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## Pentecost Sunday Message

As Presidents of the World Council of Churches, we greet our brethren in all the member Churches at Whitsuntide.

At the first Assembly in the history of the Church, the twelve Apostles, being filled with the Holy Ghost, spoke to men of every nation of the wonderful works of God, telling them of Jesus Christ, and how God raised him from the dead after they had crucified and slain him. And when these men, pricked in their heart, asked the Apostles, "What shall we do?" the answer they received was clear:

"Repent, and be baptised everyone of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost" (Acts 2: 38).

On this anniversary of the first Pentecost, believers and unbelievers alike are everywhere asking, "What shall we do?" The nations are divided into hostile camps. There is no ultimate authority which all will accept, superior to the interests of the individual state. Conferences are held between foreign ministers and heads of States, but the confidence and trust essential to agreement are lacking. And with the growing terror of

nuclear weapons, men's madness is such that at times we seem on the brink of the suicide of the world. No wonder that old men should lose hope, and that young men should see no guiding vision for the future.

Now, pre-eminently, is the hour when the Churches, with the help of the Holy Ghost, should speak to the nations. And we ask you, our brethren in the World Council of Churches, to pray for the help of the Holy Ghost, and to use such opportunities as God may give you for counsel or influence in your own countries.

Sunday, May 20 is a significant date in church life this year. More churches than ever before will be emphasising the theme of Christian unity on that day. Churches are being called to a special week of prayer in the week leading up to that Sunday.

Churches of Christ, who for years have been making this emphasis on Pentecost Sunday, may well rejoice in this wider emphasis. Let it be a time for us of facing up to the implications of a plea, never more timely than now.

Let every church observe Pentecost Sunday!

First of all, we believe the Churches, acknowledging the need of Christians themselves to repent, should say to the nations: "Repent. Your conflicts must be resolved by reason, not by violence. Violence has now reached such a pitch that when once unloosed it is beyond human control; and unless wars can be made to cease, all nations will perish."

Next, we believe the Churches should say to the nations that it is neither by words of anger, nor by insistence on rights, that settlements can be achieved, but by the spreading of justice, by combining to meet one another's needs, and by relying for our salvation upon the grace and mercy of God.

Thirdly, and lastly, we believe that the Churches should remind the nations, with a passion greater than ever before, that the whole world cries out for peace, that they are all members of one family, and that the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ is the Father of all.

It is in this spirit that we ask our brethren in the member Churches to offer their prayers, and to give their witness to the power of the Holy Ghost, and to our own unbreakable fellowship in the Body of Christ.

# MISSIONARY NEWS

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

## An Evangelist's Diary

Part Two  
(Concluded)

It is noteworthy to mention that at several of our meetings, there were many orthodox and conservative women present. They understand clearly the simple village language.

The village of Khanavate, a village five miles away from Bhigwan, was next visited. At this place there was a village Council election going on, in which the villagers were much engrossed; nevertheless, they attended in large crowds. The slides on the lives of Moses and Daniel were shown, with a pin-falling silence attitude. The playing of the instrument, the singing and preaching were heard with great interest by the crowds. Practically the whole village had turned up. The Patil (head-man of the village) invited us to tea at eleven o'clock at night, but, this being an awkward hour, we had to refuse this kind offer. This shows the goodwill of the village head-man in treating our party so well.

Both men and women co-operated fully in this evangelism—the "need of the hour."

Special mention should be made of Miss Skuce and Miss Roberts, our hostesses, who left no stone unturned in seeing to our comfort and well-being.

On another day, the evangelistic party visited the village of Diksal, about three miles beyond Bhigwan. Here Christian choruses were sung by Mr. Modak, and the meaning of the poetry was explained to the audiences, who assembled in large numbers. Hari Waghmodi showed two films: *Dust and Destiny* and *Noah's Ark*. Even after the meeting was over, and our party was about to leave, the villagers were seen squatting on the village office plinth, contemplating, and in a thinking mood, which showed they had listened carefully to Mr. Waghmodi.

After the message of Mr. Waghmodi, the evangelistic party went to the weekly bazaar of Bhigwan, where people from all surrounding villages assemble to make their weekly marketing. Even though there was a great crowd of people, we were able to locate a fine piece of ground,

from whence we were able to preach and sing. After the choruses were sung and explained, some leading men from a village invited our party to visit their village. Because the road was horrible—and impassable owing to pot-holes, rocks and dust—we had to give up the idea of going to that place. Some other leaders also met our party and requested them to go to their villages, but we were unable to comply with their requests at that time.

The hunger and thirst for God's Word was evident from these invitations, which we hope to be able to accept shortly.

In the evening a "Kirtan" (musical sermon, to the accompaniment of musical instruments such as a harmonium and drums) was performed by Mr. Modak.

The concluding remarks of the chairman (Mr. Waghmodi) were: "Mr. Modak, a retired collector and district magistrate, though not employed by any Mission, was voluntarily engaging his personality and talents and time to the glory of God. This is the example which all church members should emulate to help in making the Church self-supporting and self-propagating. In India there is need of such Christian witness as Mr. Modak has been giving. We are grateful to him for his inspiring example, and our sincere hope and prayer is that the young people of India will take up the challenge."—D. S. Modak, M.A., LL.B.

## HIGH SCHOOL, BARAMATI —

The Federal Board has given the Committee of Management in India permission to open a Christian High School at Baramati, as from July 1, 1956. The proposal for such a school has been under discussion for several years, but difficulties stood in the way. One of the major problems was a building that could be used for such a purpose. The building now under construction will help in this situation, and if such buildings are sufficiently under way, a commencement will be made on the suggested date.

The need for such a school is apparent. Our primary school now has 900 scholars, and upon graduation, our young people, who had the necessary qualifications, had to go to the Baramati (Govt.) High School, which is Hindu in outlook, or, in a few

instances, went further afield to some Christian High School for training. Going afield called for additional expense because of being away from home.

The Hindu High School at Baramati does not provide a suitable environment for Christian children, and little opportunity was given for Christian students to attend Sunday services.

We have high hopes that many of our young people will be educated in our own High School, enabling them to be better equipped for the adventure of life. Such a training will serve a very useful function for those who wish to undertake higher education. This is a venture of faith, and calls for the sympathetic understanding of the brotherhood. The cost to run this school does not come under the ordinary budget, but will need to be financed apart from ordinary income. This means new money, and we appeal to the brotherhood throughout Australia to help us create a Trust Fund, so that an annual amount may be taken out of the Fund for the High School expenses.

The need for such a Fund is immediate and pressing. Now is the time to support this new venture of faith so that it may be successfully launched.

John Bairagi, B.D., will be the Principal, and he looks to Australia to stand behind this project!

## Women's World Day of Prayer

Some time ago it was announced that the women of Australia had been invited to prepare the service for the 1958 Women's World Day of Prayer.

Through the Convener (Mrs. Cyril Chambers, Melbourne), the honor was accepted.

As no Federal Committee existed, two delegates from each State have been appointed. Continual prayer and preparation have been taking place in each State.

During the first week in May, the interstate delegates gathered in Melbourne. They were welcomed by the Victorian Committee at a luncheon on May 1. On the following days, sessions were held at Friends' House, Toorak.

The Society of Friends had graciously offered use of this most suitable venue for the completion of this important task.

It is hoped that the service will be completed and ready to mail to New York at the end of this month, for use all around the world on the first Friday in Lent, 1958.

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G. A. WHITING, S.A. Conf. Pres., presents this guest editorial for  
Pentecost, 1956 . . . .

# CHRISTIAN UNITY TODAY

"Take Christian unity out of the message of the Disciples, and their existence only adds to the enormity of the sin of division by making another division." So said one of our men, Peter Ainslie, some years ago.

It is quite evident, both from the words and actions of the early leaders of our Movement, that unity was their highest hope. In other words, we as a people came into existence with a plea for Christian unity.

This plea for unity led to the question of how such a unity could be achieved. The answer to that question was found in the restoration of the New Testament Church.

Unity and restoration, therefore, became the two watchwords of our Movement.

These are still our watchwords. But we cannot make our plea today without taking into consideration the changed conditions in which it is made. When our Movement began, there was little interest in unity. The denominational spirit was strong.

We make our plea today in different circumstances. Christians in almost every denomination are becoming concerned about the disunity of the Church. Opportunities exist for co-operation. It is almost common to hear Christians referring to the need to get together. The Ecumenical Movement is providing opportunities for fellowship with others and frank discussion on matters concerning the things we believe.

These changing circumstances are challenging us as a brotherhood. In the early days of our Movement, we were forced to make our witness from outside. Today we have the opportunity to make it within the framework of the Church. It is here that we are going to find the real test of our ability to make and maintain such a plea.

In the early days the emphasis came to rest upon restoration. Today unity has assumed proportions equal to restoration. What, then, is demanded of us in making our witness today?

