. Good congregations gathered on Apr. 8. At night two ladies were baptised into Christ, and a young man confessed Christ.

Kingsford (P. Kavanagh).—Meetings have continued to grow since present ministry was commenced, and 11 have made their decision. Church annual meeting was well attended, and officers elected were: A. V. Lovell, R. Murray, A. McWilliams, D. McElvenny, R. Larcombe, C. Watkins, R. Stanhope, J. Turner; E. Smith, sec.; R. Porter, treas. Aim for year's attendance is: 80 a.m., 85 p.m., 30 prayer meeting. Attendances on 15th were 71 a.m., 79 p.m., 21 prayer meeting. Offerings for year totalled £1,650. Manse is being painted and new Cyclone fence erected. Church property has been revalued at £12,250.

Marrickville (P. E. Thomas).—B.S. attendances have been increased since inception of Round-the-World-Missionary competition. Choir, under leadership of K. A. Rae, and soloists, presented Easter message on Apr. 1 with help of scriptural passages read by preacher. Members were enriched by message of A. B. Clark (Rockdale) at communion service on 8th. Film, *Happy Heart*, was screened at evening gospel service. Women's Fellowship organised Sweets Stall at Boy's Home Fete (Pendle Hill) and benefited funds by £45. Church anniversary services were presented on 15th, when members were challenged by message of R. Greenhalgh

at communion service. Evening meeting was conducted by preacher with help of choir and visiting soloiste, Miss F. Edmonds (Belmore). Large attendances were experienced at both meetings. New scripture reading board has been presented to church by Mr. and Mrs. W. Blyth. Thanks is also expressed to G. E. Knight who made and erected it. Welcome home is extended to Mr. McAllister on return from N.Z.

South Australia

Albert Park (J. Baker).—Half-yearly meeting was held on Apr. 11. First half-hour was given to prayer and Bible study, led by Mrs. Fax, deaconess. Average morning attendance has been 86, and evening 56. Average communicants have exceeded 50. Mr. Baker has taken alternate morning and evening services, and visiting speakers or local members have taken other services. Women's Fellowship has furnished kitchen with crockery, cupboards, gas stove, curtains, blind and lino, and given over £30 toward kindergarten equipment. B.S. attendance has increased from 84 to 196, and more teachers are required. C.E. is functioning, and great interest is taken in this by the young folk. Y.W.L. averages 36. Prayer and Bible study meeting is held alternate Wed. nights with Women's Fellowship meetings on the other Wed. nights. There are great opportunities in this area.

Balaklava (L. G. Armstrong).—All services during past month have been well attended. Harvest Thanksgiving services were held and thank-offering was £250. On Mar. 18, two B.S. boys made their decision. On 25th, Baptismal service was held, when six Y.P. were baptised. The same evening a Youth Fellowship Tea was held, when Sergeant of local police gave interesting talk. On Easter Monday, church members travelled to City and then on to Belair National Park to picnic with members of Hawthorn church. A day of fellowship was enjoyed by all. On Apr. 7, Prospect B.S. teachers were entertained by local teachers at tennis and picnic at the "Rocks." After-Church hymn fellowship was held after gospel service on 8th. Raelene Angle has been to Children's Hospital for treatment and Jennifer Shepherd is in Northfield Hospital with polio.

Brooklyn Park (A. E. Brown).—Church was very pleased to welcome preacher back after month's absence on account of ill-health. During his absence much appreciated help was given by visiting and local brethren. Successful Harvest Thanksgiving services were held and fine display of goods were sent to the Protestant Children's Home at Morialta. Ladies' Guild has had good meetings, and are sewing for Adelaide Children's Hospital. B.S. teachers were pleased

to have G. Whiting address them on Mar. 25, also at tea for teachers and Y.P. and gospel service. Church is very grateful for work men have done in painting church building and preparing basketball court for Y.P.

Fullarton (A. W. Morris).—Splendid services were held on Apr. 15, and church attained aim set some while ago of 100 communing for day. In the afternoon 12 car-loads journeyed to Mt. Compass B.S. anniversary, leaving immediately after morning service, about 40 miles, having lunch on the way. After evening service, Miss McKie (C.J.P.M.) showed film of work of the Mission in Japan.

