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## New South Wales Newsletter

The brotherhood of New South Wales paid a loving tribute to the late E. C. Hinrichsen when, at his funeral, some hundreds met in the Enmore Tabernacle, where churches all over the State were represented. I. A. Paternoster, President of the Federal Conference, spoke on behalf of churches in the Commonwealth. Commenting on his death, and the abundance of his labors, one man, writing from the country, said, "When I heard of his death, I fancied I could hear from heaven, with loud acclaim, the voice of the Master saying, 'Well done, good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of thy Lord.'" E. C. Hinrichsen, and the writer, had been friends for many years, and now I pay a personal tribute to a man upon whom the seal of God rested.

### GREAT BROTHERHOOD PROJECT.

Leightonfield is a Housing Commission centre, with many hundreds of houses in process of erection. It is situated on the Hume Highway, fifteen miles from Sydney. This is an entirely new work; the nearest Churches of Christ are Carramar (2½ miles away) and Yennora (3 miles away).

The Housing Commission has allowed the selection of three blocks, well away from other churches. The land is costing approximately £1,000, and the church at Burwood has agreed to pay for it. It is estimated

that a temporary building will cost £2,000. It is proposed to so construct it, that it can be transferred to another area, where required. It was realised by the H.M. Committee that the possibilities are so great, and the opportunities so urgent, that it calls for immediate action.

### NEW BUILDINGS.

A number of church buildings have been erected in this State during the past year or so. Others are in progress. The church at **Pendle Hill** has started the erection of a large school hall. They possess a large block of land, on which a chapel and manse are to be built. At **Mudgee**, the building is almost completed. At **Dubbo**, the foundations for the church building have been laid. The brethren there have been encouraged by an anonymous gift of £500 by one person, and a gift of £100 by another donor. One man has also promised to do the tiling of the baptistery, free of labor costs; while another brother has offered to give his two weeks' holiday to help in the building. **Inverell** has erected a school hall. **Yennora** has been enlarging its building, which will soon be ready for use.

These activities are a sign of progress.

A timely message was given by Canon M. L. Loane, Principal of Moore Theological College, speaking

in St. Andrew's Cathedral on the text, "I am the truth," when he said, "nothing can be more relevant for a university than a person who, in himself, offers the world absolute and eternal truth. Modern seekers after truth who leave Christ out of their search, may find something, but it will be hollow.

"In answer to the secular attitude of the age to which we belong, the Son of Man confronts the whole human race with the claim that he is the truth. The most brilliant human intellect cannot bow too low in reverence before the Lord of truth."

### CONCERNING PREACHERS.

**Graeme Benjamin** has resigned the Lawson-Wentworth Falls work, and moves on to Spring Grove, N.Z.; **Geoff. Benjamin** has closed his ministry at Earlwood, and proceeds to the work at Beverly Hills.

**P. E. Thomas**, after a long ministry at Marrickville, has accepted a call to Lane Cove.

**W. Hoffman** has resigned from Georgetown, and will move on to another field, not yet determined.

**N. Hodgekiss**, who recently returned from a missionary survey in New Guinea, has a ministry at Loftus Park.

**V. Dallinger** closes his ministry at Gilgandra, and goes to the work at Hornsby-Asquith.—Ethelbert Davis.

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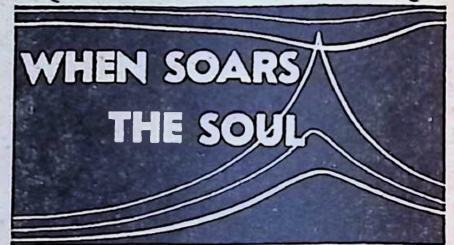
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When soars the soul earth's  
clamoring voices cease,  
Stilled in the wonder of God's  
power and peace.



Jesus came and took his seat at table with the apostles, and spoke to them, "You do not know how I have longed to eat this Passover with you before the time comes for me to suffer. Believe me, I shall not eat the Passover again until all that it means is fulfilled in the Kingdom of God." Then, taking the cup from them, he thanked God, and said, "Take this, and share it amongst you, for I tell you that I shall drink no more wine until the Kingdom of God comes." Then he took a loaf, and after thanking God, he broke it, and gave it to them, with these words, "This is my body, which is given for you: do this in remembrance of me."—Luke 22: 14-19 (Phillips).

One thing most of us remember is the last wish a loved one made to us. As Susannah Wesley lay dying, she said to her sons John and Charles, "As soon as I am gone, raise a psalm of praise to heaven." They did not forget those words. So it was with the disciples of the Lord Jesus, with his words, "Do this in remembrance of me." Many groups of Christians in every land and in every age have done likewise . . . But we do not memorialise him in order to perpetuate the thought of one who would otherwise be forgotten. He is the risen Lord, the Lord of life and death, and his presence with us is as potent as it was with the first disciples . . . Jesus offers us, as he offered everyone around the table in the upper room, the riches of his own peerless sacrifice, the power to live in fellowship with him. We can share, with all the saints, the unsearchable riches of Christ.—A. S. Leyland.

Our Father, as Sunday by Sunday we gather about the sacred table of holy memory, may we be drawn closer to our risen Lord, that he may endow us with new vision, charge us with greater power, and use us more acceptably in the higher purposes of his kingdom. Amen.

—Selected.

Break thou the Bread of life,  
Dear Lord, to me.

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Dr. ROY L. SMITH, leading American exponent of stewardship, discusses

# PROPORTIONAL GIVING

The time has surely come to talk courageously to people on the subject of money. We are armed with the best of precedents in the teachings of Jesus. Again and again, by parables, direct comment and outright doctrine, the Master dealt with the problem. Paul spoke out with equal forthrightness on the subject of money, declaring that the love of it was the root of all evil.

It is highly important to note that Paul does not condemn money as such. He nowhere in his writings indicates that he sees any virtue in poverty. He would not have organized any order or brotherhood dedicated to penury. No one knew better than he did what vast services consecrated funds might render, for he was the sponsor of the first great relief fund ever raised by the Christian Church—a fund that was used to relieve hunger, and not for the purpose of purchasing property or installing stained glass.

Two conflicting and mutually antagonistic philosophies of possessions, the Hebrew and the Roman, have come down to us from the ancient world.

It was the basic philosophy of the Roman Empire that each man was the owner of all the things that he possessed. Within the limits of the laws laid down by the state for the protection of the public from abuses and the guarantee to the state of public revenue, the individual was the undisputed owner of all those goods he was able to control.

The Hebrew philosophy, on the other hand, was something entirely different. Day after day in the Temple, the Hebrew sang his confession that "the earth is the Lord's," and that "all things come of thee, O Lord." Fundamental in this concept was the belief that God was the creator of everything and that man was his steward. This doctrine was placed at the masthead of the Old Testament in the words, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." A little later it is said that God gave man "dominion" but nowhere is it intimated that he gave him a deed to the earth.

As a direct and immediate result of this doctrine of stewardship the Hebrew people developed through the years a vast body of laws aimed at the protection of the rights of individuals, the administration of property, and the assurance of justice to classes and persons. To this they gave the name *mishpat* which, being translated, means *social justice*.

The great Old Testament prophets arose as the defenders of *mishpat*. No other people had any such philosophy of possessions. Had not

Isaiah, Amos, Jeremiah or Micah believed that the earth was the Lord's and that men and nations were God's stewards, they would never have risked their lives in defying sinful governments in defence of *mishpat*.

As token of the fact that God was the owner of all things, and that men were stewards, the law of the tithe was developed. The paying of tithes was common throughout the ancient East, but between the Hebrew tithe and the pagan tithe there was this profound difference. The pagan paid his tithe in the hope that he might thereby purchase the goodwill of his gods. The Hebrew paid his tithe as an acknowledgment both of God's ownership of all things and of his own stewardship. This had the effect of making the payment of tithes a highly personal and effective expression of faith on the part of the tithe payer. Such it must be in our modern life if it is to accomplish the spiritual purpose for which it was designed, and thus save us from the seductions of secularism.

The problem is not political, nor social, nor academic. It is essentially this—*Am I, as an individual, to be the master of my possessions or are my possessions to master me?* The question is inescapably personal. Am I going to find a great purpose around which to drape my life, making every interest, effort and ability serve that central design, or am I going to live the divided life, the victim of the ten thousand impulses, desires, passions, whims and forces which play upon me every hour of every day?

The psychologists have a highly technical term for the experience. They say that we live the integrated life or we do not. The preachers of our fathers' day said we lived consecrated lives or we did not. Both terms refer to very much the same fact. It is impossible for any person to achieve peace of mind, spiritual serenity or integration on the basis of a divided loyalty. Jesus said it was impossible to serve God and Mammon.

After forty-six years' experience in the ministry and in dealing with the personal religious problems of thousands of people, I know of no other safeguard against the perils of secularism that can compare with tithing or proportional giving. So far as I know it is our *only* antidote for secularism!

The issue which the individual Christian faces is perfectly plain. He must bring his economic interests under the sovereignty of God, or economic interests will rob him of the blessing of God.—*World Call*.

Famous New York preacher, R. J. McCracken, discusses . . .

