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British Professors Honored

Dr. William Robinson and Dr. A. C. Watters, retiring professors of theology and missions, respectively, at the School of Religion, Butler University, Indianapolis, U.S.A., were honored Tuesday, June 5, 1956, with Distinguished Service Citations from the Disciples of Christ Historical Society, Nashville, Tennessee.

The citations and accompanying Honorary Life Memberships in the Society were presented by Miss Eva Jean Wrather, Nashville writer-historian and member of the Society executive committee, at the annual School of Religion alumni dinner held at the University Park Christian Church in Indianapolis.

Dr. Watters and Dr. Robinson are retiring from the School of Religion faculty to return to Great Britain. Dr. Robinson is expected to continue writing and lecturing in the field of theology. Dr. Watters will assume the pastorate of an English-speaking church in Rhodesia later this year.

Dr. Robinson is recognised as one of the leading theologians of Great Britain and the Continent. He has been head of the department of Christian Doctrine and Theology at the School of Religion since 1951. He was principal of Overdale College for twenty-seven years; for seventeen years was professor of Christian Doctrine at Selly Oaks Colleges; and served as lecturer in Theology in Birmingham University for seven years. He was editor of *The Christian Advocate* for eleven years. He has been a regular contributor to many theological journals and is the author of a number of books, including *The Biblical Doctrine of the Church*, *Whither Theology*, *The Shattered Cross*, *Essays on Christian Unity*, and others.

Dr. Watters was cited as a missionary, educator, editor and historian. A native of Scotland, he served as a missionary to India for thirteen years. He and Mrs. Watters have been recognised by the British Government for outstanding service. He has also been active in the training of teachers in Scotland, and has held many responsible positions with the Churches of Christ in Great Britain, including chairmanship of the Foreign Missionary Committee, editor

of the *Mission Quarterly*, and member of the Home Missions Committee. He was the first general secretary of the British churches in 1937. He is the author of the book, *History of British Churches of Christ*, published in 1947. Since 1948, Dr. Watters has been head of the department of missions at the Butler School of Religion.

Other speakers at the School of Religion alumni dinner included Dr. Jesse M. Bader, New York; Dr. Harlie L. Smith, Indianapolis; and Dean O. L. Shelton, of the School of Religion. Dr. Howard Anderson, Bloomington, Indiana, was the toastmaster.



Dr. Watters, Dr. Robinson, Miss Wrather, Dean Shelton.

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MISSIONARY NEWS

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India and Australia CONTRASTED

Writing in July, shortly after reaching India again after furlough, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dixon tell something of their voyage and their arrival:

We had a very good trip out. The ship, of course, was a lovely one, and, as we had gone home on it, we knew our way around on it. The kiddies just lived in the nursery, where they were very well looked after, and had a wonderful time. We only had to remember to get them for meals, bath them, and put them to bed. They did have a couple of days when they were able to have an hour in the pool, and Brian pretty well learnt to swim. Roy was able to get some sport, and once again won the table tennis tournament on board.

Ted Heard was in Bombay to meet us, and, owing to the early arrival of the boat, we were able to travel to the Mission by the van, quickly and in the cool of the night, instead of the heat of the day. One of my arguments for leaving so quickly after the baby was born was that we would not only have a good ship to travel on, but that we would miss the monsoons at sea, and have time to settle in before they broke here.

Peter is doing well and continues to gain weight at a prodigious rate. He isn't eight weeks' old yet, but is over 12 pounds. He is a very contented little fellow, too, but not above exercising his lungs. He has, with all of us, had trips to Dhond, Poona and Bhigvan since we arrived a month ago, so he is well and truly travelled!

Well, the monsoon broke three weeks early this year! Consequently, most of our journey was in the rains, but it was not too rough travelling, and everything was nice and green when we arrived here. The rains obligingly held off for a few days, and gave us time to settle in a bit. We have not properly unpacked yet, but that is due to the pressure of time, rather than the weather. Our immediate needs are all where we can get them easily, if I have been able to find them. We have now had good rains, and it is much cooler than is usual at this

time of the year. We do not mind that, of course.

The first few days back here at Baramati we had to pinch ourselves to see if we were dreaming or not. However, after hearing the sounds of animals and birds peculiar to India, and once more listening to nothing else but Marathi for a month, we know that our return is a reality.

India is still the same. Conditions in the small villages stand out in direct contrast to Australian conditions we have just left. This week we have been out to some of the other outer villages to try to commence distribution of milk powder. This milk has been sent out by America to the Government of India to be distributed irrespective of caste or religion.

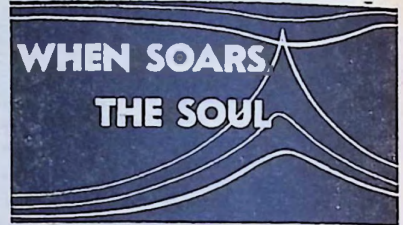
However, "man cannot live by bread alone," the Bible says. We find that the average Indian person is still spiritually hungry and is searching after God. Therefore, we feel more sure than ever that we have the answer to that need in Jesus Christ. Will you please pray for the people of India, as we strive to work amongst them?

The End of the Year

FINANCES.—With deep gratitude to God, the Board records a much better financial year than anticipated at the middle period suggested. We are grateful to many who responded to our urgent appeal, which helped consolidate the position.

The highest recorded income for General funds, prior to this present year (July 1, 1955—June 30, 1956) was that of 1953. In that year, income exceeded £23,000, and met all expenses, leaving a surplus of about £300. The years 1954 and 1955 recorded a decline of income, but the expenditure rate rose sharply, and during these two years there was a deficit of over £2,000. For the year just ended (June 30, 1956), income took an upward trend, giving a record total of £25,143, allowing the Board almost to reach the goal—a balanced budget. The year finished with a deficit of approximately £500—in other words, a mere 2% extra would have met the situation. With present commitments, the Board cannot expect too much reduction in expenditure, and the only answer to meet the situation is an increased income.

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



Now the watchman was standing on the tower in Jezreel, and he spied the company of Jehu as he came, and said, "I see a company." And Joram said, "Take a horseman, and send to meet them, and let him say, 'Is it peace?'" . . . The watchman reported, "He reached them, but he is not coming back. And the driving is like the driving of Jehu, the son of Nimshi; for he drives furiously." . . . But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.—2 Kings 9: 17, 20; Gal. 5: 22, 23 (R.S.V.).

One of the funny cartoons used by the National Safety Council on television shows a car being passed by another car, whereupon the driver of Car Number One shrinks to the size of a baby, and roars by Car Number Two. Driver of Car Number Two also becomes a baby, and side-by-side, they roar down the road to their destruction. Lack of emotional control, babyishness at the wheel, immaturity—these are prominent factors in traffic troubles. Paul cautioned that love is patient, and we can't even wait for a traffic light one full minute. He said love was not possessive; yet we often hog the road to ourselves, like an only child unwilling to share toys with a visitor. "Love has good manners," is J. B. Phillips' translation in 1 Cor. 13. In that case, we aren't very loving on the highway, are we? . . . Among the nine fruits of the Spirit of Christ in us which Paul listed, six of them are directly applicable to driving habits: love, patience, kindness, generosity, adaptability and self-control. He that saith, "I love God," and driveth like a baby, the same is a liar and a killer.—A. O. Kean, in "The Christian-Evangelist."

When we sit behind the wheel,
May we drive as those who feel
Thy hands on ours;
Keep us from the futile race,
Needless risk and careless pace;
Guide thou our powers.

ON THE EDITOR'S BOOK-TABLE

SONGS IN THE NIGHT (Esther Hale).—47pp. 3/-. plus postage. Copies obtainable from the writer, Mrs. E. Hale, Main-rd., Claremont, Tasmania.

The verses in this booklet are mainly written to bring help and comfort, and, as such, are specially directed towards the aged, the sick, and the sorrowing. Others may find them rather too much alike, with their pointing to the "blissful shore," though one or two poems, like "Dare We?" and "Stand in Faith," strike a more vigorous note.

Many of the lines do not read well, so far as poetic values are concerned, yet there are some charming verses among them, and all are touched with sincerity, and the desire to help. There are 49 selections in the booklet, and, while tastes will differ, this reviewer appreciated "Values," "Summer in the Heart" (with its refrain, "And it's summer in my heart, with Jesus there"), "A Beautiful Evening," "Rest-Warrior-Rest," "The Singing of the Birds," "Faith," "By a Way that They Knew Not," "Science has no Message," "This Thing is from Thee," "My Grace is Sufficient" and "Why?"

Include this among the booklets which might well prove a help to a friend in time of need.



PEACE IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH (William Robinson).—61pp. Published by Berean Press. 7/6. Advance orders may be sent to Austral.

This booklet, sub-titled "A Discussion of the Nature of the Church in the Epistles of Colossians and Ephesians," consists of five lectures, originally given by Prof. Robinson to ministers of Disciples of Christ, gathered at North West Christian College, University of Oregon, U.S.A., early in 1955.

Dr. Robinson, former principal of Overdale, training college of our British Churches of Christ, has just retired as Professor of Christian Doctrine and Theology, School of Religion, Butler University, Indianapolis, Ind., U.S.A. His distinguished record is an immediate recommendation for this type of Biblical study, which every preacher should certainly secure, and ponder.

