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Tent Mission at South Perth, W.A.

A six-week tent mission with Fred A. Youens, of Gardiner, Vic., concluded on Monday, May 14, with an inspiring thanksgiving and recognition service. Wintry weather conditions over the final week climaxed during Monday, with some damage to tent walls by high winds, but the new top withstood all blasts. Attendances were excellent throughout, highest being 339. In all, 67 responded to the gospel, 39 of which were first decisions. Earnest and forthright preaching, in which the missionary gave of his best, has challenged and educated the church, and is sure to bring much fruit later, with follow-up work suggested by the Home Mission Committee, and adopted by South Perth. This provides for the aid in visitation of brother-preachers for two weeks after a mission, the respective churches making their ministers available. Song-leading at its best has been a feature none will forget, under John Brown, of Inglewood, assisted by Ron Raymond, Subiaco. These two gifted servants compiled the mission hymnal, originated several new and popular choruses, and supported the preaching in a most delightful and enthusiastic manner.

Happy Hours, conducted by the Youth Director in the second week, were a great help and much appreciated.

The members were a remarkably energetic and co-operative band. Mission conveners for each department reported smooth and efficient working, under the efficient guidance of S. H. Wilson, preacher at South Perth.

Special tributes were made to Messrs. Ballantine and McIntyre, who had continued throughout the mission as secretary and treasurer respectively, though officially having relinquished these offices. Tokens of appreciation were handed to the

soloists, also to Messrs. Raymond, Brown and Youens, the latter accompanied by a cheque.

The Ladies' Fellowship, through its president (Mrs. Ballantine), handed special tokens to Messrs. Youens and Brown, as recognition of their wives' part in the mission, it being regretted that Mrs. Youens had been unable to come with her husband.

The thank-offering amounted to £314.

... and Evangelistic Mission at Prahran, Vic.

A fortnight's mission concluded at Prahran, Vic., on May 14, the missionary being E. J. Miles (Bambra-rd. church) and song leader, Les. Brooker. Average attendances on week nights were 85, Sundays 115. It was called a "Friendly Circle" mission, and each person attending for the first time was asked to fill in a card with name and address. These were suspended in a circle round the chapel. 415 persons were thus registered. Mr. Miles' heart-searching messages have deepened the spiritual life of members of the church. There were eight rededications and seven first decisions. Some attending did not miss a night,

others only one. The church is deeply grateful to Messrs. Miles and Brooker, soloists, who brought the gospel in song each night, those who assisted at piano and organ, and the number who served out of sight in service for the souls of men. At the close of the mission P. Retchford, preacher at Prahran, on behalf of the church, made a presentation to the missionaries. Mr. Retchford has been released for a similar mission at the Oakleigh church.

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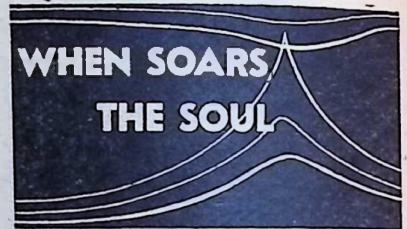
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When soars the soul earth's
clamoring voices cease,
Stilled in the wonder of God's
power and peace.



Then Jesus came with the disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and said to them, "Sit down here, while I go over there and pray." Then he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be in terrible distress. "My heart is in bitter anguish," he told them, "stay here and keep watch with me." Then he walked on a little way, and fell on his face and prayed, "Oh, my Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me—yet it must not be what I want, but what you want." Then he came back to the disciples, and found them fast asleep . . . He went away a second time . . . And came and found them asleep again . . . So he left them, and went away again . . . Then he came back to his disciples and spoke to them, "Are you still going to sleep and take your ease? . . . Wake up, let us be going!" —Matt. 26: 36-46 (Phillips).

It is not hard to understand why the disciples fell asleep. They were still only stumbling along the road of discipleship, and their perception of the real tragedy of the situation was dim. It could not be otherwise. As Wells says in the brief reference he makes to Jesus in his History of the World, "Jesus Christ is too big for our small hearts," and at this point he was entering deep waters which we cannot fathom. But his words to the sleeping disciples cannot conceal a sign of disappointment . . . We depend on him. That is a truth which in our self-sufficiency we dare not forget. But it is also true that he depends on us . . . Are we awake to the voices that are sounding through the frustration and futility, that are seeking every way out to fullness of life except the way of Christ? We sometimes sing, "Lord, her watch thy Church is keeping." Is it?—James Reid.

○ truth, ○ strength, ○ gleaming share,
○ patient eyes that watch the goal,
○ ploughman of the sinner's soul,
○ Jesus, drive the coulter deep
To plough my living man from sleep.

JOHN PAUL PACK, Seattle, Washington, U.S.A., urges in this guest editorial

“Let’s Stand by the Church”

Some people leave the Church strictly alone because they want the Church to leave them alone. They don’t bother with the Church, because they don’t want the Church to bother them. I am convinced that these indifferent people are going against the grain of the universe, and in the end they are bound to have trouble with splinters. They are indifferent to their own welfare. God help us to open our eyes to this reality, and to stand by the Church!

Let’s stand by the Church because of the fact demonstrated over and over in history that *the Church meets our need for significance*. We must have significance. We must be known and loved and appreciated in order to live a normal life. *We must count*. To be overlooked, unwanted, unknown, unregarded, is fatal to human life. The Church is an extension of the family spirit which gives that significance. Indeed, the Church sometimes supplies that spirit when the family fails. *We need more than ourselves*. We need wife, husband, children, family, friends. Indeed, we need to be a part of a spiritual fellowship, a religious community, in which we hear the living Christ say, “You are my friends.”

Let us stand by the Church because she wants us to be and to do our best, and will not settle for less. When life is left to itself it will drift, and drift downward. But when life is caught up in a strong spiritual fellowship, we will always tend to live up to what is expected of us. The Church expects the best. It encourages the best. It appreciates and applauds the best. This is done not only through the living, but through that great cloud of witnesses—the noble Christians who have done more for the world than anybody else. I mean Paul and Peter and James and Origen, Francis, Augustine, Luther, Calvin, Knox, Campbell, Wesley, and all the rest of them.

But all the good Christians are not gone. A lot of them are right in your congregation. *The best people I have ever known in the world are church people*. They are not perfect, but they’re the best. As a matter of fact, a man cannot join the Church without raising his standing in the community. I wouldn’t advocate Church membership for that reason, but it is a fact, nonetheless. Any first-rate commercial enterprise would rather have as an employee a man who is an active Christian than to have the case otherwise.

Let’s stand by the Church because she meets our spiritual needs. The Church insists that the central fact in life is a spiritual fact. Many a man possesses the things of the world, but finds them stale, flat, and unprofitable. Many another man has hardly anything of the world’s prizes, yet he finds life rich and good. And why is this? It’s because he is a member of the Church, where he finds a deep well from which come the waters of life; the waters of life which give peace and poise and fortitude, power, confidence, strength, and meaning to life; which sustain him as he walks down the pathway of life. And when he comes to the end of it, and “the shadows lengthen and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and his work is done,” he is yet sustained! Men need the Church. Every generation needs the Church. Why? Because our human nature is weak. We do the things we ought not to do and we fail to do the things we ought to do. We get off course. We are frail and weak and we need help. People like ourselves, generation after generation, have found help in the Church. This is a fact.

In their weakness they have learned that “they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.” In their sin they have learned that “the Lord is nigh to them that are of a broken heart, and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.” In their sorrow they have found comfort from him “who healeth the broken in heart and bindeth up their wounds.” And in their fear and loneliness they have been assured and reassured by the promise that in his loving-kindness our Father will meet us at every corner.

Let’s also stand by the Church, not only because we need the Church, but because the Church needs us. About a half-century ago, when some of us were appearing on the scene, Christianity and its fruits, freedom and democracy, were taken for granted all through the Western world. But that is no longer true. Today, Christianity and its fruits are being challenged by a dynamic paganism in the form of communism, fascism, and secularism. Now, I am not afraid that the Church will be destroyed. *The gates of hell will not prevail against it*.

Stand by the Church! You need it, your neighbours need it, and the Church needs you. You will be glad you did.

"THEIR EYES WERE HOLDEN"

No story of the risen Christ is more interesting than that in which he joined his dispirited disciples on the Emmaus road. Their highest hopes and expectations had been nailed to a cross. They had seen Jesus die, and had possibly visited his tomb in the garden of Joseph, but had not yet come fully to understand the spiritual nature of his mission. A people subject to another race, bound by laws and institutions they did not like, surrounded by a religion that disgusted them and buoyed up by the Messianic hope of a deliverer who would restore for them again the land of their fathers, they saw in the tragedy of Calvary the blasting of all their dreams.

How disappointed they were as they talked together of events which had so recently occurred in Jerusalem, and how surprised when this Stranger asked them what it was to which they referred in their talking.

Why Be Afraid?