# THE ART OF FORGETTING

The Bible has a great deal to say about the religious use of the memory. If you consult a concordance, where the words of Scripture are listed with an indication of the books in which they appear, you will find column after column devoted to the word "remember." The Bible regards the memory not only as the gate that opens into the past, but as one of the clearest ways by which God speaks to us. "Remember," it says, "the loving-kindness of the Lord." "Remember the former days." "Remember the way the Lord thy God has led thee." "Stir up your minds by way of remembrance."

That, however, is only one aspect of the case. There is another which ought not to go unemphasised. It is as necessary to our soul's health and happiness to forget some things as it is to remember others. Much depends on the use we make of our memory. Half of the art of life lies in knowing what to remember and what to forget. We can terribly hinder and hurt ourselves by nursing certain kinds of memories, by digging up the past rather than allowing it to lie buried. "God gave us memory," James Barrie said, "so that we might have roses in December." If only that were the major use to which memory were put! Some, alas, use it to resurrect from the days that are gone words, deeds, incidents, which, resurrected, work havoc with their disposition and character. There are things in the past that are better buried. There are old memories that should be denied resurrection. "Let sleeping dogs lie." A great editor once said, "The true secret of editing is to know what to put into the waste-paper basket." It is the secret of more than editing. To be able to close the door resolutely and finally on certain experiences of life is often the only way to peace of mind.

Paul must have been thinking of this when he told the Philippians of his resolve to forget the things which were behind. The figure of speech he uses suggests that life is a race and he is a runner in it. Success depends on keeping his eyes on the goal and his mind on the prize. No man can run a race with his head turned and his eyes looking over his shoulder. That would be to distract his attention and would give away an advantage. On the traversed course, his back is turned. He does not waste energy by thinking of what is past. There is room in his mind for only one thing — the ground still to be

covered. "One thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forward to those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

## Forgetting Our Injuries

What, then, are the things we would be well advised to forget? I mention first, injuries done us by others. In the everyday contacts of life, in our relations with people — relatives, business associates, acquaintances — there is bound to be some element of friction and strain. Situations arise in which we are hurt, offended, slighted. Words are said, things are done, that make us angry. The anger is not the most dangerous thing; sooner or later it dies. But it may happen that long after anger has gone, resentment, kept alive by memory, lingers like smoke from a smouldering fire. Resentment is dangerous. It does horrible things to people. It burns them up — makes them churlish, unfair in their judgments, cynical in their attitudes; it keeps them from being honest with the truth. A cherished grudge can poison a life so that hatred spills over into all its relationships. Many a man's politics, many a man's religious opinions, or the want of them, are the result of a long-harbored animosity. He makes others pay for the injury that was done to him, yet what they pay is as nothing to what he does. Hatred is an expensive business. It does incalculably more harm to the hater than to the hated.

One thinks of the more intimate relationships of life. Happiness files out of the window unless the members of the family work on the principle that by-gones are by-gones and there are to be no grudges. If you have been done an injury and you keep resurrecting it, keep casting it up, resentment is still smouldering in your heart, you have really neither forgotten nor forgiven. Whatever the relationship — parent and child, husband and wife, brother and sister — nothing can be more inimical to understanding or harmony or happiness than that.

## Forgetting Our Failures

What else would we be well advised to forget? I mention next our failures. Some people are dogged by the blunders they have made. They talk about them so much that you feel they are hypnotised by them. They de-

velop a rueful, self-accusing temper, are always looking back and lamenting that what has been done should not have been done or should have been far better done. They never seem to have heard that it is no use crying over spilt milk. Such brooding can be debilitating. It results in despondency and despair. It inclines its victim to say, "Experience has taught me my limitations. I shall never be able to do any better. What's the use of trying?" So the memory of failure in the past quenches the hope of improvement in the future, leads to the underrating and crippling of capacities because they are gauged not in the light of what may be, but of what has been. No one ever lived who did not make mistakes. The thing to do is to learn from and profit by our mistakes. They should keep us human, humble, charitable. But having learned all we can from them we should forget them. No good purpose is served by moping over them. We are saved by hope, not by memory. There is no use sighing and wishing we were more able and accomplished. We have to get along with ourselves, and that means accepting and making the most of ourselves. It is not by pining over what is irreparable that good work is done, but by making the best of what we are.

I offer now a third suggestion. We would be well advised to forget our sins. Put as baldly as that the statement needs qualification. There is a sense in which it is helpful to remember moral failures. It ought lead to penitence and humility, and to create the desire for a finer quality of life. But with some the remembrance of moral failures is neither helpful nor healthful. Bad as are the results of making light of sin, those of brooding over it can be worse. What are we to do with such memories? We cannot bury them. We should not repress them. We must face them. We must bring our sins to the light. We must ask God for Christ's sake, to forgive them. Sins truly faced and forgiven can be forgotten. They need no longer haunt us. The Divine promise is to remember our sins no more, to cast them into the sea of forgetfulness. If God forgets, there is no need for us to remember. If they are remembered it should be with gratitude because they are forgiven and their power broken.

A youth went to his minister, burdened by a sense of guilt. He had been very strict and upright, and very proud on that account. Then one

night he came right to the edge of an act, which, by his standards, would have been despicable. He escaped, but no more than escaped. He went home shattered. His distress as he talked to the minister was painfully obvious. What did the minister say to him? He told him that he was mourning the loss of a self that had been proud, and that there was nothing for him to do but to step down and take his place among the rest of men, who were sinners and knew it. He told him to confess his sin to God and ask forgiveness for it. He told him that sin acknowledged, repented and repudiated is forgiven by God and can be forgotten, is better forgotten than brooded over. The advice was accepted and acted upon with results that were

immediate. The youth experienced release from remorse. He made a new start in life — a humbler person, a more charitable person, and very definitely a better person.

### Cutting Free from the Past

What I have been saying amounts to this. We must be perpetually cutting ourselves free from the past if we are to press on to a better and brighter future. The artist forgets his early blunders, the author his first grotesque experiments in literature, the Christian his moral failures, all for the same reason; no progress is possible when we are burdened by the weight of past errors. But do observe one thing. We forget only that we may aspire. In the Gospel the

sinful woman is not condemned, because she sins no more. Paul forgets what is behind, so that he may press toward the mark of his high calling in Christ Jesus. So I say to you: Develop the forward look. The future can be a period of rich fulfilment if only you will recognise its possibilities and make the most of it. It offers the opportunity under God of deeply satisfying living. How foolish to spoil all this by living in the past, pining for what might have been, worrying yourself sick over injuries or failures or sins. Be a forward-looking, not a backward-looking person. The past may be sullied, but the future can be bright as are the promises of God.—“The Christian World.”



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

### AFTER THIRTY YEARS

It is just over thirty years since Andy Hughes, Nellie Morris and myself were waving farewell to all the friends who had gathered on the wharf at Outer Harbour. I can still see them all there, my mother and father, brothers and sister, Mr. Walden, and so many of our friends. R. P. Morris (Nell's brother) had come from Melbourne to bid them farewell.

We were happy and yet sad. There were so many streamers, and everything was new for us, but sad hearts turned back when the ship passed out of sight. So many of that band are not now with us.

I came to Shrigonda and, after being in other places, am now back at Shrigonda. There are many changes in little things, but the purpose of the work at Shrigonda has not altered. The love of God is the same. His compassion for the needy children is the same, the essentials are the same. The compound is more beautiful because God has given us more trees. Money has been spent to make the place nicer for the children. Still there are lives to be won for Christ. There are the same problems with the children, although a new generation has come. As we think back, we wonder how many girls have passed through the Home. Numbers and numbers, and they all rise up and thank Miss Cameron for all the years of service she gave for them.

Sitabai is still here, but soon she will be leaving us. She is the only one here now who was here in those far away days. How she has labored! She will have her reward for faithfulness. It will be a different place without her. She has been most reliable about many things. She is honored in the town—people know her, and she is trusted.

Some of the girls who were here when I came, are still friends—Mrs. Govindrao Thorat, Mrs. Bikooji Shinde, Mrs. Sumitrao Gaikwad, Mrs. Sumuntrao Hiwale, and so many others. We thank God for them, and for their co-operation during the years.

Many have come and gone; some we have forgotten, but the girls themselves will never forget these happy years, and, no doubt, they tell their children of their boarding school days. No doubt, they laugh at some situations which were serious then, but which have their amusing side now. However, if we wanted to take a true picture of the years, we would need to know more than we will ever know. Only God knows how many have remained true to the teaching they received here, how many have been instruments in God's hands to win others for the Kingdom. How many, because they were helped in their childhood, have in turn helped others. God has such records. How we hope and pray that everything will be to his honor and glory, but how often the enemy comes and tries to undo the work for the Kingdom.

I am thankful for the thirty years I have passed. I want to thank God

for his mercies and his loving kindness. I thank him for bringing me here. I thank the Board for their faithfulness. I thank the brotherhood for their support in prayer and in numerous other ways. I thank my parents for the years of preparation that were spent in their care, and for their love and Christlike lives. I thank God for all the children, and look forward, with joy, to the future. His love has enveloped each of us, it is measureless; may we all love him with all our hearts, minds, strength, and with our whole being, and in everything give him the praise.—Edna Vawser.

