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INDONESIA Is Our Neighbor

Mr. and Mrs. Don Beiler, of Adelaide, recently visited Java, principal island of Indonesia, to see Dr. and Mrs. H. D. Steward and family. Some of their experiences and observations are given in this report to the brotherhood.

Breakfast in Perth—luncheon on the Super Constellation, Southern Mist—afternoon tea in the home of an Indonesian-Chinese Christian in Djakarta, whose son is a doctor in Bendigo. A mere ocean hop of 2,026 miles in 7 hours 20 minutes from the depth of winter in Australia to the tropical isle of Java, which in place and importance is the central island of Indonesia, now seventh nation of the world.

Java alone (just one of the 3,000 islands that comprise the Republic of Indonesia), has about 56,000,000 people (increasing by 1,800 a day) in an area about the size of Victoria. Since the leaders, President Soekarno and Vice-President Hatta, claimed independence for Indonesia, two days after the Japanese surrendered on Aug. 17, 1945; and, more especially, since the Dutch conceded this claim in Dec., 1949, a young, keen nation has gradually been finding its feet in every realm—government, education, health, industry, etc.—and it would be true to say in the religious realm, too. As a nation, they are beginning to think and act for themselves, and it is amazing what has been accomplished in that short time.

As Mr. Casey, Australian Minister for Foreign Affairs, said in Adelaide recently, "We would be proud to think that Australia could have achieved so much in such a short time."

Whereas prior to 1945, only about 8% were literate, within eleven years this figure has now risen to probably more than 40%, with a target of 100% by 1960. Dr. Frank Laubach, No. 1 Linguistic Adviser for United

Nations, conducted a campaign here, and initiated a programme which has had amazing results. We could sense that the hunger for learning has opened the door widely for almost any ideology to capture their lives, for good or ill.

Work at Wlingi

To reach our folk, we flew the length of the island—some 600 miles—from Djakarta to Sourabaya, and



Young Indonesian students, passing the Stewards' home at Wlingi.

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on arrival were met by the whole family—Dr. and Mrs. Steward, Ruth, John, Judith, Miriam and Elisabeth. We travelled 130 miles by car through picturesque country, passing hundreds of terraced padi (rice) fields, unusually tall sugar cane plantations, teak forests, rubber and tobacco plantations. Graceful coconut palms and banana palms bordered almost every home and field. The rich volcanic soil and humid tropical climate produce prolific vegetation—it has been said one can almost hear things growing. Practically everything that grows is a rich green in color. Rugged mountains, 10,000 to 12,000 feet high and cloud-topped, often provided a backdrop of rare beauty and grandeur. God's handiwork is lavish and beautiful in Java.

At Wlingi, a comparatively small country town, Dr. Steward is serving the Indonesian Government, being in charge of a hospital. Two years ago it comprised 25 beds. Today, with recent additions, it provides 100 beds, and these are seldom empty. It was a revelation to accompany Dr. Steward on his daily tour of inspection of the patients, and also to sit by and watch the hundreds of out-patients who came for consultations. They were ushered in four at a time, and were inspected as quickly as possible, with no embarrassment because of varying ages or sexes (or even on-lookers). There were 91,000 consultations last year, with the aid of one highly trained assistant, and a good team of nurses and male mantriers. In two years, more than 300 major operations have been performed by Dr. Steward, with the aid of torches and pressure lanterns. One morning we witnessed the setting of two broken arms and two broken legs (a lad had fallen 30 feet out of a coconut tree), and later the doctor removed a growth the size of a coconut from another patient. In view of the primitive conditions of hygiene and sanitation, it is not unusual for folk to come to the hospital, having two or three different diseases at once.

Regular visits to a number of polyclinics in neighboring kampongs (villages), and in several coffee plantations, provide a valuable medical service to a large number of people. The Bupati of the Kabupaten of Blitar (Regent of the Province) told us that there are three doctors to tend to the medical needs of 750,000 people of that district, and assured us that the work of Dr. and Mrs. Steward was very highly regarded. The Wedono (Mayor) of Wlingi also paid a high tribute to these folk. On the day the President, Dr. Soekarno, passed through the town, they were chosen to be presented. At the Railway Station, in the presence of a great crowd, the President gave a friendly audience to the whole

Steward family. It was also our pleasure to meet Dr. Soekarno, and to speak with him for a few moments of the relationship between our countries.

