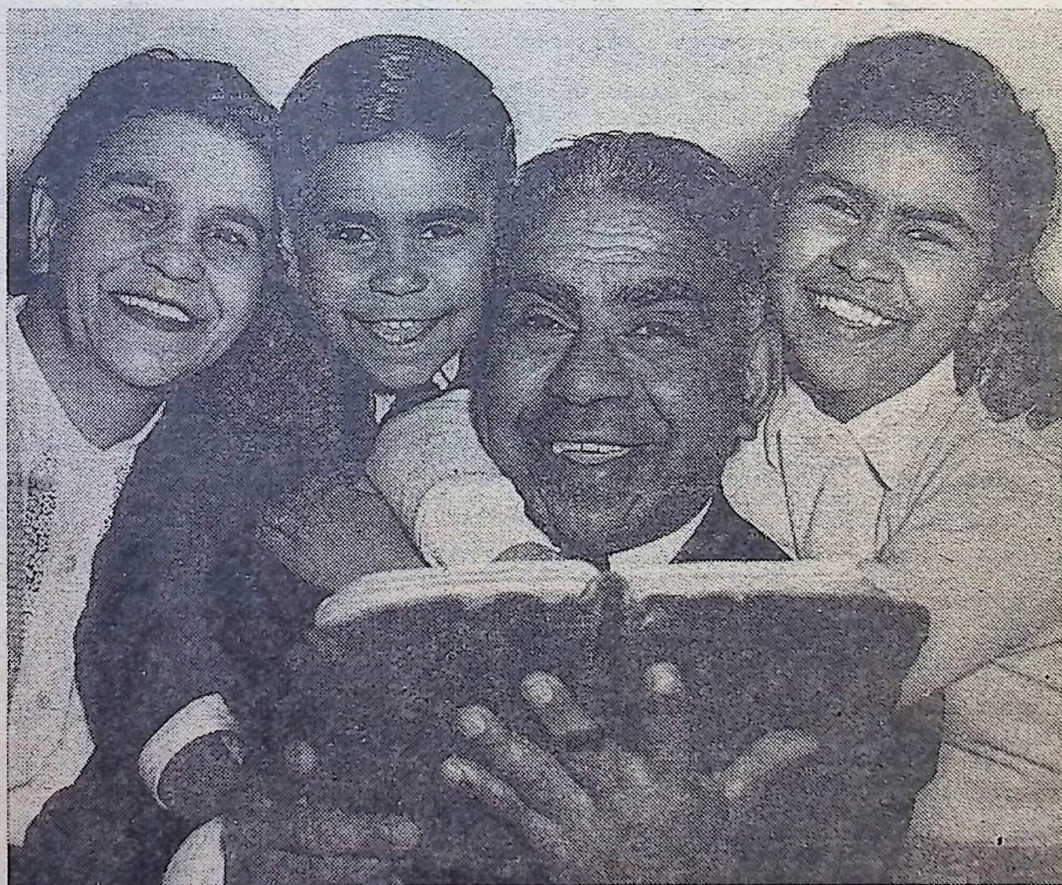


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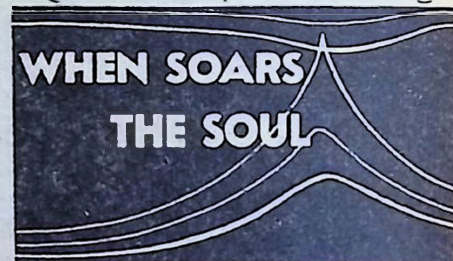
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*When soars the soul earth's
clamoring voices cease,
Stilled in the wonder of God's
power and peace.*



And the apostles gathered them-
selves together unto Jesus, and told
him all things, both what they had
done, and what they had taught.
And he said unto them, Come ye
yourselves apart into a desert place,
and rest a while: for there were
many coming and going, and they
had no leisure so much as to eat
. . . Thou, when thou prayest, enter
into thy closet, and when thou hast
shut thy door, pray to thy Father
which is in secret; and thy Father,
which seeth in secret, shall reward
thee openly.—Mk. 6: 30, 31; Matt.
6: 6.

James Truslow Adams has told the
story of a friend of his who was on
one occasion among savages of the
upper Amazon. He was suddenly
called back home. He was returning
by forced marches, but on the third
morning the native carriers failed to
appear at the appointed time. They
were found sitting on their haunches,
looking solemn, and not prepared to
move. When asked, the chief gave
this explanation: "They are waiting.
They cannot move further until their
souls have caught up with their
bodies." Is there danger that in our
lives of strenuous activity we, too,
should sometimes leave our souls
behind?—The American Friend.

God wants a man—in lowly walk or
high—

Who to the world by daily life will
prove

That Christ abides within the
yielded heart,

Fitting that heart for service and
for love.

God wants a man of action and
of faith,

Whose life is something more than
cant and talk;

Who lives each day as though it
were his last,

And proves his faith by a consis-
tent walk.

W. W. SAUNDERS writes of WILL H. CLAY, M.B.E., who, at his brotherhood recognition service, said

"The Lord Laid His Hand on Me"

Thirty years ago, the term "Social Service" was practically unknown amongst Churches of Christ in Australia. "Temperance Committees" sought to curb the liquor traffic and other such social evils. But service to society in accord with the "second great commandment," "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself," was almost nonexistent.

Today a totally different picture is presented. In all mainland States we have Homes dedicated to meeting the often desperate need of elderly men and women for accommodation, care and hospitalisation. In W.A. there is a hospital conducted by members of Churches of Christ. In N.S.W. and Tasmania there are Boys' Homes where neglected, unwanted, and even homeless boys are given all that goes with a true home — care, individual attention, sustenance, love, a chance in life, and, above all, a spiritual foundation and Christian training for life.

In four States there are chaplains appointed to take Christ and the ministry of his Church to the sick and dying in our great public hospitals.

Marriage guidance, education on social questions, the provision of relief for the needy, care for displaced persons and political refugees, prison chaplaincy, prisoner rehabilitation, ministry to migrants, active representation on social, communal, national and international organisations, endeavor to correct social evils, the conduct of the Christian Fellowship Association, etc., are amongst the practical services being rendered.

Whence came the inspiration, vision, and impetus which have wrought so remarkable a recognition and fulfilling of the social implications of the Christian gospel? From a man upon whom the Author of Christianity, the Lord of the Church, laid his hand, calling him to leadership in the realm of the application of Christianity to social needs and questions.

For 50 years, through varied experiences, circumstances and positions, the Lord prepared

Will H. Clay for this special work. Then, 30 years ago, he set him aside to accomplish it. So well has he labored, so clearly has he imparted his vision to others, so deeply has he moved them with his own zeal to make the vision reality, that amazing advances have been made. The story of the development of the social conscience and institutions of our brotherhood is almost like a fairy tale in the rapidity with which the seemingly impossible has been accomplished.

Now in his 82nd year, yet still alert of mind, clear of eye, keen of hearing, Mr. Clay has, nevertheless, been feeling the physical strain of his constant service, and has been compelled to seek relief therefrom. The Victorian Committee acquiesced in his desire, but has requested him to continue as Director, simply in a consultative and representative capacity.

To honor Mr. Clay for his 30 years of outstandingly successful and effective work on Social Service, and to celebrate the 21st anniversary of the formation of Mr. Clay's brain-child, the Christian Fellowship Association, a dinner and public meeting were arranged by the Social Service Committee at Lygon-st. chapel, Carlton, Vic., on Tuesday, Sept. 4. At the dinner, attended by representatives of Conference and all Departments, tributes were paid by V. L. Gole (Vic.-Tas. Conference), Mrs. M. Ward (Social Service Women's Auxiliary), Howard Earle (Federal Conference), H. J. Patterson and Reg. P. Clark (friends and associates), Mrs. H. Miller (Homes' staffs and guests), R. A. Strongman (Social Service community). Mr. Clay responded with an expression of gratitude and thanksgiving to God.

An almost capacity congregation participated in the public meeting. The Choral Society rendered appropriate and pleasing numbers. Greetings from Great Britain, all State Committees and many interstate and Victorian friends were presented by the writer. All were highly laudatory of Mr. Clay's personality and leadership.



Will H. Clay, M.B.E.

ELIZABETH A. BUNN, N.S.W. Bible College, presents one point of view on the controversial subject

CAN A WOMAN SERVE?

While it is agreed in all circles that women should, can and do give themselves for service in the Church, the exact nature of the service which they may render has always been a matter of controversy. We cannot hope to dispel the genuine doubts and prejudices of the past centuries in one study, but we can, with full assurance, place on record that which the Bible states.

Women form part of the Living Body which is the Church, and as such, have a function to perform. As God's messengers, they carried the glad tidings from the tomb, "He is not here, but risen." As part of the waiting group in the Upper Room, they joined in the prayer and supplication which culminated in the rejoicing of three thousand saved souls on the Day of Pentecost.