In his Foreword, he clearly sets forth his aims as being to show: (1) "what it will mean when the idea of the Church is freed from secular conceptions, especially that of a successful business corporation, and restored to the grandeur of its spiritual being as the Body of Christ;" and (2) "that the function of the

Church is not only to redeem humanity—especially in the narrow spiritual sense—but . . . to redeem man socially, economically, racially and politically, as well as to redeem the whole world of nature. It actually reaches to the redemption of angelic hosts in heaven." "Because of this destiny," he adds, "it is important that the Church should have peace in its own borders; why it should be united, though possessing diversities. These diversities should not be held in antagonism, but cherished as a richer fulness within one fellowship."

His five chapter headings are: "The Church A Divine Dynamic," "Two Congregations—One Church," "A Saved and Saving Society," "The Bond of Peace" and "Doctrine and Life." It represents an arresting, and at times minutely textual, discussion of Paul's teaching in the two epistles. Ephesians is accepted as "an expanded edition of Colossians;" hence only one chapter (the second) is devoted to Colossians, for consideration of the one thing which seems to find greater attention there than in Ephesians—"the mystery of Christ."

The following comments on the Church are typical of Dr. Robinson's treatment: "The Church is no place of rest where idle saints loll, but a place of growth, of activity, of work . . . The Church is placed in the world as leaven to achieve the redemption of the world which Christ wrought. It is never to be identified with the world, but with the Christ. Its activity must always aim at the redemption of the society in which it exists. It is not only the saved remnant of the world; it is the saved and saving remnant. It is not only the 'ark of salvation;' it is 'the carrier of salvation.' It must be prepared for even greater sufferings than those which Christ suffered . . . But the Church has often been stubborn, and has preferred the banner of success . . . A merely successful Church may be on the road to Hell . . . The Church which is not filled with the Holy Spirit is not the One Church of which Paul speaks. It is no more than a dead husk; certainly not the Body of Christ . . . The Church cannot remain static. But it cannot alter itself at the dictates of the environment, so as to become a contradiction of itself."

I like his insistence on Paul's phrase, "with all the saints" (Eph. 3: 18), and his conviction that "it is impossible to be a 'man in Christ' and an absolute individualist." In true Restoration Movement style, he

says, "It certainly is a most terrible sin to divide the Church. But we go about the world, hardly caring that we inherit this sin from our forefathers. The consciousness of it ought to haunt us like a nightmare." He closes with the solemn warning that so much depends "upon how much we cherish our denomination-ism instead of the one true Church."

A stimulating booklet—get it! It will make you read and re-read Ephesians and Colossians.



GUIDE TO TEACHING—A Handbook for Workers in the Church School (Churches of Christ Federal Board of Christian Education). 56pp. Available from Federal Board, 76 Graham-rd., Highbett, S.21, Vic., at 3/- each, including postage.

Recently, a Melbourne minister, rather staggered to learn from his children that it was still a fairly common practice for teachers in the Bible school simply to read the lesson out of a book, was rash enough to say in their presence, "Any teacher who reads the lesson out of a book shouldn't be a teacher." The next Sunday morning, his younger hopeful, at the first sight of her teacher's book, piped up, "My father says . . ."! The story is circulating as one of the jokes in the school at the moment, but maybe it will do some good in the telling.

Certainly, any teacher who sits down and reads *Guide to Teaching* will be left in no doubt that slipshod unpreparedness is a cardinal sin. Here, in addition to the complete syllabus planned for Austral Graded Lessons for the next few years, are 22 sections packed with sound advice and inspiration for the teacher. Among other things, it lets us know that the work of the Federal Board "involves the preparation and production of twelve 'pieces' of lesson material for every week in every year—a precision job demanding careful planning, detailed thought, constant supervision at every point." There are practical hints on such different aspects as equipment and worship, and stimulus to the discovery that "there is no end to the variety of ways an alert and intelligent teacher can conduct a teaching session."

Reading this splendidly produced booklet made me prouder than ever of the Federal Board, and the excellent work of its Director and his helpers. I would heartily agree that "a copy of this booklet should be placed in the hands of all appointed to teach."

J. E. BROOKE, minister of Balwyn church, Vic., meditates helpfully on . . .

The Precious Death of the Saints

There is a verse from the Psalms which chimes in my soul like the music of a golden bell, whenever I hear of the passing of one of God's children. You will find it in Psalm 116, verse 15: "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints."

It is not, of course, an easy thing to believe, in the first anguish of sorrow and loss. Then, if we are to cling to its truth, we shall need to put the emphasis upon the words, "in the sight of the Lord." As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are his ways higher than our ways, and his thoughts than our thoughts. He, above the clouds and storms of our mortal life, can see clearly and fully, and in his sight, his perfect sight, the death of his saints is precious.

Yet I think that if we could ponder these words calmly, even we would see how wonderfully fitting they are. "Precious"—we could not say that a loved one's death is happy, or providential, or sweet, or perhaps even good. But it is something. "Beautiful" is a good word; but "precious" is the only right word. It is the passionate sense of the value of things: of the riches of God's world: the world where every star is a diamond, every leaf an emerald, every drop of blood a ruby; it is this sense of preciousness that is really awakened by the death of God's saints. Somehow we feel that even their death is a thing of incalculable value and mysterious sweetness. It is awful, tragic, desolating, desperately hard to bear—but still precious!

But let us approach our truth more gradually, and think of the

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themselves in the sight of God, before we consider the preciousness of their death.

His saints are precious to God because they are his creation, and he created them in his own image. This is true of all men, but in men generally that relationship has been ruined by rebellion, and that image defaced by sin. The saints are they who have returned to God, and who cleave to him in faithfulness.

And it is their faith that the God who made them will care for them eternally. That was the trust of the sorely-trying Job: "If a man die, shall he live again? All the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my

change come. Thou shalt call, and I will answer thee: thou wilt have a desire to the work of thine hands." What God has made, he values too greatly just to throw away. And Tennyson echoes the same confidence in his *In Memoriam*:

"Thou wilt not leave us in the dust:
Thou madest man, he knows not
why,
He thinks he was not made to die;
And thou hast made him: thou art
just."

God's saints are precious to him, even more, because he has redeemed them at such cost. "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life." "Ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, but with the precious blood of Christ." The life of his own Son on Calvary is the tremendous measure of our worth to God.

The apostle Paul has a great phrase to describe the infinite value of the very least and weakest Christian—he is "a man for whom Christ died."

The great Protestant scholar, Muretus, in a critical illness, was taken to an infirmary. He heard the surgeons say to one another in Latin, "Let us try some experiments on this worthless fellow." To their surprise, he answered them in the same tongue, "Call not a man worthless for whom Christ died."

Here is the invincible warrant of our worth to God. He will never allow that soul to perish for whom he gave his Son to die.

His saints are precious to God, again, because he has given them his Spirit, to sanctify them to himself. Paul uses two very significant figures of speech to describe the purpose and work of God's Spirit in the Christian's life, the Spirit as a seal and as an earnest. In Eph. 1: 13 and 14, we read: "Ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise, which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession."

A seal is that with which an article is stamped to show its owner. So, when God gives us his Spirit, it is to mark us as belonging properly to him. An "earnest" is simply the first instalment of a purchase price, paid over as a pledge that the rest will follow. So God has given us his Spirit to assure us of his purpose to complete our redemption.

Thus doubly set apart to him by his Spirit within us, we can be certain of our preciousness in his sight, that he will keep us forever, and bring to perfection the work he has begun in us.

And now that we have seen how his saints themselves are precious in God's sight, let us consider how he sees the special

Preciousness of Their Death

Well, for one thing, their death is precious in his sight, because through it they pass from the pains and perils of this mortal life, into a life where these can no more torture or threaten. "There shall be no more pain." "There shall in no wise enter anything that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, nor maketh a lie." "God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes."

"Sigh not, ye winds, as passing o'er
The chambers of the dead, you fly;
Weep not, ye dews, for these no
more

Shall ever weep, shall ever sigh."
"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints," because now all ache and anguish, all frailty and failure, all weakness of body and spirit are past.

"Not as we knew them any more,
Toll-worn and sad with burdened
care,

Erect, clear-eyed, upon their brow
thy Name they bear.

Free from the fret of mortal years,
And knowing now thy perfect will,
With quickened sense and heightened
joy,

They serve thee still,
There are no tears within their
eyes,

With love they keep perpetual
tryst,

And praise and work and rest are
one

With thee, O Christ."
The death of his saints is precious in the sight of God, further, because they shall now be perfected in soul.

Mary Webb describes how Prue Sarn found, on a tall rush by the bank of the river, a dragon-fly just beginning to come out of its skin, and she leaned near, pretty well holding her breath, to see the miracle. Already the skin over its bright, flaming eyes was as thin as glass, so that she could see them shining like colored lamps. In a little while, the old skin split, and it got its head out.

Then began the wrestling and the travail to get free—first its legs, then its shoulders, and soft wrinkled wings.

It was like a creature possessed, seeming to fall into a fit, and at times to be struck stiff as a corpse. Just before the end it stayed a long while still, as if it were wondering whether it durst get quite free in a world all new. Then it gave a great heave and a kind of bursting wrench, and it was out. It climbed a little way further up the bulrush, very sleepy and tired, and fell into a doze, while its wings began to grow.