Who could this Stranger be who, living in the neighborhood, had not heard of the tragic incident that had robbed them of all their hopes? And then, in the light of his understanding of the Scriptures, was able to expound to them from Moses and the Prophets the things related to the Messiah? He surely was a student of the Sacred Law, for when they did come to recognize him, they remembered how strangely their hearts were stirred as he spoke with them by the way.

It was not, however, till they had invited Jesus to their home, and he took the bread, and brake it and gave thanks, that their eyes were opened as to who this Stranger really was.

I wonder, are we far from the truth in suggesting that much of the weakness in our witness today is because, as we journey along, our hearts are heavy within us over the state of the world? Is it not true we are blind to the over-ruling providence of God, and have forgotten that he is still in charge of the universe? Our hopes were high for a long era of peace when "the war to end wars" came to an end. They were soon crushed, however, in a second world war. Now, we hear of the testing of hydrogen bombs and the development of other weapons of a more deadly character, for the destruction of still more multitudes of innocent, inoffensive fellow-citizens.

If there were nothing better to anticipate than this, how sad of heart we would be, for the future would hold nothing for us, and we should be moving forward motivated only by the will of sinful man.

Lift Up Your Hearts

But it is not so. Calvary, with all its physical horror and apparent victory over the Spirit, was but the prelude to a new day—a day in which men were led by the Spirit of Truth to find a peace such as the world can neither give nor take away. For Christ in the life gives renewal of hope and courage to face tomorrow with calm assurance.

Yesterday I was at the wharf farewelling one of our missionaries, and, being early, strolled along the wharf until I came to a lorry on which four or five men were resting. One of them, evidently impressed by my grey hair, suggested I join the outgoing steamer for a trip that would rejuvenate me. I assured him I had an inward source of perpetual rejuvenation, at which he looked surprised, and asked the secret. I, of course, assured him it was through faith in God, to which he replied, "I guess you're right." The heart always burns within when we realise we are in the company of the Lord Christ.

It is a significant fact that God throws us upon our own resources, once having revealed himself to us. Having given us of his Holy Spirit, he leaves us to develop our life in him. Notice that Luke reminds us in verse 32 that "their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight." We find strength in believing that, although he is not seen by the natural eye, the eye of faith may ever behold him. We feel we can with confidence say:

We see thee, Lord, though thou hast long removed,
Conscious that thou art ever by our side;
Faith ope's the door which wicked hands had closed,
And we forever safe in thee abide.

We feel thee near throughout the long night watches,
Thy hand we clasp, when rough our way and drear;
Thine is a love that round the whole world stretches,
We never lonely are, for thou art near.

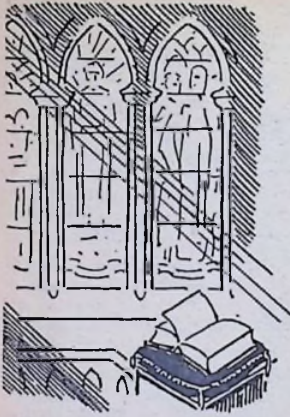
So near thou art by faith, we trust thee fully,
E'en though we cannot always read thy plans;
We know the future holds thy purpose safely,
We are secure when led by thy strong hands.

So keep us, Lord, safe in thine own blest keeping,
Hold thou within thy pierced hands our own,
Turn thou to joy our anxious times of weeping,
Until at last we know as we are known.

This is the spirit in which we must witness today. The world is taking note, and, if we show a reluctance to move forward, we do a grave disservice to the profession we make. With lamps trimmed and burning, with confidence in the Captain of our salvation, and with a determination to face whatever crises we may meet, in the strength which God alone can give, we dare the forces of evil to do their worst. We know in whom we have believed and are persuaded that he is able to keep that which we have committed to him.



The largest budget for religious radio, television and film production in the history of U.S. co-operative church work has been approved. A total of 1,751,400 dollars will be spent during this year by the Broadcasting and Film Commission of the National Council of Churches. 1955 reports show that the 30 major communions co-operating in the Commission produced seven T.V. programme series, including 55 new live shows and 26 new T.V. films—making a total of 287 films in circulation during the year; presented seven national weekly radio programmes, plus major Easter and Thanksgiving presentations; produced five new motion pictures and seven film-strips, and started work on two additional films and a number of miscellaneous projects; secured placement of religious news items on 311 commercial radio and T.V. newscasts; sponsored six week-long workshops and 40 one-day institutes to train upwards of 1,200 ministers, educators and others in radio and T.V. production techniques; and completed preliminary plans for a 10-year blueprint of radio and T.V. religious education programming.



THE LIVING WORD

Studies on the planned Sunday morning readings

Sunday, June 3

OLD TESTAMENT

Psalms 48.

Summary.

"After describing the situation and beauty of Jerusalem with typically Jewish patriotism and pride (1-3), the writer pictures the gathering of the Assyrian hosts about her walls (4-6), and then, their terror, panic, and flight. This great work and wonder is attributed to God (7), who, in this generation's experience, has confirmed what they had learned by tradition of his goodness and power (8). The rest of the Psalm shows the delivered people reflecting on what has happened, with the result that, once again, they rejoice in the greatness, goodness, and glory of God" (Graham Scroggie—adapted).

Explanatory Notes.

"greatly to be praised" (v. 1). — In the R.V., this is "highly to be praised." Better still, "exceeding worthy to be praised."

"beautiful for situation . . . the city of the great King." (v. 2). — "Jerusalem, Florence, Athens, Rome — each has its own characteristic loveliness, but the first is still unsurpassed among earth's fair cities. It is here described as 'raised aloft in beauty.' Stanley's description in his Sinai and Palestine of 'mountain city, breathing a mountain air, and enthroned on a mountain fastness' is well known" (Davison).

"for a refuge" (v. 3). — "For a high fortress," as in Ps. 46: 7.

"they saw . . . they made haste to flee" (v. 5). — The "they" are the kings mentioned in v. 4. These were Sennacherib's vassal kings. "Caesar's boast—I came, I saw, I conquered—was reversed. They came to the city, they saw it, they were smitten with panic and terror" (Kirkpatrick).

"an east wind" (v. 7). — Notorious for its destructiveness. It was often employed as a symbol of judgment. Cf. Job 27: 21; Is. 27: 8.

"ships of Tarshish" (v. 7). — "The largest vessels, such as employed for the voyage to Tartessus in the southwest of Spain, were emblems of all that was strong and stately. See Is. 2: 16" (Kirkpatrick).

"we have thought" (v. 9).—Originally this meant "to compare" or "to liken." It refers to the "brooding contemplation which studies all the aspects of a subject, and prepares the way for resolution and action" (Kirkpatrick).

Suggested Theme.

"WHEN GOD STEPS IN."

Introduction. — When people are left to their own devices, they eventually come to some situation which leaves them totally bewildered. They feel altogether inadequate, they wonder where to turn next, and then God steps in, and, in a moment, everything is changed. According to the Psalmist that is just what happened in Jerusalem.

I. THE GREAT CITY. — It was threatened by enemy forces, and in danger of being over-run. But the unexpected happened, and God stepped in, so Jerusalem was touched by a divine hand, and the fear of bondage was broken (v. 1-3). The Psalmist then tells us about

II. THE GLORIOUS CONQUEST. —which came with the help of God. The city was protected, and the hearts of the people were filled with praise. What God did for Jerusalem, he can do for us. When God steps in, faith is stimulated, fear is slain, and freedom is sustained (vv. 4-8). Finally, the Psalmist points to God as

III. THE GRACIOUS COMPANION. —For he steps into life to meet us, and help us, right at the point of our need. God is revealed in his lovingkindness (v. 9), his lordship (v. 14), and his leading (v. 14).

Conclusion.—Like these people of old, we have a real reason for rejoicing, for we know, too, that God does step into life. Our lives! If we want him to.

NEW TESTAMENT

Acts 2: 37-47.

Summary.

Luke now sets before us two very distinct things. First of all, he deals with the effects of Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost. Secondly, he gives us a summarised statement about the earliest days of the life of the Christian Church, in which "the characteristics of the Church" (as William Barclay calls them) are clearly defined.

Explanatory Notes.

"what shall we do?" (v. 37). — "Remember the urgency and inducement to instant decision involved in the conception that the 'signs of the last days' were actually in their midst" (Bartlett).

"In the name of Jesus Christ" (v. 38). — "That is, making the confession 'Jesus is the Christ,' which was the burden of Peter's sermon, and basis of the Christian Church (see Mk. 8: 29, with Matt. 16: 17-18)" (Century Bible).

"to all that are afar off" (v. 39). — "May refer either to space or time, and mean either 'to those who live far away' (for which cf. Is. 57: 19, quoted in Eph. 2: 17 and Acts 22: 21), or 'to you and to your children and your distant descendants' (Macgregor).

"this untoward generation" (v. 40). — Various translated as "this crooked generation," or "the perverse spirit of this age," or "this false-minded generation."