Authorisation for Service

The inspired Word of God speaks of Dorcas as being a "woman, full of good works and almsdeeds which she did" (Acts 9: 35). One cannot read the story of this woman, of Peter and the miracle of her rising from the dead, and doubt God's authorisation of the service which she performed.

Again, we read Paul's commendation of the women in Timothy's life, "I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith in thy grandmother, Lois, and thy mother, Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also" (2 Tim. 1: 5). Could any mother want a better testimonial than that her son had the same strong faith in God which she had learned from her mother and imparted to him?

On a still wider field, a woman and her husband, Priscilla and Aquila, were used of the Holy Spirit to bring Apollos, "an eloquent man, mighty in the Scriptures" to see "the way of God more perfectly" (Acts 18: 24-26).

Philip, an evangelist, "had four daughters, virgins, which did prophesy" (Acts 21: 9). The apostle Paul sanctioned their prophesying by his uncondemning presence in their father's house. Moreover, he gives instructions to the Corinthian church on the nature of their attire when prophesying (1 Cor. 11).

We note from Paul's Epistle to the Philippians that women labored with him "in the gospel" (Phil. 4: 3). Yet Paul says, "I suffer not a woman to teach" (1 Tim. 2: 12). Is he condemning the women who labored with him, or Phoebe whom he commends

to the church in Rome (Rom. 16: 1), or Priscilla, whom he instructed? No. The Greek construction would support the statement that, while Paul considered it the duty of men to preach, teach and pray publicly, he placed no similar duty on women, leaving it rather for each individual woman to serve where God called, privately, as in Eunice's case, or publicly, as in Priscilla's.

In explanation of the seeming contradiction of Paul's view, "Let the women keep silence in the churches" (1 Cor. 14: 34), it is rather a condemnation of idle gossiping which destroys the reverence of the service, for he says, "Let your women keep from chattering like monkeys in the churches." Thus, no personal blame falls on the sincere woman who speaks "a word for Christ."

There is, however,

Limitation of Service

She is not to usurp "authority over man." Here the Word is clearly defined, and stands no criticism. (1 Tim. 2: 13.) Man, being "first formed," was to be the one in authority when the occasion arose for earthly leadership. Rather than preventing women from service in the Church, this tends to relieve them from the responsibility of the "ordering" of the work, and gives them the freedom to "do" the work. This, after all, is the position more relished by us. Very few women, be they Christian or otherwise, would wish to be part of a committee in preference to being active workers. Those women who are "in Christ" will give "silent attention" to the works of God, not willing to cover themselves in glory, but that they might serve the Church and lead another to Christ.

We can thus see that, though a woman is not given a commission to teach, and definitely may not take a position of authority over man, she nevertheless may, if led of the Spirit, perform such useful tasks as being a Bible school teacher, a missionary, an Auxiliary worker, giving continuous personal witness, without fear of being unscriptural.

But we must have

Consecration for Service

Paul measures consecration by attire, stressing "that the women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness, and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or

pearls or costly array; but with good works" (1 Tim. 2: 9-10).

Just as in the days of Peter, Paul and the other apostles, so now, the world looks to the things of the world, and the worldly woman adorns herself with cosmetics and glamorous attire to attract others of the world. If we, then, follow the world in the use of these embellishments, be our use of them moderate or excessive, we are falling below the standard of those who own Christ. "If ye then be risen with Christ (and as Christians we claim to be), seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God" (Col. 3: 1). God demands, through the inspired writings, a high standard in the women who serve him. We cannot, therefore, cast aside his injunctions as being only for the women of that day. Consecration to God can give as much light and beauty to the faces of his followers today, as it did when Christ spoke of the city on the hill which could not be hid.

This same consecration will bloom in concentration on the things of God. "Study to show thyself approved unto God," says Paul, and again, "Pray without ceasing." Earnest and concentrated study of God's Word can make it truly a "sword of the Spirit," to be wielded with a force to win souls. Earnest and believing prayer can move the mountains of despondency, and give to the one who would serve an opportunity and ability to present Christ, proclaiming the whole gospel. Although the pulpits may not be opened to a woman preacher (and it is better that it be not so, lest she be tempted to usurp authority over man), she has born ability to talk.

A woman may start from any premise, and, whether the sequence be logical or otherwise, she will bring the conversation rapidly to just that topic about which she desires to talk. In doing so she will carry her hearer, be it male or female, right into her train of thought, and conquest will be made.

Whilst a passing man may glance at a group of women talking and, with a shake of the head or a shrug of his shoulders, place them mentally as idle gossipers, the leader, under the direction of the Spirit, may be drawing her hearers to a point of decision which the preacher, at

(continued at foot of next column.)

THE MINISTRIES OF OUR

WOMEN

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

Federal Conference

Have you planned to come to Federal Conference? We hope you have. The President, Mrs. A. Larcombe, writes to let you share in anticipation of the rich time of fellowship being planned by our N.S.W. sisters.

"As October draws near, the N.S.W. brotherhood looks forward with great joy to welcoming brethren and sisters from all over Australia to Federal Conference in Sydney. The dates are Oct. 4 to 11, and our Women's Day is planned for Tuesday, Oct. 9. The Central Baptist Chapel in George-st., Sydney, has been chosen for the morning and afternoon sessions, and the Assembly Hall in Margaret-st. for the evening session.

"As the Assembly Hall holds 1,200 people, we are depending on our brethren and young people to join us in this gathering. Mrs. Evan Lewis, of Sydney, is planned to open the evening session with a devotional period. Mrs. Gleland, of Victoria, will give the address, and a pageant, *One Great Fellowship of Love*, will be presented by more than 60 women. Miss Linda Jeffrey, of Sydney, will be soloiste.

"Other highlights planned for our Women's Day are: opening morning devotional, Mrs. G. R. Stirling, of Canberra; afternoon devotional, Mrs. Burdeu, of Queensland; address, Mrs. Norman Cocks, of Sydney; soloiste, Mrs. C. G. Taylor, of Victoria.

"Every member of the Executive is doing her best to make this Conference a success in every way; but even if the organisation were perfect, there can be no real success unless the Holy Spirit leads in every detail.

the appropriate time, under the leading of the same Spirit, may reap as harvest for the Lord.

Women's service in the Church does not start or end with personal testimony, but her service may be in silent action, in prayerful consecration, in direct witnessing or in hundreds of little ways that form a part of her life.

"My times are in thy hands," says the Psalmist, and that is where they must be. It is not enough to know that women have a right to serve; each woman must say personally to God, "Here am I, Lord, send me!"

Will you all pray that this may be so, that the Lord Jesus Christ may have all the glory, for this is the real purpose of Conference."

Prayer Topics

1956-1957

Selected by the W.C.W.F. President, Mrs. Charles Green.

Sept.—Special remembrance of Mrs. Juliana Banda, vice-president of the World C.W.F.; pray for the rapidly developing work among women in the Philippines.

Oct.—India, remembering especially the work and workers in Madya Pradesh and Orissa, Surguja and Bihar, Ahmed Nagar district in Bombay province, all of which are related to the churches in the United States and Canada, Britain and Australia respectively. Special prayer for Elizabeth Hill in an ecumenical mission in Nepal.

Nov.—New Zealand. Pray that through our fellowship of prayer we may be drawn closer together; that their great work may be conserved and strengthened by the new ties found in W.C.W.F.

Dec.—Australia and New Hebrides, giving special thanks for the leadership of women's groups who played a large part in suggesting our World Fellowship.

Jan.—China. Pray for Christian mothers and teachers, that they may be given Divine strength and guidance in directing their children to the way of love and trust, in the midst of suspicion and hate.

Feb.—Japan. Pray that strong leaders for women's work in the United Church of Christ may be developed.

Mar.—Great Britain. Pray for Mrs. Charles Green, president of World C.W.F.; that the small local groups of the British C.W.F. may be strengthened and encouraged as they meet together in annual conventions in Scotland and England; that the newly formed Ministers' Wives' Fellowship may develop so as to be a power and inspiration.

April.—Africa, the great continent of promise. Pray for the leaders in Southern Rhodesia, Nyasaland, Belgian Congo, and South Africa; pray for all who are seeking a Christian settlement to problems of race and color. Pray for the new C.W.F. in Bolenge, and other women's groups as they organise and develop.

May—Thailand. Pray for the ecumenical mission that includes Thai, Chinese, Filipino, British, and American workers; for the newly opened station at Bampang.

June—United States and Canada. Pray for the first Quzdrennial Assembly of Christian Women's Fellowship, June 19-23, 1957; that all women who attend may be aware of their responsibilities to the Church, at home and around the world.

A Lord's Day Hymn

(A Hymn for September —

No. 221, Sept. 23.)

Dr. Stephen Greenleaf Bulfinch must have had a brilliant academic career, if we may judge by his graduation from a university at 18, and from a theological school at 21. He is also described as "a man of beautiful spirit." He served in Unitarian pastorates (of increasing length, be it noted) in Georgia and New England States, coming very close to his jubilee in the ministry.