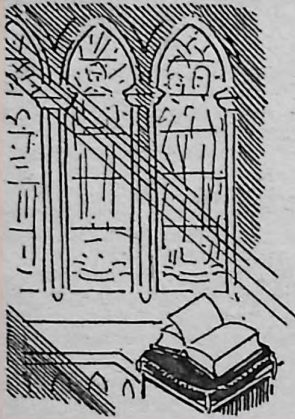
### A BELOVED WORKER RETIRING

Very many joyous greetings in the name of Christ. It is my wish to tell you some of the happy, and some of the sad, experiences, which I have had in the period of 1920 to 1956. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, which we have because of the love of God, has been sufficient for me throughout all these years, and because of this, truly, I am indeed happy.

When I first came here to work, I had my own two sons with me, but now the younger is not here, for he has been called to be with Christ, and on this account my mind is sad. The elder is in Bombay, and he faithfully does his work, and for this I am most thankful to God, and praise him.

Miss Cameron and myself for many years together served the Lord. Miss Cameron has retired and gone to live in her own country, and now the time approaches when I, too, must retire. Up to this time God has blessed and shown his will for us, and for this I am most grateful to my Heavenly Father.

I am very happy that you have remembered me, and for the message that you sent to me, and I thank you. May God bless you and make you a blessing to others; this is my prayer.—Sitabai Wanzari.



# THE LIVING WORD

## Studies on the planned Sunday morning readings

Sunday, June 10

### OLD TESTAMENT

Psalms 40: 1-10.

#### Summary.

Psalms 40 begins with a burst of praise. The Psalmist reviews his past experiences (vv. 1-3), and then goes on to discuss the matter of trusting God completely (vv. 4-5). This is followed by a statement of the Psalmist's personal response to God's goodness (vv. 6-10). The first part of the Psalm deals with the past, the remainder is concerned with the present. "For what was, he sings praise, and for what is, he offers prayer" (Scroggie).

#### Explanatory Notes.

"I waited patiently for the Lord" (v. 1). — Render, "for Jehovah I waited, waited." "Such renderings as 'I waited, yea, I waited,' or 'I waited waitingly' are closer to the original." (Kirkpatrick).

"an horrible pit" (v. 2). — In the R.V. it is called "a pit of destruction." According to W. R. Taylor, it is a "pit of tumult" or "a pit of ruin." The basic idea is that of imprisonment.

"a new song in my mouth" (v. 3). — "Mentioned also in Psalms 33: 3, and 96: 1, Isaiah 40: 12, and the Book of Revelation. It describes the fresh outburst of praise which fresh mercies and signal interventions demand" (Davison).

"sacrifice and offering" (v. 6). — "Four kinds of sacrifice are mentioned in this verse. Sacrifice and offering are the general terms for the bleeding and unbloody sacrifice respectively; whilst the burnt offering represents the entire consecration of the worshipper, and the sin offering shows the propitiation necessary before an offender could be re-admitted to the Divine presence and favor. None of these in and of themselves are well-pleasing to God; the Psalmist, like the prophet Isaiah (1: 11) understood that these were but symbolic

for heart-service, such as God delights in." (Davison).

#### Suggested Theme.

### "WHY BE IN A HURRY?"

**Introduction.**—This is a noisy, busy, frustrating age for those who leave God out of the scheme of things. The pressure under which so many live is great. Now and again we need to be reminded that we ought to slow down, to listen to the voice of God. The Psalmist poses a pointed and pertinent problem when he says, "Why be in a hurry?" In the service of God we are helped by

**I. WAITING.** — Some sound advice is given in v. 1. When we take time to talk with God about the intimate affairs of life we will find that he hears (v. 1), and he helps (v. 2), and he sets harmony ringing within us (v. 3). And, as we wait before God we are helped with our

**II. TRUSTING.** — This we see in v. 4. The man who trusts God completely, considers God's deeds (v. 5), ponders God's thoughts (v. 5), and does God's will (v. 8). Then, as we trust God more and more, we are helped with our

**III. PREACHING.** — As we see from v. 9. The preacher's theme is clearly stated—righteousness (v. 9). This is expressed in four ways—(a) God's faithfulness; (b) God's salvation; (c) God's goodness; and (d) God's truth (v. 10).

**Conclusion.** — When we wait for a word from God, our trust will be transformed, and our preaching will be power-filled. Then, "why be in a hurry?"

### NEW TESTAMENT

Hebrews 10: 1-17.

#### Summary.

The writer begins by pointing out that sacrifices of the old order were ineffective, when seen against the "one and only true sacrifice." "To the writer to the Hebrews the whole business of sacrifice was only a pale copy of what true and real worship ought to be" (Barclay). He then proceeds to discuss the finality of the sacrifice made by Jesus, and goes on to show how this is adequate for our needs in every way.

#### Explanatory Notes.

"having a shadow" (v. 1). — The word means "a pale shadow," and describes something which is "a pale, nebulous reflection, a mere outline or silhouette, a form without reality and without substance" (W. Barclay).

"the very image" (v. 1). — "The word he uses . . . means a complete representation, a detailed reproduction. It actually means a portrait, and would mean a photograph, if

there had been such a thing in those days. In effect he is saying: 'Without Christ you cannot get beyond the shadows of God'" (William Barclay).

"in the volume of the book" (v. 7). — "That is, in the roll or volume of the Law. 'Anciently,' says Adam Clarke, 'books were written on skins and rolled up. Among the Romans they were called volumina, from a word meaning "I roll"; and the Pentateuch in the Jewish synagogues is still written in the same way.' In the volume of the Pentateuch, which every king of Israel was required to transcribe and carry with him (Deut. 17: 14-20), there is constant reference to Christ" (Milligan). So, the reference from the Psalms, part of which is quoted here, points to Jesus Christ, as the one referred to "in the book."

"the offering of the body of Jesus Christ" (v. 10). — "On the cross, not in the heavenly sanctuary" (Century Bible).

"one sacrifice for sins" (v. 12). — In this verse we have a reference to the finality, and the completeness, of Christ's work on the cross.

#### Suggested Theme.

### "NEVER DIES THE DREAM."

**Introduction.** — Right from the dawn of history men have dreamed of being able, once again, to stand face to face with God. It has been the dream which has never died, spurring men on with their spiritual pilgrimage. Of course, it has not been true of all men, nor can we say that it is necessarily true of any man, but for some in each generation this has been the enduring dream. However, these people are honest enough to admit that their dream cannot be realised without God's help, for in their natural state they can never stand before him. What is needed, therefore, is

**I. A SACRIFICE WHICH SUFFICES.** — So that, with sins forgiven, and clad in the Redeemer's robe of righteousness, a man will be able—at last—to enter into fullest fellowship with the Father. Now, Jesus is the only true sacrifice (v. 1-10), and his death on the cross was a unique sacrifice (for the sinless died for the sinful). So, we see in Jesus Christ

**II. A SAVIOUR WHO SATISFIES.** — Here we turn to vv. 11-17. As William Barclay says, this portion reveals (a) the achievements of Jesus; (b) the exaltation of Jesus; and (c) the final triumph of Jesus.

**Conclusion.** — May the hope that we, too, will stand at last in the presence of God be our dream which never dies.

# WOMEN

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

## Programme for July

by Mrs. C. H. J. Wright, Tasmania.

Theme:

### GOD'S GARDEN SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE PALM TREE OF Hospitality

#### HYMN.

No. 46, "O Love of God."

#### PRAYER.

Almighty God, our Father, grant us a sense of thy presence. We worship thee in true humility and in reverence; we are grateful for all the good gifts which come from thee. Especially do we thank thee for our homes, for all the fine influences and companionships we have found there. Help us, we pray, through our homes to serve others. Grant us a fuller knowledge of thee, wisdom to know thy will, courage to follow it, and strength to live according to thy purpose for us. Lead us into a closer fellowship with thee. Amen.

#### BIBLE READING.

Luke 10: 38-42.

#### MEDITATION.

The palm tree speaks of hospitality. The home at Bethany, where Jesus found such sheltering care, was known as the "House of Dares," receiving that name because of the abundance of date palms growing in the vicinity.

The virtue of hospitality has been much esteemed by civilised peoples. The Jewish laws with regard to strangers are framed in accordance with the spirit of hospitality (Lev. 19: 33, 34), and before the giving of the law there were many instances of the entertaining of strangers (Gen. 19; Heb. 13: 2). It was more necessary in those times of difficult travel and few inns, but the spirit of modern hospitality is the same. In Apostolic times the virtue was strongly enjoined on the followers of Christ, although the higher civilisation and larger population made it less of a necessity than in patriarchal times.

Christ's directions to the apostles to "take nothing for their journey" (Mark 6: 8) presupposes that they were sure always of finding hospitality. In the Dispersion, the Jew who was travelling, seemed always to be sure of finding entertainment from the Jews resident in whatever city

he might happen to be passing through. The importance of this fact for the spread of early Christianity is incalculable. The ordinary missionary, whether apostle or evangelist, would have been helpless if it had not been that he could count so confidently on the hospitality everywhere. From this fact comes one reason why Paul, for instance, could plan tours of such magnitude with such assurance. He knew that he would not have to face any problem of sustenance in a strange city (Rom. 16: 23). Hospitality becomes a virtue indispensable to the well-being of the Church—one reason for the emphasis laid on it.