Hindmarsh (J. E. Shipway).—Y.P. and preacher were in camp at Longwood from Apr. 13-15. Helpful studies on Resurrection were conducted by leaders, R. Allan, and Miss R. Hallett. John Allan arranged helpful visual service by aid of films. We thank all who helped to make the camp successful, especially Miss Jean Aird as sec. and the Kitchen Squad. Services at Hindmarsh were taken by Messrs. Cain and W. Beiler.

Kilburn (H. G. Norris).—G. Whiting (Conf. Pres.) conducted Teachers' Dedication Service on morning of Apr. 15, it being day of B.S. Anniversary. S. Neighbour (Prospect), was afternoon speaker, when Progress Hall was filled to capacity, and Kinder item was much appreciated feature. H. G. Norris gave illustrated message at night. Singing under leadership of Mrs. C. Kelly was delightful, and help of orchestra is gratefully acknowledged. Prize-giving night followed on 16th, when play arranged by Mrs. Kirby and musical items, plus Kinder item and school singing concluded successful celebrations.

Maylands (G. M. Mathieson).—During March, very successful Mission was held, with Lloyd Jones as mis-sioner and G. W. Wood, song-leader. 20 confessions and five re-consecrations were recorded at close of Mission. Women's Fellowship Easter meeting, with Miss Esther Messent as guest speaker, was an inspiration to all present. Ladies' Choir rendered items. Prospect and Maylands combined in farewell to Mr. and Mrs. J. Clothier as they journey to Norseman, W.A. Presentation of cheques from both churches were given to the young couple. Mrs. V. Walker (nee Thora Bennett), who has made her home in Red Hill, will be greatly missed.

Nailsworth (N. Gavros).—On Palm Sunday, B.S. presented a pageant, *Pathway to Pre-Eminence*, to a very appreciative congregation. Services throughout Easter (including one on Good Friday morning) were well supported. At close of gospel service on Apr. 8 one young lady made the good confession. Officers have appointed

Misses Pamela Geisler and Christine Semmens to share office of organists. A Temple Day is planned, the aim being sufficient funds to renovate and improve church property.

Prospect (S. Neighbour, B.A.).—Concert was given by Good Companions to celebrate their third birthday. Church Anniversary services were held on Mar. 18. The film, *The Crucifixion*, was shown at evening service on 25th, when two girls confessed their faith. On 29th, film, *King of Kings*, was screened. Church joined with Prospect Baptist in Good Friday service, when Mr. Neighbour was speaker. On Apr. 6 a social was held in honor of Margaret Brazel, prior to her marriage to John Forster. A lady who has been attending for some time was welcomed into fellowship on Apr. 8.

Queenstown (J. H. I. Durdin).—B.S. Anniversary was held on Mar. 18 and 25. Messrs. Durdin, G. Whiting, S. Mathews, T. Robinson and Davis (Alberton Baptist) were speakers. Scholars rendered excellent singing under leadership of Mrs. Mildrum. There has been one baptism and one confession of faith. Number of members have recently had serious operations and illnesses, but all are now progressing satisfactorily. J.C.E. visited Prospect Baptist Society and took charge of their meeting on Apr. 8. On same day, J.C.E. had combined tea at church, with bright programme and two films, then all attended evening service. Women's Christian Fellowship is functioning well and had a sewing day and monthly meeting, when new constitution was accepted. Mrs. Durdin is pres., Mrs. E. Mildrum, vice-pres., Mrs. Chittleborough, sec., and Mrs. Ide, treas. Australian-wide drawing competition was recently held among Lifebuoy Teams. Two of our boys, Les Francis and Harold Dunstall gained 2nd prizes. Drawing class is under direction of Miss C. Logan. Ten boys have gone up into Boy's Brigade, and average of Lifebuoys' attendance is 25. B.B. and G.L.B. held a combined social.

Victoria

Box Hill (W. A. Wigney).—On Mar. 25, church enjoyed a message from R. Dixon (India). A social and film evening was conducted by Cricket Club on 24th. At C.W.F. on Apr. 10, Miss Kennedy (New Hebrides) showed pictures depicting the work of the missionaries there. On Apr. 14, Kappa and Phi Fe'a Clubs combined for annual banquet in School Hall. Representatives from other clubs were present. Cricket Club "D" team was successful in winning premiership in District Competition for season. Miss Gill (Bendigo) has been a visitor at services. At Men's Quarterly tea on 15th guest speakers were Messrs. F. Lee and L. Chapman.