Fine Christian Witness

It was a thrill to us to see the fine Christian witness being given by the doctor and his wife, and, indeed, the whole family. About 80 children gather at their home each Tuesday for a Bible School—complete with Bible teaching, choruses and expression work. They are very keen, seldom miss, and are proving apt students. A number have been awarded New Testaments for memorising 25 verses of Scripture. We told them the story of "The Good Samaritan," which they had never heard before, and at the end their



A fine Indonesian Christian, with Dr. Steward and John.

comment was "blak" (good). Afterwards we enacted the story, much to their amusement (the writer played the part of the donkey).

We had the pleasure of distributing some thousands of simple Christian tracts in Indonesian, Javanese and Chinese languages. Folk readily took them from us, or raced to pick them up as we threw them out of the car. It was good to watch men with heavy burdens lay them aside, and young people jump off their bicycles to obtain a tract, and waste no time in reading it. Unlimited quantities of Christian literature could be used if available.

On a trip to a coffee plantation in the mountains, we crossed numerous bridges on our way. In several cases, bridges had been destroyed during the Revolution, and it was necessary to ford the rivers in the car. In one place we noticed a huge supply of steel beams and girders, waiting to be built into a new bridge. We were told that skilled engineers were not available to erect the structure. We would like to think that Christian engineers, and technicians of every kind, would come forward from neighboring lands to assist these people, who are not skilled for so many tasks as yet.

Gospel Recordings are making a fine witness in this land. Wherever a gramophone is played, with records of Christian hymns and messages in the language of the people, large crowds gather and stay for hours at times. From a humble commencement by a Christian lady, Miss Joy Ridderhof of U.S.A., in five years recordings have been made in 1,500 languages. Records are sent out in red plastic, free of any cost, on application, to any part of the world. Factories in Australia and America are making a strong utility type gramophone—as a gift they can be sent for £3/2/6, including freight. The day before we arrived at Batu, in the mountains of East Java, a consignment of 10,000 records had arrived from Australia, and a number of gramophones. The Assistant Mayor of Wlingi recently asked about the Christian way, and a New Testament was given to him to take away on his holiday. A gramophone and some records were also given to him. Later in the day he was still playing the records to a crowd of people in his front room.

Missions on the Job

Rich fellowship was enjoyed with missionaries in a number of centres. We made several visits to the S.E. Asia Bible College at Malang (founded by Dr. Andrew Gih), and one evening were given a Chinese feast in our honor.—We had a most interesting encounter with chop-sticks, and enjoyed the food immensely. At Kediri, we saw the work of W.E.C. (World-wide Evangelisation Crusade—founded by C. T. Studd). They have 24 workers in Indonesia, including 10 from Australia and New Zealand. Also in Kediri we were privileged to see some fine work being accomplished by the American Baptists. They have commenced to build a full-scale general hospital, at a cost of 300,000 dollars, plus a further 100,000 dollars for the electrical work. When completed, it will be the most up-to-date hospital in Indonesia. We were told that many thousands of their members in the homeland tithe regularly for Missions, and almost unlimited resources could be called on at any time to further the work of Christ on the field. At Bandung, we were kindly entertained by one of these folk, and shown the work being carried out in this beautiful city, the show-place of Indonesia.

We met the World President of the Baptist Church, Dr. Adams, and also the Secretary of their youth work, in the early hours of the morning at the Sourabaya airport, as we were about to board a diminutive 4-engined, 13-passenger De Havilland Heron aircraft. A few days later we were invited to a youth rally in Djakarta, and heard from these men

a most interesting survey of Christian youth work in many lands of the world, including Russia.