"Well," said Prue, with something between a laugh and a sob. "It's cost you something, but you've won free. I'm in hopes you'll have a pleasant time. I suppose this is your Paradise."

Is it with some such wondering joy that God sees the death of his saints? We see the anguished rending of the body that is left behind; God sees the splendor of the soul that flies free in its new-found glory.

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints," because it means that they are now coming home to him, into his very presence. We are apt to think only of how we need our dear ones with us: should we not think also of God's desire to have them with him?

Another Psalmist heard the voice of God, calling to the heavens and the earth, "Gather my saints together unto me." God loves his saints, he delights in them, he longs to have them with him.

When Jesus spoke of preparing a place for us in the house of many mansions, does it not imply a desire to welcome us to the comfort and joy of that prepared place? When Paul referred to being absent from the body as being at home with the Lord, may we not think of the joy of the great Father in the home-coming of his children? When we read in the Revelation of the great voice saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God," are not the very words instinct with the delight of God in his people?

That is why their death is precious in his sight, because it means that they are coming to him, to be folded close to his great loving heart.

Let us try, then, like old Henry Vaughan, to see things a little from God's viewpoint.

"They are all gone into the world of light,
And I alone sit lingering here;
Their very memory is fair and bright,
And my sad thoughts doth clear.

"Dear beauteous death! the jewel of the just,
Shining nowhere but in the dark;
What mysteries do lie beyond thy dust,
Could man outlook that mark.

"And yet, as angels in some brighter dreams
Call to the soul when man doth sleep;
So some strange thoughts transcend our wonted themes,
And into glory peep.

"O Father of eternal life, and all
Created glories under thee,
Resume thy spirit from this world of thrall,
Into true liberty."



E. C. Hinrichsen Memorial Chapel

When our great evangelist died, there were many who said: "Something ought to be done by way of a provision of a memorial to such a unique personality." Men throughout the brotherhood expressed themselves as anxious to see such a memorial. From Queensland to the West, such expressions were voiced.

At the funeral service, B. G. Corlett suggested a Memorial Chapel. Soon a committee of interested brethren met, and formed themselves into the "E. C. Hinrichsen Memorial Chapel Provisional Committee." This committee discussed various proposals and settled upon the scheme to erect a Memorial Chapel at the N.S.W. Bible College, Woolwich.

There has been an immediate and generous response to the appeal. Friends and relatives of our late brother pledged their support. Before the appeal was officially launched, more than £1,000 was given or promised.

On July 27, a public meeting at Enmore Tabernacle was held to launch the appeal in Sydney. Almost £2,000 was given or promised at that meeting. Contributions are still being received.

One of the architects who was approached and asked to provide a sketch, has done so, and has greatly impressed the committee with his suggestions. To erect the building in sandstone is estimated to cost in the vicinity of £7,000.

Contributions and enquiries in this matter may be forwarded to the Secretary/Treasurer of the appeal, G. S. Brown, 9 North-terr., Bankstown, N.S.W.

The Conference Executives of each of the States have endorsed this appeal.

An Expression of Gratitude

W. R. Hibburt.

For over half a century, a select company have sought to serve the brotherhood, maintaining certain values in Lord's day morning services by selecting appropriate Scripture lessons and offering hymn suggestions. Scripture lessons, chosen with insight and intelligently read, and hymns sung with understanding determine much of the quality of a communion service. A pre-requisite for this achievement is the considered attention to Scripture lessons, hymns and tunes. The select company to which we refer comprise those who have given the necessary foresight to offer suggestions for suitable readings and hymns.

For this common source of selected readings and hymns, congregations are indebted to the Austral Printing and Publishing Company, which for so many years has performed this self-appointed ministry, and made available annually the result of the panel's work. Throughout the years, the Austral has been able to call upon qualified brethren to do the selecting work, a task that requires an understanding of the brotherhood, and an intimate knowledge of the Scriptures. Amongst those who rendered signal service to the brotherhood in this regard over a long period were Joseph Pittman, and his sons Percy, Ferdinand, and Douglas, the latter always exercising care and discrimination in the range of Scriptural resource material, and in profiting from each year's experience. The brotherhood is also indebted to a member of this same family for the major portion of hymn suggestions. Miss M. E. Pittman was, until recently, the guiding genius in the annual list of hymns, now selected by A. R. Haskell.

In recent years, much of the selector's work has been undertaken by J. E. Brooke, who, by reason of his spiritual qualities, knowledge of the Scriptures, and love of the brotherhood has heightened the values of this silent ministry. His suggestions give proof that he is sensitive to the factors operating in the average congregation, and to a unity of thought in Old and New Testament Scriptures. He has every right to the inner satisfaction of work well done.

The wide use of the suggested readings and hymns is proof of the brotherhood's gratitude to this select company of unobtrusive servants. It is a brotherhood-embracing thought to contemplate, each Sunday morning, that the same Scriptures are being read in similar congregations in the various States, in the Dominion of New Zealand, and in many congregations in our mission fields.

Aborigines Missions News

J. K. Robinson, Fed. Sec.

FITZROY AND MOOROOPNA, VIC.

Work in these centres continues to progress. The native folk at Fitzroy are continuing to renovate their building and have instituted an envelope system of giving to raise money for carpets and other renovations. This has proved successful, and the building is now attractive with its new carpets. A Sportsmen's Night took place on July 15, but was held in the North Fitzroy chapel to enable a bigger attendance to share in the meeting. The building has been packed on a number of special nights during July.

At Mooroopna, regular prayer meetings are being held, and other meetings enthusiastically attended. Progress is being made toward the erection of the building purchased some time ago. The cost may be a little higher than at first anticipated, in order to make the building conform with local health regulations. It is hoped that voluntary labor will erect the building. The Victorian-Tasmanian Churches of Christ C.E. Committee has organised a fund with a target of £250, to furnish the building. It is probable that a Mission to Aborigines will be held in conjunction with the opening of the building.

NEW GENERATING PLANT, NORSEMAN.

The growth of the Mission and the extension of the electric light system demanded attention to the generating plant. This was wearing itself out trying to cope with the extra lighting, and the provision of a new one was imperative. An excellent plant, consisting of a 22 h.p. Crossley engine, coupled to a 16 K.V.A. generator, was available from the State Electricity Commission of W.A., in perfect order. This was purchased, at a cost of £445. Mr. Klemm, the Board's consulting engineer, who has done so much of the electrical work on our Missions, inspected the plant and recommended its purchase, considering the price to be most reasonable. Percy Butler, a member of the church at Bruce Rock, W.A., will transport the plant from its present situation in Denmark to Norseman, a distance of some 350 miles, for the running costs involved. We lay this matter before the brotherhood, suggesting it as an object of special gifts from interested friends. The gifts could be made through State Committees or direct to the Board.

ORANGE GROWING AT NORSEMAN.

A business man in Norseman town has provided a number of orange and other citrus trees for the Mission, and has promised further trees of various kinds to the value of £100. These will be planted progressively, forming a grove of trees at the entrance of the Mission.

SUPERINTENDENTS' QUARTERS

Extensions and improvements to the Superintendent's quarters at Norseman are long overdue, and the Board has moved forward in faith to provide these with the help of a loan free of interest. The total cost will be something in the vicinity of £1,500. At Carnarvon, also, although

the general quarters are quite satisfactory, the provision of a new bathroom and laundry is a vital necessity, as this was not attended to when the other improvements were made. Once again, here is an avenue for specific giving on the part of the Lord's people.

GENERAL

We rejoice that Miss Dorothy Butler, after a long period of absence through illness, has now returned to duty at Carnarvon. Mr. and Mrs. H. Walker have also joined the Carnarvon band of workers, and Mrs. and Miss Allen of Launceston, Tas., have arrived at Norseman to give twelve months' voluntary service.

FULFILLING A DREAM

The following, which appeared in the Melbourne "Herald" (18/7/56), tells of an exciting venture by two members of our American brotherhood.

In late 1947, William Larimer Mellon, jr., scion of the Pittsburgh Mellons, was rich and 37, with a pretty wife and children, and a new house on a smooth-running Arizona ranch.

Looking through Life one day, he stopped at a picture story about Dr. Albert Schweitzer, who 51 years ago gave up a brilliantly versatile career—as theologian, organist, teacher and musicologist—to become a doctor and work among the natives in the African jungle.

Gradually, a strange and consuming determination took hold of Mellon. His wife Gwen gulped when she heard it . . . sell the ranch, become a physician and follow in Schweitzer's footsteps.

BACK TO SCHOOL

Larry Mellon had plenty of money, but both age and education were against him—he had left Princeton University after his freshman year. Mellon wrote to Dr. Schweitzer, and back came eight pages of encouragement and advice about what subjects to take in medical school.

The Mellons moved to New Orleans and Larry ground his way through Tulane's Medical School in four years.

Gwen Mellon learned to be a laboratory technician, and to take charge of instruments in an operating room.

Originally Mellon had planned to set up his hospital near Africa's Congo River. Then he switched to Haiti, because its population is denser and its medical needs acute.

Ninety miles from Port-au-Prince, in the Artibonite Valley, Mellon found a site and began to build.

NO SPEECHES

Constructing a modern hospital with unskilled labor took two years. But this month, with no ceremonies or speeches, the trim little Albert Schweitzer Hospital opened its doors and went to work.