In the first place, *we need to maintain a passion for unity*. We could emphasise restoration only and seek to become a big people, but this is not the way to unity. This does not mean unity at any price. But it does mean a passion for unity.

In the second place, it means that *we must know the position we hold*. This will include *an understanding of the Bible and the principles of interpretation*. An example of the need to have the right approach to the Scriptures was seen at

an ecumenical camp held earlier this year. Some of our delegates were emphasising the distinction between the two covenants, and the authority of the New Testament over the Old Testament when another said, "I don't think that is our position." It is going to be necessary for us to grow young people who know the historical approach to the Scriptures, and can interpret them in the light of sound principles of interpretation, such as were enunciated by Alexander Campbell.

A knowledge of the position we hold will also include *an understanding of the place of liberty*, without which there can be no unity. Opinions must not be allowed to divide.

A third demand upon us as we witness in the changing circumstances of today, is a *right psychological and spiritual attitude*. Attitudes, sometimes more than doctrines, tend to keep Christians apart and to prevent them from fellowship and frank discussion, which are essential steps to unity. We, ourselves, cannot bear witness to Christian unity if personality problems are allowed to break our fellowship with others.

Our witness today can be made only in the spirit of co-operation, tolerance, understanding and love. We can then be frank and positive in our approach to others. They will appreciate such an approach.

We need, therefore, a passion for the plea for Christian unity, a clear knowledge of the Scriptures and sound principles of interpretation, and the right psychological and spiritual attitude.

But these things will not take us far unless we move out into the stream of present-day ecumenical thinking and action. If there are those amongst us who are satisfied to think only in terms of restoration and to carry on in the traditions of the past, let them realise two things. First, this is a betrayal of the thought and plans of the pioneers of our Movement. Secondly, we are not generally looked upon by other Christians in this country as a people who have a plea and a plan for Christian unity.

Opportunities for witnessing to the plea for Christian unity exist in youth work, the ecumenical field, district and local work and in many other ways today. If we fail to measure up to the challenge which confronts us we might find ourselves in the position of the man who went to fight a raging bush fire. Later, while all other hands were engaged in fighting the fire on the front, he was found beating out a few glowing embers in the path where the fire had been.

Principal A. W. STEPHENSON, N.S.W. Conf. Pres., reviews the . . . .

# LIFE OF A GREAT EVANGELIST

On Monday, April 23, after preaching as usual at Caringbah on the Sunday, Ernest Christian Hinrichsen died peacefully. Into a comparatively short life, this evangelist of Churches of Christ packed much more than the ordinary man.

He went from Queensland to the College of the Bible, Glen Iris, Vic., to train for the ministry. In his student days he revealed his evangelistic gifts. When he completed his training at College, at the end of 1920, he was called to be the State Evangelist of Victoria.

For more than 30 years, he travelled from town to town, from country to country, to conduct tent missions. Each would cover from five to six weeks. With eight to nine such campaigns each year, in new and strange centres, Mr. Hinrichsen taxed his health. He never spared himself.

During the day, he would devote much time to visitation. He travelled many miles to win a convert for the Lord. Because of the zeal with which he preached New Testament truths, he raised up opposition. He was called upon to answer questions and meet charges. All this consumed time and energy. He never complained of these hardships. He served the Lord, and not man.

Because of his outstanding success in this type of work, he was in great demand. He was invited to all the States of the Commonwealth. When a church desired a mission, it was an E. C. Hinrichsen mission. The name Hinrichsen became identified with the tent mission.

Churches overseas became interested in the work he was doing. New Zealand churches sent him an invitation to spend a period in the Dominion. Some critics did not think his type of preaching could make an appeal to New Zealanders. However, he made a great impact upon the church life, and built up churches that were failing to make progress.

At a later date he was invited to serve in Great Britain. Under very difficult conditions, Mr. Hinrichsen and Mr. Morris conducted a number of missions that added many hundreds to the churches. With the outbreak of the second World War, the missionaries were not able to continue in the campaign that was so helpful to the churches of Great Britain.

Taking up the work of Home Mission Director in New South Wales, Mr. Hinrichsen spent most of the last years of his busy life in that State. Here, as elsewhere, he was

used by the Lord to gather together companies of saints to form churches. Many churches in this State claim to have their beginnings in one of the tent missions led by him.

Many of the converts, gained in these missions, were inspired to enter College to train for the full-time ministry. Mr. Hinrichsen had a great love for the students. He wanted to help them.

When, in 1939, moves were made to establish a College in New South Wales, Mr. Hinrichsen was invited to join the College committee. He gave himself enthusiastically to this new task. He sought to raise funds to purchase the property. For a period he served as chairman of the Woolwich College Board.

When he was in New South Wales he also lectured at Woolwich in a

course on evangelism. Within recent years he was not able to do this because of ill health. However, at the beginning of this year he began to lecture again. He had just completed the first term's work when he was called away by the Lord.

At Enmore Tabernacle, where a large company had gathered from other States, country centres and distant suburbs, the Conference President, A. W. Stephenson, conducted the funeral service, assisted by the Federal President, Ira A. Paternoster, and B. G. Corlett and G. Brown.

We commend to the Lord those who mourn the passing of a relative and friend. We pray that the Lord will raise up others to take up the work of evangelism, which our brother has laid down.

ARNOLD C. CALDICOTT, Lismore, N.S.W., adds . .

## A PERSONAL TRIBUTE

The Enmore Tabernacle was a scene of sadness, and yet there was that triumphant note, as many men and women wept unashamedly, remembering what a mighty power our beloved E. C. Hinrichsen has been to Australian Churches of Christ.

B. G. Corlett, dear friend and co-worker of E. C. Hinrichsen, said in his eulogy that in the days to come we will have time to reflect concerning his life and works. Some facts and figures worth thinking about were given to me by Mr. Hinrichsen himself, when guest speaker at the Rosewood celebrations in 1949. These are to be found in the souvenir booklet published at that time.

He had conducted 300 to 400 missions, with approximately 30,000 deciding for Christ and obeying in the waters of baptism. With nearly fifty new churches started, he had received something like £100,000 given to the work in thankofferings. We well know that since 1949, Mr. Hinrichsen conducted several missions in South Australia, Western Australia, Tasmania, and the last great mission of his career here in Lismore, with over 100 decisions and a thankoffering of £900.

No man could have paid a more fitting tribute than Mr. Corlett. These two men worked together on committees and were active in the establishment of the N.S.W. Bible College at Woolwich. What finer tribute could have been paid than that of past and present students slowly preceding the

cortege, and then forming a guard of honor.

Mr. Corlett said that a Hinrichsen Memorial Chapel at the College would be a fitting tribute. Already love gifts have been sent, urging the erection of such a chapel at Woolwich.

As one who has ministered in the home churches of E. C. Hinrichsen and the late Vic. Morris in the West Moreton circuit, Qld., let me say their homecoming was always a great occasion, with standing room only outside the chapels. They both grew up as young men in West Moreton, and travelled the world together as a team. Mr. Morris, a builder by trade, as well as a powerful singer, erected many a new chapel.

At Woolwich, students gladly surrendered free periods to attend a Hinrichsen lecture, but each student had a particular longing to be with him in actual mission work. This Mr. Hinrichsen encouraged, and in such work the predominating note of his life was prayer, in which he spent long hours.

Mr. Hinrichsen had a great love for people as well as their souls. He travelled hundreds of miles to assist, comfort and help people, as he did when he cancelled his plane to Sydney from Lismore to see two of our leading members, involved in a car smash three hundred miles away.

It is going to be hard to imagine Australian Churches of Christ without an E. C. Hinrichsen.

This broadcast meditation from ROLAND C. PRITCHARD (Nedlands, W.A.) introduces another new writer to our pages . . . .

# IT HAPPENED in the EVENING

"Day is dying in the west,  
Heaven is touching earth with rest,  
Wait and worship, while the night  
Sets her evening lamps alight  
Through all the sky."

The writer of those lovely words, Mary Anne Lathbury, has captured the passing wonder of the close of day — passing, because it must give place to night, but none the less glorious while it lasts.

Perhaps it was a summer evening which inspired the words of that hymn. On such an evening, when the sun sinks low on the horizon, it seems, for a brief time, to color the sky with varied, changing shades, before it gives way to the darkness, which shrouds the earth, yet allows those "evening lamps" to shine through, an effective guide through the gloom.

Maybe you, too, have sat in the silent evening, when the darkness envelops our world, and wondered at the peacefulness and the pleasant restfulness of God's evening. And you have been drawn to God, whose laws make such an evening possible. It is God's beauty we see — a gift God has given to the world.

Evening may be a very pleasant time, as were

## Some Bible Evenings

to which we may well turn our thoughts.

"And when he had sent the multitude away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray; and when the evening was come, he was there alone."—Matt. 14: 23.

