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## Shenton Park, W.A., Awakens

"We cannot but speak of the things we have seen and heard," said the disciples to the council.

At Shenton Park, W.A., we cannot but speak of the things that God has wrought. The Bond-Marlow mission concluded with 50 making first decisions, 35 of whom lived in the vicinity of Shenton Park. There were 29 registering reconsecration, 14 of whom belonged to Shenton Park. More than half of the decisions were adults. We prayed for at least 30 decisions, and God blessed us with more than we asked. We asked God for a £300 offering, and the thankoffering is more than £350.

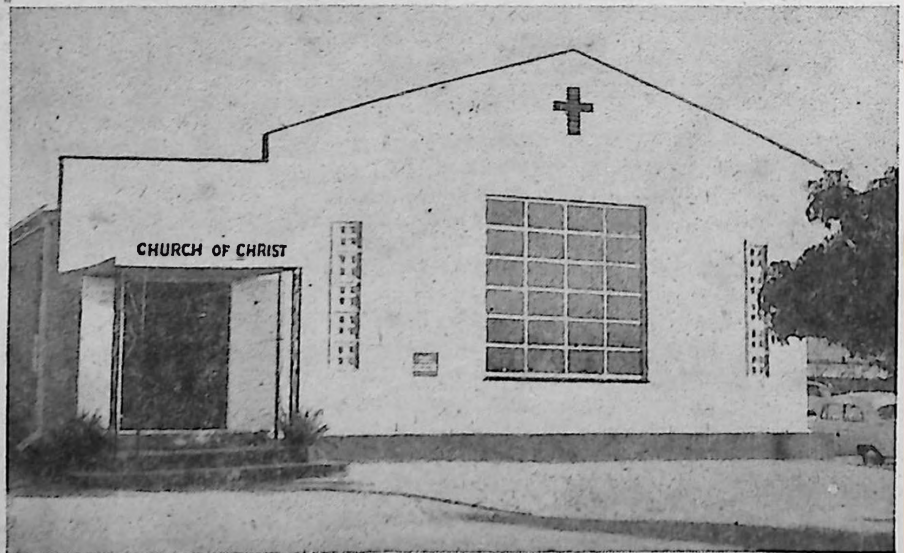
The mission commenced in bitterly cold weather, and hearts seemed cold, too. Some believed the mission was just another "rag," and the goal could not be reached in Shenton Park. It was a hard mission, and we feel it was meant to be so. God wanted to teach us a lesson in prayer. Members cast themselves upon God in prayer; some fasted. Sundays were given to prayer. Prayer was continually offered, and in the last six weeks we have learnt much in the arts of prayer. It was prayer that won through.

We prayed, and found we ourselves began to awaken spiritually. We awakened to the joy of prayer. Those who prayed were moved by the lovely experience of such a meeting. We asked God for souls for the Kingdom, and were moved and touched when God gave us more than we asked. The

church has been transformed, and is a rededicated church because of this experience. We can never be the same again. Prior to the mission we were only 40 strong, with an average attendance of about 30. We are going on, working and praying for at least another 12 decisions before Christmas.

Now the mission is over. There is a

soft place in our hearts, for we look upon the tent with some affection. Back in the chapel, meetings are crowded, offerings have almost doubled already. Everywhere there is a spirit of expectancy. We have learnt to trust and to expect great things from God. This is the Lord's doing, and is marvellous in our eyes.—R. E. Pritchard.



We are happy to publish this picture of the recently opened new chapel at Fullarton, S.A.

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

WHEN SOARS  
THE SOUL

Hast thou not known? Hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? There is no searching of his understanding. He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall. But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.—Is. 40: 28-31.

In their nests eagles are the most clumsy creatures. In the storms, however, and above the abysses, they are the freest and proudest of creatures. When the wings of a young eagle have grown in his nest on the crags, and he has to learn how to fly, the old eagle casts him out from the nest. It may well seem then as though he were falling into the bottomless deep, into the abyss. But, lo! he feels how this invisible sea of air, into which he has fallen, bears him up. He needs only to spread his wings, and to trust himself to them. Nowadays, God has cast us Christians out from our sheltered nests, out from all nests of earthly security and human scheming. During these years, in sheer terror, we may sometimes have felt as though we were falling into the bottomless abyss, into nothingness . . . But if only we learn really to believe, yes, really to believe in God, and spread our wings in staunch faith and trustful prayer . . . we are borne up by God the Father's everlasting arms.—From "I Was In Prison . . . Letters from German Pastors" (1939).

Let the Devil have fear:  
We will not fear.  
We have the Wedding-ring,  
The Precious Word: for the other  
things  
We will not ask;  
God will keep us well.

—Martin Luther.

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## LET THE BIBLE SPEAK!

In an ever-increasing number of so-called "special" Sundays, Bible Sunday remains as one worthy of the strongest emphasis among our Churches. In one sense, of course, a true ministry emphasises the Bible *every* Sunday, for therein lies our constant inspiration and the source of that Bread of life, for which we dare not substitute mere topical twitterings. But too few people realise fully the invaluable ministry of the Bible Societies, and the way they undergird the whole of our missionary and evangelistic task. Let that story be told!

And let its telling remind us anew of the timely, as well as timeless, qualities of this Word we too lightly value. Over the page, we re-print from Bishop Berggrav, of Norway, a glowing tribute to what the Bible meant in the dark years of Nazi occupation. Our devotional column also features an extract from a "prison epistle" of our own time, showing how increasingly precious the Bible becomes in dark days.

Edwin Robertson, in a recent *British Weekly*, reported several days he spent with a small group of men preparing the Bible Study for the great Kirchentag rally of German laymen, held in Frankfurt from Aug. 7-12 (a full report of which, from Jesse M. Bader, will be printed in our next issue). This comment was especially revealing: "Almost all those present had been in prison somewhere, and most of them had spent several years in imprisonment. It was this experience which gave to them a real understanding of the Bible." It is almost like a description of some Early Church gathering—and the one constant factor is that, in the midst of men's sufferings, this Word has become more precious, revealing new truths.

Concerning his experience with these men, Robertson adds: "To sit with them and take part in the preparations was to realise that this whole movement is grounded upon a keen desire on the part of the German people to discover what the Bible is really saying. They are not, as some people think, coming to the Bible with preconceived ideas, trying to make it back up their ideas."

That last comment is one which we, as a people, might well take to heart. It is much easier to be adept at turning up proof texts on "our position," than to know the Bible as a whole, and to lay one's own life open to its searching implications and demands. Yet nothing is more urgently needed than that—amongst us, and all God's people. Let the Bible speak to

us—and *through* us! As the men of the Kirchentag rightly affirmed, "The Bible has to be heard in the streets, and not simply from the pulpit." Let Bible Sunday drive us back to the Bible, with new eagerness to know its Word for our time, and to share in proclaiming it!

### No, Miss Meredith!

Anti-Inflation Conferences end in childish poutings and futilities. Dithering "statesmen" find it easier to name a scape-goat, than to offer a real solution. The shadow over Suez, and, at home, the growing incidence of unemployment, pose unanswered problems that thrust their way into the lives of us all. John Citizen is rightly urged to curb his spending, and to do some serious thinking about his future, and the world's. If he is slow to respond who can blame him, when governments, so free with advice, are so slow with example.

Remember the "Call to Australia" of a few years back? It came from men high in the leadership of our national life, and no one would doubt their genuine desire for an improved moral tone, a truer sense of sacrifice and dedication, and the things that make for real nationhood. But that "Call" is now a mere lost whisper, drowned in the cynical cries of the self-seekers, or in the racketings of the "get-rich-quick" dupes, crowding the lottery counters at Tattersall's—which a *government* brought to Melbourne.

In fact, the lottery junketings go on even more crazily, despite all official calls to sober saving. And as if the madness is not already sufficiently in our national blood, characters in Gwen Meredith's marathon A.B.C. radio serial, *Blue Hills*, recently were careful to commend the purchase of a lottery ticket as the ideal birthday present, with anticipation of a prize as an "extra" gift. What piffle! If this isn't advertising from the supposedly non-commercial A.B.C., what is? And this from the one serial which the Commission broadcasts twice daily on four days a week. Miss Meredith has often commended good causes through the conversation of her characters. But what could have induced her to include this piece of special pleading in her family serial? This is no good cause—no, Miss Meredith! This use of the A.B.C. must have startled and disgusted many.

From radio script-writers, as from all others whose voices are heard amongst us today, we have a right to expect better things!

EIVIND BERGGRAV, of Norway, reflects on situations in which . . .

# THE BIBLE COMES TO LIFE

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth" (Rom. 1: 16).