"the Lord added" (v. 47).—"The word translated 'added' literally means to place forward; that is, the placing of certain things next to things already in existence, for the increase of that which is already in existence. These people were added to the 120, added to the company of disciples; but primarily, they were added to the Lord" (Morgan).

Suggested Theme.

"WHY THE PEOPLE WONDERED."

Introduction. — A miracle is like the ringing of a bell, it gets attention. There was something miraculous in the events recorded in the last part of Acts 2. The people wondered when they saw

I. THE POWER OF THE PREACHING. — Peter's words were so powerful that they caused men to ask the kind of questions which count (v. 37), and, then, to listen to the kind of advice, which changed lives (vv. 28-29). This, in turn, led them to perform the kind of action which God blesses (v. 41, 47). The people, also, wondered when they saw

II. THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CHURCH. — The marks are clearly defined. She was a learning Church (v. 42), a praying Church (v. 42), a reverent Church (v. 43), a sharing Church (vv. 44-45), a worshipping Church (v. 46), a happy Church (v. 46), and a Church where things happened (v. 43).

Conclusion. — These things, when they are clearly seen, still make the people wonder.

WOMEN

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

Interstate News

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

At Grote-st., on May 3, there was a fine attendance of 120 women. The Ascot Park ladies were responsible for the devotional period, and Mrs. Pillar gave some splendid thoughts on the subject, *The God Who Loves*. Mrs. Kelly brought a solo.

Several visiting ladies were welcomed, including Mrs. Scadden (N.Z.), who ably responded, and gave a greeting.

There were many volunteers to assist in selling badges in the street, for the *Morialta Children's Home*, on May 11. Badges were also given to various ladies to sell to raise funds for "Meals on Wheels." Street badge day appeal is early in June.

The National Council of Women is planning to meet the Government, requesting that responsibility for policing films (in order to segregate films for adults only) be placed upon the exhibitors. A request from our own meeting is to go to the N.C.W., asking that the Government be approached to ask for the abolishing of midnight showing of films.

After the Obituary report, Mrs. Ingham led in prayer. In the Home Mission report, sorrow was expressed over the passing of E. C. Hinrichsen. Prayer was also requested for the recovery of Mr. Norris. It was reported that the Ascot Park church would open a temporary building on May 20, and that June 2 is the date set for the opening of the Enfield Heights building.

The Overseas Committee reported that Mr. and Mrs. B. K. Munro are returning to India shortly, and that Miss Kennedy has already returned to the New Hebrides. The Prayer Meeting Committee is continuing a faithful ministry amongst sick and shut-in folk. The Hospital Committee reported 220 visits to hospitals. Balaklava ladies, with the members of this Committee, paid a visit to the Home for Incurables. Miss Grant reported that £200 had been given to the British & Foreign Bible Society, from the Women's World Day of Prayer Committee.—L. F. Hollard, asst. sec.

VICTORIA AND TASMANIA.

Christian Women's Fellowship Council meeting was held on May 4, at 11 a.m., in the Lygon-st. lecture

hall. The President, Mrs. E. H. Randall, was in the chair, and attendance was 137. Two representatives from the Youth Department, Miss B. Gill, and Miss B. Bates, brought devotions and the address. K. A. Jones, President of General Conference, brought a greeting and stressed the need for women to equip themselves to take their place alongside their fellow-workers throughout the world; also, the importance of women's work in the Church.

Mrs. A. H. Reed (Ivanhoe) was appointed Assistant and Financial Secretary. A welcome was extended to Mrs. Reid (Newcastle, N.S.W.), who later brought a greeting.

Mrs. Randall was appointed as representative on Executive Committee of General Conference.

In answer to the Roll Call, an increase on previous attendances was recorded, 56 churches out of a possible 75.

The affiliation fee, passed at previous Council meeting, was set as follows: 10/- for every 50 members or part thereof; the World C.W.F. affiliation fee of 5/- to be added to this.

Women's World Day of Prayer Committee reported a total of £1,144/12/8, £950 being divided thus: B.&F.B.S., £400; Literature to Asia and the Pacific, £200; National Missionary Council, £225; Christian Literature in Schools, £125. Balance retained is to meet the cost of printing programmes for the coming year.

Mrs. Squires displayed new bus poster, cost per year being 30/-, and suggested that this work could be extended.

Mrs. McGregor commented on clothing appeal for aborigines, and asked that all parcels be brought to the September meeting.—B. L. Williams, sec.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

The monthly meeting of the Women's Auxillary was held at Lake-st., on Tuesday, May 1. Devotional session was conducted by the new President, Mrs. F. Cooper, and the members of the Executive. The reading was Galatians 2: 15-20, and was presented by Mrs. J. Gordon. Mrs. Armstrong rendered a solo. The President spoke on her motto for the year: "Nevertheless I live, yet

not I, but Christ liveth in me." 84 sisters were present.

Mrs. S. Digwood was elected as President-elect for the year, by a unanimous vote. A very ambitious programme for the year was approved, including a social evening to entertain the girls and young women of our churches, a district rally at Bassendean in August, a brotherhood tea in November, and a special Christmas service in December.

A special Brotherhood Centre Fund, with an aim of £300, will be commenced this year, and all women of our Western Australian brotherhood will be working for this special effort.

A new guild has recently been formed at Applecross, and another is planned to commence at Bridgetown-Manjimup, this month. Echoes of Women's Conference, held last Easter, were given by Mrs. Stirling. All departments of our work report continued interest and support.—R. Armstrong, sec.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Monthly meeting of the N.S.W. Women's Conference was held on May 4 at the City Temple. There were 80 present, representing 28 metropolitan churches.

The President, Mrs. R. H. Wakeley, presided.

Devotions were led by Mrs. Dan. Wakeley, who brought a message on the "Service of Consecration."

It was reported by the sec. that Miss Florence Kennedy had been in Sydney for two days, on her way back to the New Hebrides. Several ladies farewelled Miss Kennedy when she sailed, and a lace table-cloth was given her as a love gift from the ladies of N.S.W.

Several announcements and plans for the coming Federal Conference were made. The catering and floral aspects of Federal Conference are in the hands of our women, as well as the planning of Women's Day, which is being arranged by the Federal Women's Council.

The President paid tribute to the lives of several who had passed away in recent weeks; these included Miss M. Maxwell, Mrs. Edwards and Mrs. Phillips (mother of Mrs. A. R. Baker), and Mr. E. C. Hinrichsen and Mr. J. L. Stimson. Mrs. R. Greenhalgh led in the intercessory prayer.

Mrs. Dalton, wife of the manager of Dunmore House (Boys' Home), brought a most interesting and informative talk of the work "behind the scenes" at our Boys' Home. She expressed appreciation to the many who show great kindness and love to the boys, and also to the Ladies' Committee who assist the Board in attending to the household needs.—B. Wylie, Recording sec.

MISSIONARY NEWS

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

Looking Backward

Just 10 years ago, on February 2, 1946, the old *Morinda* dropped anchor off Ndui Ndui after a voyage from Sydney lasting three weeks; including two days fast on a reef in Pt. Sanwich. On board were two very new missionaries, who were wondering what sort of life they would find when they finally were ashore. They soon found out. Mr. Finger came out to welcome them in a launch and soon they set foot on Aoban soil. There was just time for a hurried introduction to the mission property, when it was time for Mr. and Mrs. Finger to leave on the same *Morinda*, leaving them with Mrs. Waterman.

The next day was their welcome service, and how well these missionaries remember the singing of "All hail the power of Jesus' Name," to the tune "Diadem," by about 300 natives. They still cannot understand how the roof remained in position that day.

Time soon passed and Mr. and Mrs. Finger returned from their furlough, and then there were plans for the re-opening of the work on Pentecost, a part of the field that had been vacant for several years and had only been visited at irregular intervals from Aoba, although several Pentecost boys had attended school for some years on Aoba and had gone back to help their people. However, it took another nine months before all preparations could be made to re-open this part of the work. A launch was necessary, and a lot of work was required to get the old one into order, a new engine fitted, etc. Finally, everything turned out for the best, as a small steamer happened to be passing Ndui Ndui and going to Pentecost, so all their goods and chattels were transported in one trip.

Again, the missionaries had to go ashore, but not so inexperienced this time; they found the people of Pentecost very different from those on Aoba. The Pentecost people were very sickly, and even before the goods had been unloaded from the ship, sick children were being brought for medical attention! The missionaries' new house was a native house, and they had to share it with innumerable rats, lizards and crabs! The house was set in the midst of dense bush and there was no water, no tanks, and so the

men made a roster, until tanks could be made; and carried water in lengths of bamboo every day. When the local supply of water dried up, the men used to row the dinghy for about a mile to get a supply of water there, and then row back. Then a tank was made and the men began work on a dispensary. To do this, several acres of bush had to be cleared, and while this was going on, a small hut had to be erected to confine a midwifery case. This activity was followed by the erection of a Quonset hut purchased in Santo. Interspersed with these works, village visitation was carried out, but at the end of 18 months the place began to look like a mission station. Water was even laid on in bamboo pipes running for about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile through the bush. Just before the missionaries were due for furlough, they were approached by a group of heathen from the east coast of the island who desired to become Christian. A teacher was sent over, and, on their return from furlough, the missionaries had the joy of baptising the whole adult population of that village, 28 souls in all.