On one of our flights we talked with Mr. Wright of the Maylands (W.A.) Baptist church. Twenty-seven missionaries have gone from that church into many parts of the world. The church had commissioned him to spend four weeks or so in Java and Singapore to see something of the work being accomplished, and to encourage missionaries in their work.

A Challenge to Faith

It was interesting to discover that there is a Ministry of Religion in the Indonesian Parliament, with Departments for Islam, Christian Protestant and Roman Catholic faiths. Indonesia is predominantly Moslem, and unless there is a call from within the land for missionary aid, it is very difficult for Christian missionaries to enter the country. However, we know that it is in the plan and purpose of God that the redeeming and uplifting message of the gospel of Jesus Christ should be taken to all peoples, and we believe doors will be opened.

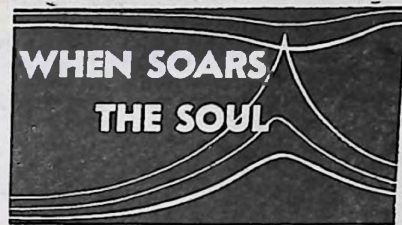
During our brief stay, we learnt many words of the language, which helped us in our contacts. Our "berupa" (how much) in the market place, "selamat paki" (good morning) and greeting "Orang Australee" (man from Australia) brought many smiles, and warm responses. Australia is well regarded by the people in all walks of life. We found the people of this lovely land quiet, courteous and responsive, and believe there are some rich harvests to be gathered for the Kingdom of God.

In some ways we are sensitive to the needs of Indonesia—already Australia has given £15,000,000 worth of aid to the countries of South-East Asia under the Colombo Plan, and a good share has gone to Indonesia. In the last five years, 400 Indonesian students have come to Australia to study in our Universities. Among them are some delightful young people. We visited four families of those we had met in Adelaide, and were most enthusiastically welcomed.

We returned to our homeland, feeling deeply grateful to God for such a rich experience. We believe that nothing less than a live interest in these people; an understanding of their many needs; and a readiness to extend the hand of Christian love and helpfulness is worthy of a Christian nation. Maybe, in some ways it is within our power to provide these things in his Name.



It is reported that, in Britain, where there were over three million children in the 20,000 Sunday schools of the Free Churches alone, in 1900, today there is rather less than half that number. This has happened despite the fact that the population has increased by twenty per cent. Particularly serious is a fifty per cent fall in the beginners' dept., and a thirty per cent drop in the primary dept. of the National Sunday School Union during the past two years; but this is attributed to the movement of population to new housing areas, where sometimes no Sunday Schools exist. As against this, numbers in the higher age groups, particularly from 14 onwards, are increasing.



The day I am afraid, I put my trust in thee. By God's help I shall maintain my cause; in God I trust without a fear: what can man do to me? . . . Thou countest up my sleepless hours, my tears are gathered in thy bottle—are they not noted in thy book? God is on my side . . . I am under vows to thee, O God: I will pay thee my offering of praise, for thou hast saved my life from death, my feet from stumbling, that I might live, ever mindful of God, in the sunshine of life.—Ps. 56: 3, 4, 8, 9a, 12, 13 (Moffatt).

One of the greatest destroyers of health, both mental and physical, of happiness, of peace, is fear: "Think not on thy fears, nor yet the cause of them, but on thy God, who can cure them," is a piece of well-proved wisdom . . . Don't listen to your fears, or your enemies—listen to God. Take not counsel of your fears, but of your faith—take it to the Lord in prayer . . . Once during the war I was visiting an old house in the country. During the night a violent storm came up, and the wind and the rain lashed the house, and the trees outside creaked and groaned, protesting against the onslaught. Then the sirens went, and a raid began. Man-made terror was added to Nature's turmoil. Through it all, heard in every hushed moment, went the measured beat of an ancient grandfather clock. There was something strangely reassuring and comforting about that unhurried sound; the fury and fear of the moment did not affect it. It seemed to be saying, "This, too, shall pass," for it measured not moments but years, generations, centuries. Prayer can do that for us. It can link us with the power that keeps the stars in their courses, and yet is able to comfort the heart of a child. Don't take your fears to bed with you—take them to the Lord in prayer, and you shall both live and sleep in peace.—Dr. Davies.