Have any of you ever been ashamed of the gospel? I have. It happened like this: At school, I entirely lost the faith of my childhood, under the influence of the evolutionary teaching. I was at that time a very young and proud "free-thinker." Then, one day, a friend said to me: "You ought to read the New Testament." Of course, I smiled at the suggestion. I was far beyond that. Again, she said, "Just try it; the best would be to start with the Letter to the Romans." Now, all intelligent people will say that was a silly idea, for one should certainly not begin with the Letter to the Romans. Fortunately, I did not know that at the time, and I did begin with the Letter to the Romans. When I came to the above verse, it was like a thunderbolt striking me. For that was just my condition: I was ashamed. At that time, I would not have wanted my comrades to see that I was reading the Bible, and I was very glad that I was alone in my room, where nobody could see me. And there this Word came to me and told me that I was ashamed; and I had to admit that it was true. That was a real, actual situation, and it was the first time that the Bible became the Word of God to me. When something like that happens, then the Word becomes insistent, and demands an answer. My answer was "Yes." Later in life, the same thing has often happened to me; that my situation has coincided with the Word of God, and thus the voice of God has come to me through the Bible.

## Word of Power

Then it says in this verse that the Word of God is a power. The Word of God is a power. I have been impressed by the many foreign-sounding names mentioned in Luke 3: 1, 2. They are the princes of the world, the rulers of that time. In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judaea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother tetrarch of Ituraea and of the region of Trachonitis, and Lysanias the tetrarch of Abilene, Annas and Caiaphas being the high priests . . . all these names are listed; and then come the words which struck me: the Word of God came. That stands out livingly and vividly in my imagination — all the then very famous names are lined up, standing there very respectfully to allow the Word

of God to march on — for then the Word of God came. That is what we have often experienced in our lives, the Word of God simply marches into our situation, into our life.

You know that Norway was invaded on April 9, 1940; and I confess quite frankly that I was very bewildered. We looked around on all sides, wondering what would happen, what we should do. Many were expecting the English to come to our rescue. There was even a rumor that they would come on a certain day at 12 o'clock, and that there would be a great battle for Oslo. There was panic in the city. I had a meeting of my pastors, and we knelt down on the floor of the church and prayed. Then I asked the pastors: "Has any one of you received a Word of God which he could pass on to me?" An old friend of my student days opened his Bible and said: "I have had this verse from Isaiah 41: 10, Fear not and look not anxiously around thee, for I am thy God (according to the Norwegian translation). Again it was as if a thunderbolt had struck me. I had been "looking anxiously around," not knowing whether to turn hither or thither. The Word came to me so quietly through my friend, but it had a mighty effect on me; in this situation, it was the Word of God to me. The following Sunday, this was the experience of the whole Norwegian people, when they opened their Bibles. We have prescribed texts for our sermons; and it was like an electric current going through our churches that day, when we heard the Word of John 14: 1. Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. We need to be startled to understand what it means for such a Word to come to a fearful soul. This Word went through us like a ray of sunshine, and thus Jesus spoke into the very serious situation of that time.

## A Humorous Touch

Sometimes, the Word comes as softly as the dew. At other times, it is like a flaming sword. It may even come with a humorous touch. When I was in prison and the German guards had to bring me my food, one day I received two cutlets in a small packet from a Norwegian farmer. According to instructions, the chief guard had to open all parcels. As he was standing beside me, opening the packet, the Bible was at my side and was open at the 23rd Psalm. As the contents of the packet were revealed, I showed to the guard the verse: Thou preparest a table be-

fore me in the presence of mine enemies. Then he had to smile, and said: "An extraordinary book!" So the Word of God can also come into a particular situation in our life in a humorous way. There is no limit whatsoever to the possibilities of the Word of God.

On the first Sunday of the year 1942, I was allowed to write a legitimate letter to my wife, and in it I mentioned the text for that day. I wrote: "I am very moved to read in our text, He hath sent me to preach the gospel to the poor, to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives . . . (Luke 4: 18)." This letter of mine was censored by the Chief of Police in Oslo, who then called my wife up before him. (She was not allowed to receive my letters herself, but could only read them in his office and then had to hand them back to him.) The Chief of Police said to her: "I order you to write to your husband and tell him that from now onwards he is forbidden to quote the Bible, for it is much too up-to-date!" That is also an experience, to receive the testimony of an enemy that the Bible is up-to-date.

## A "Walking" Bible

The same thing happened to me when I was arrested the first time, and I was told in my study that the Gestapo car was waiting for me outside. A young lawyer was with me at the time; and, at first, we were paralysed; but, then, as I went calmly down the stairs, my young friend called out to me: "Eivind, on the way you must read 1 Peter 3: 13-15." As I was sitting in the car between two police officers, I pulled out my New Testament which I always carry with me, turning up the above-mentioned text and read: And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good? But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled; but sanctify the Lord God in your hearts . . . As I read that, I was suddenly no longer in the Gestapo car, but in the arms of God; and in all my life I have never sanctified Christ as Lord in my heart in the way that I did then. The Word of God has accompanied me all the hours of my life, and has always triumphed in every situation. Even the great powers of the world are small and helpless as against the Word of God.

It was really quite strange how our position in Norway at that time made

the Bible, so to speak, into a "Walking Bible." You could meet it in a living way in the street. People read the Bible a great deal; and complete strangers would come up to me in the street and say: "Excuse me, Bishop, but I have had this Word today and I must pass it on to you . . ." And, so, suddenly, in the street, I had the experience of God speaking to me through a neighbor, or through a complete stranger. And the many written greetings I received were often accompanied by a verse from the Bible; so that the Bible was springing up amongst us and speaking in a living way. The Bible is not meant to be a closed book, but to live in hearts and on lips. You should be the Word of God to your neighbor, to your friend, to your colleague. The Bible must come into your life; only then will the Word of God open up to you.

### Power Unto Salvation

But, then, in Romans 1: 16, it says that the gospel is the power of God unto

salvation. I wonder how many of you have experienced this salvation through the Word of God? This happens when our inmost being is quickened, and we simply have to confess that we are terrible people and do not belong to God, and that if he is just, he must thrust us from himself. We call it sin. I might also call it our shame.

When we are honestly ashamed before God, that is the most serious situation to which we can come. But, then, when we find that through the Word of God, the voice of God, the voice of Jesus, comes to us and says: *Arise, my son, thy sins are forgiven.* then it is quite unbelievable. I confess to you, that it is hard to believe that God could really forgive a sinner like myself. That seems nonsense. But this nonsense is just the good sense of God; and that becomes living and believable to me through the Word of God. I am particularly fond of that verse which tells that Christ died for us, while we were yet sinners (Romans 5: 8). When this Word speaks to me

and tells me that I shall be justified, if I surrender myself to Christ, then there is a revolution in my life. Something quite new springs up and becomes reality. I am then, in the sight of God, a sinner to whom has been shown the grace of God. His Word has made that completely sure and believable. His Word is a rock. God speaks directly to me, and then I experience the power which can save. That grips my life more and more.

It says in the Bible that the grass withereth; but does not the Bible wither, too? Is not humanity so modern that a two-thousand-year-old book could be out-of-date? Such thoughts used to pass through my head once. But since the time of the occupation, I know that the Word of God is always master of every situation. And so let the Bible speak into your situation, for it is most up-to-date. I close with this verse from the Bible: *The grass withereth, the flower fadeth; but the Word of our God shall stand for ever* (Isaiah 40: 8).

**W. R. HIBBURT, N.Z. born, Australian trained, is the right man to challenge us to do more about strengthening . . . .**

# TRANS-TASMAN TIES

Aeroplanes now leap the Tasman Sea in six hours. There is much evidence that Government departments, traders, farmers, entertainers and sportsmen are taking advantage of speedy transport to develop trans-Tasman patronage and friendships. There is, however, little evidence that improved transport facilities have improved relationships between our Australian and Dominion brotherhoods. If it were possible to record by graph the extent of fellowship existing between the two brotherhoods over the last quarter of a century, the writer is of the opinion that it would show a steady decline. This is an occasion for concern, because present-day facilities present greater opportunities for trans-Tasman co-operation.

In years past, New Zealand, out of necessity, depended on Australia to train and supply preachers. During the last fifty years, New Zealand, in all departments of its national life, has won for itself a sturdy individualism. This is also true of our New Zealand brotherhood. The promotion of a Dominion Conference, the development of an extensive mission station in Southern Rhodesia, the establishment of a Bible College at Glen Leith, Dunedin, and the commencement of a brotherhood journal, *The New Zealand Christian*, are proof of this fact. Now that the bonds of necessity have ceased to maintain a

fellowship, the time has arrived to sponsor purposeful action to overtake the lag in the growth of fellowship between the two brotherhoods. The ongoing of the ecumenical conscience warrants a trans-Tasman expression of our unity ideals.