Perhaps you know the experience of being alone with God in the evening, as well as the fascinating phenomenon of the close of day? The beauty of the close of the day is one thing, but the beauty of the evening when we are alone with God is another. Jesus chose it, and Jesus chose the best.

Jesus might have been harassed. After all, he had had a trying day. Many of us would have settled down, and let our affected lives sour our evening and spoil the rest of others. The crowds must have tired him, but when he had dismissed them, he departed to a mountain to pray, and was alone with God in the evening. No need for Scripture to tell us he refreshed himself; we would expect that. It was for that obvious purpose Jesus retired to the mountain in the evening.

But Jesus did not spend all his evening with God in prayer; sometimes he was busy with the work of God. May it be that the word-picture another has drawn is true?

"At even ere the sun was set,  
The sick, oh Lord, around thee lay;  
Oh, in what divers pains they met!  
Oh, with what joy they went away!"

It may be your God-given task to work for others' joy in the evening. Many are in need of sympathy and understanding after a long day. But if you are one of the maimed ones — wearied in life, almost overcome — it is still true that whoever comes to him, he sends away with joy.

Think of another revered evening near the end of Jesus' life. It was the evening of the passover.

"And in the evening he cometh with the twelve"—Mk. 14: 17.

Jesus was about to be betrayed, and a night of forebodings fell on his little band. Later, they were to find the memory of that Upper Room unforgettable — the sweet fellowship of the last hours of Jesus' earthly life, the bread and the wine given to remind them all of the Master.

On another evening they saw him as the risen Lord.

"Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut and the disciples were assembled together for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst and said 'Peace be unto you'"—John 20: 19.

How happy was this evening. The disciples had been full of fear and in hiding, yet Jesus broke through to them, and, standing among them, said, "Peace be unto you." Yes, it is true — "My peace I give unto you," as he had said on that sad and lonely night of the betrayal.

Yet there is still another evening, which all of us must see, unless summoned away during the daytime. We must all come to

## The Evening of Life

And, do you know, God has meant that to be as beautiful and as full of glory as the closing of any day? The fact that suffering may be our lot does not always deny this glory. The most glorious and beautiful of sunsets is made so because the sun is shining through millions of tiny par-

ticles of dust and impurities, that have risen into the air, and is transforming them. Praise God that the "Sun of Righteousness" transforms the impurities of our lives and allows us to glow in the evening of life.

Sometimes the evening of life draws out; sometimes it passes quickly away. But always strive to let it be beautiful. Your life is not finished when it comes to the evening. Many a Christian saint has released a wonderful phenomenon into the world in the evening of life. A quiet trust in God, a patient waiting, the encouraging word, are all enriching and satisfying gifts.

And then, when death draws near, it is like a sunset. The passing from a life of limitation to a more abundant life, into which we shall wake in the morning.

"So be my passing!

My task accomplished and a long day done,

My wages taken, and in my heart,  
Some late lark singing;

Let me be gathered to the quiet west,

The sundown splendid and serene,  
Death."



The 35th anniversary of the church at Hartwell, Vic., was successfully celebrated on April 29, with almost 200 communicants. 250 were present at a most enjoyable P.S.A., and over 200 at both morning and evening services. At the close of H. J. Patterson's address there were three decisions for Christ. K. A. Jones, Conf. Pres., addressed the morning congregation, and A. E. White spoke at the P.S.A. Offering for the new project at East Burwood was £165. Three choirs — church, youth, and men — furnished special music for the day. Frances Cowper, Jean Milne and Eric Hancock were soloists. Presentation of R.S.V. Bible was made to A. Morffew, who has been a church organist for 41 years, and at Hartwell for 15 years. Roy Warmbrunn, who is handing over the position of church sec. to Ed. Lewis, was also presented with a book. Ladies provided tea for approximately 180 folk. The church is canvassing East Burwood district with a view to beginning a Bible school.

Church members at Balaklava, S.A., have collected 77 bags of grain and sent them to Morialta Protestant Children's Home.

The editor reviews selections from the series of biographies, especially written for young people . . . .

# HEROES OF THE CROSS

Thomas Coke (Stanley Sowton), 95 pp.; Christina Forsyth (Winifred M. Pearce), 96 pp.; Alexander Mackay (A. R. Evans), 95 pp. Our copies from publishers, Oliphants Ltd. Austrn. price, 5/9 each. Latest three in the excellent series, *Heroes of the Cross*. Books in this series are available at the Austral.

Thomas Coke is the story of an eighteenth century Welshman, who became mayor of his home town at the age of 23, as well as a curate in the Church of England. At 27, he received his degree of Doctor of Civil Law, at the same time pursuing a personal spiritual quest which led to a new experience of conversion, after help received from Methodist books and men. His zeal roused opposition and, dismissed from his curacy, he threw in his lot with the Methodists. He soon became John Wesley's "right hand man," his legal training proving a valuable asset in decisions on organisation, etc.

From then on he became invaluable as, in effect, the "Methodist Bishop of Ireland," and, from 1784, "General Superintendent for America" — in fact, first Bishop of the Methodist Church there, an office to which Francis Asbury, leading American Methodist, was also speedily ordained. From the names of Coke and Asbury, the name "Cokesbury" was given to the first American College they helped to found at Abingdon (hence the well known publishers, Abingdon-Cokesbury). Dr. Coke made eighteen crossings of the Atlantic in a dozen years, in small sailing ships; even on his last American visit, at the age of 56, Asbury had a 5,000 mile tour on horseback mapped out for him! He was captured by French privateers on one of the voyages he undertook when President of the Methodist Conference. He gave invaluable aid to the work in the West Indies, while organising Methodism at home, and, at the same time, writing forty books. The passion of his last years was to see a Methodist mission in the East, and finally he himself led the way, together with six other volunteers. He died on the journey, but the work he had dreamed about was established.

Christina Forsyth will prove of special interest to girls and women, and to all who, like this reviewer, have never before heard of Fingoland, where Mrs. Forsyth was, for more than thirty years, "the lone-

liest woman in the world." When she first heard of this territory in southern Africa as a young woman of twenty, she immediately offered herself for service there (1864), but the way did not open up for the young Scotswoman, and eventually she became engaged to a young mining engineer named Allan Forsyth.

But when he was called to some work in South America, which would delay their marriage, she seized the chance to offer herself as an unpaid worker for three years' service in Fingoland. She was gladly accepted, and gave excellent leadership in the day school, winning the love of the children, and leading many parents to the Christian faith. Then came the all-too-brief interlude of her marriage, her husband being drowned a little more than a year after they had settled in the South African town of Lydenburg. Almost immediately, she offered herself for missionary service, again as an unpaid worker, asking only to be sent to the place of greatest need.

She soon found her life-work at Xolobe, in a wild region of unbroken heathenism, which had been given up as hopeless. She spent many years in a damp little mud hut before better mission premises were built, often "tolling home at night, tired and hungry, while the dark woods muttered and whispered, and the drunken song rang along the valley." But she built up a fine school and church, and when, worn out and old, she went home to Scotland to die, the highest tribute they could pay her was, "You are not white, you are black; you are just one of ourselves."

Alexander Mackay is the story of the first engineer missionary, who did a great work in Buganda, Africa, in the latter half of last century, before he literally wore himself out at the early age of 40. It all began with the discovery in the blood-stained boots of a dead Frenchman, who had visited Uganda, of a letter from the famous H. M. Stanley, appealing for Christian teachers to be sent to Mtesa, the powerful King of Buganda (a province of Uganda). Engineer Mackay, who was then in Berlin, immediately volunteered, and he was one of the party of eight sent out by the Church Missionary Society in May, 1876.

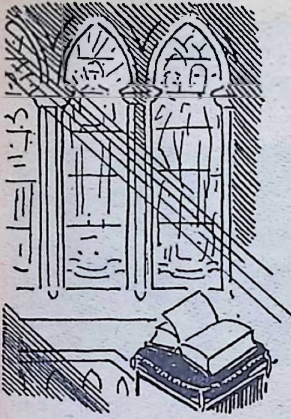
So great were the hardships of climate and conditions they immediately encountered, that by December

of the same year four of the eight men were dead, and two had had to return home seriously ill. Three reinforcements were speedily sent, but one of these died soon after reaching Africa. Despite these recurring disasters, the survivors pressed on, Mackay superintending the building of 230 miles of road in four months of 1877. When they finally reached Mtesa, the king's initial friendliness gave way to suspicion, especially after the arrival of French R.C. priests, who joined Arab traders in strongly opposing the missionaries, and influencing the king against them. The king at one stage even demanded that a daughter of Queen Victoria be sent to add to his already numerous wives! "Unless you do that," he said, "you shall not have liberty to teach."