The ideal home today should not be lacking in this virtue of hospitality. The House Beautiful in Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress*, did not exist for itself. It was built by the Lord of the Hill for the use and refreshment of pilgrims. It was not to be regarded as a permanent spiritual retreat. It was a place of refreshment and refitment for the weary pilgrim, to prepare him for the open road.

What a lovely thing it is to go into such a home, where the stranger, the lone and needy can find refreshment, help, and understanding.

"Like that dear home in Bethany,  
Where thou didst love to be;  
Lord make my home a holy place,  
Where I may meet thee face to face,  
And shew my love for thee."

#### HYMN.

No. 520, "It passeth knowledge."

#### BUSINESS SESSION.

#### MISSIONARY LETTER.

#### ADDRESS.

#### HYMN.

No. 489, "Now I resolve with all my heart."

#### BENEDICTION.



#### HONORABLE MENTION

The Melbourne Herald, of May 23, contained an article, portion of which is reprinted herewith, concerning a member of a family whose name is well known in our brotherhood.

"The honor of being No. 1 on the list of members of the Royal Melbourne Philharmonic Society, now 103

years old, goes to Miss M. E. Pittman, of Hampton. She's been a member for 50 years.

"Miss Pittman, a contralto, is just one of the thousands of women singers who've devoted much of their leisure time to choral singing—but she's kept on longer than most.

"The Philharmonic is not her only musical interest. She's been organiste for the Church of Christ, Lygon-st., for 38 years, conducts a women's choir in connection with the Churches of Christ, and has taught music, too.

"Why is choir singing so popular?"

"Miss Pittman states: 'Choir singing is the natural outlet for people who love to sing, but who are not up to solo standard. Solo singers reach their peak at about 30 years' old.

"If they have domestic ties, then they haven't the time for solo work, but they can go on singing in choirs until their voices really give out."

"Miss Pittman likes 'Elijah' and 'The Messiah' best of all the choral works. She's only missed singing in the Christmas presentation of 'The Messiah' three times."



## Mission at Mitcham, VIC.

A time of inspiration, with increase to school and church, has been experienced in the nine days mission conducted by J. B. White and D. H. Coleman, of the Baptist Y.P. Dept., Mr. White being speaker, Mr. Coleman pianist and soloist. It was primarily a children's mission, with evening meetings added for adults.

After-school sessions were held each school day, and children came in large numbers, so much so, that two sessions had to be held. Average over seven days was 263. Through medium of bright choruses, films, and illustrated talks on *Pilgrim's Progress*, interest was well sustained. Several, at closing sessions, indicated decision for Christ.

At evening meetings, the small building was well-filled each night, with extra seating provided. Beautiful color films were screened, Mr. Coleman contributed a gospel solo each night, and Mr. White challenged all in faithfully declaring the whole counsel of God. Visible results during the mission were seven, six of whom have since been baptised, the other received as a baptised believer.

On the final night, thanks were expressed to the missionaries on behalf of the school and the church, by V. Russell, B.S. supt., and D. D. Stewart, preacher. Names of 30 children not attending B.S. are being worked out, and so far 10 have been added to the roll.—D.D.S.

# here and there

June 4 will be the Queen's Birthday holiday in Victoria, consequently, the issue of June 5, which is to be the annual Foreign Mission number, will go to press one day earlier. Advertisements and news for that issue will close first mail on May 31.

C. W. Jackel, preacher at York-st., Ballarat, Vic., has accepted the unanimous invitation of members to serve an additional term of two years with the church there.

C. E. Curtis, now in his eighth year of ministry with the church at Bordertown, S.A., has announced his resignation as preacher there, to become effective late this year.

Members of our Women's groups are requested to note the inclusion, in this issue, of the Programme for July, instead of next week, which is the F.M. issue.

After nearly two years of special effort, a new manse, situated next to the chapel, has been completed at Fremantle, W.A. It was a great event on the afternoon of May 21, when the official opening took place. G. C. Hughes presided, greetings and good wishes were received from F. Stevenson (Conf. President) and Mrs. W. Cooper (Pres., Ladies' Auxiliary). After recognition had been made to the most outstanding workers on the project, life elder, Fred Vanstan spoke briefly, and declared "the manse open."

Parkdale church, Vic., who sponsored a new Bible School in another area of their district, is erecting a hall to accommodate the scholars. A working bee will be held on the new site, cnr. Ines and Chandler-st., Parkdale, on June 16. The support of tradesmen and laborers is urgently required. Meals will be provided. C. M. Dunse (preacher, XY 1445) will supply additional information if required.

The Austral has received limited supplies from U.S.A. of the 64 pp. booklet, *Handbook for Effective Personal Visitation Evangelism* (Theodore R. Leen). F. N. Lee, who is actively engaged in the programme of Evangelism and the on-going of our men's work, recommended, at a meeting, use of the booklet by churches planning a visitation campaign. The contents, grouped under four main headings, give an extensive coverage of the subject. Price is 1/9 (2/- posted).

A further nine decisions during the past week are reported from the mission being held at Wingham, N.S.W.

R. Raymond, preacher at Sublaco church, W.A., will conclude his ministry there on June 24. His resignation, for health reasons, is regretted by the church.

The church at St. Kilda, Vic., was greatly uplifted by its 80th anniversary services on May 6. J. Plummer presided at the worship service, K. J. Clinton being the speaker. 70 broke bread, including Mrs. Clare (91 years), and Mrs. Finger, from Will Clay Home. Mrs. Plummer rendered a solo. At the P.S.A., the chapel was full when R. P. Morris told of the overseas religious outlook. The Ambassadors Quartet and B.S. choir rendered numbers. At the gospel service, Mr. Plummer gave the message to another large gathering. Miss J. Milne was soloiste. The ladies served over 100 meals for the day. Reference was made to the magnificent efforts of local brethren in re-decorating the chapel, etc. A special thankoffering yielded £48.

After eight successful years with the British and Foreign Bible Society as Trade Manager at Bible House, Flinders-lane, Melbourne, W. D. Freeman, has been appointed Manager to John Bacon, Pty. Ltd., Australian Representative of Marshall, Morgan & Scott, Publishers. Mr. Freeman has been succeeded at the Bible House Sales Depot by Russell S. Thompson, who has already served the Bible Society in a capable manner as Youth Director.

At the last meeting of the Victorian Young People's Department, and as the result of a unanimous decision, L. A. Trezise was asked to accept a further five-year term as Youth Director. At the same meeting, B. E. Perkins was elected to the position of Chairman, A. L. Finger, Vice-Chairman, and P. A. Williams, Treasurer.

H. A. G. Clark, M.A., B.D., Dip.Ed., as a former preacher of the church at Warragul, Vic., was warmly welcomed as guest speaker at the church's 56th anniversary services. His talk on *The Church Around the World*, given on Saturday evening, May 5, was vividly illustrated with slides and a recording. The chapel

was packed for all three services on the Sunday, when Mr. Clark further developed his theme of the Church in challenging addresses. M. Keatch, present minister, presided at the morning service. The musical programme at the P.S.A. was supplied by Don Streader (soloist, Melbourne), sextette from Dandenong, and a male quartet from the local congregation, accompanied by Mrs. J. Winkler. Mrs. W. Pascoe was organiste at all services. An aim of £350 had been set for the Church Building Fund; this was exceeded during the day, when £377 was given. Lunch and tea were served by the ladies of the church in the B.S. hall.

## Sharing Our Witness

An encouraging response to a brief evangelistic effort has just been experienced by the church at Haven, Vic.

Haven is a small and scattered rural community, five miles out of Horsham on the road to Hamilton, and the church there has been struggling to maintain a weekly communion service with barely a dozen members regularly meeting. Bible School attendance had dropped to an all-time low, and, not unnaturally, so had the morale of those holding on.

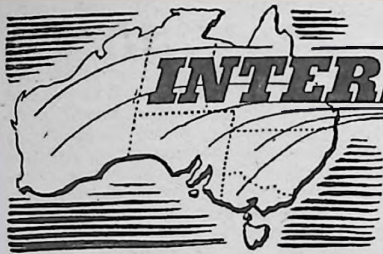
Firstly, after prayerful preparation, a visitation was made by volunteer pairs, in which every home in the community (approx. 70) was visited; children invited to Bible School, and adults invited to week of gospel services to follow.

Attendances at seven consecutive services were approx. 65 (not including small children, of which there would be twenty or so every night). Smallest attendance was, 45 adults one bleak, wintry night, best attendance was 98 adults, Thursday evening. Many people, some whole families, never missed a night. Conviction was evident, though no visible response was forth-coming as the New Testament plan of salvation was presented. Gospel films were incorporated, and proved a draw-card.

Since no electricity is available in the community, a diesel lighting plant was used to illuminate the chapel, and power projector kindly loaned by a Methodist friend.

The immediate result is a noticeable tonic effect upon the small membership, and an eye-opener to future prospects in that community, prompting the commencement of regular gospel services. Bible School attendances have picked up, and the writer is confident that confessions will be forthcoming in near future.