Fellowship is not dependent on the creation of special machinery, but rather on friendly gestures, fraternisation, and the cultivation of mediums of mutual helpfulness. This being so, Executive Committees should give studied attention to such suggestions as the following —

(1) Invite a Dominion brotherhood fraternal delegate to each Federal Conference, and arrange for a similar delegate to attend the New Zealand Conference bi-annually.

(2) Engender a wide interest in current activities, missionary and social projects by increasing the number of Australian subscribers to *The New Zealand Christian*, and New Zealand subscribers to *The Australian Christian*; both papers to feature a column of trans-Tasman news.

(3) Initiate interchange of preachers for a period sufficient for each man to gain an understanding of any difference in the social temperament of the people, problems peculiar to the brotherhood, and progressive trends.

(4) College Boards to give consideration to an exchange of Principals

for a special series of lectures.

(5) Since a World Convention is beyond the practicabilities of young people in relation to finance and time, promote a trans-Tasman Convention every five years at the youth level. This in itself would guarantee the bonds of one fraternity.

(6) Initiate ways and means of making the visit of brethren to both countries a means of closer fellowship. Auckland District Conference for a number of years provided a worthy example. Ernest Vickery, a city business man, was convener of an overseas fellowship committee. Visiting brethren reporting to him would be guided into worth-while brotherhood contacts. Frequently, overseas tourists were entertained, and given brotherhood fellowship.

(7) A more purposeful use of travelling letters.

It is recognised that foregoing suggestions in the exchange of personalities involve travel expenditure, but such expenditure should be regarded as an investment paying dividends in "bonds of one fraternity." The World Convention is proof of this. Secular enterprises find ways and means of outwitting the expense problem in establishing right relationships. Surely the children of the world are not wiser than the children of the light!

# MISSIONARY NEWS

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

## Serious Flood Situation — Dhond

### INCHES OF RAIN

Because of heavy rains in the catchment area of a large dam, the authorities had to open the flood gates, causing severe flooding in the low-lying areas along the river.

B. V. Coventry, writing from Dhond on Aug. 4, says:

"Yesterday morning we received a terse telegram from Miss Walker, of Dhond: 'Terrific floods, moving out.' We immediately realised that things must be serious, and that they required help. Although our area had had a fair fall of rain for almost two days, it was not enough to make such a difference in the controllable Bhima River. We learned later that in the catchment area, as much as 17 inches of rain had fallen in a few days, and had threatened the dam at the head of the river.

"This water had to be released, and, with the continuing rain, the river really came down in flood. With Mrs. Coventry and a couple of men on board, we tried to get out from our compound, but, even there the rain had made the black-soil part of the road impassable. We called for our six bullocks, and with their help finally reached the road.

"As we drove towards Dhond, one of the State transport drivers stopped us, and said we would have difficulty in getting past Kashti village. We soon saw that he was right, and, after viewing the floods of the Ghod-Nadi for a few minutes, we turned back and made for the Shrigonda Road Station. The 10.00 a.m. train had not arrived: we were therefore able to catch it, which was fortunate, seeing that it was over two hours late. As we approached Dhond we could see water far and wide over the countryside. One man at Kashti had told us that at least 200 around that village had lost their homes.

"The train came to a halt on the Shrigonda side of the bridge, seemed to pick up a plot, and then proceeded over that huge solid stone bridge at walking speed. The bridge never in all our time in India has seemed so long, and we have had some experiences on that same bridge. Water was up to the arches; there must

have been a depth of around 50 feet in the middle of the river."

### DHOND HOSPITAL COMPOUND

"Water was everywhere. The Sisters' bungalow had about a foot of water in it. Dr. Patil's home, and the Nurses' quarters, had 3-4 feet of water in them, with very little of the compound walls around these latter two buildings showing. Dr. Michael's old bungalow had less water in it than was in the Sisters' bungalow, but even so, it was still rising. The water rise had been at the rate of about nine inches per hour since the evening of the day before. Out in Bethel Colony, some houses were completely under water, and some had already fallen."

### WATERS RECEDING

"Sometime in the late afternoon, or early evening, the water ceased to rise, but remained constant for at least another five hours."

### EMERGENCY MEASURES

"Emergency arrangements had been made through the day, and all patients sent home, and the staff had to occupy the theatre, (nurses') verandahs, and some wards. The refugees from other parts of the town found shelter in large depots at the railway station, and some on the church verandah. Dr. Patil was able to move into the Govt. bungalow, whilst Sisters Walker and Batterham were invited to stay at the neighboring American Mission at Miss Norton's. After dining with them there, and meeting Messrs. Heard and Dixon, who had motored over somewhat adventurously from Bara-mati, I returned to sleep in the big ambulance in the Hospital Compound in front of the Gwyn Grace Edwards Ward block. During the night the water went down slowly, and by morning there was evidence that it had receded about one foot. A warning was given to expect a further rise, but up to 4.00 p.m. this had not eventuated, as it seemed now to be receding."

### CLEANING UP AND MOPPING UP

"This morning we managed to wash the mud out of the Sisters' bungalow, with endless buckets of water taken up at the front, back, or side doors from the still flowing waters. The bungalow was still surrounded by water, but it was below floor level. The cleaning of the Doctor's

bungalow is now in progress, and then, in a little while, we are hoping that the water level will be down sufficiently to enable a start to be made on Dr. Patil's home and the Nurses' quarters.

"Many Christians have lost almost all they possessed; several thought the river would not rise more than the 1948 level, but they have learned to their sorrow not to rely on past history. A little while ago, one woman came along to say her house had just fallen in the receding waters, and practically all they had had been washed away. They had placed things up high, but later their house<sup>o</sup> was completely covered, and now it had gone.

"We will not know the extent of damage to Mission premises for some time. It may not even show up till the hot season, when everything is thoroughly dried out. Many merchants in the town have lost heavily, but, from reports, no lives have been lost. Will send you more details at a later date."

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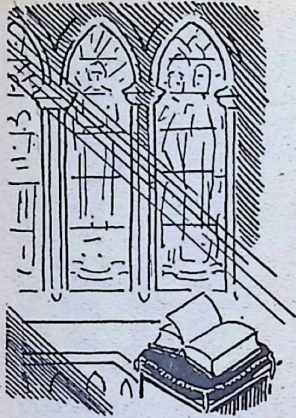
## Adventuring in a New Area

This year's Victorian-Tasmanian Conference was thrilled at the report of a new venture at Fawkner. A valuable corner lot had been offered, on condition that a Bible school be commenced forthwith. Impressed by the prospect, the Home Missionary Department, Youth Department and Church Extension Department resolved to accept the challenge and proceed.

A school has been formed by John Turner, and helpers from Moreland. Meeting in an old tent and an Igloo Hut, surrounded by mud, the school is prospering wonderfully. The Church Extension Department is now completing a building suited to the needs of the school, and also for church services. It is many years since the Committee was called upon, without the help of local church members, to provide both building and furnishings. Bambra-rd. and Drumcondra are examples of that kind of enterprise, and Fawkner may, some day, become another prosperous church. Shortly a date will be fixed for opening the building.

The Committee lists the following as immediate requirements for this new field, in the hope that some churches or individuals may be able to provide some of the equipment. We need a piano, an organ, a lectern or desk, a table for platform, three platform chairs, fifty steel chairs, some seats (short ones). The Chairman of the Church Extension Department, R. Enniss, will be glad to hear from any who can help.

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# THE LIVING WORD

Studies on the planned Sunday morning readings

Suggested Theme.

## "THE AGELESS QUEST."

**Introduction.** — Man's eternal pilgrimage has been directed towards God. Deep down in his heart he knows that complete satisfaction can only be found in the presence of the Father himself. Job is well aware of that as he refers to

**I. MAN'S PERMANENT DESIRE** (v. 3). — Man's enduring wish is that he might know God personally, positively, and permanently. This is the longing—whether recognised or not—of almost every person. Job tells us that man has a desire to talk with God (v. 4), and he also has a desire to listen to him (v. 5). Our fellowship with God, and our knowledge of him, will mean that he will be strengthened, sustained, and satisfied (v. 6). Job then proceeds to discuss

**II. MAN'S PASSING DISAPPOINTMENT** (v. 8). — If, for a moment, man cannot find God, he feels an emptiness within himself. He feels that he has indulged in a fruitless groping after the Eternal One (vv. 8-9). As he surveys the situation, however, it is not long before his disappointment disappears, for he knows he has a faithful Guardian (v. 10). Conscious of this, he faces the future with a firm grip on the kind of life that counts most of all—a life that honors God (vv. 11-12).

**Conclusion.** — Sometimes God hides himself for a moment, in order that our searching souls might go on pilgrimage for him, so that when we find him, real life—fruitful and abundant—will begin for us.