Oh, how praying rests the weary!
Prayer will change the night to day;
So, when life seems dark and dreary,
Don't forget to pray.

—Mrs. M. A. Kidder.



Mrs. Steward gives New Testament as reward for memorising 25 verses.

JOHN MacBEATH believes that time, talents and substance must be used fully
in

The Christian's Stewardship

What's in a name? The man who cleaned the roads where I lived a little time ago, did some evening work in my garden. I asked him once by what name or title his occupation was called. I confessed that in my boyhood his predecessors were called by the inelegant name of Scavenger! Lifting himself to his full height, he replied, "They now call us 'Street Stewards'!" Here was a man who felt himself put in trust with the wholesomeness of the public highways.

Stewardship is an office of trust. It indicates a person who is given charge of another person's property. What is committed to his care is something not absolutely his own. He has it on trust. He will be held responsible for the use he makes of it.

The word occurs in the New Testament on the occasion when the owner returns after long absence, and asks his servants to report upon the use made of the money he had entrusted to them. In our Lord's story there are three men; each has his own separate assignments. Let us look at the three items on our bill of stewardship.

Stewardship of Time

All of us share this possession. All of us have twenty-four hours to the day. It is surprising how much some people can make of the twenty-four hours, and equally surprising how little other people make of them. Time leaves behind the legacy of a careful or a careless day. The old think of the golden past, the young think of the golden future, the wise think of the golden present, the golden Now!

None can tell in advance how much or how little time may be allotted to him. It may be long as a summer day or short as a winter's noon. You may reckon that with the health you enjoy you can anticipate a long life, therefore you need not hurry; there is no pressure to be particularly active; you can dawdle along as so many people seem to do. Or you may reckon that time will be short, therefore you must work your utmost. Those who have toiled well have acted as if they had an intuitive feeling that time is ever a measured quantity: "I always worked" said a man of considerable achievement, "as if I had only three years to live."

Whether time is to be long or short, it is certain that its flight will be swift, and you can never overtake lost time. It may seem long to the young; it is very swift to the old. "It seems just a dream," said one aged saint to me when I asked how life looked in retrospect.

Time is God's gift to us. Brief in duration, swift in movement, what are you making of it? How are you using it? There are at least three periods in the day. The first is working time. Your occupation is fixed for you, you have no choice; you owe it your labor. It is your wage-earning period. The second is your rest time; rest and sleep are the servants of your occupation. The third is your leisure time. Here you are in command of yourself and of your pursuits. What is your priority in these things: recreation, friendship, home, books, music, pleasure, religious devotion?

What do you make of your Sundays? They form a seventh part of life. A youth of twenty-one years has had three years of Sundays; a man of forty-nine has had seven years of Sundays. How much they could accomplish, yet how little they achieve! You have a stewardship of them. How will the accounting read when at the last the books are opened?

There is an inescapable note of urgency in all authentic Christianity. "I must work the works of him that sent me while it is day. The night cometh when no man can work." Time is taken seriously; it is not an illusion. "At my back I always hear Time's winged chariot hurrying near." But most of us waste our breath in the useless sigh—

"Backward, roll backward, O Time
in your flight;

Make me a child again, just for
tonight!"

Stewardship of Talents

It was through the parable of the talents that this word entered our English speech. It means capability of some kind; endowment, skill, a gift in artistry, music, craftsmanship, management, house-keeping, teaching. Human endowments differ considerably. Not many men are equally gifted in any one calling. The distinguished few stand on the top of the hill, the rest stand on the lower

slopes, the multitude on the out-spreading levels.

To all of us who read these lines has been given some gift of God, the trust of some capacity, some fitness of mind or spirit, some occupation that will enable us to live usefully in God's world. You were not sent here merely to enjoy yourself. Your talent is not so much a personal possession as something loaned to you for which you have a responsibility; something invested in you which can be both your own distinction, and God's recompense for the chance of a life he gave you.