Lygon-st., Carlton (L. G. Burgin).—Meetings continue well up to standard with increasing congregations. Second monthly "Friendly Hour" after gospel service was enjoyed by goodly number, and talkie film, *The Bible on the Table*, was screened. One of church's oldest and most esteemed members, Miss Gena Allen, is very ill in hospital. Ladies visited Emmaus Rest Home and presented programme. Mr. McColl's valued leadership in Y.P. Club is greatly appreciated. Church has enjoyed presence of several local and interstate visitors.

Dandenong (L. G. Read).—L. Williams was speaker at morning service on Mar. 25. On Apr. 1, special appeal was opened to raise sufficient funds to enable commencement of new church buildings. Harvest Festival was held on 8th. On evening of 14th Youth Fellowship was held at home of Mrs. Reveleigh, when R. Amos was speaker. A McCabe showed slides of his trip to N.Z. F. Lee was speaker at morning service on 15th. Mrs. Spurr is making good progress, but Mrs. Rayworth is very ill.

Echuca (C. E. Watson).—Ladies' Auxiliary had its largest meeting for some time, and an effort is being made to interest mothers of B.S. scholars who do not attend services. Efforts of youth choir are greatly appreciated at evening service. Some members have recovered from sickness. After-church fellowship was held recently at home of Mr. and Mrs. Parry.

Emerald (I. Mackey).—Last year we lost 16 members by transfer, half of our membership, the reaction, however, has been a challenge to those who remain, and we can gladly report a mid-week prayer meeting of 10-12, a growing B.S. and a large and enthusiastic group of Y.P. Student preacher is giving excellent service, especially as leader of Y.P. Kinder room, recently painted and renovated, looks fine, a tribute to the Y.P. guided by Mr. Harvey. Recent appointments to Officers' Board are Messrs. N. Harvey and E. Jackel. Campaign of visitation evangelism is planned.

Fairfield (T. A. Fitzgerald).—Morning services have been well attended. I. Garth was speaker at 11 a.m. on Apr. 8., when one young lady was received into fellowship. On morning of 15th S. J. Northeast exhorted church. At evening service three were baptised by T. A. Fitzgerald. G. Bowman was soloist.

Gardenvale (H. A. Hunt).—During March church regretted resignation of Mr. Lewis, after 21 years of service as treas. At conclusion of morning service on Mar. 11, a presentation was made to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, who will be greatly missed. Sympathy of the church goes out to Mrs. Blaires who, on her return from W.A., was laid

aside. Mr. Morris (Brighton) has kindly consented to act as B.S. supt. until Christmas, during absence of Mr. Sumpton. On Apr. 10, Miss Ward gave a most interesting and informative talk on her recent world tour, at the Ladies' Fellowship.

Latrobe-terr., Geelong (T. A. Fergusson).—March services were well attended with an average of 135 morning, and 134 evening, last figure being inflated by B.S. anniversary. Fellowship of many visitors was enjoyed over Easter, when feature of services was special singing by church choir. On Apr. 11, W.M.B. held their monthly meeting at manse, when 17 ladies were present. Men of church held special working bee at manse on 14th to erect a garage. On 15th, morning service was broadcast over 3GL. B. Russenberg and D. Foletta sang duet, choir rendered an anthem and Mr. Fergusson gave address. At evening service, Mrs. R. Nelson was the soloist. The progress board for New Hall Building Fund stands at £1,900.

Hartwell (H. J. Patterson, M.A.).—On Apr. 1 church was happy to have fellowship with and messages from M. Coombes (Maryborough) and K. Barton (Warrnambool). Burwood East is main project for this year, and the young people have set themselves an aim of £500. Already over £150 is in hand. B.S. has received number of new scholars of late. Bible Class screened new color film, *The Lord's Supper*, on 15th. Ladies have put new lino covering over Primary room and kitchen, and carpet on floor of new study, erected by men of church last year at manse. Keith Gerrand is in hospital again.