## NEW TESTAMENT

James 1: 1-15.

**Summary.**

"In so far as there is any single conception binding the materials of this passage together, it is apparently the idea of the Christian under trial. This is obviously the theme of vv. 2-4, and that theme is resumed in vv. 12-15" (Knox). According to W. Graham Scroggie, James is dealing with "The Endurance of Trials," which he does by referring to (a) The Need for Patience and Wisdom (vv. 2-8); (b) The Case of the Poor and the Rich (vv. 9-11); (c) The Origin and Course of Temptation (vv. 12-15).

**Explanatory Notes.**

"James . . . to the twelve tribes" (v. 1). — Notice some of the titles given to this letter. It is "The Epistle of Holy Living" (J. W. Kemp), and, "A Plea for Practical

Religion" (J. I. Brice). Campbell Morgan tells us that it deals with "Christ and His Ethics," whilst Sidlow Baxter says it sets out "The Proofs of Faith." Guy King very beautifully sums it up by suggesting that it portrays "A Belief that Behaves."

"**manifold temptations**" (v. 2). — "Also in 1 Peter 1: 6. Manifold is strictly 'many-colored' or 'variegated,' and refers not to the number, but to the variety of their trials" (Bennett). In the R.V. margin, the word temptations is given as "trials." It comes from a word meaning "to try" or "to test," and is strictly a testing of character.

"**the crown of life**" (v. 12). — "The same phrase occurs in Rev. 2: 10. The crown is the victor's wreath which the Christian receives when, by God's grace, he has conquered temptation and won his way in life" (Century Bible).

"**when he is tempted**" (v. 13). — The word "temptations" in v. 2, referring to something "from without," is better rendered as "trials." But the word tempted here refers to something "from within," and is therefore temptation in its actual sense.

Suggested Theme.

## "TESTED, TRIED, AND TRUE."

**Introduction.** — Christian living is a constant climb. There are difficulties to overcome, and victories to be won, but, with the help of God, the Christian can win. James begins by saying

**I. TESTING IS REVEALING** (v. 2). — The real man comes to the surface under trial. Trials accepted prove to be a blessing. They develop patience to face life and its problems (v. 3), and they develop understanding of life and its plans (v. 5). But James goes on to point out that in this situation

**II. TRUST IS REQUIRED** (v. 6). — Faith is one of life's vital qualities. It is needed by us all so that we might be radiant in the face of life's uncertainty (v. 8) and life's frailty (v. 11). Then James goes on to remind us that

**III. TEMPTATION IS REAL** (v. 12). — He sets out the source of it—negatively (v. 13), and positively (v. 14). Then he proceeds to deal with the course of it (v. 15).

**Conclusion.** — With the help of God (who is generous in his dealings with men, v. 5), we are able to come out of life's trials and temptations as those who are tested, tried, and true.

Sunday, Sept. 9

OLD TESTAMENT

Job 23: 1-12.

**Summary.**

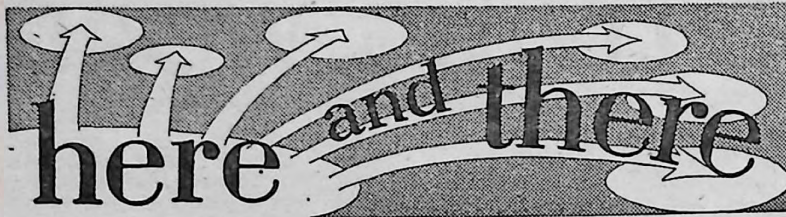
In this passage we have the beginning of Job's seventh speech. He makes only a slight reference to the remarks of the former speaker, Eliphaz, but spends most of his time contemplating the mysterious way in which God has dealt with him. He is concerned by the thought that God seems to be hiding himself. In vv. 1-7, Job expresses his longing to find God, that "he might plead his cause before him, confident that he will be acquitted of any charge of guilt. Then, in vv. 8-12 (which is part of a longer section), Job dwells on the elusiveness of God.

**Explanatory Notes.**

"Oh, that I knew where I might find him!" (v. 3). — "This . . . wish opens one of the most powerful descriptions of man's search for God in the whole Bible" (Terrien). "Technically, these words are the 'complaint' of Job. Really, they are neither personal nor racial. They are universal!" (Wakinshaw).

"I would order my cause before him" (v. 4). — "Here we see another gleam of the sweet confidence in God, which again and again had broken through Job's darkness. There had been times when he believed that all his effort to vindicate himself would be in vain, that . . . God would use his awful power to crush him (9: 30ff). But those times are past forever. Not in vain has he stood upon the peaks of vision" (J. E. McFadyen).

"but he is not there" (v. 8). — "The bright vision fades. God ever escapes his search." "In his desperate effort to find the judge and obtain a hearing, Job describes himself as the lonely and wandering traveller who goes to the four corners of the earth in a vain attempt to find someone who is not there" (Terrien).



Stop press news from Albert Anderson concerning the Dhond flood advises us that half the girls who were evacuated have now returned to Dhond, and, as the remainder have some assistance, there is no need for further financial appeal to meet the emergency.

The Federal Hymn Book Committee, in conjunction with The Austral, announces that a 32-page supplement (containing approximately 40 hymns) is being prepared for inclusion in the next printed edition of the Churches of Christ Hymn Book (words edition), which should be off the press early in 1957. Separate copies will be available for churches desirous of purchasing same for inclusion in existing books. The supplement will contain a variety of hymns, index and suggested tunes, the hymns being numbered to follow the existing ones.

J. E. Allan, former loved preacher among our churches, who has been in ill health for some time, has entered Prince Henry's Hospital, Melbourne, for special treatment, which it is hoped will prove beneficial.

At the request of the Federal Literature Committee, Wilkie J. Thomson is preparing short biographies of H. G. Harward, A. R. Main, T. H. Scambler and T. Hagger. He would appreciate any interesting facts of the lives or work of these men, which have not hitherto been published. Mr. Thomson's address is 725 Dandenong-rd., Malvern, Vic.

E. Hilford, minister of the church at East Ipswich, Qld., is planned to conduct a mission with the church at Mackay from Sept. 2 to 16. The brotherhood's prayerful support would be valued. Among other missions planned in the churches is a week of evangelistic effort at Box Hill, Vic., led by E. V. Amos (minister at Blackburn) during Oct. 21 to 28.

Mrs. Andrew MacKenzie Meldrum, widow of a former well known preacher in our brotherhood, died in Sydney on Aug. 21, in her ninety-fourth year. Dr. Meldrum (who pre-deceased his wife in Oct., 1943) had his first Australian ministry with the church at Swanston-st., Melbourne, and his last at Enmore, N.S.W. In between, he spent many years in travel, and in university work and other ministries in U.S.A. Mrs. Meldrum was one of

the Mitchell family of Swanston-st., where she long exercised a much appreciated ministry in floral decoration. She was also a worker in the Queensberry-st. Chinese Mission, Melbourne, in her younger days. Dan Wakeley conducted the funeral services in Sydney. Sympathy is extended to her relatives and friends, many of whom were helped by the letters she took such pleasure in writing.

Work has been progressing quite steadily at Geraldton, W.A., on the erection of a chapel. Roof, flooring, doors and windows have been installed. A generous donation from a member in the metropolitan area, Perth, and other amounts given by local members, made it possible to employ labor on the project. The membership of 32 has raised over £300 in the past eleven months, plus £29 towards labor. There were over 50 present at a film service in July. Visitors have included members from Wembley and Subiaco churches, and J. H. Ridden (State B.&F.B.S. sec.).

The Annual Meeting of the Australian Council for the World Council of Churches, held at "Gilbulla," Menangle, July 31-Aug. 3, passed the following resolution, which has been forwarded to members of the Federal Cabinet: "This Council, representing the Church of England, Presbyterian, Methodist, Congregational, Churches of Christ, Salvation Army and Society of Friends, is concerned to learn from press reports that a decision to grant financial aid to non-State schools in the Australian Capital Territory has been made by the Federal Cabinet without reference to Parliament." The Council feels strongly that this question has been the cause of much controversy in Australia, and that no decision should be made without reference to Parliament.