It has 50 beds, three air-conditioned operating rooms—and an "emergency entrance" designed with an eye to the fact that the only ambulance available to most of the region's poor is the Haitian burro (donkey).

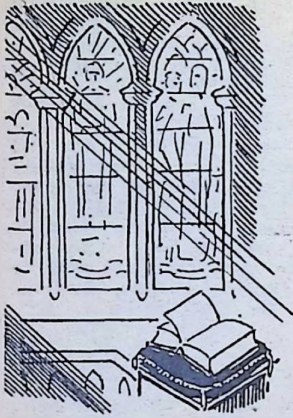
Water and outdoor cooking facilities are provided for outpatients coming down from the hills.

Present staff consists of four doctors and a laboratory technician in addition to the Mellons.

All have been studying Creole in preparation for their patients.

Patients are expected to pay only what they can—token payments of chickens, fruits and vegetables "to satisfy their pride." The expected operating deficit: approximately £90,000 a year.

Quiet, white-haired Dr. Mellon and his wife, both Disciples of Christ, still exchange letters every month with 81-year-old Dr. Schweitzer in his jungle headquarters at Lambarene.



THE LIVING WORD

Studies on the planned Sunday morning readings

Sunday, Sept. 2

OLD TESTAMENT

Proverbs 10: 1-12.

Summary.

Proverbs 10 contains a number of very brief "proverbs," each one comprising a verse of two lines, and each one focussing attention on only one thought. At first sight there does not appear to be any connected theme, but a closer survey will show that, whilst it is not treated continuously, the main subject is the blessing which follows goodness and diligence, and the penalty which follows sin and laziness.

Explanatory Notes.

"a wise son maketh a glad father" (v. 1). — "It is significant that the opening proverb of this section deals with the home, which is the first place where wisdom is imparted" (Fritsch). We are reminded that "In Proverbs, consideration for parents is regarded as both a mark of wise living and a motive for it" (Schloerb).

"the hand of the diligent maketh rich" (v. 4). — Behind the word diligent we discover that the root idea is "to out," and so our word "sharp," as used in the figurative sense today, would be a good translation. The slack hand referred to earlier in the verse means to be lacking in energy. Thus two attitudes stand in contrast.

"the memory of the just is blessed" (v. 7). — "Eventually to every man there comes the day when he must live in the garden of memory. Blessed is he who finds flowers there to bring courage, cheer, and joy to these, the most beautiful or the most terrible days of life" (R. L. Smith).

"he that winketh the eye" (v. 10). — "The winking of the eye is the sign of malicious deception."

"love covereth all sins" (v. 12). — "Love draws a veil over all wrongdoing" (Moffatt). This tells us that "love overlooks the faults of others" (cf. 1 Peter 4: 8). We are told that

"people should guard their lips and practise a chivalrous reserve. They should learn to pull a screen of silence over the misdemeanors of others". (A. A. Cowan). Love demands that if we see faults in others we tell them, and not the rest of the world. In the same way, others may see faults in us, and tell us—in love—about them.

Suggested Theme.

"LIFE'S LITTLE DAY."

Introduction. — Out of the distant past come the words of a wise man, to show us how to make the most of life's little day. We are told several things about ourselves which we ought never to forget. We learn first of all, that

I. OUR LIVES AFFECT OTHERS.

— We do not live in isolation. What we are, greatly influences other people. We can bring joy to them (v. 1). We can so live, that when life's little day is over, we will leave behind us a revered memory (v. 7). We can set a worthwhile example by always doing what we know is right (v. 8). Next, we are reminded that

II. OUR HABITS AFFECT OTHERS.

— In life we can choose, by a deliberate act of our own wills, to be good or evil (v. 2), busy or lazy (v. 4), thoughtful or careless (v. 5). The things we choose can very easily become the habits of a life-time. Finally, we observe that

III. OUR DEEDS AFFECT OTHERS.

— According to these wise words, several courses are open to us: (a) We can cause trouble (v. 10); (b) We can give advice (v. 11); (c) We can spread love (v. 12).

Conclusion. — By what we are, and say, and do we influence the lives of other people. Let us always be careful to live to the glory of God.

NEW TESTAMENT

Philemon.

Summary.

J. Sidlow Baxter says that "this personal note from Paul to Philemon is a graceful little masterpiece of fine courtesy, exquisite tact, and even playfulness of wit." Paul begins with a personal greeting (vv. 1-3). Then follows a section of thanksgiving and prayer (vv. 4-7). Paul, after this, goes on to make a personal appeal for Onesimus—the runaway slave (vv. 8-17). In order that there will be no doubt in the mind of Philemon, Paul goes on to say that he will personally be guarantor for Onesimus (vv. 18-22). The letter closes with salutations and a benediction (vv. 23-25).

Explanatory Notes.

"the church in thy house" (v. 2). — "Of such an assembly we read in Rom. 16: 5; 1 Cor. 16: 19; Col. 4: 15" (Martin).

"grace to you and peace" (v. 3). — The regular salutation of the apostle Paul. "Grace, a rich word, no doubt means here God's unmerited favor toward us; and peace, the reconciliation with God, with fellow men, and with ourselves, which that grace works in us" (Knox).

"I thank my God" (v. 4). — "The thanksgiving in Paul's letters has a character somewhat analogous to that of the overture of an opera—the themes to be elaborated in the body of the Epistle are briefly struck."

"a partner" (v. 17). — "A man with the truest fellow feeling," or "a comrade." Paul gives Titus the same title in 2 Cor. 8: 23.

Suggested Theme.

"THE CASE OF THE RUNAWAY SLAVE."

Introduction. — There is a vast difference in a man's point of view before and after he becomes a Christian. Onesimus is a case in point. Before he became a Christian, he saw no wrong in trying to escape from his master, Philemon. But after he accepted the Christian way of life, he knew that he had to return to his old position. In the story we notice three things. There is, first,

I. PAUL'S PRAISE (vv. 4-7).

— Paul was not slow to give a word of appreciation and encouragement. The old preacher was utterly sincere in what he said. Such praise strengthens, stimulates, and satisfies. There is, secondly,

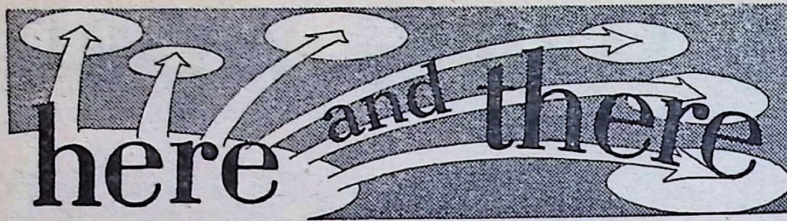
II. PAUL'S PLEA (vv. 8-17).

— Paul very deftly presented his lovely appeal on behalf of the runaway slave (who was also a thief), but who now was a thorough-going Christian. Paul was fully conscious of the value of even one man in the eyes of God. There is, thirdly,

III. PAUL'S PLEDGE (vv. 18-22).

— The grand old Christian warrior said that he would be the guarantor for the young man who had run away. As Christians, there are times when we must stand behind other Christians, to support them, stabilise them, and spur them on to greater activity.

Conclusion. — Christian people are required to face life, conscious of their personal responsibilities. As Paul pointed out, both the master and the slave have their obligations to each other.



On Aug. 4, a tea, followed by a public meeting, was held at Lane Cove, N.S.W., to welcome Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Thomas to the full-time ministry. There was a large attendance of members and friends, including the Federal Conference President, State Conference President, and representatives from the north side churches, who brought greetings. Mr. Thomas preached at both services on the following Sunday, when there were good attendances, both morning and evening. The church is looking forward to a time of great development and blessing under the leadership of Mr. Thomas.

The Vic. Churches of Christ Choral Society (conductor, Valentine Woff; pianiste, Miss B. W. Lee) presented an excellent concert in the Hampton chapel, Vic., on Thurs. evening, Aug. 16. Assisting artists were Misses Beryl Gillies (mezzo-soprano), Lorna Hamilton and Leonie Henshilwood (violin and piano), and Harold Plummer (elocutionist). The chapel was well filled for the occasion.

On Saturday morning, Aug. 25, the Maryborough (Vic.) Church of Christ Drama Group will be presenting the religious play "The Blind Man," by Stuart Jackman. The presentation will be broadcast by Radio 3CV, whose manager has produced the play for radio. The first broadcast will be at 11 a.m. on the said Saturday, and it will be re-broadcast on Sunday the 26th, sometime in the afternoon. The cast of this play is made up entirely of members of the Maryborough congregation, two of the cast being deacons and one an elder. This interesting venture is worthy of a wide listening audience among Victorian readers. Maurice A. Coombs is minister of the church at Maryborough.

For one week, commencing Friday, July 27, the Annual Convention was held at Carnarvon Mission. Frank Ewers, minister of our Northam church, was the special speaker invited for the week. The programme consisted of special evangelistic meetings, Bible study and prayer gatherings. We praise God that 20 of the children confessed their faith in Christ during the Convention. Previously, two others, and two of the missionaries' children, had made their decision. A baptismal service was held on the afternoon of Thursday,

Aug. 2, when 13 children were baptised in the sea at Carnarvon. Further baptisms will follow as the various children are considered ready for the ordinance. This is a spiritual ingathering, for which we have been praying for a long time.