But Mackay pushed on with such tasks as reducing the language to writing, translating the Gospels, and printing them on a small press which had been given him, as a youngster, by Blackwoods, the Edinburgh publishers of his minister-father's books. The missionaries rejoiced when, in 1882, they were able to gather their first converts together to form the Christian Church in Uganda. But the bloodthirsty king, though later becoming friendly again, never became a Christian, and the accession of his son, Mwanga, was the signal for persecution of the Christians. Many converts were burned alive, and the newly arrived Bishop Hannington was murdered; but, despite the fierce persecution, more and more natives (some influential chiefs among them) came seeking baptism. Mackay pressed on with his work in the face of threatened death, until ordered to leave the king's territory.

He then set up a new mission at Usambiro, where Stanley met him and was greatly impressed by "the modern Livingstone," as he called him. Still translating, toiling at forge and lathe, preaching, planning a railway, he caught a cold, which developed into a fatal fever. "Within ten years of his death in 1890, women missionaries had reached Uganda, a brick cathedral had been built, the first hospital had been opened, and native missionaries had gone out to evangelise the neighboring tribes."

From these reviews it can be seen that books in this series are excellent material for Bible school libraries, as well as for gifts to young Christians.



# THE LIVING WORD

## Studies on the planned Sunday morning readings

Sunday, May 20

### OLD TESTAMENT

Joel 2: 23-32.

#### Summary.

Joel has been called "the prophet of Pentecost" (Kemp). In this passage we can see why this is so. Following an appeal for prayer, the people are told that repentance will be followed by restoration, and once more the favor of God will be upon them. The prophet opens with a burst of song concerning the blessing which is soon to come upon the nation. Then he looks forward to a distant day when the Holy Spirit will be out-poured, and describes the kind of things which will happen.

#### Explanatory Notes.

"the former rain and the latter rain" (v. 23). — The October and April rains, so necessary for the land of Palestine.

"the years that the locust hath eaten" (v. 25). — The locust swarms had come year after year. Four types of locusts are here named—the swarmer, the lapper, the devourer, the shearer. These are only four out of eighty or more species mentioned in the East. The prophet "promises a full compensation for all the ruin the locusts had wrought . . . The renewed prosperity gives fresh confidence in God's presence, and is the best answer to the reproach of the Gentiles (v. 17)" (Watson).

"ye shall eat in plenty and be satisfied" (v. 26). — "Men can be satisfied, but not thankful. The true blessing of God is that which includes gratitude" (Horton).

"the sun shall be turned into darkness and the moon into blood" (v. 31). — There are several references in Scripture to the darkening of the sun. Cf. Ex. 10: 21; Is. 13: 10; 24: 4; Jer. 4: 23. "The terror of an eclipse is the fittest symbol of the great and dreadful day, when heaven and earth shall pass away" (Horton).

#### Suggested Theme.

### "GOD'S GLORIOUS GIFTS."

**Introduction.** — The lavish hand of God is seen in the way he supplies the needs of his people. God's gifts are always designed to provide the greatest help. Joel begins by telling us that some of God's gifts are

**I. NATURAL GIFTS.**—Our Father, knowing all about us, gives to us material gifts which are (a) sufficient, (b) satisfying, and (c) splendid. As we study verses 23 to 27 we observe God's power (in restoring the land ravaged by locusts), and God's provision (in sending the necessary rains to ensure proper growth). God's gifts are always the best possible. Joel continues, and tells us that some of God's gifts are

**II. SPIRITUAL GIFTS.** — Here he is peering eagerly into the future, to a time when the Holy Spirit would be given (a) freely, (b) fully, and (c) faithfully. The gift of the Spirit would be accompanied by wonderful signs (as we see from verses 28-32). The Spirit-touched life is a very wonderful thing.

**Conclusion.**—Let us give praise to God for the nature, the regularity, and the permanence of his glorious gifts to us all.

### NEW TESTAMENT

Acts 2: 1-21.

#### Summary.

Luke sets out here, very clearly, what happened on the Day of Pentecost. He begins by describing what happened with the coming of the Holy Spirit, in such a wonderful way, and closes this portion of Scripture by giving a part of the address which Peter preached.

#### Explanatory Notes.

"the day of Pentecost" (v. 1). — The feast of the "Fiftieth (Day)", that is, as reckoned from the second day of the Passover season, when the priest "waved" before the Lord the first-fruits of the coming harvest, thus implying that all belonged to God.

"there were dwelling at Jerusalem, Jews" (v. 5). — There would be present those who lived in the city permanently, and some who lived abroad generally, but who had come home for the purpose of worship.

"devout men" (v. 5). — The word is also given as "reverent," and occurs four times in Luke's writing, but nowhere else in the New Testament. The noun and verb form of the word, however, are found in Heb. 5: 7 and 12: 28, and 11: 7.

"Jews and proselytes" (v. 10). — "A summarising touch, to remind the

reader of the catholicity of the crowd, within the limits of the older covenant. The two types of 'Jews, devout men,' viz., born Jews and Jewish converts, were found in all the regions just enumerated" (Bartlett).

"your daughters shall prophesy" (v. 17). — E.g., the four daughters of Philip prophesied. See 21: 9, and compare also 1 Cor. 11: 5.

#### Suggested Theme.

### "IS PENTECOST PAST OR PERMANENT?"

**Introduction.** — God is at work in the world! Wonderful events took place on that crucial day, so long ago, in Jerusalem. It was the day of

**I. PENTECOST** (vv. 1-4). — The event recorded in Acts 2 is nothing less than another actual descent of Deity into the world. The Holy Spirit came in person on a visitation which has lasted already almost 2,000 years. In the Old Testament the Holy Spirit's ministry was, in a sense, limited, for he came only to certain prominent people — leading men, like the prophets, priests, and kings. He did not come upon the masses of men. Now it is all different, for he is available to "all mankind." So let us turn our attention to the

**II. PEOPLE** (vv. 5-13). — The representatives of many nations are listed for us. They came from all over the world, they spoke many different languages. Soon many of them would return to the uttermost parts of the earth, and they would carry with them the story of the Cross which crowned the crest of Calvary. It was to these people that Peter preached his first and most successful gospel sermon. Now let us look at

**III. PETER** (v. 14). — Peter was the man whom Jesus remade. The man whose character had been like shifting sand, was now a man like rigid rock. It was the same Peter as of old (impetuous, impulsive), but in very many ways he had been changed for the better. Peter was a man with a message, so let us consider his

**IV. PREACHING** (vv. 14-21). — The sermon begins in verse 14, and goes right on to verse 36 (as we shall see next week). (a) He begins with an explanation (vv. 14-16); (b) he proceeds to a word examination (vv. 17-19) (for he turns the spotlight on the prophecy of Joel); and (c) he continues with a word of evaluation (v. 21).

**Conclusion.** — Whether Pentecost shall be past or permanent for us, depends upon us each one personally. Pentecost has its price; the big thing is whether or not we are prepared to pay it. Are we?

# here and there

The church at Kilburn, S.A., in conjunction with the H.M. Committee in that State, has acceded to a request to release its preacher, H. G. Norris, immediately because of his need for prolonged medical attention. The church appreciates the consecrated service of Mr. Norris, and prays for his speedy recovery. A. J. Ingham has agreed to accept an interim ministry at Kilburn.

We have received news of the passing, in Sydney, on April 29, of J. L. Stimson, at the age of 71. Mr. Stimson had served the N.S.W. brotherhood as Conference President, chairman of N.S.W. College Board, member of the Properties Trust and Preachers' Provident Fund, and officer, for many years, of the church at Mosman. Sympathy is expressed to his family and friends in the passing of one who served the churches well.

On Friday, May 4, we received this telegram from Stanton H. Wilson, minister at South Perth, W.A., where the Youens-Brown tent mission is in its closing days: "Mission closes Mother's Day. Pray for closing nights. Mr. Youens preaching powerfully. 24 confessions, 18 rededications, and three restorations."

We have noted with pleasure that Prof. Robert Tobias, a member of our American brotherhood, was recently decorated by King Paul of Greece, receiving the Cross of Commander of the Royal Order of the Phoenix for having contributed in a special way to the welfare of the Greek nation. Mr. Tobias is professor of Ecumenical Theology at the School of Religion of Butler University, Indianapolis, and is Director of the Council on Christian Unity of the Disciples of Christ. From 1945 to 1953, he was associated with the World Council of Churches in its Inter-Church Aid work. From 1948, he spent much time in administering relief activities in Greece.