R. N. Gilmore has agreed to continue for a further year his ministry with the church at East Malvern, Vic.

Zondervan's \$5,000 5th International Christian Fiction Contest, which closes December 31, 1956, is exciting comment and arousing interest across U.S.A. and beyond. Contest entries are already being received in the editorial offices of the Zondervan Publishing House, and inquiries concerning this contest come in every day. The prizes being offered

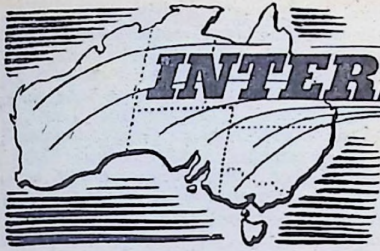
for winners in this contest are as follows: 1st prize, \$4,000; 2nd prize \$750; 3rd prize, \$250. In addition, manuscripts judged publishable, although not prizeworthy, will be considered for publication on a straight royalty basis. The publishers have sponsored this contest in the hope of improving the available fiction material for the Christian reading public. It is their hope that, as a result of this contest, new writing talent will be developed to honor and glorify the Lord—and that already established writers will be encouraged and challenged to put forth their best efforts to the task and ministry of Christian fiction. All manuscripts or inquiries concerning the contest should be addressed: Zondervan Publishing House, Attention—Contest Editors, Grand Rapids 6, Michigan, U.S.A.

Temple Day was observed at Edwardstown, S.A., on Aug. 12. Most members and their families sat down to a church tea, at close of which the offering was counted. An aim of £250 was set as a test of faith and proof of desire for a new chapel. Consequently, church was overjoyed with the total of £365 received for the day. Every seat was occupied at the thanksgiving service in the evening. Preparations will now begin in earnest for the erection of new chapel as soon as circumstances permit. H. Cave is preacher at this church.

Often Women's Guilds, particularly in the country, are asked to cater for birthdays, weddings, luncheons, tea or suppers, and the Victorian W.C.T.U. suggests that recipes for fruit drinks, available at Head Office, 46 Russell-st., Melbourne, would be helpful. Also, the W.C.T.U. has two demonstrators (one for country and one for suburbs), who will gladly give a practical demonstration on the preparation and serving of attractive fruit drinks at women's meetings or anniversaries. Melbourne suburban demonstrator is Mrs. L. Williams, 16 Milverton-st., Burwood; phone, BX 1030.—Mrs. E. Ryall.

The church at Lygon-st., Carlton, Vic., confirmed the officers' unanimous recommendation for reappointment of their preacher, L. G. Burgin, for a further three years. Mr. Burgin has accepted the invitation to continue.

To reach more Indian children with simple stories from the Bible, the Indian associates of the United Society for Christian Literature, in Madras, have launched a series of half-anna stories in Tamil. The series comprises booklets on great figures from the Bible. They are attractively produced in color, and are proving popular in bazaars and book fairs.



# INTERSTATE CHURCH NEWS

Larsen, now in his 83rd year, is recovering after serious illness. C.E. journeyed to Gatton Baptist church for Lockyer C.E. rally on Aug. 7.

Wambo-16 Mile (H. C. Wheat). — Church was happy to renew fellowship with Toowoomba Y.P.F. at annual C.E. rally. Other visitors came from Kingaroy and Dalby. Guest speaker was C. G. Flood (Ann-st., Brisbane). D. Mortimer (Maryborough) was guest speaker for Chinchilla C.E. rally, and our members joined with them in their meetings. Recent visitors from N.S.W. were Mr. Whatman and Sis. Clark.

East Ipswich (R. Hilford).—Working bees on manse and church out-buildings continue, with manse receiving its first coat of paint. Morning service on Aug. 5 was broadcast over local station 4IP. At fellowship tea on 12th, Mr. Chambers (R.A.A.F.) recounted his experiences, and showed pictures of the recent goodwill flight to U.S.A. C.Y.F. visited Aged Christians' Home, Brisbane on 15th. Undermentioned scholars sat for recent B.S. examinations and did very well: East Ipswich: Ian Neumann, Lynette Berlin; Leichhardt: Lesley Burns, Paula Stanley, Ruth McIntyre (topped list with 94%), Marie Paul, Connie Hodgkinson, Robert McIntyre. Church plans to hold an evangelistic mission in Nov., with S. Vanham as missionary. Mrs. Hilford, senr., returned to Perth on 14th. Dr. and Mrs. Hinrichsen (Thornbury, Vic.) were amongst visitors on 12th. Av. attendances for July were: East Ipswich, a.m., 111; p.m., 65; Leichhardt, 19. Mr. Ellis is home from hospital and Mr. Newlands much improved. Mrs. Dack has been ill again.

## Western Australia

North Perth (C. H. Hunt).—Youth Council held social and film evening to raise money for Youth Committee. Y.P.C.E. held The Stranger Evening, when Miss Shirley Richardson (State Y.P. supt.) gave helpful talk. A large number of members attended Shenton Park mission. B.S. attendance has averaged over 100 for a number of weeks now, and school is in second place in Attendance Campaign. Y.P. attended combined meeting of youth groups of North Perth churches, held at Presbyterian church, on July 29. A discussion on Church Unity was followed by a basket tea. On Orange and Flower Day, Endeavorers, with assistance of number of brethren of church, who kindly offered their services and cars, visited Guest Home, Michelle Home, and sick and older

folk connected with church. Youth tea was held after visitation, and W. Paget spoke to over 40 Y.P. Men have been responsible for conducting communion services at Aged Folk's Guest Home during July. C.W.F. combined with Inglewood and Prayer Committee in a meeting on 25th, Mrs. Holland being guest speaker. All partook of lunch at close. Sympathy of church goes out to Schurman family in their bereavement. J. Lavery is showing some improvement in health.

Subiaco. — Morning and evening services are well attended. Church is grateful for excellent help given by G. Hughes, C. Olds, F. Stephenson, H. L. Vawser, R. Vincent, W. Lake, J. Gordon, E. Smith, A. Ware and R. Raymond during recent weeks. Well attended teaching demonstrations by Miss Bonnie Bates, under direction of R. Hillier, were held. Ladies catered for these meetings, teachers coming straight from work. Successful film evening was presented recently by C.E., one of the best yet, including screening of Prior Claim. After gospel service, friendly singing and cup of tea is being much appreciated; J. Gordon is conductor and Ron Raymond, accompanist. Girls' Club held successful jumble sale on Aug. 17. Monthly Happy Hour meetings, conducted by supt., Hal Vawser, are increasing B.S. attendances. Y.P. class (av. 19), conducted by F. Stephenson, is a feature of school. Mid-week prayer and Bible study meetings are continuing helpful and interesting.

Wembley (J. K. Bond). — Success of recently concluded Shenton Park mission has greatly encouraged church. Release of Mr. Bond to conduct mission has been fully justified. During his absence, R. Raymond (recently retired from Subiaco) has done most of preaching. Others who assisted were Messrs. Moore, Wilson and Paget. Mr. Raymond's services were much appreciated. Pastoral work has been attended to by elders. Sickness has affected more members than in other seasons, and a number are unable to attend services. B.S. is having succession of high attendances. Under D. Jeck as new supt., previous interest has been further sustained, with two attendances of 208. Hospital inmates and "shut-ins" were visited on Aug. 12 by C.E., occasion being Orange and Flower Sunday. Clubs and Fellowship activities of youth and adult groups show much interest. Two men's meetings discussed methods for better distribution of church work. Arising from them,

## Discipleship

Dean Olafsen, Dorothy Speck, Gawler, S.A.  
Mr. and Mrs. Cowan, G. Staples, R. Berry, Hawthorn, S.A.  
Peter Fountain, Caulfield, Vic.  
David, Leslie and Edith Virgo, Hindmarsh, S.A.

## Membership

Mr. and Mrs. Elbourne, from Fairfield to Caulfield, Vic.  
J. Jacks, from Pico Arlington Christian Church, Los Angeles, U.S.A., to Edwardstown, S.A.  
Mrs. Libby, from Oakleigh to Bayswater, Vic.  
Mrs. Haylock, to Collingwood, Vic.  
Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Feldahn, from Lowood to East Ipswich, Qld.

## Marriage

Synthia Morrison to John Ferriss, Hawthorn, S.A.  
Lesley Chamberlain to W. Newton, Castlemaine, Vic.

## Fallen Asleep

Mrs. D. Dallinger, senr., Ma Ma Creek, Qld.  
Mrs. G. Warry, Collingwood, Vic.  
J. Edney, Collingwood, Vic.

## Queensland

Ma Ma Creek (L. Larsen).—C.E. held social to raise funds for Caloundra Youth Centre. Color slides were screened by B. Cole, A. Rosenberg and J. Metcalf. Opportunity was taken to farewell Sis. Roberts and Colin, who have removed to Toowoomba. On behalf of church, E. F. Cole presented electric radiator to Sis. Roberts, and a mulga wood desk set to Colin, who served as church organist. Ma Ma Creek combined with Gatton in their first anniversary celebrations on July 28-29. Sympathy of church goes out to D. Dallinger in loss of his wife. A

several suggestions are to be brought to special general meeting of church.