As the Quonset hut was really too hot for life in the tropics, a new ready-cut house was sent down from Sydney, and, in time, this was built, and life became more comfortable. Another amenity was water laid on, in pipes that had been left behind by the Americans in Santo, and dug up and brought to Pentecost. The amount of water in these pipes enabled a turbine to be built, and so supply the whole mission station with electricity. Time went on and the hospital extended from one small dispensary to a maternity block, male and female general wards, and an infectious ward, together with a very much enlarged dispensary. School was taught over the years by the missionaries, but owing to the increase in population, etc., they found they did not have the time to devote to this part of the work. Therefore, a further couple were sent down to conduct the school. For this purpose another area had to be opened up, about 3 miles away from the present station, and another new house built.

So, over the last 10 years, these missionaries have seen the white staff of the mission grow from 3 to 11, the medical side of the work grow from one small dispensary on Aoba to two large hospitals, (one on Aoba and one on Pentecost) a dispensary on Maewo; from one school to two large intermediate schools and a training school

for teachers; from one launch in use to three. Over the years too, they have seen over 200 baptisms, so the work of the gospel in these islands has grown.

One missionary sows, another reaps, but God gives the increase. To him be the glory.

—Jack Smith, Pentecost.

Prayer

O God, the Parent of our Lord Jesus Christ, and our Parent: thou who art to us both Father and Mother: We who are thy children draw around thy lotus feet to worship thee. Thy Compassion is as the fragrance of the lotus. Though thou art enthroned in the heavens, we may draw nigh thee: for thy feet stand upon the earth where we humans dwell. Thy Son, our Lord, was Man.

We see thy compassion in Jesus. He gives content to the Hindu name for thee—Siva, the kindly One. He gives significance to the Muslim address of thee—Allah, the Merciful. He embodies in the Godhead what the Buddhists worship in the Buddha—compassion itself.

Those whose land this was by right of birth now roam our forests, a remnant people. Singhalese and Tamil, Portuguese and Dutch, we came as conquerors to this land, where cross the highways of the world. This land is now ours by adoption, and yet it is not ours for another people rule. Thou God of all the world, let our history teach us that we belong to thee alone and that thou alone dost belong to us. And thou art enough, for in thee we sinners find sonship again—the one thing that we most need. Amen.

—D. T. Niles, Ceylon. (From *The World at One in Prayer*.)

AT HIS WORD

My life's my own; but I should live
To think of those who might be led
by what I do,

So God commands.

And is this all that I can give?

Why, my whole life is not enough
to give unto

My Lord's commands!

The outstretched cross, the open
grave—

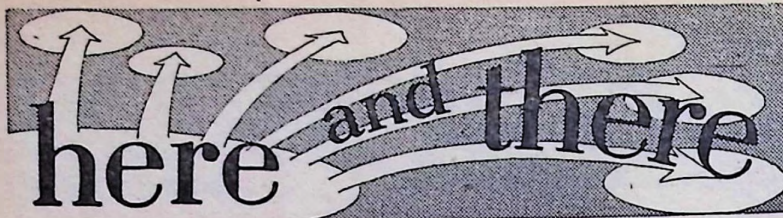
The future is beyond—and I shall
pass between these two,

When death commands.

And this is all that death shall have:
Christ died for me, the future's mine
to live anew,

When God commands.

—St. Clair Oldfield, *Ivanhoe*, Vic.



A telegram received on May 17 from Wingham, N.S.W., reports an average attendance of 114 during the first week of a mission being conducted there, and 120 in the second week, with 19 decisions to May 16. Woolwich Bible College students, Messrs. Roberts, Willis and Nowitzke comprise the mission party.

The church at Maylands, W.A., recently met to participate in an important service, that of laying a foundation stone for their new chapel being erected on land opposite the present building. L. Cooke, the preacher, presided, C. J. Robinson read the Scriptures, and J. K. Robinson, who accepted Christ in the present building, was speaker. The stone, which bears the inscription: "This stone symbolises our firm faith in God, in Christ, and in his Church" was "well and truly laid" by Mrs. C. Brown, the only foundation member at present in membership at Maylands. Afternoon tea was served in the church hall. In the evening, a social and film night was held, at which a presentation was made to Mr. and Mrs. Cooke, on completion of their first year's ministry with the church.

We are happy to inform members that Wilkie J. Thomson and Reg. Enniss, have both been discharged from hospital and are convalescing at home.

A series of twelve midday services commencing on Thursday, June 7, and continuing until Thursday, August 23, is being planned for Melbourne city workers at the Collins-st. Independent Church. The series is entitled *The Olympics of Faith*, and the preacher will be S. J. Henshall. Services will begin at 1.15 and conclude at 1.45 p.m. sharp.

J. Wiltshire, beloved preacher at Benteleigh, Vic., is confined to bed with an illness, but latest report to hand states that he is recovering.

The new church at Derby-st., Pascoe Vale South, Vic., will benefit by £30 through a concert given on their behalf by the Churches of Christ Choral Society, Vic. Coburg chapel was filled by an appreciative audience who enjoyed items by the choir, Beryl Gillies (mezzo soprano), Mrs. Windsor-Coe (elocutionist), and Lorna Hamilton (violinist). Accompanists were B. Winfred Lee,

Mus.Bac., and Leonie Henshilwood. The concert was under the direction of Valentine Woff. Derby-st. members arranged platform seating, handled sale of tickets, and provided a delightful supper. The Society, which assists brotherhood departments from the profits of concerts, is also assisting individual churches by arranging concerts on their behalf. These separate concerts must be limited to two per year, and any church desirous of assistance is requested to communicate with the hon. secretary, A. R. Haskell, 21 White-st., North Williamstown, W.16, ML 5720. Any applications will be considered on their merits by the committee.

D. R. Stirling is leading the church at Lake-st., Perth, W.A., in an appreciated interim ministry, while services of a full-time preacher are being sought.

John Woolley, of Gardiner church, Vic., who is a carpentry apprentice, has received the two highest awards for being the outstanding apprentice of the year in his section in the State of Victoria.

An inspiring mission, led by J. E. Brooke, was held at Cheltenham church, Vic., during April. Intensive visitation was carried out prior to the mission, and many valuable contacts were made with parents of Bible school scholars. The church was greatly helped by the stirring messages brought by Mr. Brooke, and is deeply indebted to Balwyn church for releasing him to Cheltenham for the mission. 99th anniversary was celebrated on May 13. J. A. Luff (Coburg) was preacher at morning service. R. P. Morris gave an illustrated talk at P.S.A. on "The Christian Church round the world." R. C. Bolduan was preacher at evening service, when a Bible school scholar made his decision. Church looks forward eagerly to Centenary year. The church has been greatly heartened by the decisions of six B.S. scholars in recent weeks. Over 200 children attend B.S. weekly. Youth offering amounted to £35. R. C. Bolduan is the preacher at Cheltenham.

Victorian and Tasmanian Christian Women's Fellowship monthly council meeting will be held in Lygon-st. lecture hall on June 1, at 11 a.m. Leader of devotions, Mrs. E. Heron; speakers, D. S. Anderson, and an

Asian student, Arun Sircar. Delegates and friends are reminded that tea will be provided for any who wish to bring lunches.—B. L. Williams, sec.

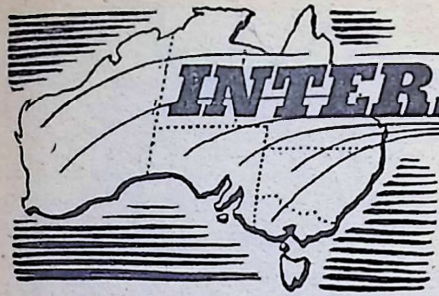
G. J. Benjamin commenced a Ministry with the church at Beverly Hills, N.S.W., on May 6. Members met in a fellowship hour after evening service, when an official welcome was given Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin and a happy time was enjoyed. Additional seating had to be placed in chapel to accommodate congregation at the gospel service.

F. H. Griffiths, preacher at Kalgoolie church, W.A., has accepted an invitation to serve a further two years with the church there, on the expiration of his present term.

The church at Marrickville, N.S.W., on May 2, at a crowded gathering, farewelled Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Thomas, after a ministry of sixteen years. E. L. Button was chairman, K. A. Rae led devotions, and speeches were made by Mrs. Hunt (women) who presented sheaf of flowers to Mrs. Thomas; Mrs. L. Hutchison (Y.P.); Neil McDonald (Boys' Club); H. McKinnon (Temple); R. H. Maxwell; and church sec., C. Maxwell, who presented the guests with two camp chairs and a portable wireless for their coming holiday, and a wallet of notes. All speakers stressed the spiritual help and friendship received from both Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, and wished them God's blessing as they enter the work at Lane Cove. The guests suitably responded, after which all adjourned to the school hall, where refreshments were served by the Women's Fellowship.