The church at Brighton, Vic., has concluded its special "Operation Evangelism" programme, featured February to April inclusive. Planned visitation and Sunday evening programmes resulted in six decisions, and three restorations, during the campaign, and a marked increase in attendance at all services, as compared

with the same period last year. Gospel service attendances Feb.-April last year averaged 82; this year 138. Morning attendances rose from last year's average of 119 to 135; while the average number of communicants rose to 150, as compared with 126 in Feb.-April, 1955. About forty members shared in home visitation, climaxing in three nights of special visitation, April 16-18 inclusive. Seven meals were prepared by the ladies during the visitation. Directed visitation and planned Sunday evening programmes will be continued as regular features of church work. C. G. Taylor has announced that he will terminate his nine-year ministry with the church at the end of 1956.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Benjamin were farewelled from the church at Earlwood, N.S.W., by a large gathering, on Saturday, April 28. After a musical programme had been presented, and tributes paid to their work, Mr. Fairclough (sec.) handed Mr. Benjamin a brief case, and Mrs. Benjamin a picture, and a book each for the children; while Mrs. Walker (pres., Women's Fellowship) presented Mrs. Benjamin with a hand-bag. Both recipients suitably responded. A welcome was extended to Mr. and Mrs. Goldstein (Caringbah), who will serve in an interim ministry. Supper was then served by the Women's Fellowship.

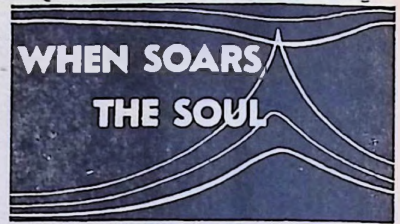
The Macnaughtan-Robbins mission, at Lismore, N.S.W., concluded with grand audiences, fifteen first decisions and 12 reconsecrations. Lismore has had 175 confessions in the last four years. Arnold C. Caldicott has commenced his fifth year of service.

Writers of Open Forum letters are reminded that no letters will be published without the writer's own name and address being supplied. Pseudonyms will not be accepted.

Mr. and Mrs. P. French, formerly of Kingaroy church, were welcomed by the churches at Gympie-Monkland on Mar. 17. Mr. French commenced his ministry on the 18th, after an impressive induction service conducted by C. B. Burden.

V. S. Dallinger (Gilgandra), has accepted a call to Hornsby, N.S.W., and will commence his ministry there on June 3.

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



Jesus said, "You are to be given power when the Holy Spirit has come to you." . . . Then when the actual Day of Pentecost came, they were all assembled together. Suddenly there was a sound from heaven like the rushing of a violent wind, and it filled the whole house where they were seated. Before their eyes appeared tongues like flames, which separated off and settled above the head of each one of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak in different languages, as the Spirit gave them power to proclaim his message.—Acts 1: 8; 2: 1-4 (Phillips).

The Church is helpless without the presence and power of the Spirit. The Church never talked so much about itself and its problems. That is always a bad sign. The lust for talk about work increases as its power for work declines . . . The real work of the Church depends upon the power of the Spirit. . . . Pentecost is always associated with power . . . The measure of our power is the energy of the Holy Spirit, working in us and through us. All fullness of life, all resources of vitality, all certainty of assurance, all victory over sin and the flesh, all prevailing power in prayer, all certitude of glory — all and everything is in the indwelling presence and power of the Holy Spirit of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.—Samuel Chadwick.

O thou whose Spirit didst create a fellowship of power, look upon thy Church today, in its weakness and division, and help us to seek and in penitence to find a new Pentecost, in which a fresh sense of our oneness in thee may be born in the hearts of all Christian men. Amen.

O Spirit blest, who from above  
Cam'st gently gliding like a dove,  
Calm all our strife, give faith and love:  
O make us one.

—Christopher Wordsworth.

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# INTERSTATE CHURCH NEWS

## Discipleship

Mrs. Herbert, Mrs. Higgs, Bexley North, N.S.W.

Miss R. Coleman, Taree, N.S.W.

Errol and Lyall Boettcher, Reginald Bunning, John and Lorna Kickbush, Kenneth, Delma, Noelene and Errol Berlin, Glenys and Kaaren Dance, Mrs. S. Schulz, Marburg, Qld.

T. Wakefield, Coral Baills, Rosewood, Qld.

Noel Smith, Ashley and Noel Christensen, Mervyn Schmidt, Neville Neumann, Mt. Walker, Qld.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Henderson, Drumcondra, Vic.

Warren Murray, Dawn Turk, Joan Hoyle, Mosman, N.S.W.

N. Sperling, Echuca, Vic.

Dawn Bryant, Lorraine Ratten, Patricia Tippet, Barton Gole, Cliff McAlice, Russell Tulloch, Hampton, Vic.

Mr. and Mrs. Forward, B. Hull, B. Roberts, Mrs. Starkey, Mrs. Cox, Miss M. Larcombe, Enmore, N.S.W.

Judith Seath, Rosemary Rankine, Judith Jones, Hartwell, Vic.

Michael French, Hawthorn, Vic.

Pam. Scott, Barbara Brown, Frank Goldfinch, Murray Bridge, S.A.

Sue Brechin, Marrickville, N.S.W.

Jan. Davenport, Barbara Stansall, Pam. Richards, Judith Manning, Jil. Manning, Group-Capt. Ivor Lightfoot, David Bond, Wembley, W.A.

## Membership

Mr. and Mrs. N. Baills, from Mt. Walker to Rosewood, Qld.

Mrs. G. Berlin, from Ann-st., Brisbane to Marburg, Qld.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Mackay, from Annerley to Marburg, Qld.

Mr. Symes, from Boort to Drumcondra, Vic.

Mrs. Turner, from Kedron to Boondall, Qld.

Mr. Turner, from Windsor-rd., Baptist to Boondall, Qld.

Miss J. Brown, to Boondall, Qld.

Mrs. Atkins, from Kedron to Zillmere, Qld.

Yvonne Forrest, to Mosman, N.S.W.  
Mr., Mrs. and Mark Jenner, from City Temple, Sydney, to Enmore, N.S.W.

Mrs. D. M. Chinnick, from Whyalla to Ascot Park, S.A.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Watson, Miss B. Hayler, to Brighton, Vic.

## Marriage

Daphne Abraham to Allan Berlin, Marburg, Qld.

Pauline Brown to Noel Staley, Hartwell, Vic.

Maureen Lindquist to Frank Goldfinch, Murray Bridge, S.A.

Frances Fawcett to Neville Pratt, Mayfield, N.S.W.

## Fallen Asleep

J. L. Stimson, Mosman, N.S.W.

Muriel Maxwell, Enmore, N.S.W.

Annie Phillips, Enmore, N.S.W.

Mary Whateley, Enmore, N.S.W.

J. King, Rockdale, N.S.W.

Mrs. W. Gruhl, Murray Bridge, S.A.

C. A. Grundy, Murray Bridge, S.A.

## Queensland

**Boondall (R. Clymer).** — Recently church held special tea to launch a Talent Drive. Every member was given ten shillings to use for a period of four months. Plans are being prepared for erection of new church building. During March, working bees were held for purpose of painting manse. Three people were welcomed into fellowship, by transfer, during month of April.

**Zillmere (R. Clymer).** — Morning services have shown steady increase over past months. B.S. tied for first place in Y.P.D. Efficiency Campaign. On Apr. 14, men and women of church gathered for a working bee to line church hall. Money for lining was raised by Ladies' Guild. During Apr. one lady was welcomed into fellowship by transfer.

**Gympie-Monkland (P. French).** — An I.C.E. Society has been formed at Monkland, with ten members. Preacher has commenced weekly training class for young men, to better fit themselves for service. On Apr. 9,

a farewell was given Mrs. Turner, who has moved to Maryborough. There was a good attendance of members on 27th, to hear B. Munro (India) give a stirring message.

**West Moreton Circuit (V. G. Boettcher).** — Reports at annual business meetings in various churches disclosed successful year, with additions in most churches. Attendances at meetings have been good, and finances sound. It was revealed that since Mr. Boettcher's ministry commenced last July there have been 19 decisions and a decided increase in interest in gospel meetings. Women's Fellowships are now functioning at Rosewood and Marburg, with a quarterly Circuit gathering. Recent social and fete, at Rosewood, netted a profit of over £100 towards furnishing of manse. Rosewood and Marburg churches have decided to use Church of Christ hymn books. Recent Circuit Conference was highly successful, F. Langford (Kedron) being guest speaker. At annual picnic, held at Mt. Walker on Easter Monday, a happy time was spent, and in the evening a splendid programme was presented to a capacity gathering. All departments of the work throughout the Circuit are in a very healthy condition.

## Western Australia

**Wembley (J. K. Bond).** — Gospel service on Apr. 22 was a memorable one, when seven were baptised, and after the message two girls made their confessions. Meetings of all kinds continue to prove inadequacy of chapel; 120 broke bread at morning service on 29th, and there were 98 present at gospel service. Recent B.S. anniversary services taxed seating, especially on kinder afternoon. Following promotion Sunday, Apr. 22, class accommodation is once more a problem. School is at maximum strength, following two years of efficient and popular superintendency of Mr. Beard, who is unable to continue. Annual meeting of teachers and staff on 23rd expressed its appreciation of past service, and regret at his resignation. A successor has yet to be found. Junior Boys' Club started again recently, under leadership of G. Cugley, thus filling a gap in the young people's work of the church. C.E. work is about to take a step forward, with formation of a Y.P. Society, thus providing the three grades, all of which are expected to be strong in membership and activity. Church is again well represented on brotherhood committees and boards, following elections at Conference time.