Is it a poet's extravagance to say that "No man is born into the world whose work is not born with him"? God has not made us all equal in personality, in gift, in mental capacity, in initiative, in working value, or in any essential quality. Parents have a vital share in the communication of talent; a responsibility too often forgotten.

Who can tell how many have missed their calling and their place? Here is a young man leaving his country town for the city. Before the bus leaves, an old man of the same community lays his hand on the youth's shoulder and says, "Whatever you do, don't let any man laugh you out of your dreams!" The old man had the look of one who had had his dreams, but a rough world discouraged them, and they perished unfulfilled. Another tragedy of the buried talent!

The discouraged are a great multitude. Have you the talent of encouragement? It is worth rubies. Appreciation of other people is another talent. Add these great gifts. Prayer is a spiritual talent; put that to use. Cheerfulness also, how good to meet it on a dull day! Kindness, sympathy, patience, courage, considerateness, unselfishness, faithfulness, friendliness; these, and others with them, have the power to lift the load of some burdened life, to repair the broken hopes of men, to give shelter to others buffeted and broken by sorrow, frustration, and fear. These are talents above monetary value.

Your talent, your opportunity, your place may not be conspicuous as men count greatness, but it may be ten times greater than you know.

Eve Curle wrote of her mother:

"She was a woman . . . she was poor, she was beautiful . . . her life re-solved itself into a perpetual giving . . . she gave her devotion and her health to the war wounded. She gave advice—her wisdom and all the hours of her time to pupils, to future scientists who came to her from all parts of the world. When her mission was accomplished, she died exhausted."

Stewardship of Money

Is there any stewardship more difficult than the faithful stewardship of money? Money more than anything else steals the affections of men. More crimes are committed for the sake of money than for any other possession. The greatest crime of all history was the exchange of Christ for thirty pieces of silver. When Judas got the money, it was too hot to hold; he threw it down on the stone flags of the temple floor and the rattle of it has not ceased to echo round the world to the present hour. Every day men are selling Christ for money. The adversary's persistent temptation to John Bunyan was to sell Christ. "Sell

him," urged the tempter again and again. Bunyan scraped through his penurious existence a poor man. His clean hands were his wealth.

Jesus was a carpenter; rarely was it a remunerative employment. In the little town of Nazareth there would be but scanty work for the carpenter, and the Saviour must have known at times the pinch of real want. The snare of his own race was the worship of the golden calf. They sold their faith for it, and were recovered at a great price. Jesus kept himself poor, and when disciples of the Pharisees enquired whether it was right to pay tribute to Caesar or not, he had to ask for a coin to illustrate his reply.

Money can command any merchandise this world has to offer. You can buy men and women for money; you can purchase the semblance of love, honors, preferments, titles. Money stands in the way of the best possessions offered to men. The rich young ruler withdrew from Christ, and the reason quoted was that he had great wealth! For the sake of his "bird in the hand" he bartered the inestimable opportunity of a life devoted to Jesus

Christ, and the eternal worth of the Kingdom of God.

It must have been a great moment in the life of Christ when one day he saw a widow woman halt on the temple floor, and search her loose apparel for the gift she had prepared for the temple offering—two farthings! Not much, was it? But it was all she possessed. Others had given of their plenty, but she of her poverty. Here, truly, is a lesson in priorities. She was taking risks. Unknown and uncalculating, she stepped into Christian history, and all over the world her story is known. Her faith was worth all she had.

Jesus stands over against the treasury. He knows, and you know, that you pay your taxes because you have to! But you will only give to him because you want to! How can you give to him? Appeals are made at this season on behalf of many most worthy causes. You need not miss the opportunity. "Inasmuch as you give it to one of these, you give it to me!" He will make your gift his channel of service.

Now, look into his face and exercise your stewardship. He will know all about it.

Western Australian Newsletter

Two words, usually in opposition to each other, come into close alliance to describe the present situation of Churches of Christ in W.A. They are the words "Enlargement" and "Retirement."