B. Burtt, preacher at Doncaster church, Vic., will terminate his ministry there in October, to commence a ministry with the church at Victor Harbour, S.A.

Koongarra Park church, S.A., has entered upon an important new phase in its development. Ray Ewers was called to the church's first full-time ministry, and on April 1, he took over the leadership from A. J. Ingham, who had been helping with an appreciated part-time ministry. Mr. Ingham presided over the induction service, during which Lin Fitzgerald, chairman of the board, welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Ewers into the fellowship of the church, and A. Glastonbury, President-Elect of Conference, formally inducted Mr. Ewers to his position and task. The right hand of Christian fellowship was also extended to three who had been baptised during the previous week. On May 12 the new manse was officially opened and dedicated by E. P. C. Hollard, H.M. sec., in a front-verandah service, followed by an inspection of the manse and concluding with afternoon tea.



INTERSTATE CHURCH NEWS

Discipleship

K. Archer, Mackay, Qld.
Miss D. Smalley, Mackay, Qld.
Mrs. W. Hill, Mrs. E. Pope, Warrnambool, Vic.
Miss L. Fax, Inverell, N.S.W.
Judith and Patty Stevens, Vicki Chevalier, Unley, S.A.
Mr. and Mrs. D. Hammond, Mrs. J. Tully, Barry Tully, Doncaster, Vic.
Mr. and Mrs. A. Turner, Wendy and Norman Allan, Rhonda Atcliffe, Dorothy Brookes, Gwen Johnstone, Jordanville, Vic.
Graeme Turner, Clive and Wayne Atkinson, Echuca, Vic.
F. Doyle, P. Schuler, Black Rock, Vic.
Patsy and Marjorie Brown, Wynnum, Qld.
John McDonald, Rodney Davis, Mrs. S. Kind, Mrs. I. Cowper, Judith Williams, Carnegie, Vic.
Mrs. A. F. Addicott, Ringwood, Vic.
John Daff, John Morey, Terry Vines, J. Ayres, Cheltenham, Vic.
Joy Back, Albion, Qld.
Margaret Abernethy, Jennifer Wadsley, Blackburn, Vic.
Grace, June and John Dickins, David Garrett, Noeline Miller, Belrose, N.S.W.

Membership

Mr. and Mrs. B. Daniels, to Maryborough, Vic.
Mrs. Unsworth, from Richmond, Vic., to Mackay, Qld.
Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Crocker, from Warracknabeal to Warrnambool, Vic.
Dean Hull, from Colonel Light Gardens to Unley, S.A.
Miss J. Collingwood, from Lismore, N.S.W., to Albion, Qld.

Marriage

Laurel Turner to Harold Goldfinch, Echuca, Vic.

Susan Leibert, Randwick, to Harold Menon, Hamilton, N.S.W.
Florence Best to Robert Reid, Warrnambool, Vic.

Fallen Asleep

Mrs. H. Parnall, Maryborough, Vic.
Mrs. E. McDonald, Harcourt, Vic.
Mrs. E. R. Ennis, Gardiner, Vic.
S. Trotter, North Fitzroy, Vic.
Mrs. J. Hansen, Newmarket, Vic.

Tasmania

Collins-st., Hobart (H. W. Street).—May is being observed as Youth Month, with special services and meetings arranged. Speaker at morning service on 6th was Mr. Davis, B.S. supt. On 9th, Explorers conducted a hike up Mt. Wellington. On evening of 11th, Youth Fellowship held mystery hike, arriving at home of Mr. and Mrs. Stacey in McRobies Gully, where a sumptuous supper was served. A social was held at Bethany Hostel on 15th. Mother's Day services, on 13th, were well attended; 110 in morning, while 95 attended a family service in evening. This was a special service with youth participating, and an illustrated address. Service was followed by social gathering of Y.P. at home of Mr. and Mrs. P. Vogel. Y.W.F. have been active, raising £20 at a used clothes sale. They have installed new fireplace in manse, and on May 3 entertained mothers of church at a social. Church has been happy to welcome Mr. and Mrs. E. Bowes, and Mrs. Bowes, senr., back into fellowship after twelve months on the mainland. Recent visitors have included Sis. L. Longthorp (South Yarra) and Mr. and Mrs. Beasley (Orford).

Queensland

Wynnum (W. Giezendanner).—Reports of progress in every department were presented at annual meeting. Schools combined for picnic at Tingalpah. Murarrie school has gained new scholars, and gospel service there is being continued with increased attendance.

Albion (G. J. Andrews).—Church attendances have been good during May. Baptismal service was conducted on 6th, when a B.S. lad was immersed. Women's Fellowship meeting was at the Aged Christians' Home. An evening of indoor bowls was enjoyed by Men's Fellowship, on Apr. 24. Tea table talk, followed by a guidance talk, "Putting our Lessons

in Pictures," gave help to B.S. teachers, on May 8. Junior Boys' Club were taken on an outing to Mt. Cootha by their leaders. Y.W.F. birthday and Mother's Day social was held on 14th.

New South Wales

Hamilton (C. J. Mackenzie).—J. Moran was guest speaker at morning broadcast service on Apr. 22. Recent visitors have been Mrs. C. Norling (Taree), Mr. Marley, Sis. Randall and Witherspoon. J. Stanhope (Youth Dept.) spoke on morning of Apr. 29, and Dr. Spencer (Newcastle Hospital) spoke in evening. Preacher and family have returned from holidays. Mystery picnic was arranged by C.E. on Anzac Day. Men have cleaned church grounds. Fellowship night on Apr. 28 was enjoyed at home of Mr. and Mrs. Camp. Preacher has commenced his second year with church.

Beverly Hills (G. J. Benjamin).—At 6 p.m., on evening of May 6, Mrs. Munro (missionary from India) showed lantern slides depicting the work there, and later gave a vivid description of the appalling squalor, ignorance and superstition prevailing among the people. Recent cake stall realised £18 for Building Fund, while two car drives added £13 and £8 respectively to the same fund.

Canley Vale (S. Rugendyke).—Church is indebted to Messrs. Young-husband, Ellery, Hill, Byrnes, Phillips and Argall, for their messages. The church regrets the passing away of Sis. Chen, who was a stalwart in the church and auxiliaries. Members are looking forward to three weeks' mission to be conducted by R. Greenhalgh this month.

Hornsby.—Anniversary month services commenced on May 6. P. H. Morton was morning speaker, and Mr. Kallmier conducted evening service, and was assisted in song by Mrs. Bishop. On 13th, Mr. Allen addressed church at 11 a.m., and Mr. Ellerby led evening service. Sisters' Fellowship assisted with a trio by the members. Church is looking forward to coming of Mr. Dallinger, and men of church are working hard to have manse ready for his coming.

Inverell (E. McIlhagger, B.A.).—Hall is completed, and painting of same is nearly finished. Mr. McIlhagger has been released to conduct mission at Kedron, Qld. On May 13, there was one decision. Recent visitors included Mr. and Mrs. Chappell (Warwick), Mr. and Mrs. Wyath (Brisbane), Miss Kaye Barnes (Mur-

willumbah), Mr. Bagley (Bexley), and Mr. and Mrs. L. Scholz (North Star). Church tennis club played in recent competition with nearby team, Gum Flat. Gospel meetings show signs of improvement.

Kingsford (P. Kavanagh).— Good attendances continue. Ladies' Guild anniversary was held on May 8, Mrs. A. Larcombe was guest speaker. Speaker at morning service on Mother's Day was Doug. Smith. At special evening service, P. Kavanagh preached, and B.S. was featured in singing; 163 were present. Parents and members were entertained at an after-church supper by B.S. 95 broke bread for day. Mr. and Mrs. Kavanagh are holidaying at Albury.

Taree (M. H. A. Pieper).— Church was pleased to welcome as visitors on Apr. 29, Mr. and Mrs. R. Laird (Vic.), and Mr. and Mrs. MacGuire (S.A.). On morning of May 6, B. Nowitzke (Woolwich Bible College) was speaker. Members of church extended good support to mission being conducted at Wingham. In first week of meetings, church was represented by nightly average of 33. Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bowser (Belmore), were visitors on 13th, Mr. Bowser speaking at both services, in absence of preacher at Wingham.

Belrose (F. W. Reynolds, B.C.E.).— There were two confessions during April, and on the 29th, these folk and three others were baptised at a specially arranged baptismal service. There is no baptistery in the small temporary building, but the H.M. Committee kindly lent portable baptistery belonging to H.M. tent, and by hard labor of local brethren, the first baptismal service in the Belrose area was conducted. These five brethren were welcomed into fellowship on May 6. F. Roberts, aboriginal preacher in training at Woolwich Bible College, brought gospel message on Apr. 22. Plans are being formulated for a gospel mission.