Horsham (H. M. Long).—There were two decisions at this month's film service at Horsham and there has been one decision and two re-consecrations at Dimboola. Dimboola and Haven B.S. held their picnics recently. Haven church held annual business meeting, and are busily preparing for week of social meetings, to be preceded by week of house-to-house visitation. W.M.B. has made surprise calls on the three eldest of their number, making presentations in recognition of their long and faithful associations with W.M.B. The three sisters honored were Mesdames W. Leng, G. Miller and J. Simpson. Series of six consecutive morning addresses has just concluded on theme *Not of this World . . .* "A" grade Tennis team won premiership.

Jordanville (B. McIntosh).—178 attended gospel service when film, *De Shazer*, was screened. Much interest is shown in gospel film services. Y.W.F. attended birthday meeting of Wattle Park Y.W.F. Mr. Farmer (Oakleigh) conducted services on Apr. 15. Average attendance at meetings is 50.

Merbein.—Meetings have been very well attended over past weeks despite busy harvest period, average of 35 attending each Sunday morning. B.S. picnic held 'cn Apr. 7 was enjoyed by all. On 8th, church had privilege of welcoming a member by transfer. A number of visitors have attended meetings recently. Mid-week prayer meetings have been well attended, with an average of 17.

Newmarket (D. W. Hibburt, B.A., Dip.Ed.).—D. Ploog, A. B. Withers, D. Ferguson and R. Tippett spoke during illness of preacher. A Little Child Shall Lead Them was screened on Apr. 8. Young men from North Essendon led worship service on 22nd. Mrs. E. Boxhall, G. Gardner and Mrs. C. Mason are convalescing at home. Mrs. H. F. Morris spoke to 60 visitors and local C.Y.F. members on 17th.

Stawell.—K. Smith conducted services on Easter Sunday, N. Sivett on Apr. 8, and Mr. Mortyn on 15th. B.S. picnic was held at Hall's Gap. Presentations of books were made to Mrs. D. Williams, senr., and Miss D. Williams, prior to their departure for Queensland. B.S. teachers paid visits to Teacher's Camp held at Halls' Gap Camp. On Apr. 5, Miss D. McKay (Central Japan Pioneer Mission) gave a talk at Ladies' meeting. Monthly prayer meetings have been held in homes of Mr. and Mrs. Marshman and Mr. and Mrs. Wilcocks.

Surrey Hills (H. Earle).—Twenty Y.P. spent Easter at "Maroondah," in a study camp under leadership of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Newham. At close of gospel service on Apr. 8, three Senior girls from B.S. made their decision and were baptised on 15th. Successful B.S. picnic was held at Olinda on 14th.

BIRTH

WITHERS (Huntsman). — On April 15, 1956, at St. Andrew's, East Melbourne, to Francis and Les, a daughter—Deborah Kaye.

PFEIFER.—At Winston Private Hospital, on April 18, 1956, to Mr. and Mrs. A. H. C. Pfeifer, a son—Ronald Bruce.

DEATH

TINKER. — On April 11, 1956, after a long illness, Edith May Tinker; loved wife of Alex. L. Tinker, and mother of Patricia, was called Home to be with her Lord. "God holds the key of all unknown."

IN MEMORIAM

CLARK.—In loving memory of our dear friend, Wynne G. Clark, April, 24, 1955.

—H. and J. Patterson and family.

April 24, 1956



SCHOOL BREAK-UP.

A very happy day was spent on Dec. 6, when over 400 people came to participate in the kai that marked the end of the school year. The school room at Londua was converted into a kai house by placing the desks end to end, and covering them with plain-tain leaves, the rest of the room being decorated with crotons and coleus. The guests sat down to a meal of native pudding, chicken, goat, rice and bread. The school boys spent the afternoon playing a football match against the boys who do not attend school. In the evening a service was held in the Ndui Ndui church. Choir items were given by the students from the Training School, and the senior girls from the Ndui Ndui School. Prizes were awarded to those most successful in the examinations, and a strip film, which portrayed the Christmas story, was shown. It was a happy ending to a successful school year. We praise God for every blessing he bestowed upon us, and thank the brethren in Australia for their interest and prayers.

BAPTISMS.

We are happy to report that since last September there have been 41 baptisms. Six of the candidates came from the indigenous churches on Santo, five from Longana at the northern end of Aoba, and thirty from the Ndui Ndui area. We thank God for these victories, and pray that these young Christians will remain steadfast.