Enlargement

The boundaries are being pushed further out in town and country. In the Eastern wheatbelt area, expansion at Merredin has made the task of Harold Fitch, preacher of the Merredin - Bruce Rock - Mukinbudin circuit, rather burdensome, and the brethren are casting their eyes about for a preacher to occupy the vacant manse at Mukinbudin.

With rapid expansion in new areas, the State is suffering, in common with other States, from growing pains.

Unfortunately, it cannot be said that our financial resources keep pace with the demand for the establishment of new causes, but the faithfulness of the faithful has brought many visions to reality.

A keen group, mostly young people, in the Doubleview-Killarney area of Perth, has prepared plans for a new brick building to be erected on an admirable site. This congregation will become known as the Scarborough Church of Christ,

The brethren at Applecross, assisted by some from South Perth, have firmly established the cause in a desirable new area, and are hoping to erect a building soon on a splendid location.

Maylands, one of our larger congregations, has made a powerful witness over many years in this closely settled community, but in recent years has been handicapped by inadequate equipment, and a chapel that left much to be desired. The fine new two-storey brick structure almost completed, with its sound-proof rooms and modern lighting features, will make a fitting testimony to the virility of the church. The new chapel at Geraldton is also nearing completion, and the brethren hope to occupy it in the near future, before H. E. Greenwood departs for South Australia. The leadership of this new church will be taken by T. D. Maiden, of Harvey, and the brethren have confidence in the future.

Shepparton Road, which is an amalgamation of the old Victoria Park and Carlisle congregations, has purchased a manse and called a preacher in the person of Denis Beanland, from Victoria.

Other new preachers to arrive here shortly from the East will be John

Sutton who goes to Bassendean, Edward Ots to North Perth, and A. W. Claude Candy to Subiaco. These brethren will be a welcome acquisition to the ranks of preachers in the State, especially in view of the present shortage of preachers.

This brings us to the other word—

Retirement

Readers may wonder what affinity enlargement has with retirement. In this case, it is not that any of our churches is in retreat, but that preachers have been forced to retire from active service against their own wills. The years have taken toll of some of our outstanding pioneers, and ill-health has laid others low.

Recently, the South Perth church honored Will Nightingale for his 50 years of service to the brotherhood. The preachers also held a service recently at Le Fanu House, Mosman Park, to honor Roy Raymond and Chas. H. Hunt for more than 40 years of faithful service.

Tribute was paid to Frank Fewster, who has been forced to retire through war disabilities, and James Gordon, who, though still active, has given long and faithful service to the Church.

None of these brethren has retired, in the sense of being withdrawn from circulation, or going into retreat or seclusion; for all of them are sturdy and willing to help churches when called upon.

A third word should be added to the two mentioned: It is the word—

Consolidation

As the result of the successful Bond-Marlow mission at Shenton Park, the congregation there is consolidating. Preachers of neighbor churches have offered their services in an endeavor to establish the new converts in the Faith.

The congregations at Nedlands and Claremont have held meetings to discuss the possibility of amalgamation. Both churches have agreed in principle, provided that satisfactory arrangements can be made for the purchase of suitable land approximately mid-way between the present chapels, and the sale of the present properties. Both churches draw from the same area, and it is thought that consolidation will strengthen the witness to the Nedlands community.

This is perhaps the best place to put in a word for our institutions.

With Government subsidies, the Christian Guest Home at Joondanna Heights is debt-free, and able to establish itself as a Christian Home

for the aged. It has been a venture of faith rewarded. At present, the capacity of the Home is about 20 inmates, but there is sufficient land attached to the property to erect a Home to accommodate more than twice that number.

The Churches of Christ hospital at Claremont is making a distinctive Christian witness. The devotion and faith of the matron and her staff have presented the patients with the presence of the Great Physician.

With these two institutions, the brethren in W.A. have made a good start in the field of social service. The field in W.A. is vast, and there remains much land to be possessed. —C. J. Robinson.



(notes supplied by A. Anderson, sec., F.M. Board.)