Aubrey Jackel, of the church at Wangaratta, Vic., has been returned unopposed for a further term of office on the local Council. He has been publicly commended by the Mayor for his Christian influence on the Council.

Christian Women's Fellowship, Victoria and Tasmania, will hold their Council meeting on Sept. 7, commencing at 11 a.m. The leader of devotions will be Mrs. R. Amos. The remainder of the Constitution will be discussed, and all delegates are asked to bring copies, as supplied at previous meetings. Mrs. F. Manning will be in charge of the creche. Place of meeting—Lygon-st. lecture hall.—B. L. Williams.

F. N. Lee, who has had the oversight of a mutual ministry at Thornbury, Vic., for a number of years, has relinquished that position. E. Mounsey, faithful church secretary for a lengthy period, has resigned from his position. Presentations were made to both brethren as a mark of appreciation of their grand service to the church over the years, and words of thanks were expressed.

The Victorian National Council of Women reports that much progress has been made with the recently inaugurated scheme for Aunts and Uncles to assist children in institutions. Recently, the first group of Aunts and Uncles was introduced to prospective nephews and nieces. The Council, through its President, Mrs. R. T. Breen, expresses its gratitude to all who so kindly offered to help.

A final ruling has been given by the Taxation Department that the Federal Aborigines Mission Board, as such, cannot be approved as a body to whom donations can be claimed as Income Tax deductions. However, the two Missions at Carnarvon and Norseman are approved for this purpose, and donations made to Churches of Christ Aborigines Mission, Carnarvon, or Norseman, as the case might be, may be claimed as Income Tax deductions. The Board is having

suitable receipt forms prepared, and these will be recognised by Taxation Department. It will be necessary for donors to send their gifts direct to the Federal Board at 140 Barrack-st., Perth, W.A., but all donations will be credited to the States and churches from which they come, and State Aborigines Committees will be notified of the receipt of the donations by the Board. This will be welcome news to our many generous friends throughout the Commonwealth, who will probably want to increase their donations by the amount of tax that they save.

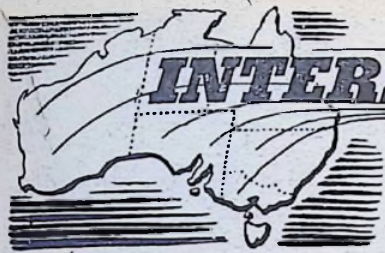
As the result of a motion unanimously adopted at the half-yearly meeting of the Vic. Central Northern District Conference (comprising churches at Bendigo, Echuca, Castlemaine, Boort, Harcourt, Rochester, Kyneton and Pyramid Hill), a weekly radio session is to be broadcast over station 3BO, Bendigo, with the objective of linking the churches, helping isolated members and making our message known generally. It is to be conducted by the full-time ministers in the Conference—G. W. Barnett (Castlemaine), R. V. Holmes (Bendigo), and C. E. Watson (Echuca). The time is 4.45 p.m. each Wednesday, commencing on Aug. 22. As 3BO has a wide coverage, we invite all our central Victorian members to listen for this session, and would be particularly glad to receive letters either of appreciation or criticism.—R.V.H.

Morning service at Wangaratta church, Vic., on Aug. 26, will be broadcast over 3NE. Planned speaker is A. J. Fisher, who will be spending a three-weeks' period with the church at that time. B. Roberts (Woolwich Bible College), has accepted a call to minister at Wangaratta, commencing his service there early in 1957.

Harvey Perkins, son of the manse, and himself Methodist minister at Mitcham, Vic., has been appointed General Secretary of the Australian Council for the World Council of Churches, in succession to Dr. Malcolm Mackay.

The small church at North Balwyn, Vic., was greatly encouraged when, learning that 20 needed pews were for sale, and wondering if sufficient money could be raised to purchase them, members discovered that one of their number had written a cheque in full payment for the pews.

We note with interest that in the Spring, 1956 issue of Encounter, successor to Shane Quarterly, there appears an article from Principal E. Lyall Williams, of our Federal College of the Bible, on "The Doctrine of Authority." Encounter is published by the School of Religion, Butler University, Indianapolis, Ind., U.S.A.



INTERSTATE CHURCH NEWS

Discipleship

- Kathleen Alexander, Swan Hill, Vic.
Mrs. Carroll, Lygon-st., Carlton, Vic.
Maevie Stanton, Nancy Webb, Wangaratta, Vic.
Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Tregloan, Miss L. Maher, Mrs. Uhrig, Hamilton, N.S.W.
Miss J. Crowley, Bentleigh, Vic.
Graeme Ennor, Lynette Beazley, Mrs. Rowe, Ormond, Vic.
William Hextall, Naracoorte, S.A.
Jennifer Lynch, Carnegie, Vic.
Charles Kruger, Wattle Park, Vic.
Mr. and Mrs. P. Goldfinch, B. Wright, Prahran, Vic.
Miss E. Hobster, Wyoming, N.S.W.

Membership

- Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, Miss Lewis, Peter Lewis, from Wollongong to Rockdale, N.S.W.
Mr. and Mrs. Warfe, from Jordanville to Ormond, Vic.
Mr. and Mrs. Parker, from Ringwood to Ormond, Vic.
Laurie North, from Ormond Baptist to Ormond, Vic.
Mr. and Mrs. Crittle, from Cheltenham to Ormond, Vic.
Mr. and Mrs. Edwards, Heather and Geoffrey, from Kilburn to Maylands, S.A.
Mr. and Mrs. J. Ricketts, from Caringbah to Wyoming, N.S.W.
Miss Jones, from Birmingham, Eng., to Wyoming, N.S.W.
Mrs. Murray, from Surrey Hills to Wattle Park, Vic.

Fallen Asleep

- W. Quirk, North Balwyn, Vic.
R. Goodridge, Hindmarsh, S.A.
S. Richardson, Hindmarsh, S.A.
Mrs. Forde, Inverell, N.S.W.

Queensland

Gatton (L. Larsen). — First anniversary of church was held on July 28-29. Evening tea was attended by large gathering; ladies were thankful for support of Ma Ma Creek ladies. W. Giezendanner (Wynnum) was special speaker at large meetings. Toowoomba choir assisted on night of 28th. C.E. attended rally on Aug. 8 in Baptist church. R. McKenzie (Toowoomba) was guest speaker. Women's Fellowship meeting in July made presentation to Sis. Roberts on her departure to Toowoomba. Church made presentation to Mr. Roberts, who has been church organist. Both will be greatly missed. Sympathy of church goes to D. Dalling on death of his wife. Memorial service was conducted by V. Boettcher.

URGENT!

The following telegram was received from Albert Anderson, F.M. sec., as we finalised pages for the press. Its urgency speaks for itself: Bhima River floods Dhond compound; bungalows feet deep in water, and evacuated. Bethel Christian Colony houses mostly washed away; Christian girls upwards of thirty sent Shrigonda Girls' Home for shelter and protection. Financial help needed to maintain large influx of girls; Miss Vawser says, "Help me help the girls."—Anderson.

New South Wales

Hamilton (C. J. Mackenzie). — Morning service on July 15 was broadcast over 2KO. D. Brown and D. Jefferson were duettists. N. Fraser gave final talk on F.M. work. F.M. offering reached £128. Fellowship tea was held on Aug. 12, to celebrate success of offering. Social Service rally was held on July 21, when slides were shown and addresses given on work of Social Service Dept. Mr. Thurrowgood (Mayfield) was speaker on 22nd. Good attendances are being maintained at services. Gwen Griffiths and Don Jefferson were given a shower tea on July 20. Cottage prayer meetings are proving helpful. Miss E. Shelton (S.I.M.) gave illustrated talk on mission work in Sudan. Visitors have been Sis. Nash (Wingham), Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence (North Sydney), J. Lake (W.A.), Mrs. Murray Sis. Dickens (Sydney), Sis. Stewart and Clarke (Scotland). Mr. Graham has recovered from illness.

Inverell (E. F. McIlhagger, B.A.).—Men's Fellowship recently held social

evening to help raise money for Temple Day appeal in Sept. Combined Mep's Fellowship tea was held in new hall on July 29, when approx. 60 men were present. W. Uren gave an interesting address. Church mourns passing of aged member, Mrs. Forde. Interest is growing in tennis club. Working bees are now being held to spread more gravel on court near manse. Members on sick list are Mrs. Barry and Mrs. McCormack.

Hornsby (V. S. Dalling).—Large attendance was feature of gospel service on Aug. 5, when members of various teams in United Churches' Soccer Club paraded. K. Carter (captain of All Age Soccer Team) read Scriptures, and Messrs. Glazier and Hodge of same team rendered duet. Mr. Dalling conducted service and gave the message; Mrs. Dalling assisted in song. Happy church social was held on 11th. Hornsby United Christian Fellowship bi-monthly tea was held in our hall on 12th, when Mr. Vance (South Seas Evangelical Mission) was guest speaker. Members of Sisters' Fellowship assisted in song at gospel service. Mr. Boswell was recent speaker.