H. M. Long, of Horsham, was preacher; Alf. Harmer, also of Horsham, was song-leader.—H.M.L.



# INTERSTATE CHURCH NEWS

Marie Bourke, to Roy Browning, Subiaco, W.A.  
Peggy Wiese, Bordertown, to Stan Milne, Mundalla, S.A.  
Gwenda Tweedie to William Noble, Caulfield, Vic.

## Discipleship

Mrs. Weaver, Darryl and Graham Weaver, Alan Sharp, Mr. and Mrs. Barnet, Inglewood, W.A.  
Arthur Rowe, Kaniva, Vic.  
Misses R. Slape, K. Thompson, K. Wall, J. Pearce, Mrs. Kitto, Mr. Molloy, Don Headon, Beulah Road, S.A.  
Graham Owen, Lake-st., Perth, W.A.  
Mrs. F. Smith, Tamworth, N.S.W.  
Joan Cressie, Dixie Willis, Verna Kelly, Janice O'Neill, Ross Kelly, Leslie Verco, Fremantle, W.A.  
Gail Sprunk, Jean Hunter, Glenyse Hunter, Jeanette Lacey, Laelia McCormack, Edith Massey, David Powell, Trevor Hughes, John McIntyre, Mrs. Massey, Mrs. Ineson, Mrs. James, Mrs. Bradshaw, L. Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. R. Griffith, Mr. and Mrs. Wooten, Mr. and Mrs. Esplan, Mr. and Mrs. Hunter, G. C. Murphy, South Perth, W.A.  
June Hicks, Bronwyn Robbins, Ren. Millsom, Hampton, Vic.  
Gwen Cunningham, Beryl Mitchell, Rhonda Eaton, Sylvia Joyce, Hartwell, Vic.  
Rodger Quick, Wattle Park, Vic.  
Stanley Treslze, Kadina, S.A.

## Membership

Mrs. Lott, Miss R. Forsyth, to Carnegie, Vic.  
Mr. and Mrs. E. Morrison, from Doncaster to Tootgarook, Vic.  
Mr. and Mrs. L. Baker, from Castlemaine to Tootgarook, Vic.  
Mrs. Armstrong, to East Ipswich, Qld.  
Mrs. Kirman, Miss Entwistle, from Lake-st., Perth, to South Perth, W.A.  
Mrs. Williams, from Kew C. of E., to West Preston, Vic.

## Marriage

Margaret Groom to Kevin Rogers, Subiaco, W.A.  
Esme Masters to Lynn Ferguson, Subiaco, W.A.

## Fallen Asleep

W. Shean, Hampton, Vic.  
Miss A. Hodgson, Mr. Lloyd, Rockdale, N.S.W.  
Mrs. J. G. Saltmarsh, Kaniva, Vic.  
Mrs. H. I. Newman, York-st., Ballarat, Vic.  
Mrs. S. Bowman, Carnegie, Vic.

## Western Australia

**Fremantle (R. K. Brittain).**—Work has taken very encouraging turn, with six decisions among older B.S. children. At monthly Y.P. service on Apr. 29, film, *The Way of Salvation*, was screened. May 6 commenced youth week, and Y.P.F. conducted gospel service. Other youth activities included a mid-week social, which took form of a Darby and Joan evening. Special recognition was made of mothers at both services on 13th. Evening guest speaker was F. F. Byatt (sec., Inter Church Aid Committee W.C.C.). A further meeting was held on 16th, to give other communions an opportunity of learning about this work. A film depicted what was being accomplished.

**South Perth (S. H. Wilson).**—Attendances were 145 at 11 a.m., 157 at 7.30 p.m., on May 20, when six new members received the right hand of welcome. Youth offering amounted to £33, a further £8 for mission thankoffering, making £322; and £35 was contributed to Building Fund. At evening service film, *The Promise* was screened. Soloists were Mrs. R. Johnston. B.S. attendance was affected by current holidays, but new enrolments are being received as result of mission. Band of Hope has been inaugurated by H. Short. I.C.E. had successful social to welcome new members gained during mission. A total of 22 have been welcomed in at South Perth so far, as result of mission; six others have been received in at other metropolitan churches.

**Cottesloe (G. Smith).**—A happy day of fellowship was spent on Apr. 25, when a bus picnic was held at Yanchip. Bus stopped en route at Christian Guest Home, where a brief time was spent. Dr. Thornley Thomas was speaker at youth tea on 29th. C.W.F. plan to hold an evening

meeting monthly, so that fellowship may be enjoyed with ladies unable to attend afternoon meetings; first was held on May 1, when 37 ladies joined in inspirational session with Mrs. Heyhoe as guest speaker. Camp weekend at Waterman's Bay was enjoyed by 34 Y.P. on May 4-6, returning for gospel service, when two young men gave testimony. Camp theme was *Winning the World for Christ*. C.W.F. visited Lucy Creeth Crippled Children's Home on 8th, and Greenplace Mental Home on 17th. There were special services on Mother's Day, with Mrs. Eaton (Inglewood) giving a mother's testimony at gospel service. C.W.F. entertained aged mothers in manse on 15th, when Mrs. D. R. Stirling was guest speaker.

**Inglewood (R. W. Marshall).**—Gospel services are encouraging, with six decisions during past month. C.E. held second anniversary, with R. K. Brittain (Fremantle) as speaker. There were 66 present. B.S. anniversary and demonstration under leadership of supt., J. Cranwell, was held during April. Children sang well, under baton of E. Wurtlehock. Primary, kinder and Cradle Roll sections held separate anniversary on Mother's Day. Miss M. Peacock led this delightful afternoon. C.E. held social evening for mothers on May 11. Women's Fellowship entertained veteran sisters on 2nd, to social afternoon, and message was received from Mrs. Stirling (Lake-st.). Attendances are good, and work is progressing in fine spirit.

**Lake-st., Perth (D. R. Stirling).**—Special series of gospel services concerning second coming of Christ has continued during month. On Apr. 22, two made the good confession. R. Vincent was visiting speaker at communion service on 6th, and on 13th, Mother's Day was commemorated at morning and evening services. Winter series of Youth Medleys has commenced. Y.P. appreciate fellowship provided by this after-church feature. Mid-week meetings of prayer fellowship continue. Other activities during month included afternoon function arranged by Dorcas Society, at which Mrs. Palmer was guest speaker, and an afternoon meeting of Women's Fellowship, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stirling.

**North Perth.**—Although without the services of full-time preacher, work continues to grow. Attendance at communion services is very encouraging. On Mother's Day, there were over 90 present. Y.P.C.E. held special evening in honor of mother. J.C.E. also held special evening, when

there was a very large attendance of parents and interstate friends. Mrs. Hemming gave address, and children presented programme of items, which they had performed so creditably at recent District and State Eisteddfod finals. A large number of youth attended Empire Youth Sunday service. Kinder supt. and teachers invited parents of children to this meeting on Mother's Day. Annual Junior rally of Northern District C.E. Union was held in church, and nearly 100 attended. Puppets presented by older girls of J.C.E., a talk by Mrs. Michael, and films screened by R. Elliott, comprised a very interesting programme. Annual Y.P. and I.C.E. rally was held in North Perth Methodist church on May 19. Dr. Michael was guest speaker at tea. At the close of gospel service on recent Sunday night, church members met to honor R. Vincent, who terminated a three months' ministry. Church welcomed back Mr. and Mrs. Hunt after their holiday. C.E. held meeting at Aged Folks' Guest Homes. Church is grateful to many brethren who assisted at services in absence of a regular preacher.

**Subiaco (R. Raymond).** — Attendances at all services are excellent. On Mother's Day, B.S. and C.E. attracted many parents and friends. Evening service was conducted by mothers of church. Mr. Raymond gave address. Mid-week services were suspended to support South Perth mission. There was one decision on Apr. 22. Mr. and Mrs. C. Olds were honored by church with presentation on occasion of their silver wedding anniversary. Preacher is to assist Kalgoorlie church with special services.

## Queensland

**East Ipswich (R. Hilford).** — B.S. picnic was held at Karribin on May 7, there being about 300 parents and children attending. At present there are 13 teachers engaged at East Ipswich school, and same number at Leichhardt. Approx. 100 scholars attend each school. Special services were conducted on Mother's Day. Prior to evening service, a Mothers' Tea was arranged, when five church members spoke about something particular for which they were indebted to mother. Speakers were: N. Fawdry, A. Boettcher, D. Turner, and Sis. D. Risson and J. Smith. At evening service, bouquets were presented to oldest mother (Mrs. Hilford, senr.), youngest mother (Mrs. I. Boettcher), and mother with largest family (Mrs. Hines). Mrs. R. Hilford attended Mothers' services, this being first Sunday church has had her fellowship since her recent operation. A. Hilford has been transferred from Wandoan to Toowoomba. Mrs. Armstrong underwent operation at Ipswich on 14th, and is progressing favorably. Visitors during month in-

cluded Mr. and Mrs. Clark (Bundaberg), and Mr. and Mrs. Wiltshire, senr. (Pialba). Average attendances for April were 99 and 59.