When only 23, he published a volume entailing considerable research and original poetry, and bearing the self-explanatory title and sub-title: "Contemplations of the Saviour: A series of extracts from the gospel history, with reflections, and original and selected hymns." It would be from a hymn in this volume that many will have made their first acquaintance with Bulfinch — "O suffering friend of human kind" was attached to a section on Peter's confession of Christ.

One of Bulfinch's communion hymns strikes an unusually broad note of brotherhood—"In creed and rite, how'er apart, one Saviour still we own." In a later verse he tells of "a thousand spires o'er hill and vale" and how "a thousand voices tell the tale;" then in unusual fashion brings in references to "Europe's ancient fanes," "the boundless Western plains," to Greek and Armenian, and even how in "Lapland's months of night, the peasants' hymns ascend."

Today's hymn (our No. 221) appeared in the "Contemplations" with the first line "Hail to the Sabbath day," and related to the passage of Jesus' walk through the cornfields (Luke 6). In clearer recognition of the place of the Sabbath, the opening line is amended to "Hail to this holy day." In its four-verse form, the hymn does not seem over-long; the fifth verse would, in fact, seem to "round off" the hymn with a reference to the final "Sabbath of rest."

"Lord may that holler day
Dawn on thy servant's sight
And grant us in thy courts to pray
Of pure, unclouded light."

—F.J.F.



MISSIONARY NEWS

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

Characters

Let me tell you of two I've met, whom Jesus has recently brought to himself.

One was a Brahmin—quite a brilliant young journalist. He had been brought up as a very orthodox Hindu, but, sickened by the proud exclusiveness of his own high caste, and disillusioned about the temples and gods of Hinduism, he had turned away from religion altogether and become an ardent Communist, even being imprisoned for the new cause. But from Communism, also, he turned away, disillusioned and heart-hungry. He wanted to write a book that would provide a philosophy of life for young men like himself. But he could not. All he could say was that Hinduism and Communism did not satisfy. He did not know what did! In a last, almost desperate search, he went on pilgrimage to the Holy City of Pandharpur. He came away not only unsatisfied but disgusted, and in the train he met a missionary (the husband of a lass with whom I've been staying), who told him of Christ. So interested was he that, breaking his train journey, he stayed with that missionary for two days, talking and listening hour after hour. And the Good Shepherd found this sheep. That is only about nine months ago, but that gifted young man, devoted to the service of Christ, has now gone forth to preach and write of him.

The other was a leper. Sunday by Sunday, missionaries from the Ramebai Mukti Mission, where I have been studying, went out to a little village where there were no Christians. There they preached, and the people listened. Often right at the back of the crowd was this leper. He was diseased, poor and shunned. He heard the stories of a loving Saviour, of that one who loved and healed lepers—and the Shepherd brought this sheep into his fold. That old man and his wife, who later contracted an even more virulent form of the disease, suffered almost indescribable pain and hardship, but their faith was in Christ. One day the missionary asked the wife, "Are you a Christian, too?" "Yes," she replied with conviction, "Jesus is my Saviour, and have we anyone else but him?" No, no one else but him. But in him,

even for a leper, "all things." Within the last two months, these two have both died. The wife died first, and then one day in his distress, the old man prayed, "Lord Jesus, take me soon." He went out into the sunshine, and he died—and the whole village wondered, and listened with new intentness to the gospel that gave an old man victory in leprosy, and even in death.

The Lord Jesus said, "Other sheep I have . . . These also I must bring."

Paul said, "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God, unto salvation, to everyone that believeth."

—Dorothy M. Geyer, India.

Easter Meetings — Longana, Aoba

Although stormy weather prevailed during Easter, services were well at-

tended. Abel Bahi and I intended to go in the small launch to Longana for the Good Friday meetings, but the weather prevented us. It rained heavily on Good Friday, but the people gathered at Ndui Ndui to remember our crucified Lord.

On Saturday there was an improvement in the weather, and we set out for Longana. It was dark by the time we reached the village where we were to spend the night.

A dawn service was arranged for Easter Sunday. Some of the young men were up at 5 a.m. to make sure that the service commenced at "first light." A bell was rung at 5.30 a.m. to arouse the village, and the service (which was held under a large banyan tree) commenced in the faint light of dawn.

In the distance, across the sea, we could see Pentecost Island, and we thought of the Christians there and everywhere, who would be praising God for the resurrected Christ.

Rain fell unceasingly from 10 a.m. onwards, but a happy spirit prevailed, and we thanked God that it had been our privilege to worship, with our Longana people, him who triumphed over the grave.—R. McLean, New Hebrides.

World Convention Notes

The General Secretary of the World Convention was in Edinburgh on last July 26 and 27 to confer with the local committee concerning the 1960 meeting of the World Convention, which will be held Aug. 2-7 of that year. The President of the Sixth World Convention, Charles K. Green, of Stockport, England, and Leslie Colver, of Leicester, England, a member of the Convention's Executive Committee, were present for the two days. The chairman of the temporary local committee for our churches in Scotland is Albert Williamson, minister of the Dalkeith-rd. Church of Christ (Disciples). A number of recommendations were considered, and favorably acted upon. These will be considered by the Executive Committee next year. The most important recommendation was that Usher Hall, located in the centre of Edinburgh and seating 3,000, be secured. An option for the dates of the convention in 1960 was secured from that city.

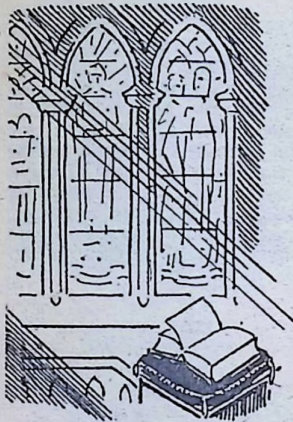
The Executive Committee of the World Convention will meet on Feb. 21 and 22, in Indianapolis, Indiana. The President of the Sixth World Convention, Charles Green plans to be present.

Leslie Colver of Leicester, England, will attend the International Convention of the Disciples of Christ held in Des Moines, Iowa, Sept. 28-Oct. 3. Mr. Colver, who is President of British Churches of Christ this

year, will attend as a fraternal delegate from the Churches of Christ (Disciples) in Great Britain and Ireland. He will leave the United States for his home on Oct. 26.

Recent church membership statistics, which have just been released by the National Council of Churches, indicate that, for the first time, church membership in the United States has passed the 100,000,000 mark. The new total, as compiled from official statistics of the Churches, is 100,162,529 in all faiths. In percentage, exactly 60.9% of all Americans are church members—a gain of 2.8% over the previous year. The population gain in the same period was 1.8%. One hundred years ago less than 20% of Americans belonged to any Church. In 1900, 43%; in 1930, 47%; in 1950, 57%; and in 1955, 60.9%.

The next meeting of the Central Study Committee of the World Convention of the Churches of Christ (Disciples) will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana, on Sept. 21. There are, at the present time, a total of 34 study committees in 19 countries. There are over 300 members of these 34 study committees at work on six study subjects. These study committees are working on manuscripts on the six subjects which will be studied at Edinburgh in 1960, in much the same way as at Toronto.—Jesse M. Bader, General Secretary.



THE LIVING WORD

Studies on the planned Sunday morning readings

Sunday, Sept. 23

OLD TESTAMENT

Proverbs 9: 1-10.

Summary.

In Proverbs 9 we meet "The Two Rivals" — Wisdom and Folly, who are personified as women, inviting a young man to a feast. This chapter is the closing part of a long section that began at 1: 7, and which is given in the form of an address by a wise father to his son on the matter of religion, which he describes as "fear of God." J. E. McFadyen tells us that this chapter which deals with "The Two Hostesses—Wisdom and Folly," falls into three parts, namely, vv. 1-6 being "The Invitation of Wisdom," vv. 7-12 setting forth "A Collection of Proverbs," and vv. 13-18 giving "The Invitation of Folly." Our reading includes the first, and part of the second division.

Explanatory Notes.

"Wisdom hath builded her house" (v. 1). — "The word wisdom is in the plural, to indicate her variety and perfection" (Dummelow).

"she hath sent forth her maidens" (v. 3). — "The spacioussness of the house, the lavishness of the banquet, and the generous invitation for all to come and eat are in striking contrast with the private 'dinner' described in chapter 7. Compare Jesus' parable in Matt. 22: 2-10" (Fritsch).

"a scorner getteth to himself shame" (v. 7). — The word "shame" or "abuse" originally meant "little-ness," and then it came to mean "disgrace" or "insult."

"the fear of the Lord" (v. 10). — cf. 1: 7. The word fear is better understood as "reverence" or "awe."

Suggested Theme.

"THE VOICE WE OUGHT TO HEED."