Rockdale (A. B. Clark).—Women's Fellowship met at home of Mrs. Shuttle on July 18, to pay tribute to their treasurer of many years' standing, and extend special welcome to Mrs. Lewis. As part of Education Week activities, Y.P. and public school teachers, who are also B.S. teachers, took part in evening service on Aug. 5. Another family night was held on 4th and a very happy time of fellowship was enjoyed. Y.P. held successful concert on 10th for Building Fund. Several members have been ill.

Belmore (B. G. Corlett). — Happy time of reaping and good attendances continues. On Aug. 5, three Y.P. were received into fellowship at morning service (two by transfer and one following confession and baptism), and two more made good confession at evening service. Two ladies (baptised believers) were received into membership at morning service on 12th. Two of our own school teachers were speakers on Education Sunday—A. Roe and C. O. Bowser. Y.P.F. held successful rally on 11th, when film, *Walking with God*, was screened, and musical programme presented.

Wyoming (R. W. Hume). — July av. attendance, both morning and evening, was 16. Miss E. Hobster, a sister at Gosford District Hospital, made good confession on Aug. 5.

Special Education Service gave church good contact with number of local residents. Several district organisations responded to roll call. Special item was presented by local Infants' School. First Sunshine Evening was held on 10th, in home of Sis. Williamson, and was great success. Mr. Cheate (Belmore) presided on 12th. Work is commencing on construction of baptistry.

South Australia

Forestville (W. A. Russell).—During past month, work of church and auxiliaries has been well maintained. Dorcas has prepared large parcel of new clothing for Aborigines Mission. Mrs. Cleve McGregor (Oakleigh, Vic.) addressed a meeting on her return from a visit to the Aborigines Missions in W.A. W. R. C. Bell showed pictures of the Mission work, illustrating her lecture. I.C.E. Society conducted evening service on Aug. 8, while preacher was at Warradale. Heaters have been installed in chapel. Sickness has been prevalent. Mrs. W. R. James, who was dangerously ill, is now improving. Recent visitors have been Mrs. Cunningham (Vic.), and Mr. and Mrs. R. Bell (Strathalbyn).

Hindmarsh (J. E. Shipway).—Film, Fujita, was screened on Aug. 5 to a large congregation. Two young ladies were baptised the same evening. G. Whiting (Conf. Pres.) was morning speaker on 12th. Three, by letter from Bordertown, and two, by faith and obedience, were received into membership. Church regrets passing away of R. Goodridge and S. Richardson. Father of W. Best also passed away. Sympathy of church is extended to all bereaved.

Mile End (L. E. Jones).—Winter campaign of evangelism attracted large attendances at gospel services, with many strangers present. Men's Fellowship invited men of W. Dist. to monthly tea. Over 100 were present. Sir Phillip Messent showed color films of his world tour. At annual business meeting of church, held July 25, E. S. Caldicott was elected elder, and F. Morris and Mr. Gallford were added to diaconate.

Maylands (G. M. Mathieson).—Bible study group, combining C.E., held fortnightly, is showing keen interest. Parents' social evening was enjoyed by good gathering. Melvin Day showed some fine color films, followed by a sound film, sponsored by Maylands Y.C. Substantial gift from Girls' Club, and effort of 13 men on working bee, resulted in welcome improvements in hall lighting and kitchen. Sympathy goes out to Mrs. S. Sando and her son, Allan, in passing of husband and father. Mrs. C. Johnson is in hospital, making good progress after operation. A young girl has confessed Christ. Mr.

and Mrs. J. Luff (Coburg, Vic.) have been recent visitors. A family has been welcomed by transfer. Av. attendance at breaking of bread has been 166. Women's Fellowship had sewing day, mending for Morialta Children's Home.

Croydon (W. N. Bartlett).—Practice has commenced for B.S. anniversary. On July 25, first of monthly prayer meetings was held at chapel. It is hoped that the number attending will grow. On 3rd, R. H. Sercombe visited Y.P.S.C.E. and gave consecration message on appreciation of others. Film, *The King of Kings*, was shown on 7th, under sponsorship of P.B.P. and K.S.P. clubs. All present felt that this was a film which was really worth seeing. Monthly Youth Fellowship tea was held on 12th. Between tea and church, several young people gave items. After church, C. Stock (Jewish Evangelical Witness) gave illustrated lecture on work of that Society.

Naracoorte.—On July 29, C. G. V. Thomas (Bordertown) preached at both services. At gospel service, boys from Struan Farm School were present. After the service, Mr. Thomas showed films of work in India, which were most interesting. An adjournment was made to hall for supper. For their Aug. meeting, Men's Fellowship had invited Roger Pitt to show films, taken on his trip overseas last year. All church members were invited. After short devotional, films were shown, and supper brought to a close a happy evening. Baptismal service was conducted on Aug. 5. C.E. took part in gospel service on 12th, and at close, two of their younger members made their decision. W. V. McKenzie is at present in Daws-rd. hospital.

Victoria

Balwyn (J. E. Brooke).—Church has been deeply saddened by loss of beloved and esteemed member, Cliff Berg. Special services have been held, including a memorial service on Aug. 19. At recent meeting of Men's Society, speaker was B. Burt (Doncaster), who addressed men on *Function of the Church in the Modern World*. Y.W.F. held annual meeting, and office-bearers appointed were: pres., Mrs. G. Sturgess; vice-pres., Mrs. J. Hall; sec., Mrs. P. Wells; treas., Mrs. Lennard. At recent meeting, preacher spoke to this group on *Serving in Church Life*. B.S. has commenced practice for anniversary. Steady progress is being made on school hall. Sympathy is extended to family of W. Quirk, who passed away recently, and who had been a member at Balwyn for many years.

Bentleigh (J. Wiltshire).—During preacher's absence in N.S.W., A. Beddome and T. Keneley spoke at

morning services. Gospel meetings were conducted by G. Bavinton, there being one decision and one reconsecration. Two young women, Majory Harris and Elizabeth Wallington, have entered nursing profession, this making five from church. Some have missionary service in view. Study of *Matthew* at mid-week meeting is in second year, much help being gained by average attendance of 20.

Blackburn (R. V. Amos).—Addition to chapel, which has already been well used, is now receiving finishing touches. Speaker on morning of July 29 was K. A. Jones (Conf. Pres.), and on Aug. 12, R. Ryall, with R. Peck presiding. Explorers enjoyed visit by Carlton footballer, Doug. Beasy, on their father-and-son night. W. Atkin gave illustrated talk on Social Service work to afternoon group of Women's Fellowship. Evening group celebrated their 7th birthday on 13th, and presented concert to large gathering of ladies. Mrs. Langford (Qld.) is very welcome visitor. Total membership of church is now 196.

Ligon-st., Carlton (L. G. Burgin).—Attendances are average, despite wintry conditions and prevailing sickness. At annual meeting of W.M.B. the following office-bearers were elected: pres., Mrs. Burgin; vice-pres., Mrs. Berry; junior vice-pres., Mrs. Atkinson; sec., Mrs. Prescott; treas., Mrs. Demeral. Sec. entertained all present to afternoon tea at close of meeting. During past year, over £100 was raised by the women for various causes. A lady was baptised in presence of goodly number at prayer meeting, and welcomed into membership on Aug. 5. Monthly friendly hour, following gospel service, continues to be helpful. Regret is expressed that, owing to painful indisposition, Miss May Pettifer has been prevented from attending services for some time. Speedy recovery is hoped for. Church extends loving sympathy to Mrs. Lees in loss of her sister. All departments of work in B.S. and clubs are progressing favorably.

Drumcondra (R. A. Banks).—On Aug. 5, Mr. Smalle (Belmont) exchanged pulpits with preacher. J.C.E., which meets fortnightly, has attendance of 35-40. Kinder hall and kitchen are being renovated, and regular working bees are being held to improve grounds. Homes have been visited in preparation for special Sunday services, connected with evangelistic campaign. Church was unanimous in its decision to commence work at Norlane. A man recently made his decision. An evening was held by Ladies' Fellowship; also a social in aid of newly-formed cricket club.

East Kew.—F. E. Buckingham, who is conducting a short interim

ministry with church, has planned an eight-weeks' special campaign. Attendances at morning and evening services have much improved, 100 breaking bread for day. Temple Day offering exceeds £300, of which £55 was contributed by Ladies' Guild. Three young men are doing N.S.T. Church presented each of them with New Testament. Mr. and Mrs. C. Watt and family are going to live in N.Z., and Sis. Freeman is moving to Croydon. All will be missed in the local church. Sis. B. Still is still in hospital, but improvement is continuing. Mrs. Woodbridge is home from hospital, and church extends sympathy to her and family in passing of Mr. Woodbridge. Ladies' Fellowship enjoyed talk by Deaconess Kaskar on her stay in Germany for W.C.C. F. Elliott is training B.S. for anniversary.

St. Kilda (J. Plummer).—At mid-week prayer meeting, studies have been on second coming of the Lord. B.S. campaign raised new scholars in first month. At special youth parade at gospel service on Aug. 5, members of clubs, C.E., and B.S. took part. Miss Alnut (Baptist) was soloiste. Mrs. Warne and Mrs. Norton are ill. Ladies' Fellowship visited Will H. Clay Home and provided birthday afternoon tea for Mrs. Finger. Y.W.L. has been formed for morning service; Miss Crook is leader. A. Jones (Mildura) has been a visitor.