**South Perth (S. H. Wilson).**—All auxiliaries report progress. Mid-week prayer meetings are again being held. Church attended Shenton Park mission on Thursday nights during last six weeks. On a recent Sunday evening, five people were baptised, and three made their confessions. Mr. and Mrs. S. Hudie, Paul and Jeff., have returned to Adelaide. Church is grateful for their work during last couple of years. Preacher being away at Harvey, Mr. Hughes (Fremantle) gave a stirring message to church on morning of Aug. 12. H. Heyhoe led evening service. Full house was sign at grand concert conducted by Ladies' Fellowship; ladies thank all auxiliaries for their help. Gordon Ewers acted as compere. Church sympathy goes to J. McIntyre in loss of his father. Church is in constant prayer for a successor to preacher.

### New South Wales

**Beverly Hills (G. H. Benjamin).** — Baptismal service was held at the evening meeting on Aug. 12, when a mother, and four of her children, were baptised. At close of very impressive address, a young woman confessed her faith. Meetings during month have been well attended. Pleasing feature of work has been increased attendance at, and interest in, mid-week Bible study gatherings, about 20 or more being present.

**Bexley North (J. G. Shaw).** — Attendances have been reduced recently owing to illness. Preacher is conducting stewardship campaign for Aug., and messages are proving very helpful. A John Citizen series of witnessing in gospel service is of great value. Testimony of Miss Marion Davies, as a school teacher, was much appreciated. Church is also indebted to visiting artists for messages in song. A B.S. scholar made her decision on Aug. 5. Two scholars, Beth Langbein and Carol Bates, came third in State for C.E. Quiz, and Beth first in the Commonwealth. Cottage meetings held recently have been of great interest and blessing.

**Mosman (D. W. Tonkin).**—Speakers on Aug. 12 were K. Hunter and G. Brown. Preacher attended Merewether for special services. L. S. Dewberry (South Auburn) commenced series of four special Sunday evening evangelistic meetings on 19th. D. W. Tonkin is conducting series at South Auburn during the same period.

**North Balgowlah (J. A. Blankley).** — Extensions to existing building were commenced by J. A. Blankley and two helpers on Aug. 13. Extensions are necessary to cope with increasing

attendances at B.S. Plans are being formulated for an increase campaign to build B.S. membership to 100 before end of year. Sunday meetings are pleasing, and work is in good heart. I.C.E. has been formed.

### South Australia

**Grote-st., Adelaide (A. W. C. Candy).** — Despite winter handicaps, meetings have been fairly well attended. Delegates to annual State Conference are: C. McDonald, W. E. Blackeby, L. C. Hughes, A. W. C. Candy, and Mrs. Candy. J. Brooks is laid aside with broken rib. Ladies' Mission Band closed successful year by contributing £70 to Overseas Mission Offering, which now stands at £312. Dorcas Society has been active, many new and reconditioned garments having been forwarded to Morialta Children's Home, Colbrook Home and Aborigines Mission fields. Women's Fellowship had successful July meeting; £12 was raised and will be contributed to a church project. B.S. reports steady attendances and rising membership.

**Fullarton (A. W. Morris).**—Preacher was away at Moonta on Aug. 19, it being Fullarton's turn to supply preacher during month. At morning worship, D. Chigwidden preached. Mr. and Mrs. Wood (Applecross, W.A.), were visitors. In evening, Dr. T. Turner was speaker. Choir assisted with an item, and Messrs. Hooper and Overland sang a duet. Y.P. have been away for weekend camp at Longwood.

**Gawler (A. R. Pigdon).** — Mr. Paddick, representing Temperance Alliance, gave morning address on July 22. Church supported Billy Graham film, Mr. Texas, sponsored by Gawler Ministers' Fraternal, on 23rd, when 500 local people attended. At their July meeting, Dorcas Society made gift of 107 handkerchiefs for Carnarvon Mission. There has been much illness among members, and attendances have been down. Mrs. Baker has been in an Adelaide hospital for treatment. C. Ateyo is progressing slowly, as is also Mrs. Jones. Foundations for new hall have been poured, but working bees have been held up because of inclement weather.

**Hawthorn (A. A. McRoberts, B.A.).** — Av. attendances for 12 months were: a.m., 167; p.m., 133; with four adult decisions since last report. Special messages and singing by choir, and solos from Mrs. Wills, Mrs. Ron Brand and Mrs. Butler have helped in gospel services. Social hour after gospel service on Aug. 4, at which films were shown, was attended by over 100. B.S. is having record meetings; 144 present on a recent Sunday. Girls' Brigade assisted in Call to Youth broadcast on July 22. Much sickness prevails amongst mem-

bers. Mr. Roberts, a faithful member, has been unable to attend for a few weeks. Mr. Tansell has recovered from an operation; Mrs. Jackson has been sick for some time. £4,314 was raised for all purposes for year, a 30 per cent. increase. Congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt, on their 50th wedding anniversary. Sympathy is expressed to Miss Dorothy Roberts in loss of her father.

**Hindmarsh (J. E. Shipway).**—Much sickness prevails, but church services are bright and well attended. Gym classes are going very well on Friday evenings. Girls' senior basketball team reached semi-finals. There were three more decisions on evening of Aug. 19. Social Service offering is more than double that of last year.

**Kadina (M. T. Lawrie).** — Anniversary services were held on Aug. 12, Mr. Lawrie was speaker at all services. Selections on electric organ, owned by K. Crosby, were much appreciated at afternoon and evening services, also bright singing by choir under baton of C. Larcombe. On Tuesday evening, banquet tea was enjoyed by large number, followed later by a service, with individual items and anthems by choir. A forward move has been initiated for increased attendances at all services, and introduction of sacred films, occasionally, at gospel services. Manse has been made more attractive by building of front and side walls on street boundaries, R. Hawke and his men doing a fine job in its erection. Other fences have been erected by men of church.

**Prospect (S. Neighbour, B.A.).** — Boys' Explorer Club leaders conducted house-to-house visitation in district, seeking new members. As a result, membership of club has grown from 6 to 16 in a few weeks. Girls' and boys' basketball teams are both in second position on premiership list. Girls' Life Brigade is in process of formation.

**Unley (I. J. Chivell).** — Preacher has given challenging messages, one evening being devoted to answering questions. Special afternoon for B.S. scholars and parents included film, *Hidden Treasures*, buffet tea, followed by evening service, led by supt., L. G. Curtis. Social Service Dept. sec., A. R. Jones, addressed members on morning annual offering was taken. Acting sec. of church, H. Barratt, has been elected to fill a casual vacancy as deacon. Retiring offering of £3/15/9 was taken for Committee for Promotion of Christian Union, and following a film by representative of Sudan United Mission at after-church fellowship, £3/10/- was given. Church has received legacy of £136 from estate of late Mrs. S. Burns towards Hall Building Fund. She had al-

ways been keenly interested in all work connected with Y.P. W.M.B. had all-day sewing meeting for Morialta Homes. B.S. and C.Y.F. at separate gatherings expressed good wishes and made presentations to Barbara Bray and Ian Mauger, prior to their marriage. New teachers welcomed are: Mrs. G. Forbes, Misses D. Inkster and W. Yates. J.C.E. secured five first prizes in district J.C.E. Elstedford—Graham Forbes (boys' solo and Scripture recital), Christine Lawton (girls' solo and Scripture reading), Robert Wharton (boys' solo). Considerable interest is being shown by members in repairs to exterior of chapel at cost of about £600. It will result in considerable improvement to appearance.

## Victoria

**Bayswater (R. Ryall).**—F. Leuba (Inter-Church Aid) was speaker on Aug. 5. Documentary film, *Daybreak*, was screened, and Miss Dulcie Gray (Thornbury) was soloiste. Fellowship tea preceded service, at which Mr. Leuba also spoke. Offering of £21 was received for work of Inter-Church Aid. Morning service on 12th commenced an exchange of presidents and speakers in connection with Eastern District Conference. G. Miller and C. Smith (Boronia) presided and spoke. B.S. anniversary practice is in progress. A lady has been received into fellowship by transfer.

**Lygon-st., Carlton (L. G. Burgin).**—W.M.B. visited Miss Gena Allen in hospital, on occasion of her birthday, and brought much joy to this aged Christian. Deepest sympathy and much regret have been expressed to church sec., A. W. Johnson, in serious illness of his wife in hospital, and prayers are offered for a speedy recovery.

**Woorinen (A. Avery).**—Temple Day was held on Aug. 17, and resulted in an offering of £46. Several past members attended tea, and letters were read from past members unable to attend. A. Avery's address on Restoration Movement was most interesting and inspirational. Church enjoyed films at evening service on 19th. Mr. McMaster (Swan Hill Presbyterian) addressed gathering at Temple Day tea. His address on Christian Unity was most challenging.