## New South Wales

**Bexley North** (J. G. Shaw). — On Apr. 15, visitors included Mrs. B. Munro, Mr. Skinner, and Mr. and Mrs. Hallop, Mr. Hallop being a former minister of the church. Sympathy is expressed to Mrs. Learmont in loss of her father.

**Hornsby**. — Annual business meeting of church was held on Apr. 26, and all reports revealed church to be in good heart, with anticipation of great things in future. Those elected to board of officers are: Mrs. Bishop (treas.), Messrs. Bartholomew, Ellerby (sec.), Glazier (asst. sec.), A. E., and A. L. Morton and Newton. Other appointments were: B.S. supt., Mr. Glazier; kinder. supt., Mrs. Bartholomew; organiste, Mrs. Bishop; asst. organiste, Mrs. Morton; A.C. and C.F.A. agent, Miss Glazier; auditor, Mr. Newton. Monthly Fellowship tea was held on 29th, at which Mr. Mottram (Pocket Testament League) showed movie films on that work. Messages in song by Mr. and Miss Dwyer, Mr. Lawrence, and Mr. Glazier have been appreciated. Speakers have been Messrs. Bartholomew, McArthur, Kallmier, Kerr and Sloman.

**Kingsford** (P. Kavanagh). — Spirit of church is high, attendances have increased, being 95 on evening of Apr. 22, 22 at midweek meeting, with 65 breaking bread the following Sunday morning, and 90 present in evening. Over last three months, 12 have accepted Christ, and 11 have been baptised; also one member reconsecrated his life. B.S. attendances continue around 90 mark, with a staff of 20. Church annual business meeting was held and church's forthcoming programme presented. Boys' and Girls' Clubs held combined outing at Fuller's Bridge on Apr. 25. Both J.C.E. and I.C.E. are doing well. Recent speakers at fellowship teas were R. Stanhope and D. Holmes. Geoff Porter recently returned from Korea, after 11 months' service with armed forces. Miss Janette Weedon was recently farewelled, and has now arrived in England.

**Marrickville** (P. E. Thomas, B.A.). — Bi-monthly evening meeting of Women's Fellowship was held on Apr. 24, when Mrs. W. J. E. Lewis gave challenging message. Gift of occasional table was made to Mrs. P. E. Thomas (pres.), who leaves to minister with church at Lane Cove. Mrs. Paris spoke on behalf of meeting, and expressed sincere thanks to the president for her loving and faithful ministry over past seventeen years. Church was encouraged by message of A. Baker (Enmore) at communion service on 22nd. Mrs. Stimson presented instructive talk on U.F.M. work at Life Gift Fellowship meeting on 25th. Enjoyable

afternoon meeting was spent by Men's Fellowship on 29th, with guest speaker from Prison Rehabilitation Dept. Sympathy is extended to Maxwell family in Home call of their loved one.

**Mosman** (D. W. Tonkin). — Church sorrows with brotherhood in Home call of two brethren, E. C. Hinrichsen and J. L. Stimson. On Apr. 27, choir recommenced with 16 members. On 29th, morning meeting was addressed by E. W. Roffey (Lane Cove). At evening service, J. (Scotty) Gibb, and his harmony instrumentalists conducted the meeting, when four Y.P. made their decision.

**Rockdale** (A. B. Clark). — Women's Fellowship held anniversary service on Apr. 18. Mrs. B. Munro (India) gave a very stirring address on that country. Mrs. Dodd and Mrs. N. Morris, gave items. Visitors on 22nd were Mr. and Mrs. Butler (Hawthorn, Vic.), and Mrs. B. Munro and family (India). F. Roberts (Woolwich) was speaker at morning service on 29th.

**Taree** (M. H. A. Pieper). — Church has enjoyed good meetings over past months, morning worship services being especially helpful. On Apr. 15, a senior B.S. scholar responded to the invitation, and was baptised the following Sunday. Preacher journeyed to Sydney to attend funeral service of late E. C. Hinrichsen.

**Wollongong** (P. R. Baker). — At the morning service on Apr. 29, preacher paid tribute to outstanding work of late E. C. Hinrichsen. Mr. Hinrichsen was closely associated with the church at Wollongong, which he established 15 years ago, and together with the late V. Morris (his song leader) erected the building during the six-weeks' mission. He also ministered with the church, relinquishing same in 1954. During the past month there were four decisions, one elderly lady, and three young girls, who were baptised into Christ. Services are well attended.

**Enmore** (Arthur Baker). — Morning service was broadcast on Apr. 29, and there were three baptisms at night. Attendances for day were 105 and 101. There are indications of revival. Church has been saddened by passing of Mrs. Whateley, Mrs. Phillips, Miss Maxwell, and also of two former ministers at Tabernacle, Robert Whateley and E. C. Hinrichsen. Mrs. Bruce Munro recently addressed C.E. Mr. Yelds gave interesting views of our Federal work at prayer meeting. B.S. attendances are growing. Youth Club has been formed. Choir continues to render excellent service, with Mr. Collins as conductor. Preacher's wife, Mrs. Baker, is president of Women's Fellowship, and also of Mission Band. 90 ladies

attended first anniversary of Women's Fellowship.

**Mayfield** (A. C. Thurrowgood). — Following well attended Easter Camp at Lake Macquarie, Mayfield campers conducted gospel service and gave stirring testimonies. At the close of service, two reconsecrations were made. Newly formed District Men's Fellowship met, with attendance of 60 at tea, followed by talk and film on Moral Rearmament. Kinder hall, being built by voluntary labor, is nearing completion.

## South Australia

**Beulah Road** (G. W. Wood). — During preacher's absence on holidays, speakers at services were F. Fisher, W. Philp, G. Simpson, G. Whiting and A. Jones. Services continue to be well attended and average offering for Mar. was £26 per week. At evening service on Apr. 22, two were baptised following their confessions of faith, and at close of the service one married woman made her decision, and two reconsecrated their lives. Church is preparing for anniversary and Temple Day. Picture evening was held on 20th, in aid of Girls' Basketball Club, when Miss M. Howard and R. Kitto showed color slides. Two teams have entered in the Association for coming season.

**Beverley**. — Church is in good heart. Attendances at all services have increased and two young men have recently made their decision. Midweek meeting, led by Mr. Greenwood, is proving helpful. All auxiliaries are working well and preparing for a fete. Boys' Brigade have held a weekend camp, which was enjoyed by all. Three girls' and two men's basketball teams have been entered for competitions this year. Teams have also been entered for table tennis. B.S. attendances are continuing to rise, the highest number recently for over ten years. Men's Fellowship has been formed, and they are going forward on their first assignment of stewardship among the members.

**Fullarton** (A. W. Morris). — On Anzac Day a church picnic was arranged at National Park; about 20 cars made the journey and a very enjoyable day was spent. Portable organ was taken and a period of witness in gospel songs given. 75 attended morning service on Apr. 29, when I. J. Chivell preached. There was a good attendance at gospel meeting, and reference was made to the passing of E. C. Hinrichsen, who was known to most of the members, having conducted a mission here some years ago. Film, *Reaching from Heaven*, was screened. Graham Terry rendered a saxophone solo. Church is pleased to report that Robert Morris, preacher's son, is now recovered from his major operation and is expected to resume school after May holidays.

**Kilburn (H. G. Norris).** — C.W.F. Home Missions Committee visited Kilburn ladies on Apr. 24, when a happy and profitable afternoon was spent. Mrs. Bull presided, Mrs. Coombe led devotions and Mrs. Fax spoke on H.M. matters. Senior C.Y.F. Club enjoyed outing at Morialta on 25th. Dean Hamilton spoke at morning service on 29th and Allan Norris at night, preacher (H. G. Norris) being in hospital.

**Murray Bridge (P. R. Whitmore).** — Deepest sympathy is extended to W. Gruhl in passing of Mrs. Gruhl after serious illness. Church and auxiliary congratulations and pantry evening have been extended to Maureen Lindquist and Frank Goldfinch for approaching wedding. Ladies' Guild have performed major catering task for recent four-day District Sheepdog Trials, and will devote proceeds to Hall Funds. Congratulations have been extended to church sec. (G. Bywaters, M.P.) on recent State Election victory, as member for district. On a recent Sunday evening, chapel was full for first enrolment service of Cadets and Girls' Life Brigade members. Officers from Adelaide assisted. Sis. Noble is home from hospital. Men's Fellowship meeting appointed L. Simpson, as pres., as Parliamentary duties will prevent Mr. Bywaters continuing in office.