**Mackay (D. H. Paddon).** — 72 were present at B.S. picnic, held at Blacks Beach on May 7. Mrs. Paddon has resumed leadership of Ladies' Fellowship. C.Y.F. made contribution to church of carpet runner for chapel. At morning service on Mother's Day, 64 were present. Good attendances continue at both services. On 16th, a Church Men's Fellowship was commenced, and the following elected to office: pres., A. Boettcher; sec., K. Archer; treas., John Nielson; catering convener, E. W. Nielson. Plans are already in hand for fishing expedition. Men are keen to start a church cricket team. Presentation of drafts and wall quilts were made to the Men's Fellowship. Cottage prayer meeting was held in home of Mr. and Mrs. Nielson on 17th. C.Y.F. held concert on 18th. Mrs. Bell is recovering from an operation. B.S. attendance is increasing.

## New South Wales

**Tamworth (H. I. Walmsley).** — Annual business meeting was well attended, and new deacons, K. Bedford, C. Chad, R. Acland, and H. South, were added to serve with existing elders and deacons. Deaconesses elected were Mesdames Cann, Hannah, Love, Norris, South, Stiles and Walmsley. Treasurer reported steady progress for year; C.W.F. helping with £268 raised for local works. There was a good meeting for special Mother's Day service, when one mother made her decision. Eight Y.P. from Inter. Club attended camp at Lake Macquarie.

**Rockdale (A. B. Clark).** — Girls' Club held special night for their mothers on May 9. On 10th, a special meeting was held to launch Talent Fund. An enjoyable evening was spent, and film, Talents, was screened. Soloists were Clive Way and Miss Barbara Edmunds; Mrs. Betty Morrison gave elocutionary items. Very good meetings were held on Mother's Day. Inaugural meeting of Men's Fellowship was held on 17th, and seventeen men sat down to enjoyable dinner. Constable Evans spoke on Road Safety, and two films were screened. Padre of Fellowship (Mr. Clark) also spoke. Meetings will be held monthly. B.S. held campfire and barbecue on 19th. There was good bright singing, and speaker was J. Henderson (Burwood). Speaker at both meetings on 20th was Mr. Hume, in absence of Mr. Clark at Taree.

## South Australia

**Beulah Road (G. W. Wood).** — Church anniversary was held on May 6, with L. Jones (Mile End) as guest speaker at morning service. Temple

Day offering of £117 was received. Average attendances for two months have been, morning, 82; evening, 73. This shows a marked increase. Prayer meetings, held in kinder room prior to gospel services, have commenced, and average attendance is 20. Annual meeting was held on 9th, when reports indicated work is in good heart. Officers elected were, elders, F. Fisher, C. W. Hoffman; deacons, R. Molloy, L. Pettman, R. Wilkinson.

**Bordertown (C. E. Curtis).** — Church regrets that happy association with preacher and family is soon to end. C. Thomas has been conducting study of book of Romans at new series of mid-week services. Women's Fellowship sponsored family evening on May 3, when a number of films was screened. A. E. White (Vic.), spoke to large Christian Unity rally of S.E. district churches on 7th, with a helpful discussion by those present. On Apr. 22, a series of special meetings was commenced at Wolseley, with screening of film, This Way to Heaven, and an after-school session of films on May 3. E. P. C. Hollard continued meetings on 6th, when chapel was crowded. Meetings were well attended, and final meeting with Mr. Hollard was on 20th. Men's Fellowship recently painted outside of Wolseley chapel by working bees, in co-operation with Wolseley members.

**Strathalbyn (A. E. Cremin).** — Attendances at services remain at good average. Church is preparing for teaching mission, under leadership of preacher. Y.P. have entered two teams in local Table Tennis Association. Ladies' Auxiliary donated £30 and B.S. £5 towards electrical re-wiring of church. Sir Phillip Messent spoke at last meeting of C.M.S. Southern District Conference rally was held at Strathalbyn on May 17, in interests of Christian Unity. A. E. White (Vic.), was speaker.

**Tumby Bay (A. B. Titter).** — Junior Fellowship has been commenced, under leadership of B.S. teachers. Time is spent in choir practice, dramatics, games, gymnasium, and closes with devotional session. Keen interest shown by juniors is gratifying. Youth week commenced with fellowship tea, followed by youth service. With help of junior choir, children presented, Planning a Better World. On Tuesday, a variety of films was screened in church hall, the main feature being, This Way to Heaven. There was a good attendance, and evening was much appreciated. On Thursday evening, circuit churches were privileged to hear A. E. White (Vic.), who spoke in the interests of Christian Unity.

**Fullarton (A. W. Morris).** — E. W. Roffey, B.A. (Lane Cove, N.S.W.), was speaker at morning service on May 20. Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher (May-

field) were other visitors. There was an excellent attendance. A. W. Morris preached at night, and W. H. Craddock was soloist.

**Kilburn (A. J. Ingham).** — Tenth anniversary of church was celebrated on May 20, and services were well attended. Speaker for the day was A. J. Ingham. Message in song by Y.P. at gospel service was appreciated. Mr. Ingham is conducting mid-week service, with special prayers for Mr. Norris, who is still in hospital. Mrs. Norris and family continue to render valuable service in church and B.S. Good Companions and Young Explorers continue to grow, and senr. C.Y.F. provides weekly meetings for teenagers. J.C.E. is functioning well, and C.W.F. meets fortnightly. Y.W.L. is also growing, as is B.S.

**Victor Harbour (S. L. Patching).** — Y.P.C.E. conducted enjoyable get-together social and fellowship evening on Apr. 27. Representatives from five other societies assisted in making the occasion a success. An "A" grade girls' basketball team is competing in Great Southern District Association. Church members, according to annual reports compiled, have maintained consistent support for all phases of Christian service throughout year. Average weekly offerings for general fund reached more than £11, and offerings for all purposes topped £20. Alterations and additions to manse are proceeding. Cost of additions, amounting to £300, is being financed by gifts and interest free loans from members. Many visitors attended services during holiday season just closing, and local members greatly appreciated their coming. Mr. and Mrs. Mason and Allison (Nth. Essendon, Vic.), were among those visiting.

**Kadina (M. T. Lawrie).** — Mr. Lawrie has entered into his second ministry with the church. A rally of northern churches was held on May 12, in interest of Christian Union, A. E. White (Vic.), was speaker. A good representation of various churches attended. Officers have decided to provide speakers and helpers for church at Moonta on two Sundays of each month. Youth week was held from May 6 to 13. M. T. Lawrie was elected chairman, and S. Lawley, sec., of Youth Council. Ladies' Guild held their 54th birthday meeting on 17th. Mrs. Cooper (Anglican) addressed meeting. Preacher has purchased car to assist in his duties.

### Victoria

**Balwyn (J. E. Brooke).** — Average number communing for May was 120. Evening attendances have been well maintained. On May 15, P.B.P. and K.S.P. clubs, combined to entertain their mothers at a special "Mother's Day" evening. Five young girls from

Good Companions club are attending annual camp, at Monbulk, during school holidays. Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Finlayson, in passing of her brother.

**Woorinen (A. Avery).** — Services have been well attended, speakers having been A. Avery and E. Mott. Y.P. have enjoyed fellowship and outings with Swan Hill Y.P. during youth week activities. Church and Ladies' Guilds enjoyed talks and films shown by Mrs. Jackel of Wangaratta.

**Yarrowonga.** — B.S. anniversary was held on May 13, F. Leivesley (Albury) being visiting speaker. K. A. Jones was speaker on 20th. Very fine weekly prayer meetings are held. Many members are sick.

**Hampton (K. J. Clinton, B.A.).** — Three more scholars from B.S. were baptised on May 6, and at close of service on 13th, there was a further confession of faith. C.W.F. entertained mothers at an evening on 11th. An exchange of pulpits was made with Presbyterian minister on 20th. Church has been saddened by death of W. Shean, one of the foundation members of the church. Girls' Gymnasium Classes now total 130 members.

**Hartwell (H. J. Patterson, M.A.).** — 35th church anniversary on Apr. 29 was splendidly attended, for there were well over 200 present at both morning and evening services, and 250 at P.S.A. Speakers were K. A. Jones, A. E. White, and H. J. Patterson. Three Hartwell choirs were used, church, youth and men's. There were three decisions at gospel service. An offering for Burwood East project amounted to £170. In addition, Y.P. of church have raised to date £180. At P.S.A., A. Morffew, who has been a church organist for 41 years, and at Hartwell for 15 years, was presented with a R.S.V. Bible; and R. Warmbrunn, who has handed over church secretaryship to E. Lewis, was given a book. There were three other decisions at gospel service on May 6, at a P.C.F.O. officers' installation service, when W. W. Saunders preached. On 13th, Miss Bonnie Bates addressed church at 11 a.m. service. At evening service, D. Beasy, in absence of the preacher at Ascot Vale, gave the message, when one made confession of her faith.

**Latrobe-terr., Geelong (T. A. Fergusson).** — At monthly meeting of C.M.S. on May 8, the guest speaker brought an interesting lecture on the Jewish Question. On 11th, Y.P.C.E. held a family night, at which those present were entertained with a varied programme, and then with a talk on *The Family* by H. Coleman. C.E. Society presented members with white flowers in honor of mother on Mother's Day. Sunday afternoon,

B.S. held special Mother's Day service in chapel. The service was well attended, and those present were entertained by scholars. At evening service, special tribute was paid to mother. Special items, including a solo, duet, trio and a recitation were enjoyed. Sermon took the form of three individual tributes to mother by Mrs. A. Carr, A. McDonald, and T. Fergusson. On 20th, messages, both morning and evening, dealt with Pentecostal theme. At evening service, choir rendered an anthem.