Padstow (E. Davis).— Three months' Church Life on a Higher Level, campaign, is now drawing to its close. It has been quite successful, with increased attendances at all meetings. Largest attended gospel meeting was held on May 13, when film, *Forgotten Valley*, was screened. Four confessed Christ in the service. The previous Sunday, four Y.P. were baptised, and two made the good confession. Church is in a splendid spiritual condition, and intensely evangelistic.

South Australia

Fullarton (A. W. Morris).— May 6 marked completion of A. W. Morris' first year of service with church. A. Anderson gave splendid message and Mr. Morris presided. On Mother's Day, A. W. Morris gave an approp-

riate message. Mothers' Tea was held at 4.45 p.m., young folk waiting on the table. Film, *The Family Altar*, was screened. Gospel service in the evening was fairly well attended. Misses Margaret Patrick and Judith Overland sang a duet. 103 communed for the day. In the morning a welcome was extended to Mr. Cahill, from Inglewood, W.A.

Kilburn (A. J. Ingham).— Mother's Day services, held on May 13, were very well attended. At 10 a.m., kinder session, 25 mothers were present and enjoyed demonstration. A. J. Ingham spoke in morning, and conducted special "Youth and Mother's Day" service at night. B.S. attendance was 279 and six new scholars were enrolled. Senr. C.Y.F. club on 11th, at conclusion of usual programme, held party, and made suitable presentations to Dorothy Hackett and Allan Norris, to mark the occasion of their 21st birthdays. H. G. Norris is still in hospital and church is much in prayer on his behalf.

Unley (I. J. Chivell).— Three more decisions from ranks of Y.P. were made during month. Recent picture evening by World Convention delegates resulted in £38 being raised for open baptistery and interior chapel improvements. B.S. anniversary attracted big congregations, the theme for the day being *Christian Character*. Offerings for school totalled £36. Seven scholars secured 100 per cent. G. A. Whiting addressed church in capacity as Conference President and Youth Director, when Mr. Chivell was at Edwardstown B.S. anniversary. Communicants on Mother's Day totalled 132, which is the highest for a considerable time. In the evening, Mesdames D. Burdett and R. Gitsham of the Homemakers' Club, assisted with the service. A song fellowship followed. All regret C. L. Johnston is still in hospital. His place as church sec. is being taken by H. Barratt for six months. Boys' Club has been started again, with A. Redman, G. Forbes, and M. Bray as leaders. Girls and boys have each entered two teams in basketball competition.

Victoria

East Preston (T. V. Weir).— B.S. had record attendance recently of 254. Kappas and Phi Betas enjoyed visit from Blackburn Kappas and Phi Betas. B.S. picnic was held at Touroorong Reservoir on Apr. 14. Miss Bonnie Bates, representing Y.P. Dept., was speaker at morning service on 22nd. H.M. subsidy will be reduced by £1 per week. "C North" tennis team won premiership in Preston competition.

Latrobe-terr., Geelong (T. A. Ferguson).— On Apr. 24, ladies held

Gossip Afternoon at home of Mrs. Grieve, proceeds going to ladies' quota for New Hall Fund. On Anzac Day, 16 B.S. teachers made the 150 mile trip to Berwick, to attend Teachers' Conference. On 29th, Barbara and Ellen Grieve sang duet at evening service. At conclusion of service, one lady made good confession. Prayer meeting on May 2 was given over to representatives of Wycliffe School of Linguistics. Miss Val. Cashmore and Dr. J. Moody told those present of the work of this Institute. Film, *Each in his own Tongue*, was screened. C.E. societies held picture evening on 5th, in aid of their quota towards new hall. J. Drew presented films of Sydney, Adelaide, and documentary films. On 6th, Miss Bonnie Bates (Y.P. Dept.) was guest speaker at morning service. In afternoon, older members of B.S. took part in Empire Youth Sunday demonstrations. Miss Joan Routley was guest soloiste at evening service. Monthly after-church fellowship was held, at which colored slides were shown by F. Gason.

Maidstone.— Attendances have been satisfactory, and Y.P. form a good number. Mrs. Hardy (Wanganui, N.Z.) has been a visitor. H. Pietzsch continues to bring helpful messages. After evening service on May 6, Mr. and Mrs. K. Clencie were given farewell, and suitable gifts presented in recognition of their devoted services.

Red Cliffs (C. L. Lang).— Women's Fellowship raised £56 at recent jumble sale. Presentation was made to Miss Loris Heazlewood, who has started a nursing career. Junior Girls' Club is now under leadership of Miss Glenda Forsyth; and Junior Boys under leadership of Mr. Lang. B.S. reports good attendances and new scholars. Two carloads of ladies went to Berri, S.A., for annual Women's Fellowship rally, on May 3. Attendances continue to be good at all services.

South Melbourne (G. A. Hearn).— Average attendances for April were: morning 35, evening 66. During month, stewardship, church membership development, and catering committees were formed as part of planned church programme, which has been introduced. Film, *The Promise*, was screened at monthly film service on Apr. 15. Preacher and 10 Y.P. were absent for combined youth camp with Middle Park and Burnley on weekend of Apr. 20-22. G. Mathieson (C.O.B.) spoke at morning service on 22nd, and F. Lee (Youth Dept.) on 29th. Church was saddened by Home call of Mrs. E. Armstrong, loyal member for many years. Preacher has been released for fortnight's evangelistic mission in May, and D. Hughes (C.O.B.) will conduct services in his absence.

Wangaratta (R. J. Anderson). — Attendances at worship services continue to be high, and gospel service numbers are improving. Girls' choir has been formed under leadership of Mrs. B. G. Benson. B.S. is on the improve, and is still using American lesson books. J.C.E. had tea at home of their leader, Mrs. A. Jackel, on May 4, when Mrs. Jackel, senr., showed slides she had taken whilst in India. Explorers' Club enjoyed campfire grill on 8th. On Youth Sunday, Y.P. took evening service, when two members of J.C.E., Margaret and Bronwynne Franks, sang a duet; John West read Scriptures and Mr. Anderson conducted Y.P. choir. Rex Ellis gave message. Arch. Campbell continues to improve, after more than four months in hospital. D. McAlister has been recent visitor.

Portland (V. Quayle). — Annual business meeting was held on May 4. Officers elected were: sec., D. Griffiths; treas., M. Goldsworthy; H. Cook, W. Crouch, F. Marks, F. Warburton, C. Wills; B.S. supt., G. Graham. Appreciation was expressed for excellent service rendered to church by A. R. Rivett, with regret at his inability to stand for office in coming year, for health reasons. Over period of years, he has served church well as deacon, treas., and sec. Minister has entered his third year of service, and following speakers assisted during his absence on annual holiday: G. Champness (Kaniwa), W. Crouch, D. Griffiths, and E. Alexander. Bi-weekly prayer meetings are to be commenced, as have bi-monthly evening film services. There was a baptismal service on Apr. 29. A number of teachers are attending combined teachers' training class, arranged by Ministers' Fraternal and Portland B.S. Assoc. B.S. scholars took part in march of youth on afternoon of Empire Youth Sunday, and assisted in evening church service, after youth tea. Office-bearers for Ladies' Fellowship are: pres., Mrs. F. Marks; sec., Mrs. K. Cook; treas., Mrs. J. Couch. Presentation was made to Mrs. F. Warburton, in appreciation of her work as sec. of Fellowship for past 11 years.

Black Rock (J. Styles). — B.S. anniversary services were well attended. Thanks go to those who helped, in particular to Mr. Penny (Sandringham Baptist) for leading the singing. Fortnightly fellowship meetings are well attended, and are proving of great spiritual benefit to church. With object of extending kinder rooms, functions are being held by Y.W.F., to raise funds. Barbecue and stall raised more than £32.

Box Hill (W. A. Wigney). — L. A. Trezise addressed morning meeting on Apr. 29, in interest of Youth. Footballers' parade was featured at evening service, when there was a

large congregation, including players from Melbourne and Fitzroy clubs. D. Nicholls was guest speaker. 45th church anniversary was held on May 6, and chapel was filled for morning service. H. Earle (Surrey Hills) was speaker, and K. Hall, soloist. A greeting was received from J. E. Allen. Ladies' choir assisted in evening service. Fellowship hour was held, and presentation made to Mr. and Mrs. J. Scott, in recognition of Mr. Scott's long service as deacon and treas., now relinquished through ill health. C.W.F. (evening group) held special meeting on 8th, in honor of Mother's Day. Mrs. Salisbury is improved in health; aged Mr. Castle is ill in hospital. Sympathy is extended to Mullen family in loss of husband and father.