Introduction. — Voices of all kinds clamor for the attention of modern man. Some of them are important, but others of them are not. One voice which is worthy of our atten-

tion is that which calls us to a life in which God is revered. That is the voice we ought to heed. In this passage we have an illustration of that voice at work. First we observe

I. A WIDE INVITATION (vv. 1-6). — Knowledge of God, which is true wisdom, is available to all who seek for it sincerely. Any man who is anxious to know about God can find him, and know him. This wisdom is obtainable (vv. 1-2) by all who want it, and it is offered (vv. 3-6) to any who seek for it with a simple and sincere faith. Next we see

II. A WORTHWHILE INSTRUCTION (vv. 7-9). — Having come to know God personally, and powerfully, there may be times when he will use us to help others to know him, too. Sometimes this may even require correction of some fault in their lives. True followers of God must be intelligent in the use of reproof, for some will resent it (vv. 7-8a), but others will receive it, and use it (vv. 8b-9). Finally, we notice

III. A WISE INDICATION (v. 10). — A man reveals his knowledge of God, and his appreciation of the true purpose of life, by his worship, witness, and work.

Conclusion. — In the deep, secret places of a man's soul speaks the voice of God, calling to a life in which he is known, and felt, and served. Such a life displays true wisdom. Are our lives like that?

NEW TESTAMENT

James 2: 1-13.

Summary.

James warns us against giving preference to men simply because they are rich. There are three points mentioned in this passage: (1) The proper respect of persons (vv. 1-4); (2) The real place of rich and poor alike within the Christian Church (vv. 5-7); (3) The true way to exercise the Christian law of liberty (vv. 8-13).

"our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory" (v. 1). — Our Master is "the Lord Jesus Christ, who is glory. The glory is used for the Shekinah, the visible glory of God in the Temple (Is. 4: 5; Rom. 9: 4). So Christ is the manifested glory of God (John 1: 14; Heb. 1: 3; Col. 1: 27). In Eph. 1: 17 God is called 'The Father of the glory'" (Sugden).

"if there come into your assembly" (v. 2). — "If there come into your synagogue" (R.V.). This word synagogue is used "usually, in the New Testament, of the buildings in which the Jews met for worship. In Rev. 2: 9 and 3: 9, societies of Jews were spoken of as 'synagogues of Satan';

in Heb. 10: 25, a compound of this word is translated 'the assembling . . . together.' . . . The synagogue here may be the Jewish building, which Jewish Christians still frequented; at a later time the name of the Jewish building might perhaps be used for the place of Christian worship; but the word is best taken with the R.V. margin as 'assembly'" (Bennett).

"partial in yourselves" (v. 4). — "Are ye not divided in your own mind?" (R.V.). That is, "divided between the Christian duty of regarding all alike as brethren (Gal. 3: 28), and the interested desire to associate with wealthy people" (Century Bible). One translation has it, "Do you not make distinctions among yourselves?"

"the law of liberty" (v. 12). — "Better, 'a law of liberty.' There can be no true liberty without obedience. A law of liberty is one which a man obeys freely, not because he must, but because it is the law of love, which is gladly obeyed. To serve the Master, Christ, is perfect freedom" (Dummelow).

Suggested Theme.

"ATTITUDES DETERMINE ACTIONS."

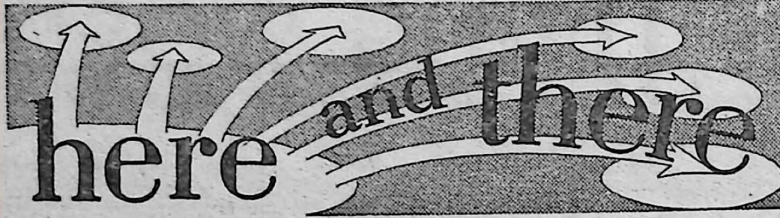
Introduction. — Our attitude to a person, or a thing, usually controls the way we act when we are in their presence. Very clearly, James sets this fact before us in this passage. Just notice what he has to say. First of all he tells us

I. HOW TO TREAT PEOPLE (vv. 1-4). — It is necessary for us to develop right attitudes to people. James refers to the man who is deceived by appearances (vv. 1-3). This man can't see beyond the superficial (v. 2), the material (v. 2), or the temporal (v. 3). Then James mentions the man who makes distinctions (v. 4), and who shows where his preference lies. Next we are instructed

II. HOW TO DISCERN PRINCIPLES (vv. 5-7). — This is done by pointing out that God's way of doing things (v. 5), and man's way of doing things are not the same. God never makes a wrong choice, men do. As Christians, the principle by which we should act in all of life's situations, is that we ought to look at life through God's eyes. Finally, we see

III. HOW TO LIVE POSITIVELY (vv. 8-13). — Here is presented a pointed programme (vv. 8-11), a positive pattern (v. 12), and a predicted punishment (v. 13).

Conclusion. — Be careful and prayerful, for attitudes determine actions.



Our front-cover block, courteously made available by the "Melbourne Herald," was included in a full-page article in that paper (5/7/56), featuring both Doug. Nicholls' former prowess as a footballer, and his present task and hopes in connection with the Fitzroy Mission work among his own people. One daughter, Lillian, who is nursing, is missing from this charming family group.

Wilkie J. Thomson, minister of the church at Malvern, Vic., will give a talk on Looking for Victorian Wild-flowers over 3AR, at 9.30 p.m., on Monday, Sept. 17, 1956.

Furnishings are now being selected for the new chapel at Cowandilla, S.A., which is rapidly nearing completion. Meanwhile, building of the new chapel at Kilburn, S.A., has commenced, arousing much local interest.

H. R. Coventry (returned missionary) has entered Hamilton Russell House, Alfred Hospital, Prahran, Melb., for medical treatment.

Boyce Weir, younger son of T. V. Weir, minister at East Preston, Vic., sustained a compound fracture of the right knee in a motor cycle accident, and is at present a patient in Austin Hospital, Heidelberg.

Twenty-fifth anniversary of the C.E. societies associated with the church at Wangaratta, Vic., was celebrated on Aug. 26, with A. J. Fisher as guest speaker. Morning service was broadcast over 3NE, with Endeavorers taking part; 15-year-old Karin Radzic being soloiste. "Back to C.E." rally in the afternoon featured many items by members of the three societies, while much interest was aroused by readings from the first minute book. At night, Fred Le Mescam led the meeting, and Wendy Jackel brought the reading. All services were well attended, as was the further rally on the 27th, when further items were presented, and Mr. Fisher showed a strip film, as well as bringing a message. During his visit, which has been enjoyed by members, Mr. Fisher also conducted the "Interlude for Devotion" session over 3NE.

H. C. Bischoff, after varied ministries in New Zealand, has accepted a recall to Australia, to serve the church at Marrickville, N.S.W.

Anniversary services at Epping, N.S.W., held on the weekend of Aug. 25, were well attended; M. H. A. Pieper (Taree) was guest speaker. The whole membership enjoyed a church dinner, provided by the ladies. This was followed by Christian film, several concert items and an address by M. Pieper. Because of increased attendance at Holroyd, growing "daughter-church" of Epping, building extensions became urgently necessary. New construction is already well in hand, with working bees from men of Epping and Holroyd. Following the success of the Holroyd venture, Epping church envisages another similar work at the nearby developing centre of Telopea, where an option has been secured on a first class site.

It is interesting to note in connection with Dr. Ray E. Snodgrass (who retired from the ministry of Central Christian Church, Enid, Okla., U.S.A., on Sept. 1, to give himself to evangelistic programmes) that there were 1,211 baptisms during his 12-year term, and 3,021 received by transfer. In addition, through his evangelistic work elsewhere (including Australia in 1952), there were 1,616 decisions during the twelve years. The church school has doubled its membership and increased its support of brotherhood work, while the giving of the church to missions has been tripled, and three link missionaries have been added. Dr. Snodgrass has taught a University class on evangelism for 11 of the 12 years.

Readers will recall a report last year concerning the celebrations held by Auburn church, N.S.W., for the 100th birthday of Newman Ruddle. We regret to learn of Mr. Ruddle's death on Aug. 27, within two months of his 101st birthday. We extend Christian sympathy to his daughters, Mrs. Eastes (Manly, N.S.W.), Mrs. Forbes (Brighton, Vic.) and Miss Violet Ruddle. An obituary will appear in our next issue.

The theological faculty of the University of Geneva has conferred the degree of Doctor of Theology on Robert Tobias, Indianapolis, Indiana, U.S.A., a former World Council of Churches' staff member. Dr. Tobias is the first American to receive a doctorate in ecumenical studies conferred by the theological faculty of the University of Geneva. He did his

work under the direction of the Graduate School of Ecumenical Studies at Bossey, which is associated with the University of Geneva. He is director of the Department of Ecumenical Service of the Council on Christian Unity, Disciples of Christ. His thesis on Communist-Christian Encounter in East Europe grew in part from his experiences working in Eastern European countries, while a member of the staff of the W.C.C.'s Division of Inter-Church Aid and Service to Refugees.