**Red Hill (J. Sutton).** — Services have been well attended. A. Cant (Tootgarook) exchanged with J. Sutton for morning service on May 6. W. Torney and A. Salmon conducted services on 13th, and R. Kingsley led singing at evening meeting. Pictures were enjoyed in hall on 18th, offering was received for Manse Fund. Gospel Harmonists conducted both services on 20th. R. Pugh was speaker. After-church fellowship was enjoyed. Miss M. Andrew and Mrs. J. Kirby are in hospital. Preacher is improving after period of indifferent health. New manse is under construction, and working bees have been arranged.

**St. Arnaud.** — Mr. Drake (Maryborough), who gave the message, brought a small group to conduct morning service on May 20. It took the form of an Empire Youth service, and was attended by 14 adults and 10 children. Colin Chiswell helped with piano-accordion. On Mother's Day, Mr. Sandercock conducted the service, and Mrs. Vallance sang a solo. The Home Missionary Department has arranged for visiting brethren to assist at St. Arnaud once a month.

**Swan Hill (A. Avery).** — Final services of Youth Week were held on May 20, when C. E. Watson (Echuca) was guest speaker. Prior to gospel service, a youth tea was held, with 65 present. 108 attended evening service. Talent quest held on 16th, was successful, and £22 realised. 50 Y.P. attended campfire service held on property of J. Leach on 19th. After gospel service on 13th, slides on the World Convention at Toronto, and Mission work in India were shown by Mrs. Jackel. Visitors at recent services were Wendy Reveleigh (Dandenong) and Pauline Doyle (Black Rock). Average attendances for the month of April were: morning, 68; evening, 70.

**West Preston (A. B. Withers).** — Y.P. held social on May 12. On 13th, J.C.E. held Mother's Day service. Y.P.C.E. had Literature Night, led by C. L. Smith, on 14th. On 18th, K.S.P. and friends enjoyed picture night. At conclusion of morning service on 20th, church made presentation to Shirley Seal and Stan. Best, prior to their marriage and transfer

to Qld. S.C.E., C.M.S., and Y.P.C.E. attended farewell to Mr. and Mrs. R. Dixon on 21st, at Thornbury chapel.

**Kaniva (G. A. Grainger).**—Repair work on manse and church properties has been undertaken. Men and women have given considerable time to this work. Youth Fellowship meetings at Kaniva and Lillimur, under Beth. Crouch and Bob. Bradley, have been well attended. Wilma Hawker has been appointed to begin a youth group at Yearinga. C. Thomas visited the circuit, speaking at three meetings. Young Explorers and I.C.E. assisted at gospel service. Mrs. E. Goldsworthy and Mrs. E. Rowe read scriptures on Mother's Day, members of Mission Band giving musical assistance. Youth offering so far is £67, at Kaniva. District Table Tennis Association held evening in church hall to present premiers trophy to church club. Y.P.S.C.E. met at home of B. Marchant, to discuss revival of the society. Mrs. D. Wallis is progressing well in hospital.

**North Williamstown (S. K. Bannon).**—Kinders and Primary shared afternoon service with mothers on May 13. C.W.F. assisted in evening service, at which speaker was Mrs. E. Lister. Good Companions held social evening in honor of mothers. Soloists at gospel services have been G. Ogden, A. Haskell and H. Williams; Misses J. Neville and S. Shaw (duets). Two young ladies were baptised at evening service on 20th. G. Sonsie (Ballarat) is attending meetings. Y.P. work is very heartening.

**York-st., Ballarat (C. W. Jackel).**—Attendances are keeping up well, and average offering for the last quarter was almost £25. Church, assisted by C.E., donated over £55 towards cost of new building at Mt. Clear. M. Murray and Robert Feary are doing commendable work there in B.S., and preaching brethren at other services. Preacher has been absent, taking B.S. anniversary at Kyneton, and addressing District Youth Rally at Dunolly. Tennis season closed with juniors winning their championship; D grade reaching the finals; and B grade winning the premiership in Churches Association. Church regrets loss by death of Mrs. H. I. Newman (aged 84), who was baptised by the late H. G. Feary, 26 years ago. B.S. anniversary, over two weeks, was successful, with attendances reaching 280. Meetings were ably led by H. Feary, supt., and singing by H. G. Feary. Speakers were G. Read, C. W. Jackel, Misses J. Murray and I. York. Both messages and singing were of high order, and a sacred cantata much enjoyed. At primary and kinder service on Mother's Day, bouquets prepared by Mrs. H. Feary were handed to mothers of Cradle Roll by Mrs. Jackel. Mrs. M. Feary has returned

from treatment in Melbourne, and is now much stronger.

**Bentleigh (J. Wiltshire).**—Splendid information has been received from Missionary Conference week. This is a time of spiritual help held each year. Representatives from our mission work in Carnarvon and Norseman, U.F.M., School of Linguistics, and Rhamibi Girls' Homes (India) brought interesting stories in word and pictures. An offering taken on last night was distributed among the societies. Work continues in good heart. During preacher's illness, local brethren, Bavinton, Beddome and Mann have spoken at services.

**Wattle Park (H. A. G. Clark, M.A., B.D., Dip.Ed.).**—Recent visiting speakers have been A. L. Finger, D. Turner and L. Snow. Y.P. conducted evening service on May 6, with D. Hughes (C.O.B.) speaking. A number of scholars and mothers attended special Mother's Day morning service. Youth Dept. team, under L. A. Trezise, met teaching staff at tea on 16th, and later helpfully conferred with relevant B.S. depts. Special youth night was held on 20th, with tea at church, devotional session led by A. Sterling, followed by church parade at evening service. An illustrated talk was given by H. A. G. Clark. One young man from Bible Class made his decision to follow Christ.

**Carnegie (A. R. Lloyd).**—Men's Society held picture and social evening on May 12, to aid Temple Day fund. After-church community hymn session was held on 13th, with John Perrin (Murrumbena Baptist) song-leader. C.M.S. provided refreshments. B.S. had record attendance of 168 on 6th. Recent canvass for new scholars brought 41 new ones, 17 for Cradle Roll. Accommodation is fully taxed, and plans are in hand for extensions to school hall. 22 people have made their decision over last eleven weeks. Film, Esther, was screened at gospel service on 20th. Mrs. W. Manning has been in Alfred Hospital following operation.

**Drumcondra (R. A. Banks).**—At evening service on Mother's Day, Mrs. Rogers and Mrs. Hore, representing mothers, and P. Julien and J. Standen, the children, took part in the service. Soloist was I. Combridge. On 20th, three young men were baptised. Bring a gift, buy a gift afternoon was held at home of Mrs. Crossfield, to aid Mission Band. Women's Fellowship held 7th birthday on 22nd. Representatives from Belmont were present. A most enjoyable evening was spent. Y.W.L. had a barbecue at Queen's Park, when 31 members were present.

**North Essendon (A. E. White, B.A.).**—A Mission to the Life of the Church, has been launched, under

leadership of Mr. White. Some of the sectional groups have already had successful meetings. The mission, among other objectives, aims at deepening the spiritual life of all members and friends, and at having everybody engaged in some phase of the church's work. Attendances at services have been good. On May 13, in absence of Mr. White in S.A., W. W. Saunders spoke at morning meeting, and in the evening, film sermon, by Dr. Billy Graham, was screened to an attentive congregation by Messrs. C. Millar and Pratt, 120 being present. Beryl Parish, Kevin Gossip and Les. Wilson have been re-appointed junior members of officers' board for a further 12 months. On 22nd, a spiritual rally, arranged by combined K.S.P. and P.B.P. was attended by 60. Short addresses on Making a Decision were well given by Janis Vosti, Brian Frith and Rod. Tippett, and Bible reading by Isobel Grant. Afterwards, a light supper was provided; Kappa leader, James Alves, presided. On 15th, K.S.P. visited Ascot Vale Congregational Men's Club for evening of indoor sports. Y.W.F. held successful fete in hall on 11th, and raised £120. Among recent visitors have been Mrs. Woodward and Eric (Sydney), Edwards family (Laver's Hill), and Mrs. Sitwell (nee Rita Dowell, a former organiste). Mrs. Ploog, senr., has been appointed a deaconess.

## Visitation and Evangelism Campaign

From May 1-4, the church at Carnegie, Vic., engaged in a Visitation and Evangelism Campaign. Fourteen members of the church took part, six teams of two going out on four nights visiting. Fellowship teas, provided by the Ladies' Aid, were held each night at 6.15 p.m. After tea, the preacher, A. R. Lloyd, held devotional and prayer session, prior to visitors going out. Whilst visitors were out, prayer sessions were conducted by S. Jenner and G. Warmbrunn, until visitors returned. Many homes of B.S. scholars and others were contacted. Some answers to prayers were reported. On the following Sunday night (May 6) several of those contacted who had signed decision cards, came forward in response to the invitation to confess Christ. There were five first decisions and two restorations to church membership. Others will be transferring their membership to Carnegie, and further decisions are anticipated. The church has been greatly blessed and strengthened, and thanks God for some great victories.