—R McLean, Aoba.

ENGAGEMENT

BINGHAM-WHARTON. — Mr. and Mrs. Craig S. Bingham, 3 Warren-st., Kyneton, have much pleasure in announcing engagement of their younger daughter, Karleen Rose to Albert Henry, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert H. Wharton, Carlsruhe, Vic.

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An Election Hymn

(A Suggestion for April—No. 355.)

Might it first be pointed out with
seemly modesty that this is not the
first article on W. B. Collyer and his
hymns that has appeared over the
initials "F.J.F."? With due humility
the present writer must, however,
disclaim part or lot in the earlier
article for two very valid reasons—
firstly, because it graced that monu-
mental and unparalleled volume,
Julian's *Dictionary of Hymnology*; and,
secondly (without giving away too
freely any autobiographical secrets),
because "Julian" appeared in print
some years before the present "F.J.F."
was born.

Dr. Collyer's ministry comprised one
single pastorate—which statement
seems to belittle his work, until it is
pointed out that this pastorate covered
52 years! I have an ancient volume
containing a sermon of Dr. Collyer,
preached in 1825 as a memorial to a
brother pastor and from the notes of
the latter. In it he spoke powerfully
from the text: "Whom we preach . . .
that we may present every man perfect
in Christ Jesus" and told of his (and
his late friend's) conception of the
Christian ministry.

Dr. Collyer wrote at least 100 hymns,
but "the other F.J.F." does not rate
most of them at all highly, explaining
that most of them are not "hymns"
at all, but rather descriptive poems
or religious essays in verse.

It might well be believed that Dr.
Collyer, after 41 years in the ministry
of one congregation, should have had
some idea of the dignity and solemn
responsibilities of men called to office
in the church. His sermon (mentioned
above), after a mere 24 years, more
than suggests it and he goes on to
prove it in the hymn we use as No.
355. Here are 12 simple lines which
might well be repeated as a prayer
immediately upon any congregation
electing men to office in the church!

F.J.F.



OBITUARY

Mrs. M. Roediger.

Mrs. Minnie Roediger was called
home on Feb. 2, at the age of 72
years, after a long life of active in-
terest in the church. Having been
born in Balaklava, S.A., she later
became a member of the Church of
Christ in that town. In 1924, with
her husband and family, she came
to W.A., where they settled in the
farming district of Northam, and be-
came actively interested in the church.
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years. Our sister faithfully attended
the church services just as long as
she was able, and maintained to the

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end a cheerful disposition, which was always an encouragement to those who knew her. Her family remain active and faithful in the work of the church, at Northam, Morawa and York, and in them her works do follow her. Although increasing frailty over the last few years withdrew her from active fellowship, her lifetime of faithful ministry will not be forgotten, and though she is greatly missed from our earthly fellowship, it is with the consciousness that she has entered into the "rest of God."—F.L.E.

Benjamin John Lawrance.
 The church at Kilburn, S.A., reports that B. J. Lawrance was called to Higher Service on March 6, at the age of 78 years. Our beloved brother was baptised on July 17, 1889, and broke bread regularly at Dinyarrak, Vic. When the church began at Lillimur he transferred and continued in faithful membership until 1920, when he moved to Lenswood, S.A. There the Lord's Table was set up in his home and a B.S. was formed, whilst the family travelled 12 miles each Sunday to services at Stirling. Then, when Mr. and Mrs. J. Roberts came to Lenswood, these two families united to build the Lenswood chapel. The work of those years laid the foundations for the present solid church membership in Lenswood. Retiring from the orchard the Lawrances moved to the infant cause at Kilburn, and there labored to build another New Testament church. His four children are all faithful church members and rise up to call him blessed. Strong in the faith, he gave his testimony for his Lord when he was sick, as well as when he enjoyed health. He has helped to build several churches; he has built many lives into the Christian fellowship. His life commended the gospel he preached. The brotherhood is poorer for his passing, but we know that we will meet at the journey's end. To his wife, Frank and Syd, and daughters, Mrs. C. Norton and Mrs. L. Stafford, we extend our Christian sympathy and commend them to the God of all comfort.—H. G. Norris.

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