**Drumcondra (R. A. Banks).**—Special thanksgiving service was held on Aug. 12; 123 were present at morning service, and 118 at night. K. A. Jones (Conf. Pres.) was speaker at both services, and 98 broke bread. Thanksgiving offering, which is to be used for renovation of church building, is £220 to date. Janice and Gwen Hall were duetists. Fellowship hour was held after evening service, at which film, *The Family*

*Altar*, was screened. Supper was enjoyed by all. Visitation evangelism has been fruitful, with good response from parents of B.S. scholars.

**Castlemaine (G. Barnett).**—Ladies' Guild had united meeting on July 25 with Baptist ladies who had charge of meeting. Number of members attended Northern District Conference at Echuca on Aug. 4. On 5th, K. A. Jones (Conf. Pres.) spoke at evening service; Mrs. Randall (Women's Conf. Pres.) was soloiste, and two students from C.O.B. also assisted. Through efforts of ladies, men of church are building new kitchen by voluntary labor. Film, *The Men of the Wilderness*, was screened to a good congregation. Good Companions gave two musical items. Visitors for month were Mr. and Mrs. Unmack and Mr. and Mrs. A. Johnston.

**Collingwood (H. J. Cook).**—Memorial service to late Mrs. Warry was held on Aug. 19. Attendances have been maintained, despite adverse weather. B.S. is conducting drive to gain new scholars. Recently formed Youth Club has created interest among Y.P. Women's Fellowship August meeting was held in home of Mrs. Chandler, when Brig. Hallett (Salvation Army) spoke on a chaplain's work at Pentridge. Special functions have been arranged to raise funds for new piano for kindergarten. Church was sorry to lose Mr. and Mrs. G. Mackley, who have moved to Mildura.

**East Malvern (R. N. Gilmore).**—Annual report revealed increased attendances at all services. Following were elected as officers: R. A. Strongman (sec.); N. F. White (treas.); Mrs. M. Pain, Mrs. D. Curtis, R. E. Padey, F. S. Robinson, E. H. Paul, and R. St. C. Wilson, deacons. Church pledged its support of two-stage programme of visitation, culminating in mission in 1957, with an aim of 20 initial decisions for Christ in year. Youth work is encouraging; four active groups are operating, and monthly youth teas are feature. B.S. reached record of 131. Youth Clubs have adopted an Indian orphan, and organised a concert to raise the money. Church feels encouraged by decision of married man at recent gospel service.

**Hurstbridge (K. Heath).**—Various improvements have been made to chapel, and interior has been painted with warm colors, adding to atmosphere of services. Coming of electricity into district will mean a great deal to church. On weekend of this great event, a film service was held and attendance rose from approx. 25 to 80. B.S. is also growing in attendances and interest in an Olympic Campaign. Several members are slowly recovering from recent illnesses; however, Miss Frazer (very old member of brotherhood) is still seriously ill, and prayers are with her.

**North Williamstown (S. K. Bannon).**—W. W. Saunders (Social Service Dept.) was speaker on morning of Aug. 12. Local churches held Y.P. tea in hall, at which a speaker from Inter-Church Aid addressed meeting. Another representative spoke at gospel service. Members attended combined after-church rally in Baptist hall, at which F. Byatt spoke and screened *These, My Brethren*. Y.W.F. birthday held on 15th was attended by 80. Mrs. Randall (Women's Conf. Pres.) led devotions. Mrs. Cordy (elocutioniste) and Mrs. Birkett (soloiste), were artistes. £27/10/- was donated by Y.W.F. for installation of gas copper at manse. Rotary clothes line has been purchased, continuing a policy of gradual improvements for manse. New frames and windows are being installed in church hall. B.S. is practising for anniversary under leadership of A. Haskell. Largely attended gospel service on Aug. 19 was conducted by C.E. Quartet. S. K. Bannon conducted baptismal service, at which a visitor from Tasmania was immersed.

**Red Cliffs (C. L. Lang).**—Grand day of fellowship was enjoyed at 33rd anniversary on Aug. 19. Former members and visitors were welcomed. A. L. Martin, foundation member, gave brief outline of commencement of work at morning meeting, when 110 were present. In afternoon, about 130 heard I. Young (District Inspector of Schools) speak on *Modern Education*. Items were given by girls' quintette, and duet by Miss Glenda Forsyth and I. Goudie. About 120 joined in fellowship tea in school hall. Film, *God of Creation*, was enjoyed by 150 people at evening service.

**Stawell.**—Guest speaker on Aug. 12 was John Mae (missioner of Boys' Home, W.A.). He also screened slides of work at an after-church gathering in home of Mr. and Mrs. Marshman. Social evening was held on 9th to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Don Cooper, who have made their home in Stawell following their marriage. This gathering was held also in the Marshman home, and gifts for the pantry were presented to them at the close of the evening. Prayer meetings have been held in homes of Mrs. Legge, Mrs. Blair and Mr. and Mrs. Smith. B.S. has commenced practice for anniversary.

**Box Hill (W. Wigney).**—At gospel service on July 29, a young man made his decision. C.W.F. (evening group), at its meeting in July, elected as office-bearers: pres., Mrs. K. Mitchell; vice-pres., Mrs. R. Muller; sec., Mrs. V. Walker; asst.-sec., Mrs. C. Steele; treas., Mrs. R. Clark. Members were given an excellent demonstration of plastic flower-making by Mrs. R. Clark. At their meeting on Aug. 6, this group was given a much appreciated talk by D. Chipp (Chief

Executive Officer, Olympic Organising Committee). Newly-formed C.M.S. held an enjoyable open night on 16th.

Glen Waverley (G. R. Clark, B.A., B.Sc.). — Morning services are well attended, but owing to weather conditions and sickness, evening and mid-week attendances are poor. Ladies recently visited Jordanville and East Malvern groups for their birthday celebrations. Luncheon, followed by a talk from Enid Gilchrist, of The Argus, was held, and £9 was raised. Street stall was also arranged, raising £33. C.M.S. has been formed with N. Wickham, pres., and M. McGregor, sec. Men of church are busy painting interior of building.

Moreland (J. Turner, B.A.). — Loyalty Campaign and appeal for tithing have been well received. Over period, weekly contributions have been doubled. Women's Fellowship groups have decided on system of giving, instead of usual sale of work. Tennis club has enjoyed successful season. Explorers entertained Burwood Boys on Aug. 25. Sympathy of members goes out to relatives of late Sis. I. Powell. Hall at Fawkner is nearing completion, and plans are in hand for work to proceed under more satisfactory conditions.

North Essendon (A. E. White, B.A.). — Attendances in recent weeks have been encouraging, despite bad weather and sickness. Morning averages have been 100, evening, 120, and communicants 112. Among those ill have been Mrs. Alves, Mrs. Bramstedt and R. Conning. Large number of Y.P. attended Monbuk Camp on Aug. 5 weekend, with A. E. White as camp padre, and Mr. and Mrs. R. Drayton as leaders. A brief closing service was held at North Essendon upon return on Sunday night. C.Y.F. held well attended tea and meeting, and church parade on 12th. Members decided to assume financial responsibility for continuance of Keilor East bus service, which brings children to B.S. Quarterly meeting of combined Women's Fellowship was held on 21st, in charge of Mission Band, when an illustrated address was given by Mr. Richards (Inter-Church Aid). On morning of 19th, J. H. Cain (Camberwell) exchanged with Mr. White, and spoke on Education Week. In evening, Miss Dudley was soloiste, and a man was received into fellowship. Mrs. D. R. Ploog has been appointed Probation Officer to Children's Court. P.B.P. has had re-arrangement of leaders. Chaplain is Mrs. F. Mason, and Deputy Chaplains Mrs. Dyett and Mrs. R. Drayton. Various committees in Mission to Life of Church are meeting regularly, under preacher's leadership. Sympathy of church is with Mrs. Simpfendorfer, in loss of her mother. Communion services are held in homes of shut-in

members, led by D. Ploog and J. Pemberton.

Red Hill (J. Sutton). — Preacher exchanged with E. Sanders (Frankston) for morning service on Aug. 5. R. Marks (Springvale) conducted film service on evening of 12th. A young lady made her decision. Ladies' Fellowship visited Tootgarook on 15th and Mrs. Berry spoke on her trip to India. New manse is advancing, and sterling work is being put in by men of church on the project. C.W.F. met on 22nd. This auxiliary has several new members, who are working hard to assist Manse Fund. N. Brown (sec.) has made several visits to Melbourne in interests of church.

Brighton (C. G. Taylor, B.A.). — For eight Sundays since July 1, attendances have averaged: morning, 126; evening, 113; communicants, 136. In Panel Quiz on Aug. 5, J. McLean, R. P. Morris and R. Scott discussed with preacher The Difference Christ Makes. 12 Y.P. were featured in Education Day service on 19th, conducted by school-teachers.