**Nailsworth (N. Gavros).** — April meeting of Men's Fellowship was interrupted by power failure. G. Bartlett (Croydon) was presenting an illustrated lecture on a recent world tour and has consented to come to a future meeting. On Apr. 22, Youth Council of church arranged a tea for aboriginal children of Colebrook Home. At the service following, the children sang hymns very nicely. On 21st a largely attended social and musical evening was tendered to Mrs. Bristow, who recently retired from office of organiste after many years' service. Following a programme of musical and elocutionary items, presentations were made from choir and members of church. Apr. 29 marked commencement of second year of N. Gavros' ministry.

## Victoria

**The Patch (D. H. Thoday).** — On Apr. 22, a number of visitors, holidaying in the Dandenongs, attended morning services. Fellowship with them was appreciated by the new, small church. That evening the church started holding regular gospel services. Sunday services now are: B.S. 9.45 a.m., worship 11 a.m., gospel service 7 p.m. Officers have purchased a supply of Church of Christ hymnbooks and these are now in use.

**Peel-st., Ballarat.** — Annual business meeting was held on Apr. 11.

Reports from auxiliaries showed healthy and happy position. Work of A. H. Graham is much appreciated. Officers elected were: sec., R. McLeod; treas., J. Lacy; deacons, Messrs. Anslis, Davies, Floate, A. and P. Graham, McKenzie, Searle. Work is going ahead with finishing concreting of church grounds. One young man reconsecrated his life to Christ. Sickness prevails amongst a number of members.

**Balwyn (J. E. Brooke).** — During preacher's absence at Cheltenham, where he has been conducting a mission, platform has been occupied by W. Quirk, R. Dickson, W. Smith, W. Atkin and L. Trezise. On Apr. 22, Mr. Brooke returned to conduct the morning service which was broadcast over 3LO. Many have expressed their appreciation of the service. Over 150 communed, and attendances during past month have been exceedingly good, both morning and evening. On 26th Y.W.F. held fortnightly meeting when Mrs. Berg spoke on her recent trip abroad. This recently formed society is gaining in numbers. On 27th about 130 attended the Men's Society film night, when Shell Company screened the film *Back of Beyond*. Erection of new school hall is progressing satisfactorily, and men of church are devoting their spare time in voluntary labor.

**Bayswater (R. Ryall).** — Harvest thanksgiving services were held on Apr. 8. W. W. Saunders spoke at morning and afternoon services. R. Ryall was evening speaker. There were good attendances at all meetings. Display of produce was afterwards divided between Social Service Homes and C.O.B. Afternoon offering for Social Service amounted to £15/13/2. On 13th, W.M.B. held a picture night at which O. Finger and E. Charles showed travel slides. H. Edwards and K. Little have been recent morning speakers.

**Bentleigh (J. Wiltshire).** — Successful B.S. anniversary concluded with one decision. R. Edgar and J. Wiltshire were speakers. Midweek meeting was suspended for two weeks, when delegation attended special meetings at Cheltenham. Floral decorations in chapel each week bring many appreciative comments. Ladies of church perform this important ministry.

**Berwick (R. V. Chamberlain).** — On Apr. 15, a community hymn service was held, comments being made on favorite hymns sung. On 22nd, over 30 Y.P. attended youth tea, which was followed by a film, *In His Name*, at evening service. On Anzac Day, Victorian B.S. Teachers' Conference was held in the town, more than 380 delegates attending, many of these coming from distant parts. On 28th, 10 Y.P. travelled to Boronia and held reunion of recent Eastern

Districts' Camp, which was held at Frankston. Preparations are being made for vacation church school during term holidays.

**Clayton (J. L. Reid).** — S.C.E. held meeting at Talbot Colony for Epileptics. Kitchen tea was held in honor of Bev. Munyard and Don May, both B.S. teachers. B.S. continues to do well, with record of 164 on Apr. 8. M. Roberts (Essendon) was guest speaker at morning service on 15th. There were 53 present at Saturday night fellowship, held in home of Mr. and Mrs. K. Kingsley, to see slides of Mt. Margaret Mission. A lady, who was recently baptised, was welcomed into fellowship of church on 22nd. B. Huntsman spoke at morning service concerning youth work. At close of gospel service, there was one decision for Christ, and one reconsecration.

**Drumcondra (R. A. Banks).** — Youth service was held on Apr. 22, ably conducted by Alan Mathieson, Lyle Allen, Anne Greenaway, Lorraine Williams and Barbara Standen. Soloist was Barry Tattersall. Six members attended Teachers' Conference, at Berwick, on Anzac Day. On 27th, officers joined with C.E. in their meeting, followed by supper. Three persons have been baptised and welcomed into the church by transfer. Ladies' Fellowship was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Hore. Speaker on 29th was Mr. Perkins (Y.P. Dept.).

**Echuca (C. E. Watson).** — W. Payne spoke at morning service on Apr. 29. At evening service, film, *The First Step*, was screened, and a young man confessed Christ. Following service, a happy hour of song was enjoyed in kinder hall, and opportunity was taken to extend best wishes and present gift to Laurel Turner and Harry Goldfinch, in honor of their approaching marriage. Mr. Story (U.F.M.), was recent speaker, and also showed films of mission work in New Guinea.

**Glen Waverley (G. R. Clark, B.A., B.Sc.).** — Church has been encouraged by coming of Mr. and Mrs. G. Clark and family to the district. Mr. Clark is serving in a part-time ministry, both in speaking and visitation. C.E. group has been formed, under leadership of Sis. J. Thorne. Working bees continue; baptistery has been completed, and sliding doors hung, making a separate kinder room. Oakleigh Kappas have greatly assisted in painting of kitchen, etc. B.S. has welcomed 10 new scholars, and three new teachers, since commencement this year. On Apr. 8, W. Newham (Surrey Hills) was speaker, and on 15th, S. Fordham (Oakleigh), when 36 adults were present. On 13th, Mr. and Mrs. Miller (on furlough from Mt. Margaret Aborigine Mission) gave

a talk, and showed slides concerning their work.

**Hampton (K. J. Clinton, B.A.).** — Six B.S. scholars were baptised on Apr. 15, and received into fellowship on 22nd. After the evening service on 15th, opportunity was taken to farewell Miss Dorothy Stokie, who has left on trip overseas. On 29th, scholars were guests of church members at tea, and building was crowded for gospel film service. Recently purchased projector is proving valuable aid to church and school. During the month there have been nine new scholars in school, and record attendance of 145. Twelve of school staff attended Teachers' Conference at Berwick.

**Hawthorn (J. H. Cain, L.Th.).** — B.S. is growing steadily and has reached an attendance of 37 scholars and six teachers. Picnic was recently held with Camberwell school. One older scholar was baptised recently. Morning attendance is very satisfying, and evening most encouraging, with 37 and 30 in attendance during last two Sunday nights. Church is launching a special drive to encourage regular attendance at night service, featuring a series of films and guest speakers. Church continues to work with Camberwell, under Mr. Cain's leadership, and the arrangement is proving most satisfactory.

**Malvern (W. J. Thomson).**—Church regrets preacher is still in hospital. He is gradually recovering from serious injuries, received in accident on Mar. 31. Attendances are well sustained, and help of Principal E. L. Williams, Dr. Oldfield, F. E. Buckingham, G. Gilmore and D. Turner (together with local members), in conducting services is gratefully acknowledged. Other visiting brethren who offered assistance are planned for later dates. Mr. Pfeifer, who, with family, recently transferred from Maidstone, has been appointed B.S. supt. School is showing advancement. At recent half-yearly meeting, Women's Dept. gave £80 towards Manse Account.

**Noble Park.** — Visiting speakers continue to bring interesting and instructive messages, and efforts of these brethren is very much appreciated. B.S. continues to enrol new scholars almost every Sunday, and is looking forward to completion of new hall to ease accommodation problem. Men are proceeding with building on Saturdays. C.W.F. has a good membership of active women, who are working for both local and missionary needs.

**North Richmond (C. Dow).**—B.S. has been pleased to welcome a number of new scholars over recent weeks. K.S.P. entertained senior girls on Apr. 16, with a games night. Y.W.L.

celebrated their fourth birthday on 14th. Young men cleaned up grounds round chapel on 19th. Youth tea was held on 22nd, and on 25th, four B.S. teachers attended Conference at Berwick.

**Ormond (D. W. Mansell).** — Meetings at both services are increasing. During April, three confessions of faith have been made. Average for breaking of bread, 136. Gospel service increased to 158 on 22nd. Y.P. have had sing-song at manse after church. All officers have declared their confidence in preacher, and the work at Ormond has increased. Baptism was held on 22nd, in evening. Ladies have made donation to church, which officers appreciate. K.S.P. held picture night on 29th; R. Bean was organiser and operator, and many attended. P.B.P. continues to hold top place in basketball. Miss E. Gairns is a patient in Prince Henry Hospital.