Thanks and Appreciation

Will H. Clay's service to our Australian churches was worthily honored at the public meeting in Lygon-st. chapel, Vic. on Tues., Sept. 4 (reported on p. 563). E. L. Williams (Fed. Conf.), K. A. Jones (Vic.-Tas. Conf.), Mrs. E. H. Randall (Women's Conf.) and W. T. Atkin (Soc. Service) voiced their tributes, and when Mr. Clay rose to respond, the whole assembly rose spontaneously, applauding him.

He sends the following word of thanks to his friends throughout the brotherhood:

"We cannot find words to adequately express our appreciation of the wonderful tribute that was paid us by so many of our friends from near and far at the meeting held in Lygon-st. chapel, on 4/9/56.

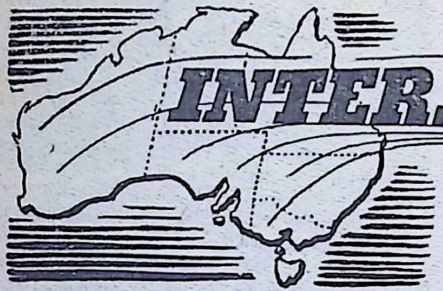
"To have been privileged to serve our God and the brethren of the churches with you, for thirty years, gives us cause to thank God for the health and strength he has given us, and for every remembrance of you.

"We are sure you will understand that to make personal replies to all who attended the meeting convened in our honor, to all who sent messages by mail, telephone, and telegram, as well as those who paid tribute in speech, is scarcely possible. Please accept this as our expression of thanks to each of you personally.

"To Conference Officers and friends, to the Choral Society, to the Catering Committee, and especially to the Social Service Committee and Women's Auxiliary who sponsored the meeting, we owe our deepest gratitude.

"God has wrought a wonderful work through his altogether too unworthy servants.

"To him be all honor and glory, both now and ever."—Will and Flo Clay, Ormond, Vic.



INTERSTATE CHURCH NEWS

Discipleship

- Mrs. I. J. Brown, Queenstown, S.A.
 B. Springfield, Echuca, Vic.
 Bevan Jolly, Serviceton, Vic.
 Joan Martin, Judith and Fred Han-
 kin, South Melbourne, Vic.
 Helen Martin, Rodney Scaife,
 Robert Barreau, Roger Hughes,
 Trevor Griffen, Cowandilla,
 S.A.
 Mrs. Crabtree, Miss Meryl Crab-
 tree, Parkdale, Vic.
 John Paine, North Williamstown,
 Vic.
 Mr. T. van Rooyen, Ulverstone,
 Tas.
 Mrs. W. Russell, Tamworth, N.S.W.

Membership

- Mrs. B. Springfield, from Prahran
 to Echuca, Vic.
 Mr. and Mrs. G. Newman, from
 Red Hill to Tootgarook, Vic.
 Miss D. Baker, from Fairfield to
 Tootgarook, Vic.
 Mrs. Kloeden, from Croydon to
 Cowandilla, S.A.
 Mrs. Borthwick, from Unley to
 Cowandilla, S.A.
 Mrs. Stewart, Ulverstone Baptist to
 Ulverstone, Tas.
 Mr. and Mrs. W. Whittaker, from
 Reservoir to Boronia, Vic.
 Mrs. Young, Mrs. A. Thorne, Joy
 Thorne, to Boronia, Vic.

Marriage

- Betty Lanyon, Boort, to David
 Jackel, Wedderburn, Vic.

Fallen Asleep

- Benjamin Ash, Ann-st., Brisbane,
 Qld.
 Brian Angus, Ann-st., Brisbane,
 Qld.

Tasmania

Ulverstone (D. P. Holloway). — During Aug., church conducted a "Loyalty" campaign. Visiting speakers were T. Orr (Sandhill), R. Morfew (supt., Bethany Boys' Home), E. Stevens (Devonport), R. Wilson (Invermay). Preparations are in hand for Northern District Convention on Sept. 29, to be followed by fortnight's mission, conducted by E. J. Miles (Caulfield, Vic.). Messages of preacher are appreciated, and attendances at both B.S. and services are encouraging. On Aug. 26, a Dutch migrant made the good confession and was baptised the same night.

Queensland

Roma (A. S. Cooke).—During absence of preacher on holidays, services are being conducted by S. Vanham. Recent visitors were L. R. Pitman, J. Seip and Sis. Kath Grenfel and Thornton, all of Toowoomba, Mr. and Mrs. J. Heath (Chinchilla), and Mrs. Thornton (Hawthorne). Four B.S. scholars passed Scripture exam, Caroline Kieseker obtaining 98% in her division. Y.P. meetings are being held each fortnight in home of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Kieseker.

Ann-st., Brisbane (C. G. Flood). — Attendances at services for several weeks have been adversely affected by much sickness amongst members, several of whom spent time in hospital. Church deeply regrets passing of two members, B. Ash and B. Argus, and expresses its sympathy to their families. Choir recently gave splendid presentation of Stainer's Crucifixion, at gospel service, when chapel was almost filled. The effort was particularly praiseworthy, as several choir members were affected by prevalent throat ailments in this city. Evening service on Aug. 19 was broadcast over 4KQ. Good reports have been received about the broadcast. C.Y.F. and B.S. combined under leadership of Miss J. Bamford and J. Smith to present concert in aid of Church Building Fund on Aug. 31. Social hall was packed and large crowd present appreciated variety and humor of programme. £15 was realised. Start has been made on replacing seating of B.S. and social hall with purchase of 50 special stacking-type steel seats. Preparations are in hand for annual garden party and church anniversary celebrations. Recent visitors included Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Stocks (Wentworth Falls), Mr. Broad (Bendigo), Mr. and Mrs. Potter (Fremantle), Mrs. P. Davies and

family. (Sydney), Mrs. E. White (Hobart), Mrs. A. Smith (Launceston), Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong (Hurstville), Mr. and Mrs. Piper (Seven Hills), Mr. and Mrs. Bell (Gardiner), Mr. and Mrs. Blackburn (Pendle Hill) and Mrs. F. Morgan (Tannymorel).

Gympie-Monkland (P. French). — Local brethren occupied pulpits on Aug. 12, during absence of preacher in Melbourne owing to family bereavement. Average morning attendance for Aug. was 50. Competition between B.S. of Gympie and Monkland has resulted in new scholars being enrolled at both centres. Visit of Youth Director (K. Horne) on 24th was much appreciated by those who attended youth workers' tea and evening meeting. Special interest centred in audio-visual films. J.C.E. is again working on talent scheme to aid Missions. Happy time of fellowship was enjoyed at "Bring and Buy" conducted by W.C.F. Ladies are preparing boxes for Aborigines and New Hebrides missions. Many church homes are opened for cottage prayer meetings in preparation for mission with S. Vanham.

New South Wales

Wyoming (R. W. Hume). — Sis. Lincoln (Norseman Mission) spoke to B.S. and church on Sept. 2. At special Father's Day gospel service, J. Ricketts presided, Mr. Menley read Scriptures, F. Allen was organist and gave an organ solo, three girls from B.S. sang and Sis. Lincoln spoke briefly on the effect Christ has on native parents who accept him as Saviour. R. Hume gave gospel message. From an average of 16 at worship in July, Sept. average rose to 22. Baptistery is nearly completed and first baptismal service in chapel is expected this month.

Lismore (A. C. Caldicott).—During preacher's absence in Adelaide, pulpit was ably filled by J. Larsen (Casino), S. Vanham (Ipswich) and W. Glezendanner (Wynnum). Mission Band has been very busy despatching large parcels of clothing abroad and at home. Ladies' Guild united with Baptist to hear Mrs. Clapworthy. Guild social afternoons are very popular. With removal of the Rose family from Lismore, some fifty members have left the Richmond area during past three years. Despite this, av. number of communicants is 110. For several weeks, prayer meeting night has been devoted to door to door visitation. Young Marrields'

Harmony Set have raised their quota towards the installation of fans for the chapel. Crusaders under 13 soccer team have won premiership, also knock-out cup, as have girls' basketball team. Other three Crusader teams have acquitted themselves well. Church members have been thrilled to entertain seven Dunmore House boys during school vacation. D. Willis and G. Davis have assisted during Woolwich vacation. D. Willis gave forceful and challenging message at gospel service Aug. 26.

Tamworth (H. I. Walmsley). — C.Y.F. Junior and Inter. Clubs celebrated their anniversary on Aug. 26 with special services; R. Greenhalgh (Sydney), being special speaker. Film, *A Boy and his Bible*, was screened to a good attendance at evening service, and clubs rendered special items. Club prizes were presented on evening of 27th, and all present enjoyed the screening of candid shots from last B.S. picnic. Mr. Greenhalgh conducted a Happy Hour on the other four days of the week, with good attendances, and also held evening services for parents and B.S. teachers, giving helpful, appreciated talks. C.W.F. catered successfully for monthly meeting of Ministers' Fraternal, held in hall on 27th. Father's Day services were held on Sept. 2, with good attendances. Fathers' choir rendered two items at evening service, and a young married woman made her confession of faith. Visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Hicken and family (Sydney).