Lygon-st., Carlton (L. G. Burgin). — All services are well attended. Friendly Hour after gospel service on May 6 was well attended. Several recordings of choral and other items were presented by E. McClean. Soloist was C. Haigh, and Mrs. Haigh, senr., rendered pianoforte solo. Special services for Mother's Day and Youth Sunday were held on 13th. Young men of church assisted in morning service. Mrs. Nance-Kivell was speaker at special afternoon service, Miss D. Gray, soloiste, and Mrs. Burgin, president. Tea was served in hall. **Born to Honor** was theme stressed by L. G. Burgin at evening service. Many past members and visitors attended.

Carnegie (A. R. Lloyd). — At close of gospel service on Apr. 29, a lady made her confession, and a young lady reconsecrated her life. May 6 was Decision and Membership Sunday. After morning service, a young man made his decision. 153 were present at gospel service; when monthly parade of all auxiliaries was held. At close of service, four confessed Christ, and two came for restoration. An impressive baptismal service followed, when five were baptised.

Doncaster (F. B. Burt). — Church has been happy to renew fellowship with former preacher, H. Hargreaves, who has taken up residence in district. Tenders have been received for erection of new chapel, B.S., and kindergarten. Attendances at morning services have been encouraging and there has been an improvement at evening service. Piano has been purchased for kinder, and this has been made possible with donation of £100 from W.M.B.

Echuca (C. E. Watson). — B. J. Combridge spoke at morning service on May 13. Mothers were invited to special kinder afternoon for Mother's Day. A number of ladies took part in evening service, ladies' choir being a special feature. Two boys made their decision. Mr.

McLeod-Jones (Christian Radio Missionary Fellowship) gave informative talk, and showed slides at mid-week meeting. Grace Frencham has been home on holiday, from duties at Alfred Hospital. Bill McLean has entered National Service camp. Interest is growing in Ladies' Auxiliary. Other auxiliaries are also well attended.

Jordanville (B. McIntosh). — Two further decisions have been recorded. Mrs. J. Turner (Moreland) was guest speaker at Mother's Day service. 38 mothers were present at afternoon gathering in honor of Mother.

Kyneton (R. Veal). — Several elm trees in chapel grounds were cut down by working bee. "Happy Hour" and Berean Club members held well attended concert in Mechanics' Hall on Apr. 17, and repeated it on May 8. C. W. Jackel was guest speaker at B.S. anniversary on Apr. 29, when an exhibit of school work was an added interest. Mrs. A. Swainston is in hospital recovering from an operation, and Mrs. McNamara is home after several weeks in hospital.

North Richmond (C. Dow). — Average number of communicants for month of April was 51. 35 members and friends toured Dandenongs by car on 28th, having afternoon tea at Montrose church. K.S.P. initiated one new member on 23rd. John McLean (Brighton) presided on morning of May 6, and W. Newham was speaker. Ladies' Friendly Club held birthday party on 3rd, over 50 being present. B.S. social was held on 5th, when prizes were given out.

Swan Hill (A. Avery). — Monthly fellowship was held at manse on May 5, when there were 31 present. Visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Brown (Black Rock). Speakers on May 6 were W. Cockroft, and Geoffrey Chislett, home on vacation from Woolwich College. Mr. Avery conducted both services at Woorinen. On May 4, Berean Club was visited by Sergeant Weldtman, of local police, who related some of his exciting experiences. Overall average of attendances for month of April were: morning, 68; evening, 70.

Frankston (E. S. Sanders). — Average attendance for month: morning, 64; evening, 32. B.S. is still growing, 117 being present on Apr. 22. Helpers are still needed to assist with increasing growth of school. Church is unfortunate in losing some of the oldest members, who are moving from district. K. Masterton spoke on Apr. 29 in interest of Y.P. Dept. In an endeavor to cater for Y.P., both within and without church, special meetings are held, taking form of youth teas, etc. Y.P. are also assisting in evening services. B.S. held picnic at Mt. Eliza.

Essendon (M. Roberts).—At morning service on April 22, J.C.E. formed choir, and rendered an item. W. Fordham (Camberwell) presided, and H. Barnden gave address. Film, *Beyond Our Own*, was screened at evening service. B. Huntsman addressed church at morning service on Apr. 29. At commencement of evening meeting two B.S. girls were immersed, Y.W.F. occupied choir seats and rendered item. Mrs. A. Ferguson read lesson.

Maryborough (M. A. Coombs).—Social afternoon was held at home of Mrs. S. Nicholls, to assist work of W.M.B. Men's Society held monthly meeting and tea on Apr. 15, when F. Robertson was guest speaker. Y.W.F. was commenced on Apr. 17. Officers elected were: Mrs. G. Barker, pres.; Mrs. M. Banks, vice-pres.; Miss J. Bartlett, sec. On 25th, at commencement of morning service, congregation stood in silence as tribute of respect to late Mrs. Parnall. B.S. welcomed W. Trickey back into position of sec. and treas. after an enforced absence through illness. On 22nd, Mr. Drake took his class of boys to have fellowship with Castlemaine church and Y.P. R. Sewell is still in Heidelberg Military Hospital, where he has had to undergo an operation.

Springvale (E. Randall).—Church is enjoying happy fellowship with new preacher and wife. P.B.P. held social on Apr. 21 to which Ringwood Y.P. were invited. Y.P. fellowship is gaining members and an Inter. Fellowship has been formed. J.C.E. handed out white flowers on Mother's Day, and visited Christian Guest Home. Special evening service was held, and Mrs. Randall was soloiste. Bible Reading Board was dedicated in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Parker, who held first meetings of church in their home. Mrs. Parker's daughters were present at the service. Mothers were invited to kinder afternoon, at which speaker was Mrs. Clencie.

Harcourt (G. Barnett).—Fourth birthday of Women's Fellowship was held on May 3. Ladies were present from Castlemaine and Bendigo; 47 attended. Speaker was Mrs. Randall (Pres., Women's Conference). Birthday cake was prepared by members. Items were rendered by members of Castlemaine and Bendigo churches. Passing of Mrs. McDonald is big loss, and sympathy is extended to her relatives. Group of Y.P. attended Castlemaine evening service on May 6, and Good Companions sang and assisted in service. Youth Fellowship entertained their mothers, on 7th, and a very happy meeting was enjoyed. Group attended Midland Youth Fellowship rally at Dunolly on 12th, and, despite a wet day, an interesting time was spent. Special Mother's Day service

was held at 3 p.m., on 13th, and a large gathering enjoyed a message by Mrs. J. Reeves. Kinders gave an item. Good Companions served afternoon tea, and presented gifts to their mothers.

Gardiner (F. A. Youens).—Church is grateful to the C.E. Quartet, K. J. Clinton, W. W. Saunders, F. E. Buckingham and G. Scambler for platform assistance during absence of preacher in W.A. K. A. Jones took all other services, and also confession of a lad of fifteen. Mr. and Mrs. C. O'Shea, octogenarian members, have moved to Perth. Over 40 Y.P., and their leaders, spent May 4 weekend at Warburton in Bible study and fellowship, where another young man made his decision for Christ. Sympathy of the church is with Mrs. Youens and family in the death of her father, and with elder, J. W. Enniss, in the passing of Mrs. Enniss.

Middle Park (F. Sumpton).—Church is again indebted to Messrs. Bagot (Reservoir) and Huggan (Northcote) for presiding over Lord's Table. Mother's Day was observed on May 13, F. Sumpton giving appropriate addresses. Mrs. Annear was welcomed back after illness. Miss Pat Baird was soloiste at gospel service. W. Harrison has been elected church sec., with H. Annetts asst. sec., A. Hartvigsen, treas., and T. Keating organist.

North Balwyn (R. Dean).—Girls' and Boys' Clubs were guests of Balwyn clubs, where a very happy time was spent. B.S. held fancy dress social on May 4, and entertained visitors. The school is growing in numbers. Sympathy of church goes to Mrs. Turriff on Home call of her mother. The building of new hall is held up, waiting for tiles. Men of church have filled in time painting existing building. T. Turriff was speaker at morning service on 13th, and evening service was dedicated to mother, and conducted by mothers, Mrs. Kingshot presiding, ably assisted by Mrs. M. Elliott, Miss Hall (soloiste), Mrs. Maudsly and Mrs. Collings, organ and piano. Mrs. McCreddin (Wattle Park) gave an instructive and inspiring message. Flowers were presented to oldest visiting mother.

North Fitzroy (H. R. Coventry).—Church has been saddened by Home call of S. Trotter, for many years a deacon and worker in B.S. At morning worship on May 13, P. Foster spoke in appreciation of the life of Mr. Trotter. Features of work and worship of church, have been baptismal service, after-church fellowship with films, special Mother's Day services, visits by Mission Band and C.M.S. to neighboring groups. Mr. and Mrs. H. Halliwell have left to reside in Tasmania, after 30 years

in membership as B.S. workers and deacon. Presentation was made to them at close of morning worship on Apr. 28.