"To God be the glory, great things he hath done."

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# REVIEW

**"A NEW LOOK" — Provocative Pamphlet No. 14, by J. E. Gough. Sponsored by the Christian Union Committee for Pentecost Sunday distribution.**

"A New Look" certainly justifies the description of a "provocative pamphlet." It makes you think, and think honestly, about the present situation of Churches of Christ in the field of Christian unity.

The writer, J. Eric Gough, is one of our younger preachers. It is heartening to find our younger men endeavoring to safeguard the principle of restoration, and to apply it in the light of present day facts. The content of the pamphlet is a reasoned concern that Churches of Christ are failing to achieve their unity objectives. The treatment of the subject is forthright, and disturbingly critical. The movement for the restoration of New Testament Christianity must not become static. The pamphlet examines the reasons for the lack of virility amongst the great majority of those associated with Churches of Christ in living out the principle of restoration, and the writer is to be commended for underriding his critical analysis with corrective suggestions. To see ourselves as others see us is a wholesome experience. An older generation has much to gain from seeing itself through the eyes of a younger generation.

Mr. Gough is a worthy representative of the younger generation. The pamphlet merits the attention of the entire brotherhood.—W. R. Hibbert.

## *Nth.-Western District Conference, Vic.*

Dimboola chapel was the setting for a well attended Conference. Members were present from Ararat, Stawell, Horsham, Haven, Minyip, Warracknabeal, Dimboola and Kaniva.

In morning R. H. Patterson led the devotional session, C. Rogers (president) led the meeting, at which encouraging reports were given from the churches.

A buffet lunch was served out of doors in beautiful weather, at which Mrs. Nance-Kivell gave a very informative talk on the work of the W.C.T.U. activities.

In the afternoon K. A. Jones, Vic. and Tas. Conf. Pres., was guest speaker on the discussion theme: "How best can we help the weaker churches."

A committee, consisting of the preacher and one member from each church, was formed.

This year, the Conference decided

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to help Dimboola in a manner similar to the successful effort made at Minyip last year. It was also decided to support the work of erecting the ablutions block at the Youth Camp site, Hall's Gap. Special reference was made to the passing of W. Wakefield, paying a tribute to his splendid Christian service over the years. It was agreed to hold an inspirational rally, at Horsham, in September.

At the inspirational evening session, H. M. Long, led the song service, and K. A. Jones gave a challenging address. Misses V. and J. Harmer rendered duets, L. Rogers, musical numbers, and D. Williams, solo. Officers for the ensuing year are: pres., H. M. Long; vice-pres., G. A. Grainger; sec. and treas., H. J. Newell.—H.J.N.

### BIRTH

**KENNETT.** — On April 11, 1956, at McKellar Hospital, Hamilton, Vic., to Joan and Ben, a daughter—Glenda Joy.

### DEATHS

**FORD** (nee Twiddy). — On May 7, 1956, suddenly, at Wedderburn, Elva Beatrice, loved sister of Bert, sister-in-law of Florence, loving aunt of Joan and Ken.

"Called Home to be with her Lord."

**PRATT.** — William John Pratt, of Wedderburn, passed away at the Inglewood Hospital, on May 1, 1956;

loved eldest son of the late John and Mary Ann Pratt, loving brother of Maggie (Mrs. Freeman), Norah (Mrs. Rossi), Tony (dec.), Nellie (Mrs. Andrews), Jack (dec.), Leonard (dec.), Stanley, Heyligar (dec.), Daphne (Mrs. McPherson).

"He giveth his beloved sleep, after much pain and suffering, sweet rest."

### IN MEMORIAM

**SAUNDERS.** — With gratitude to God for their Christian life, service and influence, we pay this tribute to our loved daughter and son, Valerie and Brian, and their seven friends, who were taken from our presence by the Boronia level crossing tragedy, June 1, 1952.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Saunders.

**HAMMOND.** — In fond memory of my husband and father, who passed away, May 31, 1952.

—Sadly missed by his loving wife and daughters, Jessie, Vera and Hilda.

**HOGBEN, John B.** — Passed away suddenly by accident, May 30, 1950.

"So sadly missed—as he loved us, so we love him."

—Inserted by his devoted parents, only brother, Eric, and sisters, Betty and Maxine.

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

E. F. Morris (Conference Secretary, N.S.W.), 108 Shirley-rd., Roseville, N.S.W. JM 1561.

G. R. Hore (secretary, Chatswood church), 2 Johnson-st., Chatswood, N.S.W. JA 4941.



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Mrs. Albert S. Collings, 99 Kangaroo-  
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ciated.

**ARNOLD—ALLISON.** — The mar-  
riage of Relma, only daughter of  
Mrs. E. M. Arnold, and the late Mr.  
R. L. Arnold, to Ken, elder son of  
Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Allison, was  
solemnised at Dulwich church, South  
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4.30 p.m., by E. J. Miles, and S. E.  
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## Open Forum

### "THE RETURN OF OUR LORD"

W. J. Caspersonn, in common with  
others who are unwilling to accept  
the teaching of a past Second Advent,  
suggests inconsistency on the part of  
those who do accept it and who, in  
the light of the phrase, "till he  
come," continue to observe the Lord's  
Supper.

If he examines closely the passage  
in 1 Cor. 11, from which the phrase  
is taken, he will see that the words,  
"For as often as ye do this ye pro-  
claim, the Lord's death until he  
come," are not the words of Jesus  
but an addendum of Paul.

Considered in connection with  
Paul's introductory remarks in chapter  
1, verses 4-9, and applied to those  
to whom they were addressed, a sense  
and a directness is given to his com-  
ment.

The feast of the Passover com-  
memorating the deliverance of the  
children of Israel from Egyptian bon-  
dage, was observed after the pos-  
siding of Canaan. By the same token  
we remember in the Heavenly Canaan  
"throughout all the generation of  
the ages," "him who through the  
eternal spirit offered himself without  
blemish unto God."

I agree with your correspondent  
that we should have a definite teach-  
ing on the Second Coming backed by  
a "thus saith the Lord" or his

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astray, every national or international  
calamity has been construed by Ad-  
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of our Lord. Those who received the  
signs firsthand were best qualified to  
discern their fulfilment and advise  
their contemporaries accordingly. The  
statements of these men, preserved  
for us in the pages of the N.T., should  
be more acceptable than those of any  
modern prophet claiming to read the  
signs of the times.—T. Orr, Laun-  
ceston, Tas.

**"FAITH HEALING"**

At a recent gathering of Victorian  
preachers, consideration was given to  
this subject. There was general agree-  
ment with the fact of divine healing.  
All agreed that God can heal, does  
heal and will heal. It was also agreed  
that there are certain conditions to be  
recognised and fulfilled either on the  
part of the sick, or the one bringing  
the sick for healing, or both. Al-  
though cases were cited in which  
there was, on the one hand, disbelief  
on the part of the one needing heal-  
ing and, on the other hand, seeming  
unwillingness to heal on the part of  
God, the preachers were convinced  
that this in no way discounted the  
fact that God can and does heal,  
nor does it invalidate praying for  
healing. It was refreshing to hear of  
the physician, the surgeon, the  
specialist, the chiropractor and others,  
who always approached the case with  
a prayer for the help of God and the  
healing of the patient.

The Melbourne "Herald" (28/4/56)  
featured a story, in which a young  
woman of eighteen years confessed  
to the remarkable cure, wrought on  
her by a Ballarat chiropractor, which  
enabled her to resume the stage career,  
which was seemingly at an end.  
Knowing something of his accom-  
plishments in this sphere, we assumed  
that the chiropractor referred to was  
T. A. Comer, an esteemed and honored  
member of Churches of Christ of long  
standing. A telephone conversation  
with the young lady concerned con-  
firmed this. Mr. Comer never under-  
takes a case without prayer, and he  
ascribes all cures to the God he  
serves. While he cannot claim cures  
for all his patients, he has been able  
to help large numbers and continues  
to dedicate his life and abilities to  
the whole service of God, including  
the ministry of healing.

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hope that we, as a people and as  
individuals, shall not in any circum-  
stances lose faith in God and whether  
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Elva Beatrice Ford.

The church at Wedderburn, has been saddened by the sudden passing of Mrs. Ford. She confessed her faith in Jesus Christ during the Harward-Pittman tent mission, Oct.-Nov., 1902, at Wedderburn. Her travels brought her into contact with Prahran, Windsor and Brunswick churches. During recent years, she has cared for her mother, Mrs. Twiddy, and has been in active membership with the church at Wedderburn. Of this Christian lady it can be said that she was one of God's gentlewomen, and a gracious deaconess of the church. On Sunday, May 6, Mrs. Ford met with the church at Wedderburn, visited sick folk in the hospital, and during that night was called Home to be with her Lord, and to share with the redeemed, that Home not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. A large gathering of friends attended the service at the church and Wedderburn cemetery. We commend her daughter, sister and brothers to our heavenly Father's care.—A.C.M.

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