South Australia

Cowandilla (T. T. Robinson). — Boys' Brigade had march to church parade for morning service, commencing B.B. week. All who took part in service were members of Boys' Brigade, and looked impressive in their uniforms. Money collected during week amounted to approx. £70. Girls' Life Brigade made visit to fire station. C.E. societies continue to hold interesting meetings. Mr. Samuels showed slides on aborigine missions. Five J.C.E. members took part in J.C.E. Eisteddfod. Tea was held at chapel for visitors each night during visitation week. Preacher carefully instructed visitors. Rich time of fellowship and blessing was experienced. House system is functioning at B.S. House of John held social, run by scholars. Films were screened, and with items, quizzes, etc., made an enjoyable evening. Cadet girls held barbecue at church. Sing-song around fire was followed by choruses and devotions. At B.S. anniversary, approx. 470 were present in afternoon, and 380 in evening. Items by beginners and kinders were of high quality. Colin Simons conducted singing. Speakers were Messrs. Robinson, Hollard and Burrows. Prize-giving

tea was held on Aug. 21. Large carton of food was sent to flood area. Three plays were presented by scholars, Miss L. Mitchell assisting. Plays were written by House secs. Messrs. Gates and Dawson, and Miss Westley. B. Griffiths gave assistance with scenery.

Kilburn (A. J. Ingham).—Preaching and pastoral work are inspiring and productive, whilst Mrs. Ingham's leadership of ladies' work is appreciated. Recent solos by Mrs. Kelly and L. Milne, and vigorous song services have contributed to brightness of meetings. Fellowship is much in prayer for Mr. Huddy, seriously ill in hospital. B.S. has just completed successful increase campaign, 48 new scholars being added. Ladies are sponsoring special fund for furnishings for new chapel. Recent welcome visitors were A. Wormald and Miss E. Hayter (Semaphore) and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey (Williamstown). Young Explorers and Good Companions continue to expand. Senior C.Y.F. and C.E. societies are healthy, and C.W.F. is enjoying interesting meetings. Y.W.L., under leadership of Brian Barrett, is helpful part of morning service.

Queenstown (J. H. I. Durdin). — Annual church meeting was held recently, when all auxiliary reports were satisfactory. Sec., K. Bray, was elected as a trustee, and S. Quilliam as deacon for first time. J. Hall has resigned as B.S. supt., after having served for 25 years in that office. John Mildrum was elected as new supt., and Mrs. S. Quilliam has accepted position as kinder leader. Church has suffered big loss in passing of one of its elders, A. G. Hinde, who had been active and consecrated member for 45 years. A lady was recently baptised. Pastor continues to give faithful and loyal service. J.O.E. had record attendance of 69 recently. W.C.F. is very active, with sewing for Morialta Children's Homes, and special gift fund for renovation of chapel. Much sickness during winter months has affected attendances.

Victoria

Maidstone. — L. E. Snow has been bringing very helpful messages during an interim ministry. Av. of 15 attend Bible study and prayer on Tuesday evenings. Mrs. Squires and her younger daughter are holidaying at Wangaratta. Among those sick recently are R. Clencie, H. Pletzsch and C. Cripps. At an evening arranged by B.S. teachers to honor approaching marriage of Lorna Kirby and Arthur Pope, a laminex step-stool was presented.

Blackburn (R. V. Amos).—Church is holding Loyalty Campaign, culminating in Temple Day. Men's Fellowship took part in first evening

service of series. At B.S. meeting and teachers' tea on Sept. 2, E. Gill resigned as sec., after 27 years of sterling service. He is now organising sec. for equipment, etc. G. Montgomery is B.S. sec., and R. Robinson asst. Mr. and Mrs. E. Patterson have been welcome visitors.

Kaniva (G. A. Grainger).—Church attendances are good. Mr. and Mrs. Grainger are very active in the work. Y.P.C.E. meetings held in homes are very successful, and all enjoy the choruses. Social Service offering is over £100 to date. United service in Town Hall was well attended. H. A. G. Clark was speaker. Several of our men went to assist the work of flood relief at Renmark. 27 girls attend Good Companions' Club. Alan Goldsworthy showed films at Explorers last meeting.

Ormond (D. W. Mansell).—Work is in good heart. Morning and evening attendance at services fills new chapel. Baptismal service was held on Aug. 26, when two young women were baptised. Both were welcomed into membership on Sept. 2. New boards for hymns and readings have been placed in position, and add to beauty of chapel. New organ has been secured, donated by Y.P. Sis. I. Whittaker has donated two new silver plates for communion table. Prayer meetings, with preacher giving history of Churches of Christ, prove helpful to all. System of church ushers has proved successful. Messrs. Sketchley and Cole have been appointed, and members are pleased to be shown to their seats. Youth service on 2nd was inspiration to all. P.B.P. club has won semi-final of basketball. K.S.P. now has 26 members; four being initiated on 3rd. Church is united with preacher, and work is progressing with zest. Sis. Tootell is about house and progressing well, and Sis. Shirley Bean is home from hospital after operation.

East Preston (T. V. Weir).—Film, *The Great Discovery*, was screened to an appreciative congregation on Aug. 12. C.W.F. had interesting illustrated lecture given by Miss Nola Baxter, an X-ray technician at St. Vincent's Hospital. K.S.P. creditably conducted all sections of morning service on 5th. First phase of *Operation Increase* has begun, with good reception in most homes visited. Officers won debate against Kappas, opposing *That International sport is desirable*. Junior Boys' Club presented play, *Law and Mercy*, at evening service on 26th. Coca-Cola Company presented film night for Building Fund on 31st.

Carnegie (A. R. Lloyd).—Film, *Dust or Destiny*, was screened at close of gospel service on Aug. 19. C.M.S. met for tea and fellowship on 26th. Guest speaker was L. Chapman (pres. Central Board C.M.S.) Men's Society

conducted gospel service. Church officers conducted gospel service on Sept. 2, at which monthly parade of all auxiliaries was held. Church organist, Ian Ferguson, is recovering after illness. R. Brooker spoke at tea to Explorers.

Dandenong (L. G. Read).—Ladies spent enjoyable afternoon on Aug. 15 at Scots Church, Dandenong, and in evening of same day, Good Companions held temperance film night. H. Steele was speaker at Y.P.F. on 19th. H. B. Robbins and Mr. Terry (Padstow) were speakers on 19th, latter also speaking on morning of 26th. B.S. held film night on 27th, which realised £12. Mr. Rainey (B. & F.B.S.) was morning speaker on Sept. 2. Youth Club has commenced, with good attendances at meetings.

Echuca (C. E. Watson). — 123 were present at gospel service, when film, *Dust or Destiny*, was screened. Recent visitors have included Miss Dodge (N.Z.) and C. Frencham (on leave from Navy), who gave appreciated messages in song. Special service for Father's Day was held and men's quartet sang. A young man was baptised prior to evening service on Sept. 2, and at conclusion of address, a young married man made his confession.

North Williamstown (S. K. Bannon).—Y.P.F. attended South Melbourne for social evening on Sept. 1. There was a large attendance at morning service on 2nd. Special Father's Day service held in evening was led by T. Bryant, several fathers assisting. A lad made his decision for Christ. H. Williams conducted after-church fellowship in hall, and E. Westaway and G. Sonsie gave items.

Parkdale (C. Dunse). — Special Father's Day service was conducted on Sept. 2 at 7 p.m. T. Cuddy was soloist and John Flavin gave gospel address. Three other fathers assisted. The previous week, a mother and daughter made their decision and were immersed at prayer meeting. Ladies' snowball meeting was held in home of Mrs. Talent. Soloiste was Mrs. Brodie. Church business meeting was held to consider ways and means of extending work.

Red Hill (J. Sutton).—C.W.F. held social to assist Manse Fund. N. Brown and S. Prosser attended a C.M.S. rally at Prahran. Members journeyed to Tootgarook on Sept. 1 for combined social evening. Several visitors attended morning service on 2nd. Y.P. conducted evening service, and preacher conducted baptismal service.

South Melbourne (G. Hearn). — Monthly fellowship tea held on Aug. 5 was followed by evening baptismal service, during which three Y.P. confessed Christ. B.S. concert on 10th

provided enjoyable entertainment, and hall was packed. 40 attended "every member present" service on morning of 12th, when F. N. Lee (Thornbury) was guest speaker. *The Miracle of Love* was screened at gospel service. Treas. J. Tipping, spoke on 26th on stewardship. Evening family fellowship service was followed by after-church hour, when film, *City Story*, was screened. B.S. is averaging 100 for winter months. Church is praying for Fred Hankin, who is very sick in hospital. Only recently he was baptised and welcomed into church. Minister has announced that he has accepted a call to S. Aust. in Jan. R. Bust (Chelsea) has accepted the invitation to take his place.