**Parkdale (C. Dunse).** — B.S. anniversary services were held on Apr. 15 and 22, with crowded meetings. Special speakers were: Messrs. Huntsman, Clinton, Turriff, and Mrs. Fullerton. F. Lee conducted singing. A presentation was made to Mr. and Mrs. Lee, as they leave Parkdale to work at Waverley. B.S. picnic was held at Heatherton on 28th. Two delegates attended Unity Conference, at Monbulk. Six B.S. teachers attended Bible School Workers' Conference at Berwick.

**Red Hill (J. Sutton).** — Preacher addressed combined churches' Anzac service, held in Red Hill Hall on Anzac Day. Miss B. Bates spoke at morning service on Apr. 29, and spoke to teachers and scholars in afternoon. Youth tea was held, and Y.P. assisted in evening service. An after-church fellowship was held. Many members are ill, but attendances remain good. Fellowship with a number of visitors has been enjoyed.

**Ringwood (W. F. Nankivell, B.A., B.D.).** — During preacher's holidays, helpful addresses were brought by R. Dixon, A. O. S. Baker and L. Withers. Services were also conducted by members of C.M.S. and C.W.F. (evening group); P. Baker and Mrs. R. Nelson presented the gospel messages. Attendances since last report have been well maintained; average being 100 a.m., 50 p.m.; 16 cottage prayer meetings. Church is organising for period of intense evangelism, commencing with May Loyalty Month. B.S. is progressing, but still confronted with staff shortage. P.B.P. is having successful first year in basketball competitions. Youth Council is active and co-ordinating its activities.

**Swan Hill (A. Avery).** — Baptismal service was conducted before gospel

service on Apr. 22, when two Y.P. were immersed. Attendances for the day were: morning 65, evening '92. After the service, a fellowship hour was held in the manse, a number of non-members have been attending services recently. G. Chislett was speaker at morning service on 22nd. At morning service on 29th, a service of dedication was conducted for elders, deacons and deaconesses. Visitors were Messrs. Doyle (Black Rock), and Martin (Murraydale). Newly-formed Men's Fellowship held their second meeting on 29th, when there were twenty present. J. Leach was elected as chairman and G. Owers, treas.-sec. Berean Club held bike hike on 27th.

**Woorinen (A. Avery).** — Services have been very well attended, speakers having been A. Avery and W. Cockroft. B.S. and youth clubs are very active and progressing. A young man was welcomed into the church on Apr. 29.

**Warragul (M. D. Keatch).**—Film, *Beyond our Own*, was screened on Apr. 15. Choir, under leadership of H. Broderick, has been formed, and is assisting at evening services. Harvest thanksgiving services were held on 22nd, and goods afterwards forwarded to our Social Service Homes. Sickness has affected quite a number of members. Preacher and a number of teachers attended annual Bible School Workers' Conference, at Berwick. Prayer meetings in members' homes continue to be very helpful.

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The Conference opened with an Anzac service, conducted by D. Smith, of Morwell. The opening address was given by Gordon Beatty, of the Presbyterian Church, who spoke on the theme, **The Challenge of a New Day in the Church Schools.**

The ladies of the Berwick church did a splendid service in feeding, with cafeteria efficiency, the entire Conference. Many teacher-parents were able to attend by leaving their children in a special creche.

The afternoon sessions dealt with the following topics: **Making Religion Real through Worship, Using Buildings and Equipment, The Christian Youth Fellowship.** Another session was devoted to a **Workshop on Practical Activities.** By a system of rotation, all the delegates were able to share in all the sessions. A comprehensive sixteen-page booklet added to the value of the Conference. There was a healthy demand for books on teaching at the bookstall.

At the business session, the B.S. Committee for the next twelve months was elected. This Committee conducts the Conference. The Conference passed a motion of appreciation to B. F. Huntsman, a retiring member, for his past services on the Committee. The new Committee is: R. Bean, J. H. Cain, G. Frecker, R. V. Longthorp, K. Masterton, G. Reed, Misses D. Cleland, G. Edwards, R. Kennedy, E. Mitchell, M. Petersen; together with L. A. Trezise and Miss B. Bates.

Through their evaluation sheets the participants voted the Conference as "best yet."—R.V.L.

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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D. W. Mansell (preacher, Ormond church), 9 Arnott-st., Ormond, Vic. LW 2727.

May 1, 1956

### BIRTH

PYE (Somerville). — On April 19, 1956, at Ferntree Gully, to Joan and John, a daughter—Coralie Susan.

### DEATH

BARRETT. — On May 3, at her home, 27 Murray-st., Prahran, Vic., Margaret, widow of Herbert John; loved mother of Elsie (Mrs. F. N. Lee), Lily (Mrs. N. N. Merriman), Marian (Mrs. R. J. Walters), Herbert and Alan; and mother-in-law of Fred., Norman, Reginald, Thelma and Hazel. "In God's care."

BARRETT.—On May 3, at Prahran, Vic., Margaret, loving grandma of Fred and wife, Margaret, Maurice, Ralph, Gwenda and David Lee; Ronald and Carole Merriman; Lorraine and Colin Walters; Judith and Barbara Barrett; Alan, Cheryle, Margaret, Christine and Lynette Barrett; and loving great-grandma of Susan Lee. "Till that day dawns."

PHILLIPS. — On April 23, 1956, at Convalescent Home, Five Dock, N.S.W., Annie, widow of the late Frederick Phillips, dear mother of Freda, mother-in-law of Arthur Baker (Enmore), grandmother of Ray and Beverly, passed peacefully to be with her Heavenly Father. Age 89 years. In God's care.

### IN MEMORIAM

CROSSFIELD. — In loving memory of our dear daughter and sister, Dorothy, called away May 14, 1944. "It is only till he comes. Good-night."

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DICKENS. — A loving tribute to my dear friend, E. M. Dickens. "Treasured memories remain."  
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was a foundation member of the  
church at Rosevale, being one of the  
ten who first constituted the church  
there. He was an active member all  
his life, always found in his place  
in the Lord's House, even until a  
few Sundays prior to his call Home,  
when he was forced to enter hospi-  
tal. He served the church at Rose-  
vale for a record period of 35 years  
as secretary, was also secretary of  
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the three daughters and eight  
sons (Mrs. A. Ruhland, Mrs. J.  
Gehrke, Mrs. Barden, John, Henry,  
Ernie, Cyril, Louis, Roy, Bernie, and  
Mervyn) we express our deepest  
Christian sympathy, and commend  
them to the God of all comfort and  
grace. The large attendances at the  
services conducted in the Rosevale  
chapel and at the graveside, bore  
silent but eloquent testimony to one  
who spent his life so gainfully, both  
in the church and in the community.  
Although the night of the In  
Memoriam service, on April 1, was  
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some concern, the call came rather  
suddenly, and early on the morning  
of April 19 he passed away. Our  
brother was baptised at Paddington,  
N.S.W., when about 16 years of age,  
by the late Thomas Bagley. In 1913  
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 —B.J.C.

**Mary Whateley.**  
 The church at Enmore, N.S.W., has sustained a loss in the passing of Mrs. Whateley, who was in her eighty-first year. She had been associated with the work at the Tabernacle for many years. A sister of the late beloved Thomas Bagley (so well known in Victoria and N.S.W.), Mrs. Whateley gave her life to Christ in her early years, and served him with unremitting zeal all her days. She had a simple faith in God, and committed all things to his care. Her life was truly spent in the service of others, and she was full of kindness and good deeds. Those associated with Enmore in the early days will know that her home was always open. She had been rather frail in health of late, and was greatly saddened by the loss of her son Robert Kirkham Whateley, Cabinet Minister in Victoria. She bore the news bravely, but a few days later she passed peacefully into the presence of her Lord. Sympathy of the church is extended to her husband, Robert Whateley, her son and daughter, and all others who mourn her loss. Services at the funeral parlors and at the Northern Suburbs' Crematorium were conducted by A. Baker. Those who mourn take comfort in the knowledge that she is in God's care.—A.B.

**Muriel Maxwell.**  
 Enmore church, N.S.W., will feel very keenly the loss of Miss Maxwell. She was always faithful in her attendance at church, for she loved the habitation of God's house. She had been a worker in the church for many years and a faithful servant of the Lord. For a time she was a valued member of the church choir, and for a long period was B.S. secretary, and, at another stage, kinder supt. She will be long remembered for her work as president of the Women's Mission Band. Like her Saviour, whom she adored, her heart was full of love for others, and right until the last she was interested in all phases of mission work, including supplies of powdered milk to India and the Mission to the Lepers. Funeral services were held in Enmore Tabernacle, which she loved so well, and at Woronora Cemetery, where A. Baker, who conducted the services, was assisted by I. A. Paternoster. She will be missed greatly at Enmore. We know of no one of whom it could be more aptly said, "She hath done

what she could." Her health had been failing recently, and at the age of sixty-nine, her life moved peacefully to its close. She is safe in the arms of Jesus.—A.B.

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