## Open Forum

### "IS DENOMINATIONALISM EVIL?"

It is good to see you quoting from The New Zealand Christian in your splendid editorial of Aug. 14. I have often wondered why there is not more co-operation between The Australian Christian and The N.Z. Christian. Both papers publish regular news of the British churches, and The Christian-Evangelist, of U.S.A., features regular columns of Australian and N.Z. news, but between N.Z. and Australia themselves there is very little journalistic exchange.

I am sure there are many New Zealanders living in Australia, many Australians living in N.Z., and many preachers who have had ministries in both countries, who would welcome some regular exchange of news between the two publications. There appear to be many brotherhood developments on each side of the Tasman which would make stimulating reading on the other side. I, for one, would be interested to know more of the discussions at present taking place between several major Protestant denominations in N.Z. on "Shall We Unite?"; our own part, if any, in these; and the exact nature of the referendum on unity to be held, I think, in 1957.—Beverly M. White, N. Essendon, Vic.

Thanks for your suggestions, Mrs. White. Plans are in hand to meet these needs.—Ed.

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

R. J. Anderson (preacher, Wollongong church), 66 Smith-st., Wollongong, N.S.W.

### BIRTHS

HOLMES (nee Jerome). — On August 15, 1956, at Diamond Valley Community Hospital, Greensborough, Vic., to Barbara and Bob, a daughter—Deborah Anne. Both well.

THOMPSON (nee Homewood). — On August 19, 1956, at Bethlehem Hospital, Melbourne, to Mary and Ross, a son—Stephen. Playmate for Philip.

### DEATH

MELDRUM (nee Mitchell). — On August 21, passed peacefully away at Mosman, N.S.W., Louisa, widow of Dr. A. MacKenzie Meldrum, formerly of Neath, St. Kilda-rd., Melbourne, affectionately known as Aunt Lou by a large number of relatives and friends, in her 94th year. At rest.

### IN MEMORIAM

COSH. — Treasured memories of our loved father and mother. "Safe in our Father's keeping." —Inserted by their loving sons, daughters, in-laws, and grandchildren.

CROSSFIELD. — In loving memory of dear mother, passed away, August 29, 1950.

"In our hearts you will always stay."

—Inserted by her loving sons and daughters.

LANGLEY. — Robert, went to be with Jesus, August 28, 1953; Emily E. Langley, fell asleep in Jesus, August 28, 1955.

The gracious influence of godly parents still lives on in our home.

—Inserted by Maisie and Stan Winch and family, Wodonga.

WARD. — In loving memory of mother, widow of the late John Ward, loving mother of George and Percy. Passed away, August 29, 1955.

"At rest." —Inserted by George and Mabel Ward.

### ENGAGEMENT

CARDWELL—BLANKLEY. — The engagement is announced of Lorraine Cardwell, Church of Christ, Hornsby, N.S.W., to John Blankley, Woolwich Bible College, N.S.W.

JACKSON—DAVIS. — Mr. and Mrs. G. Jackson, Bright-st., Lismore, N.S.W., are happy to announce the engagement of their only daughter, Miriam, to George Davis, Woolwich, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Davis, Lagoon Grass, Lismore, N.S.W.

## Central Northern Conference, Vic.

The half-yearly conference was held on Aug. 4, at Echuca, with R. V. Holmes (Bendigo) as president. At the morning session a committee consisting of three resident preachers was appointed to arrange for a short weekly broadcast over station 3BO. A unanimous resolution was passed, requesting the Federal Government not to grant financial aid to denominational schools in Canberra. The preachers of Bendigo, Castlemaine and Echuca churches offered to work as a team in missions in the smaller churches of the area. Over £7 was donated to flood relief in Sunraysia district.

Greetings were given by K. A. Jones, Pres. Vic.-Tas. Conference, and C. Watson rendered a solo. Mrs. Randall, Pres., Vic.-Tas. Christian Women's Fellowship, spoke on Prayer at Women's Session. £5/10/- was donated to hostel for aborigine girls boarding in Melbourne. Mrs. Parry was soloiste. Mr. Jones spoke on the responsibility of evangelism, at the men's meeting.

At night, two delightful items were rendered by Echuca girls' choir; and a quartet party sang "The Old Rugged Cross." Mr. Jones gave a forceful address on evangelism in the world, the church, Bible schools, youth clubs, etc. He said he wanted to belong to a Church which accomplished things for Christ. Echuca ladies provided enjoyable meals.—G.H.G.

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**Interstate News**

**SOUTH AUSTRALIA.**

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Blackwood church had charge of de-  
votions. Mrs. Fitzgerald brought the  
message on The sin of unforgiving-  
ness. We are all prone to this sin,  
and we not only harm others, but  
our own lives as well. We can pray  
for forgiveness, and we remember  
that "Christ breaks the power of  
cancelled sin; he sets the prisoner  
free." Mrs. Jackson sang "I'll walk  
with God."

The attendance was 123. Mrs.  
Kruger, Pres., welcomed all visitors.  
It was decided that we forward money  
to the Mission Stations in W.A., at  
Norseman and Carnarvon, for the  
purchase of a writing desk for each  
station, for the use of our Living  
Link.

It was reported that £10/18/- had  
been forwarded from various guilds  
to "Meals on Wheels." After the  
obituary report, Mrs. Russell led in  
prayer.

The Overseas Committee reported  
that Mr. and Mrs. Munro were en-  
tertained in Adelaide on their way  
through to India. A tea was arranged  
at Grote-st., when about 46 met for  
a time of fellowship, and all were  
challenged with the talks given by  
both Mr. and Mrs. Munro. Mrs.  
Anderson led in the missionary  
prayer.

There were 364 visits paid to sick  
and aged, and cakes, jams and litera-  
ture taken. Some of our women have  
been busy knitting, and 13 pairs of  
socks and three cardigans were made  
and given to Morialta Children's Home.  
A meeting has been held at Gepps  
Cross Migrant Camp, where devotions  
were held, followed by a social after-  
noon, and afternoon tea.

The Temperance Alliance Fair was  
once again a great success. Almost  
£500 was raised, and our cake stall  
realised over £60 of this amount.  
—L. F. Hollard, asst. sec.

**NEW SOUTH WALES.**

Friday, Aug. 3, was the day for  
receiving goods for Mission boxes for  
the New Hebrides. What a wonderful  
display there was, of all types of  
children's clothing, Christmas gifts  
and hospital and school equipment.

The monthly meeting of the  
Women's Conference was held at City  
Temple at 11 a.m., on above date.  
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sided at the meeting. Mrs. Hughes  
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session, taking as her theme, Praise. In her message, Mrs. Hughes brought some delightful thoughts on reasons why we praise God, and ways in which we can praise him.

Mrs. E. W. Roffey was elected as Corresponding Secretary of Women's Conference, following the resignation of Mrs. Saxby through illness.

It was with deep regret that Mrs. Wakeley announced to the meeting, also, the resignation of Miss F. Bell as Treasurer, owing to the sudden illness of her brother. Nominations for Treasurer are to be called at September meeting.

Mrs. Hill (North Sydney), our representative on the Aborigines Committee, has also been forced to resign, and Mrs. Hunter was elected to fill the vacancy.

Neal Hodgekiss, recently returned from a survey of missionary work in New Guinea, who was the guest speaker for the day, brought an informative and interesting message of his experiences while visiting that country. He told of the great need of the people of that land for the power of the gospel in their lives. He appealed to the sisters to be women of prayer, so that by prayer many would go to the mission fields, and many would be won to the Lord Jesus Christ. Mrs. Wakeley thanked Mr. Hodgekiss for his message.

A presentation of an inscribed New Testament was made to Mrs. Saxby by the President, as a token of love from the sisters of N.S.W.

There were 99 present, from 32 churches.—B. Wylie, rec. sec.

**OBITUARY**

Mrs. McCoughtry.

At the age of 68 years, and after 53 years of loving service to Christ and his church, our sister, Mrs. McCoughtry, was called to her eternal reward on June 13. She was laid to rest in New Cheltenham Cemetery, Vic., after services conducted by the writer. A large and representative company gathered to pay tribute to one who was known and loved for her kindness and consecration. She was a faithful and devoted wife to her husband, Will, and a wonderful mother to Lin and Gwen. Our sister commenced her Christian life at Hawthorn, Vic., being baptised by P. A. Dickson in 1903. For some years, she was a teacher in the kindergarten. After her marriage by A. C. Rankine in 1911, she was in membership at Fitzroy, Cheltenham, Hawthorn, Box Hill, Cheltenham and again at Box Hill. She had recently come to reside at Oakleigh, and had just returned from a holiday in N.S.W., when her call came unexpectedly. We commend her loving husband and children to the care of our Heavenly Father.—J.W.L.

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