Wangaratta.—On Aug. 19, at gospel service, film, *The Miracle of Love*, was screened, with Aub. Jackel leading service. Film was well received by large congregation present. Rex Ellis was speaker at morning service. On 25th proposed bus trip to Mt. Buffalo for Y.P. was cancelled owing to road being impassable. Attendances at all meetings are continuing to increase, especially at mid-week prayer meetings. Officers' Board is commended on faithful task they are doing. Religious instruction at South Wangaratta school is being given by Mrs. Athol Jackel and Mrs. A. E. Franks. Fortnightly services at Benalla are still being conducted by the men, Matt McDonough speaking on Aug. 19 and Rex Ellis on Sept. 2.

Reservoir (R. E. Burns). — Interest is being maintained in effort to commence new B.S. hall. Plans have been prepared and endorsed by church. Graham Dunkley has transferred to Altona Baptist, and a Bible was presented to him in appreciation of his services both to church and B.S. At conclusion of preacher's address at monthly parents' and scholars' service, a B.S. scholar made her confession. C.M.S. had a "Hints" night to which they invited the ladies. B.S. is preparing for anniversary, under leadership of D. Baker. Christian Youth Club reports increased interest in its meetings, which cater for spiritual and social fellowship. Three new members were welcomed last month. Mr. Notman is home from hospital, and many are laid aside with sickness. Plans are in hand for a mission, the theme being *The Church and the Home*.

Bendigo (R. V. Holmes). — Half-yearly business meeting on Aug 29 took form of inspirational gathering, with verbal reports. Spring Gully public hall has been purchased for use of church and B.S. in that area. Plans of Kangaroo Flat project are in final stages of approval. An early start is anticipated. On Sept. 2, preacher introduced new regular evening service features—This really happened

(a testimony of God's work in modern days), and a period for "Specific Purpose Prayer." Miss Marj. Butler has been appointed collector of finance for broadcast session—*The Friendly Word*.

Beronia (C. L. Smith, Dip.R.E.). — Average attendances for Aug. were: morning 97, evening 37. B.S. enrolment has reached 183 scholars, with 32 on the staff. J. Rankin (Ringwood) spoke at morning service on Aug. 12 and, owing to illness of preacher, speakers on 19th were W. A. Thompson and G. Miller. Evening service on 26th, conducted by K.S.P., was well attended. W.M.B. enjoyed visit to The Patch on 22nd.

Drumcondra (R. A. Banks).—Half-yearly business meeting on Aug. 30, was preceded by tea. Aver. of 55 communicants and 60 at gospel service was reported. Special services each month in Year of Evangelism are excellent. At a Father and Son tea, there were 50 present, with Geoff Williams as after-dinner speaker. 117 attended gospel service. C. Combridge and son, Ian, were duettists, also Mrs. E. Crossfield sang. Film was screened at close and supper was enjoyed by all. Officers of church led C.E. meeting on Aug. 31.

Gardenvale (H. A. Hunt).—Ladies' Fellowship recently held interesting night, when Mesdames Tippett and Laird gave a demonstration on plastic flower-making. Prayers of church have been with Mrs. Hunt, who recently underwent an operation at R.M.H., and is making good progress now. R. Morris (Brighton) is doing fine work with B.S., who are now practising for their anniversary.

BIRTH

CAIN (nee Matthews).—On August 31, at St. George's Hospital, Kew, Vic., to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cain, a daughter—Nerida Marie. Both well.

DEATH

LAWRIE. — On August 29, 1956, Tom, fond brother-in-law of Doris and Clarrie Hogben, Wembley, W.A., united with his loving wife, Helen May, who passed away June 21, 1953. "Together in God's care."

IN MEMORIAM

POTTER. — Ernest, loving husband of Esther, passed away, September 10, 1954.

TAYLOR, Samuel Witts.—In loving memory of my dear husband and our dear father, who passed away on August 28, 1945.

—Inserted by his loving wife and family.

Canon CHARLES RAVEN answers some fears in discussing . . .

Christian Churches' Work in India

Canon Charles Raven, writing in the *Church of England Newspaper and the Record* (April 6) on the work of the Christian Churches in India, said: "After three months in Serampore, Madras, Bangalore, Kandy and Colombo, in lectures and addresses (112 in 92 days) and in talks with members of the Governments and with educational and religious leaders, it is perhaps worthwhile to attempt a summary of the results.

"This is the more necessary since during that time it was continually evident that in Britain, India was having a bad press and Ceylon a good one, and that I found, contrary to expectation, Indian opinion definitely friendly to Christianity and to Britain, while in Ceylon Christians were very anxious as to the hostility of the Buddhist movement and the linguistic policy of the Government.

"Delhi, where I spent seven weeks as the guest of Principal Raja Ram of St. Stephen's College, is obviously the strategic centre of the sub-continent.

"The magnificence of its ancient buildings and of the modern city of New Delhi, the planning of fresh housing areas, hospitals and schools for the vast increases in its population, and for the tragic refugees who since 1947 have 'squatted' in its outskirts, the zest and range of its cultural and political interests, make it one of the most attractive cities in the world."

Confusion About Missionaries

"I was fortunate in having free access to all departments of the University, and to many of the colleges and schools, and also in having private talks with the Prime Minister and several members of his Cabinet, and with a large number of leading British and Indian residents.

"The first practical result of this was to clear up my anxiety as to the attitude of the Government towards missionaries. We had heard in England that restrictions were being imposed, that newcomers were refused visas, and that even in educational posts no English would be appointed unless there were no qualified Indian candidates. This rumor was, as I know, very seriously affecting recruitment.

"It arose in fact, out of the extraordinary increase of American missionaries, mainly from small and extreme sects. Pentecostals, Jeho-

vah's Witnesses and Second Adventists, who were getting missionary permits for the frontier areas, were indulging, whether unconsciously or deliberately, in political intrigue and, by their claims to replace medical attention by faith healing, were becoming a threat to public health.

"In addition, there had been a glaring case of indiscretion, if not of espionage, by the head of a famous Christian school, which had given opportunity to the small group of critics hostile to Christianity. In consequence, restrictions had been imposed upon missionaries from outside the Commonwealth, and from what a late Bishop called 'the Protestant underworld.'"

Not a Single Case

"But I was challenged to cite a single case in which any newcomer, sponsored by a reputable Church or society, from a country of the Commonwealth, had been refused admission or subjected to any kind of restriction.

"Indeed, President Rajendra Prasad said at the great public meeting on St. Thomas' Anniversary (at which I also spoke) that 'I can also give the assurance that there is no intention on the part of anyone to curtail the freedom of missionaries, or in any way to come in the way of their true mission. If their true mission is the preaching of Christianity, placing the life of Christ before our people, they are welcome. Similar sentiments were expressed on the same occasion by Pandit Pant, the Minister for Home Affairs, and by Mr. Krishnamachari, the Minister for Commerce.

"This attitude was plainly shown in the very many discussions that I had with Hindu leaders in the University, and in political and industrial life. In India, unlike England, religion is a subject of universal concern and

there is no hesitation about discussing it; even the toughest sceptics admit that it is an essential, and indeed the primary element in human life, and are prepared to consider it with tolerance and sensitiveness.

A Landslide on the Way?

"Add to this that in the present Government, and indeed throughout the major part of India, the influence of Mahatma Gandhi, 'Bapu,' 'The Father of our Country,' is paramount, and that it is universally recognised that he owed very much of his characteristic teaching to the influence of Christians such as his friend Charlie Andrews.

"These two facts and the extent to which they color the Indian scene account for the prediction, which I heard from several very influential people, that a landslide into Christianity in the near future was by no means unlikely."

Fifty Years Ago

Excerpts from "The Australian Christian" of Sept. 13, 1906.

Editor: A. B. Maston.

Life (of various kinds!) in India. — Mr. Strutton receives some of his visitors on the verandah, and does not invite them into the house, because they have a way of bringing certain subsidised attendants with them, who do not all leave when the visitors leave . . . They have singing evangelists in India, too. They sing to the accompaniment of a small drum, played with the fingers, and a one-wired instrument, which has a dried pumpkin for its base, and sounds only one note . . . You can buy a bullock at the market in Baramati, use it on the road to carry your goods to your destination, fatten it

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Taylor of S.A. plan for Bethany.—A local paper says, "W. J. and H. R. Taylor, of Strathalbyn, intend to leave by the Ormuz on Oct. 11, for Bethany College, West Virginia, U.S.A., to study with a view to entering the ministry of the Church of Christ. H. R. Taylor has had charge of the Goolwa church for some months."

Welcome to Con Gordon.—Attention is called to the welcome meeting to C. M. Gordon, at Swanston-st. church, Melbourne, on Tuesday evening, Sept. 18. A large and interesting meeting is expected. The welcome back to one of our Australian boys who has returned to his native land after studies in the Bible College, Kentucky, should be whole-hearted and enthusiastic. (Judging by the number of addresses advertised, it was! Besides Con Gordon's welcome address, there were no less than six messages on the general theme, "Our Duty to the Church," given by F. G. Dunn, A. R. Main, John Baker, James Johnston, F. M. Ludbrook and A. L. Gibson, interspersed with musical items by the Lygon-st. Quartette Party, Mrs. Roy Thompson and Miss Lena Kemp. In addition, speeches of welcome were made by Mrs. Davies and Robert Lyall, with B. J. Kemp presiding. We have no record of the time the meeting closed!—C.G.T.)