North Balwyn (R. Dean).—Sickness of members has been prevalent. Visitors have helped to keep services up to normal. Preacher has been ill and absent one Sunday, when Messrs. Turriff and G. Mathieson (C.O.B.) conducted services. B.S. concluded Efficiency Campaign in July, with an Olympic social. Two new scholars were enrolled, and several past scholars are attending. School is practising for anniversary. Youth tea was happy occasion on July 29, when Mrs. Waterman showed pictures, and told of work among colored children. £5/1/6 was contributed. Building of youth hall has been great work of faith for such a small body of people, but God is blessing the work and outlook is bright.

Wangaratta.—On Aug. 5, speakers were Athol Jackel in morning, and Aubrey Jackel at night, when a young girl confessed her faith in Christ. On 12th, B. J. Combridge (H.M. organiser) was speaker. At gospel service, Mr. Combridge baptised two B.S. girls. Prayer meetings are increasing greatly in numbers.

Swan Hill (A. Avery).—Monthly Saturday night fellowship continues to be very popular, and attendances average 30. Last evening was held at home of Mrs. Alexander (Woorinen South). 75 were present at morning service on Aug. 12, which was broad-

cast over 3SH. At conclusion of gospel service, one young person decided for Christ. B.S. has commenced practice for anniversary, under leadership of Mrs. Hall. District work is in good heart, one feature being number breaking bread each Lord's Day; averaging around 70.

Kyneton (R. Veal).—An interesting and helpful B.S. Teachers' Conference was held on July 21, when teachers were present from Castlemaine, Harcourt and Kyneton. Leaders from Y.P. Dept. were Misses B. Bates, E. Mitchell, M. Petersen, and Messrs. L. Trezise, V. Longthorp, W. Oldfield. Audio-visual films were added interest. Addresses, and solo by M. Murray (Ballarat), were enjoyed on 29th.

Maryborough (M. A. Coombs).—In spite of cold weather and much sickness amongst members, average attendances for July show an improvement: morning, 64; evening, 45; with 61 communicants. July was observed as Home and Family month. Evening service on 15th was annual marriage service, when those married in chapel were especially invited. On 12th, a social afternoon was held in home of Mrs. A. Bursill, proceeds to assist work of Mission Band. Film, *As We Forgive*, was screened at evening service on 22nd. Ladies' Aid has been responsible for renovations to hymn books, and also purchase of heater for use in chapel. Sympathy of church is expressed to Mr. and Mrs. Callum and Mr. and Mrs. Barker, in their recent bereavements.

Clayton (J. L. Reid).—Meetings continue to be well attended. W.M.B. held 5th birthday on July 18. Preacher has commenced study of the *Tabernacle* at morning services, illustrated by large chart. At gospel service on Aug. 5, film, *Global Missionary*, was screened. One young lady confessed faith in Christ. *God of Creation* was screened at gospel service on 12th, at close of which there were two more decisions. During the service a young man was baptised.

Latrobe-terr., Geelong (T. A. Ferguson).—C. Young (Social Service Dept.) was guest speaker on July 28 at both services, and also spoke to B.S. B. Russenberg was soloist at evening meeting. On Aug. 5, preacher returned after recent illness, and spoke at both services. Choir assisted in evening service. Over weekend Aug. 3-5, thirteen Y.P. were guests of North Essendon Y.P. at Monbulk camp. Fellowship was enjoyed by all who attended. Party of ladies from Melbourne, representing Missionary Committee, visited on 8th. They were entertained at lunch, and later conducted afternoon meeting. Junior mannequin parade was staged at home of Mr. and Mrs. Grieve, on

evening of 11th. Over 100 packed home, to see the beautiful garments that had been made by Mrs. Grieve and her helpers. Proceeds of £60 will go to New Hall Fund, which now stands at £2,380. Choir rendered an anthem, and Mrs. Folletta was soloiste, at gospel service on 12th.

Ormond (D. W. Mansell).—Services are well attended and gospel meetings average over 133. On Aug. 8, T. Tarbet (W. Footscray) was guest speaker at prayer meeting, when many visitors were present. Some have been added to church by baptism and transfer. Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Kirwin on death of her husband. At gospel service on 12th, two young ladies made their decision. Ladies of church prepared banquet tea on 4th, and 142 attended. Programme included solos by Miss J. Milne. After tea, preacher outlined programme for 1956-57. Film on *Stewardship* was screened, and gathering concluded with games session led by Mr. Booth, then supper. Increased attendances and offerings are already in evidence after implementation of the programme. Officers held monthly meeting at manse.

Thornbury.—At annual business meeting, officers elected were: elders, Dr. Killmier, F. N. Lee; deacons, L. Allison, F. Crossfield, G. Gates, E. Mounsey, M. Robertson; sec., M. Lee; treas., S. Allison; deaconesses, Mesdames Hammett, Harvey and S. Allison. Church extends congratulations to Mr. Lee and Mrs. Allison on their appointments. Messages have been enjoyed from A. J. Fisher and B. F. Huntsman. Youth auxiliaries are functioning well, and under guidance of Youth Council are largely self-supporting. Scrap drive by this group is responsible for good equipment being purchased, and latest purchase is 3-color duplicator for use in church work. Youth Council and C.M.S. have enjoyed speakers from Aust. Antarctic Expedition. Mrs. Linard and H. Hoskin, senr., have been absent through sickness for some months; Mr. Shaw and Mrs. Hastings are also ill.

Woorinen (A. Avery).—Speakers for last three Sundays were A. Avery, S. Harrop and I. Crowe. Broadcast service from Swan Hill was taken on Aug. 12. Several new scholars have commenced in B.S. Y.P. joined with Swan Hill in social evening at W. Cockroff's. Ladies' Guild is preparing for annual fair.

North Richmond (C. Dow).—C.Y.F. programme on July 23 took form of question night. On 28th, senior girls conducted baby show, when over £10 was raised for Manse Fund. Sickness has prevented number from attending services over recent weeks. One young man was baptised on 29th. Inter-church Fel-

lowship has commenced study of book, *Your God is Too Small*. J. E. Brooke (Balwyn) was speaker at training class held on Aug. 5. Preacher's wife and family have been holidaying at Kaniva. Wendy Crouch and Barry Williams (Kaniva) were visitors at recent morning service.

Wattle Park (H. A. G. Clark, M.A., B.D., Dip.Ed.). — One young man has been received by faith and baptism since last report, and a lady by transfer. Tea, arranged by youth of Eastern churches, was held on Aug. 12, when about 125 attended. Address given by Don Chipp (sec. Olympic Civic Committee), was listened to with keen interest. During absence of preacher at Kaniva, addresses of Dr. G. H. Oldfield and Principal E. L. Williams were highly appreciated. Attendance at gospel services has increased, especially when *Fact and Faith* films have been screened. Cricket team is being formed. B.S. is preparing for anniversary.

Prahran (P. Retchford). — Half-yearly business meeting was held in July, and church accepted challenge of tithing, which has caused a marked increase in offerings. Church was unanimous in its decision to sell present manse at East St. Kilda, and to seek one nearer chapel. R. Tucker has been appointed supt. of B.S. inter dept., and many new scholars have been enrolled. Women's Fellowship organised film night, when over £20 was received for their Talent Fund. Good Companions enjoyed cooking demonstration in July, and invited Boys' Explorer Club to social on Aug. 7. Y.P.C.E. has recommenced in manse, with 15 enrolled. W. King was appointed leader, and Sis. M. Barton, sec. G. Henderson (C.O.B.) was guest speaker at first reconsecration meeting. Church appreciated series of addresses on *The Restoration Movement* by preacher, and have released him for a *Week of Evangelism* with church at Bamberald.

Carnegie (A. R. Lloyd). — Monthly parade of all auxiliaries was held on evening of Aug. 5. S. R. Baker (B.&F.B.S.) was speaker. Ian Field was speaker at morning worship on 12th. At gospel service, a young girl was baptised. After-church hymn singing and fellowship, led by preacher, was held, followed by supper, served by W.M.B. B.S. has commenced practice for anniversary under leadership of C. Gadge. Church was saddened to hear of death of W. Quirk, past member, who served church in interim ministry some years ago.

BIRTH

HULL. — On July 28, 1956, at Adelaide, to Nancy and Ivan, a son — Trevor Bruce.

Vic. Evangelical Fellowship

The Evangelical Fellowship rally held in the Swanston-st. chapel on Saturday, Aug. 11, was well attended and enjoyed by all.

It was good to note that about 85% of those present were young people.

The outstanding features were the splendid singing under A. Haskell, the items rendered, and an inspiring address by David Mansell.

The introduction of an orchestra was a successful contribution to the evening.

The chairman (F. Youens) reported on the growing interest in the broadcast programme, and mentioned the fact that the first year had been fully paid for.

We give thanks to God for this blessing, and also thank all those who helped.—J. D. Watt (Convener of Rally Committee).

Youth Leadership — a Life Vocation

Youth work is very much in the public eye today, and the need for trained youth leaders is apparent. This is a challenge to the Christian Church and Christian organisations to provide the right type of leaders, who will dedicate their lives to the field of youth work, which today is no haphazard, well-intentioned service. It calls for study and training, as in any other profession, but, in addition, a sense of mission and purposeful dedication.