Warrnambool (K. W. Barton, L.Th., Dip.R.E.).—Visiting speaker in connection with Church and Home campaign, on morning of Apr. 29, was V. Quayle (Portland). Service at night was conducted by members of C.M.S., D. Fenn, E. Houston and K. Barton contributing to three-prong address on Decision. A married woman made response to the appeal. Duet by L. LeCouteur and J. Cook was pleasing. There was an excellent gathering on May 6, when two were added to church in ordinance of baptism. Youth tea, prior to the service, brought a goodly number of Y.P. together. There was a good gathering at social evening and film night on 10th, when inspiring and effective messages were portrayed in *It's a Wonderful Life*, and *The Way He Should Go*. Welcome was extended to A. J. Fisher, who was guest speaker for following Sunday, and a happy time in fellowship followed. Final day, "Decision Day," on 13th, was challenge to church in morning and to non-members at night, when Mr. Fisher gave splendid addresses. Badminton club has resumed activities for winter months. Mr. and Mrs. Barton have gone on holidays in Tasmania to visit their people, and A. J. Fisher is fulfilling an interim ministry. Mrs. Pope is in hospital, and Lal. Boyle is convalescing following operation.

Ringwood (W. F. Nankivell, B.A., B.D.).—Members are faithfully supporting *May Loyalty Month*—every member present at communion. W. W. Saunders challenged the church at commencement service on May 6. Attendances at both gospel and mid-week meetings are encouraging. Mother's Day service was conducted by W.C.F. (afternoon group). Mrs. Commissioner Smith (Bayswater) brought message. Pleasing feature is growth of teenagers at church services. Olympic social, conducted by Youth Council attracted approx. 45 Y.P. on 12th. Church officers are giving earnest consideration to introduction of budget system for local and brotherhood financial needs. Plans are being developed for family camp.

Tootgarook (A. F. Cant, B.Ed.).—On Apr. 22, B.S. moved from local hall to chapel, where conditions are much better, though the kinder section is crowded. Attendances are being maintained, and serial story *The Butterfly Man*, is popular at evening service. Work is progressing on tennis court, the surface of which is almost complete. J. Sutton spoke at morning service on May 6, and Mr. Lang at evening service on 13th. Sixty-seven attended family service on morning of 13th.

Blackburn (R. V. Amos).—Extension to chapel was appreciated at B.S. anniversary services on May 6 and 13. Children sang under leadership of Mr. Bower. Speakers were A. White, L. Brooker, D. Beasy and R. V. Amos. Two scholars made their decision. Youth Council held social and barbecue on 12th. B.S. made presentation to Dorothy Bluhm in appreciation of her faithful service. She resigned because of moving from district.

Newmarket (D. W. Hibbert, B.A., Dip.Ed.). — Visiting speakers have been C. Perkins and R. Oldfield (on behalf of Y.P. Dept.). The Way He Should Go was screened on Apr. 29. An audio-visual on Camp Fellowship was used at the evening service on Youth Sunday. Mrs. D. Boxhall has now recovered from illness.



North-Eastern and Riverina Dist. Conf.

The above Conference was held at Yarrowonga, Vic., on April 21. Representatives were present from Shepparton, Wangaratta, Albury, Wagga and Yarrowonga.

Devotional sessions were conducted by J. Anderson (Wangaratta), D. Thomas (Shepparton), and F. Leivesley (Albury).

Mr. Leivesley was elected to the chair, and A. E. Combridge acted as secretary for the day.

Reports were received from the above churches, also from Mooroopna and Benalla. Progress was reported in most cases, and building additions in some areas. Approximately 40 decisions were announced in reports.

Much discussion took place over land at Cobram, and it was agreed that delegates appointed make an inspection of the land, and the possibilities of the work there, this to be reported to the individual churches within a month. However, after the sessions, delegates made the trip 25 miles out, and reported the finding to the evening session. As a result, it is expected that a new area will be sought, and land purchased on the sale of the present site.

The matter of radio as a means of spreading the gospel was also discussed, but it was felt that the local Preachers' Fraternal was the best agent to deal with the matter, except that perhaps short sessions of "word-flashes" could be used.

It was decided to appoint a permanent office of sec.-treas., and the writer accepted the office, with J. Combridge as asst.

May 22, 1956

The chairman welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Thomas and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Christensen. At the same time farewell was said to Mr. and Mrs. Anderson and family, who go to Wollongong in the near future.

Yarrowonga ladies provided supper, and a happy time of fellowship ended.—A. E. Combridge.

BIRTHS

DIXON (Chappell). — On May 11, 1956, at Kia-Ora, Regent, Vic., to Joy and Roy, a son—Peter Graeme. Both well.

SMITH (Gray). — On May 12, 1956, at Vaucluse Hospital, Moreland-rd., Moreland, Vic., to Barbara and John, a son—Brian John. Both well.

DEATHS

FLETCHER. — On May 6, 1956, Paul, infant son of Harold and Doreen.

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WATT. — On May 9, 1956, at his home, 88 Tennyson-st., North Kew, John, dearly beloved husband of the late Nellie, loved father of David and Kath, Alice and Fred (Youens), Charlie and Gladys, Irma and Stan (Carmichael).

"In God's care."

WATT. — On May 9, 1956, John, much loved Grandpa of Janice, John, David, Helen, Barbara, Rodney, Mar-

garet, Christopher, Phillip and Stephen. "Loving memories."

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MAIN—ROBINSON. — Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Main, 41 Donaldson-st., Port Kembla, N.S.W., have much pleasure in announcing the engagement of their daughter, Beth, to Keith, second son of Mrs. A. Robinson, Tooronga-rd., Wollongong.

APPROACHING MARRIAGE

HILFORD—PIEPER. — The marriage of Juanita Alma, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Pieper, Fifer-st., Eastern Heights, Ipswich, Qld., to Alan Robert, only son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Hilford, East Ipswich, Qld., will be solemnised at the Church of Christ, East Ipswich, on Saturday, June 2, 1956, at 2 p.m.

SILVER WEDDING

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6.15 p.m., Buffet Tea

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Sunday, May 27

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Sunday, May 27, 1956

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Youth Session, 7 p.m.

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Sunday, June 3, 3 p.m.

Conference Sermon

Speaker: D. Macrae

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Soloist: K. Hall

Monday, June 4

Women's Conference, 2 p.m.

President: Mrs. P. A. Jordan

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OBITUARY

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Matilda Jane Gilbert.

The church at Maylands, S.A. recently suffered the loss of a quiet, gracious, and devoted Christian in the person of Mrs. Gilbert, who, on March 3, at the age of 85 years, completed her earthly ministry to begin a new experience with the Lord she so greatly loved. A daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Battersby, she was baptised in the Hindmarsh church while still in her teens. She later fellowshipped with Norwood congregation and latterly, over a period of 25 years, was in membership, in Maylands. Her two children, May and Harold, and her husband, pre-deceased her. We rejoice to recall that her deep and abiding interest in the things of God never wavered. She will live in the memories of those who knew and loved her as one who was "faithful unto death" and concerning whom we are confident of "an abundant entrance into God's everlasting Kingdom."—G.M.M.

Mrs. Josephine Hansen.

The death of Mrs. J. Hansen on April 27, 1956, severs a link with the earliest days of Newmarket church and community. Joining the church when J. Morris was its first preacher, Mrs. Hansen was the oldest surviving member still connected with the congregation. She would have been 91 years on Dec. 8. She had served as president of the Ladies' Guild. In the past three years, ill health prevented her attendance at worship, but it was never able to conquer her will to live bravely and fight against illness to the end. In recent years she bore the sudden and tragic passing of many of her family. The services at her home and at Melbourne Cemetery gave a wide circle of

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News of British Churches

Eric T. Hart, formerly of Queensland, has been inducted at Evington-rd. church, Leicester, in succession to William Mander. At the welcome meeting, Anglican and Free Church leaders gave greetings. The induction service was held on a Sunday morning, and the charges to the minister and to the church were given by A. L. Brown, Tutor at Overdale College.

After appeals costing several hundreds of pounds and extending over a number of years, the cases against J. C. Christie and several Indian colleagues on the mission station at Bihar, India, have been dismissed. The Christies are to return for furlough as soon as possible.

J. L. Colver, General Secretary, has been appointed Fraternal Delegate from the British churches to the International Convention of Disciples of Christ, to be held at Des Moines next Sept.-Oct. Mr. Colver will visit Disciple churches prior to, and after, the Convention.

Dr. A. C. Watters, who is retiring from Butler University in July, is to serve the church at Bulawayo for a period of two years. He and Mrs. Watters are to spend a vacation in Great Britain before taking up their new work.

The Men's Convention, which for years has been held at Easter, is to be held in September. Church leaders prefer to be in their home churches for the Easter services. The Convention this year was successful, but to prevent undue delay, the next will be held in September next. The programme is already being prepared.

The church at Harrison-rd., Leicester, has received a new communion table and lectern, the gift of G. Stanion, now of Melbourne-rd.

Baptist and Churches of Christ preachers (in the Furness district), held a united class, at which a talk was given by W. J. Clague on sermon preparation.—G. J. Hammond.

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