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New Testament: A. Cant, C. Dow, J. Edwards, B. McIntosh, E. Sanders; 8 others passed.

N.T. Greek I: G. Mathieson; 3 others passed.

N.T. Greek II: 4 passed.

N.T. Greek III: D. Beanland, R. Bust, R. Deane, E. Ots, J. Sutton, R. Veal; 3 others passed.

Greek History: E. Sanders, D. Thoday; 3 others passed.

Homiletics I: Miss M. Creed, C. Dow, G. Mathieson, K. Milne, E. Sanders; 1 other passed.

Homiletics II: A. Cant, J. Edwards, I. Mackey, B. McIntosh, C. Perkins, J. Styles.

Homiletics III: D. Beanland, R. Bust, R. Chamberlain, R. Deane, K. Draney, G. Hearn, K. Heath, E. Ots, R. Ryall, J. Sutton, R. Veal.

Apologetics: R. Bust, R. Chamberlain, R. Deane, G. Hearn, R. Ryall, J. Sutton; 5 others passed.

Religious Education: A. Cant, I. Mackey; 5 others passed.

English Grammar: Miss M. Creed, D. Hughes, E. Sanders, B. Snoxall; 3 others passed.

Practical Church Work: C. Dow, G. Mathieson; 2 others passed.

Church History I: C. Dow, G. Mathieson, E. Sanders; 2 others passed.

Church History II: A. Cant, B. McIntosh; 4 others passed.

Comparative Religion: D. Beanland, R. Bust, R. Chamberlain, R. Deane, K. Draney, E. Ots, J. Sutton, R. Veal; 1 other passed.

Doctrine: D. Beanland, R. Bust, R. Deane, K. Draney, E. Ots, J. Sutton, R. Veal; 2 others passed.

Ethics: D. Beanland, R. Bust, R. Deane, G. Hearn, E. Ots, R. Ryall, J. Sutton, R. Veal, K. Draney; 2 others passed.

Economics: B. Snoxall, R. Scott; 2 others passed.—E. L. Williams.

P.C.F.O.

SPIRITUAL RALLY

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Speaker: P. J. Retchford

Subject: "The Unfinished Furrow."

Soloiste: Miss L. Dudley

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OBITUARY

Fred Lewis.

The church at South Yarra, Vic., has felt very deeply the passing of its beloved elder, Fred Lewis, on Aug. 6. He was 74 years of age. His decision for Christ was made among the first group of converts at South Yarra, and he continued to serve his Master there for the rest of his life; in 62 years of membership, serving, at various times, as secretary, choir leader and B.S. worker. His untiring loyalty, cultured mind, and wise counsel meant much to the church. As a photographer, and authority on Australian nature studies, his help was often sought, and, until a year ago, his prowess at tennis kept many a younger opponent on his mettle. He rendered a valuable service to the community. For 26 years he was Chief Inspector of the Fisheries and Games Dept. As a member of the Zoological Gardens Committee he was responsible for many improvements. Up to the time of his death, he was secretary of the Victorian Field Naturalists' Society. But the first among all his affections was the fellowship of the Church. Brotherhood and public service leaders were among the capacity congregation at the chapel service, conducted by C. G. Taylor and the writer. Our sincerest sympathy is extended to Mrs. Lewis, his children and his brothers.—R.V.L.

(Further obituaries on pp. 575, 576.)



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Coming Events

OAKLEIGH CHURCH 40th ANNIVERSARY HOMECOMING SERVICES, September 23. 11 a.m., K. A. Jones (Conf. Pres.); 2.45 p.m., Pleasant Sunday Afternoon (Oakleigh Town Hall), Speaker: N. Irvin. Subject: With Christ in Pentridge. 7 p.m. Gospel Service, Speaker: Chas. Dunse (First Oakleigh B.S. young man to enter full-time ministry). Hospitality provided at Town Hall for all visitors. Make it a grand day of reunion. Contact secretary, A. A. Brown, 35 Andrew-st., and notify him of your intention to be present.

MORELAND BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY. Sept. 23 and 30. 23rd., 11 a.m., J. Turner; 7 p.m., R. Muller. 30th., 11 a.m., Mr. Symes (Brunswick Presbyterian); 7 p.m., Edgar Tanner (Olympic Games Committee) and J. Turner. A hearty welcome to all.

BALWYN CHURCH HOMECOMING DAY, October 14. 11 a.m., Every member present. Speaker: K. A. Jones (Conf. Pres.). 5 p.m., Fellowship Tea. 7 p.m., Speaker: J. E. Brooke; Soloists: Lyle Williams. Past members and friends cordially invited to spend the day with Balwyn Church of Christ.

NORTHCOTE BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY, Northcote Town Hall. Sept. 16. 3 p.m., T. V. Weir; 7 p.m., A. J. Fisher. Sept. 23. 3 p.m., H. N. Pell; 7 p.m., W. Gale. All welcome.

SPRINGVALE BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY. Sept. 16: 3 p.m., Kinder and Primary afternoon; 7 p.m., Cantata: The Master's Lightbearers, presented by Intermediate scholars. Everybody welcome.

THE MESSIAH will be rendered in Collins-st. Independent Church, Melbourne, by the Churches of Christ Choral Society on Tuesday, December 11. Reserve the date now.

COLLINGWOOD BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY, Sept. 16 and 23. Sept. 16: 3 p.m., E. Ots; 7 p.m., D. Tallents. Sept. 23: 3 p.m., L. A. Trezise, B.A.; 7 p.m., H. J. Cook.

LYGON-ST., CARLTON, BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY. Sept. 16: 3 p.m., R. V. Amos; 7 p.m., L. G. Burgin. Sept. 23: 7 p.m., W. W. Saunders. A hearty welcome to all.

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OBITUARY

Miss Jean Bailey.

A great loss to the Dawson-st., Ballarat church, Vic., occurred on Monday, Aug. 27, in the Home call of this much loved worker, after a long period of suffering, borne with uncomplaining courage and trust. She was a grand-daughter of the well known late B. J. Kemp, but most of her busy life was spent in the Ballarat district, in her profession as a primary school teacher and infant mistress. The cause of her Saviour came first in her thoughts, and was manifested in B.S. activities and leadership in J.C.E., as well as in the Young Women's Fellowship. But it was in the daily personal quality of her kindly and cheerful relationships that she sowed that which brought her a rich harvest of loving regard,—especially during her illness. Her late father, Alf Bailey, will be remembered by senior members at Ascot Vale church, Vic., as well as by Ballarat members. The wide-spread sympathy with her esteemed mother and brother was manifested by the many present at the funeral, including several hundreds of scholars from her school, lined up opposite the residence. The service was taken by F. C. Hunting, assisted by J. A. Wilkie.—J.A.W.

Mrs. Jane Gilmour.

With the passing of Jane Gilmour of Mordialloc, on June 9, the community in general, and the church at Parkdale, Vic., in particular, suffered a great loss. The late Mrs. Gilmour had reached the age of 85 years. At an early age, she became a member of the Church of Christ at South Melbourne, and took an active part in Churches of Christ work ever since. She was a foundation member of the church at North Williamstown, Vic., then she transferred her membership to Swanston-st., and later became a foundation member of the church at Parkdale. Her life was one of faithful Christian service, both to her church and her community. Mrs. Gilmour was a life Governor of the Alfred and Prince Henry Hospitals and Blind Institute, and held a long service medal from the Queen Victoria Hospital, besides being a collector for the British and Foreign Bible Society for twenty-five years. Mrs. Gilmour's husband predeceased her on Aug. 23, 1945. J. Wiltshire conducted the funeral service, assisted by F. Manning (past minister of Parkdale) and C. Dunse. To Mrs. Gilmour's son and daughters, and their families, we extend Christian sympathy in their great loss.—C. M. Dunse.

Mrs. H. Keevers.

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Miss Edith Griffin.

The church at South Yarra, Vic., has again been saddened by the loss of one of its oldest members. On Aug. 20, Miss Griffin's long life drew to a peaceful close. She had been ill most of the winter. She was 87 years of age. Our late sister was baptised at Prahran in 1895 by the late Joseph Pittman, and received into membership at South Yarra in the following year. She counted for much in this congregation. Of a retiring disposition, she never sought positions of leadership. But her gracious and kindly ways were an inspiration to many. Her unfailing attendance at the Lord's Day services was an example to all. She was a faithful steward of all that she possessed. The church feels a deep sense of thankfulness in having had such a long fellowship with her. The service in the chapel was conducted by the writer, together with Allan G. Searle. She was laid to rest in the Burwood Cemetery. Our sincerest sympathy is offered to her surviving sister, Miss Deci. Griffin.—R.V.L.

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