Secular youth work has some value; however, the problems facing youth today require nothing less than a challenging Christian witness. The future quality of our national character depends largely on our ability today to provide Christian leadership for our youth.

We have resource material and research on a world scale, the facilities are available for training, the field is "ripe ready to harvest," but we lack the young men and women who are prepared to dedicate their life to the Christian ministry of leading youth to the Christian way of living. The Church, the Y.M.C.A. and the Y.W.C.A. need right now such young men and women for this profession.

To meet the training needs, the Churches, Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A. have regular leadership Training Courses for voluntary leaders, and, for professional training, the Y.M.C.A. has established a College for Youth

DEATHS

FARRAR. — On August 6, 1956, at his residence, "Spring Vale," Sutton Grange, John W. J. Farrar, beloved husband of Ada, loving father of Mary (Mrs. Arthur Carr) and Harold, fond grandpa of Dawn, Lois, Ivan, Trevor, Glenda and Graham. "Sadly missed."

LEWIS. — On August 7, 1956, Fred, 2 Denham-place, Toorak, our beloved elder, and friend of the Women's Guild.

"In God's care."

—Inserted by South Yarra Women's Guild, Cliff-st.

IN MEMORIAM

KINGSFORD. — In loving memory of our darling mother and grandma, Selina Elizabeth, who passed away, August 11, 1930, at Ivanhoe, also loving father and grandpa, who passed away August 6, 1945.

—Inserted by loving daughter Ada, son-in-law Albert Fox, and family, Essendon North, Vic.

"Forever in our hearts."

LANGLEY. — In loving memory of mother and father, who passed away, father, Aug. 28, 1953, and mother, Aug. 28, 1955.

"Ever remembered."

—Else and Eric Hammond.

SUNDERLAND. — James Henry, called Home, August 20, 1951. Treasured memories of my dear husband.

"Underneath are the everlasting arms."

—Catherine, East Malvern.

WATERMAN. — In loving memory of our elder son, William, called to rest, July 17, 1933, late missionary Churches of Christ, China; loved husband of Grace (Glen Iris), dear father of Joan Cavendish, and Winnie (missionary, New Hebrides).

"In God's care, loved with everlasting love."

AUSTIN. — In loving memory of our beloved parents, who passed away — mother, August 21, 1954, and dad, August 7, 1948.

"Always remembered."

—Inserted by their son Cliff, and daughter Mavis (Mrs. A. Taplin, New Zealand).

ENGAGEMENT

HAYWARD—SUTHERLAND. — The engagement is announced of June, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sutherland, Wollongong, N.S.W. (Swanston-st. church), to Bruce, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hayward, Greenwich, N.S.W. (Chatswood church).

MARRIAGE

JEFFERSON—GRIFFITHS. — The marriage of Donald Fraser Jefferson to Gwyneth Griffiths, was solemnised on August 10, 1956, at Hamilton Church of Christ, N.S.W.

Leadership at Homebush, near Sydney. This constitutes a two years' course, with Diploma of Youth Leadership to graduates. Open to both men and women, it is not confined to those who propose entering Y.M.C.A. work, but to any field of Christian youth work.

Ministries of Our Women

VICTORIA AND TASMANIA.

The C.W.F. Council meeting was held in the Lygon-st. lecture hall on Aug. 3, at 11 a.m., with an attendance of 121. Mrs. W. A. Thompson (Boronia) led the devotions.

The following recommendations from Executive were adopted:

1. "That a letter be sent to Sir Arthur Fadden protesting against the granting of money to aid church schools." All members were urged to send individual letters.

2. "That we donate two table cloths to Lygon-st. for use in the lecture hall." Mrs. Ploog, of the Dorcas Committee, was asked to obtain samples and quotes, and refer same to Executive.

3. "That the word church be inserted before members in the motion regarding the affiliation fee, so that it now reads — 10/- for every 50 church members or part thereof."

It was unanimously decided to devote portion of the Council meeting on Sept. 7 to discussing the remainder of the Constitution.

The panel discussion with the C.M.S. on Pamphlet No. 13 is to be held in the Lygon-st. chapel on Monday night, on Sept. 17, at 7.45 p.m.

Missionary Home. — A suggestion was advanced that Golden Bags be made and distributed, one to each group in each church, these bags to be returned at the next Conference meeting.

Mrs. Manning, of the Hospital Committee, asked that ladies with cars assist by taking parcels from Lygon-st., and delivering same at the various hospitals or nearest railway stations. This would save the carrying of heavy parcels.

Greetings were brought from Mrs. McGregor who had returned from a visit to Carnarvon and Norseman; Mrs. Randall from Echuca; and Mrs. Williams from Mooroopna. Mrs. Ploog reported that her Committee had donated communion cloths for the new chapel at Mooroopna.

The Pres. welcomed the speaker, J. Webb (Melbourne University) who gave a very interesting and informative talk on Indonesia.—B. L. Williams, sec.

August 21, 1956

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

The monthly meeting was held in the Lake-st. hall on Tuesday, Aug. 7, at 11 a.m. Devotions were conducted by the Hospital Committee, in co-operation with our country sisters at Morowa. Leader was the Superintendent of the Hospital Committee, Mrs. Baynes. Mrs. R. W. Marshall read Psalm 100, and a paper on Thankfulness was read by Mrs. C. Reid.

Pres., Mrs. F. Cooper, welcomed a number of visitors, and then all stood in silent meditation in memory of our loved sister, Mrs. Nightingale, who passed into the presence of her Lord during the month.

At the roll-call, 90 sisters responded. A district rally was planned for Bassendean, where the work of our Home Missions Committee and Woorloo Sanatorium Visitation Committee will be highlighted.

A representative group of Auxiliary members were to attend the South-West Women's Conference at Bunbury, on Aug. 18. Superintendents of the various departments of our work all reported healthy progress.—R. Armstrong, sec.

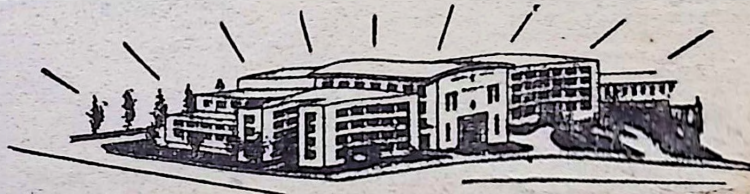


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OBITUARY

Edwin Jackson Saxby.

With the passing of Edwin Jackson Saxby, of Taree, N.S.W., on July 15, the N.S.W. brotherhood in general, and the churches at Taree and Hurstville in particular, suffered a great loss. The late Mr. Saxby was born in the Manning River District, N.S.W., 89 years ago, and at an early age accepted Christ as Saviour, and took membership with the church at Taree. For over 70 years he served faithfully as member, B.S. teacher, officer and speaker. His whole life was one of deep devotion to God, and throughout the district he was honored for his forthright Christian witness, and loved for his Christlike friendliness and sympathy. Mr. Saxby had a genuine interest in all brotherhood activities, and in the work of the B.&F.B.S., and was a regular attendant at the N.S.W. Annual Conference. Like his Master, he had much sympathy for the sick, and for 70 years was associated with the Manning River District Hospital, serving most of that time as a member of the Board of Directors. The funeral service was held in Taree chapel, being conducted by M. H. A. Pieper, minister of the church, assisted by P. E. Thomas (Marrickville). To Mrs. Saxby and members of the family—Howard, Roy, Essie, Gordon and Frank—we extend Christian sympathy in their great loss.—P.E.T.

Josephine May Warncken.

At Bordertown, S.A., on June 16, 1956, the life of our sister, ended for this world, to begin in the next. For 49 years she was a most faithful member in her attendance and service at the Lord's house. She was baptised by Robt. Harkness at Stirling East, on April 25, 1907, and came to Bordertown in Dec., 1910. Her faithfulness is the more commendable in that, while a young girl, she lost a leg by accident, having to walk by aid of crutch for the rest of her life. She taught in Aldgate Valley B.S., and would then walk to Stirling East for night service. At Bordertown she was active in B.S., Endeavor, and all other meetings of the church; also W.C.T.U. Today we miss her splendid voice, but have a wonderful example of faith. Our sympathy goes out to all loved ones.—C. E. Curtis:

Miss Annie Goldsworthy.

Miss A. Goldsworthy passed to be with Christ on Aug. 2. She had reached the age of 85 years. All her life, with the exception of the last few years, when she was in the Rest Home, and hospital in Unley, had been lived in Milang. She was the last remaining member of a family which had lived in the district for almost a century. As a girl, she came

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Mrs. Amy Elizabeth Membry.
 Our beloved sister, Mrs. Membry, received a very sudden call on July 18, 1956. Although Mrs. Membry had been ill all her life, her passing came as a shock to many, and placed great stress on her daughter, Mrs. Thelma Harrop, and her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Thelma Membry. Mrs. Membry was well known in the district and was a regular attender at worship until forced by ill health to become an isolated member. Our sister joined the church during a mission conducted by the late E. C. Hinrichsen, over 30 years ago. During the last three or four years of her life, in which she was an isolated member, Mrs. Membry always retained her interest in the work of the church. A service was held in the Swan Hill chapel, in which R. J. Anderson paid a tribute to Mrs. Membry. Our sister was laid to rest in the Swan Hill Cemetery. Once again we are reminded that death is not the end, but actually the beginning of a new

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