Medical Reports

DHOND HOSPITAL—INDIA

The hospital work during the year has been, on the average, good and satisfactory. Dr. L. J. Michael's departure on furlough, Sept., 1955, was keenly felt as a handicap; his long term of service has been very much appreciated, and we miss him and the family very much. However, we look forward to the early coming of Dr. Crowley to fill up the gap. A great and sincere welcome awaits him and his family. In the meantime, Dr. M. D. Bhonde was added to the staff in Dec., 1955.

The nursing department has been capably managed by both Sister Walker and Sister Batterham. Sister Batterham's return from furlough in February relieved Sister Walker to do more evangelistic work, with part-time work in the hospital. A large crowd of 300 to 400 daily is attended to by both Sisters in distribution of milk and other food stuffs in the compound. The present nursing staff is: 2 trained; 4 untrained.

The preaching of the Word of God in the hospital has been done well by Mrs. Daybai Dongre, especially amongst women and children; and by Pastor Dongre by means of lantern pictures, and the exposition of the Word of God thereon. The C.E. girls have often visited the patients in the wards, sung songs and given short talks to them. All these have been good means of contact, cheer,

comfort, and interest to the patients, and their large number of attendants, who usually outnumber the actual number of in-patients.

The erection of a separate new Maternity Ward, considered at one stage to have been built during the year, has been postponed for various reasons. However, it is hoped that it will be realised before long, in deference to the urge and wishes of the people in Australia, and to the long-felt need of the place.

The increase in number of local practitioners in Dhond, and the economic conditions of the people locally and in surrounding villages, have had some effect upon the daily attendance of patients and finance (receipts of the hospital); but only in small proportion as compared to last year's. The following figures for the year sufficiently justify and testify to the continuance of good and useful work of the institution.

Figures are: New Patients, 8,172; Retirements, 31,425; In-patients, 1,297; Free Treats, 5,485; Total O.P. cases, 21,533 = (59 average). Total Receipts during year — Rs. 55,290/15/9.

I would like, in conclusion, to thank all members of the staff for their co-operation in the work. My sincere thoughts of appreciation and gratitude stretch right across land and sea to the churches in Australia, who have been helping the hospital with their liberal contributions, and praying that the hospital will be a great channel of useful service, and good and great witness unto the Lord, Saviour and Redeemer of the world.—S. S. Patil.

PENTECOST—NEW HEBRIDES

Medical work: There is a staff of 5—Japhet, David and Alec (dressers), and Lily Matan and Leele (nursing staff). Alec began training only this year.

General wards: In-patients, 131; average bed days, 17; deaths, 4. Out-patients: As far as the records go there are 2,000, but there would be well over this number, as on some days we were too busy to keep the record.

Obstetrical ward: 9 cases at hospital, 3 born in village and later transferred to hospital.—J. Smith.

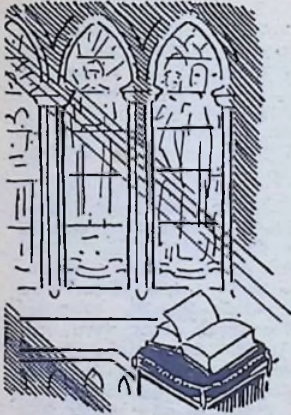
Mr. Smith also reports that during the year contact was maintained in evangelistic work, and for the six months ending June 30 there had been seventeen baptisms.

He also comments on the erection of the new church building by the Island Christians at the Ranmawat centre.

"This building is going ahead slowly. It is being built out of lime mortar, which means a lot of work carrying coral from Ranwadi, carrying stones and sand, etc. The drawback of using lime mortar as a building material is the fact that the moulds have to be left in place for about two weeks. This slows things down. Against this, however, is the fact that the lime, etc. does not cost anything. The building will be 50 feet long by 30 feet wide, with an iron roof."

MAEWO—NEW HEBRIDES

We have opened two new buildings for services. One at Nasawa and one at Peteraro. Both were needed, since the old buildings were woeful. A large crowd gathered together from the Maewo villages, and delegations from Aoba were present. We hope that the buildings will last for many years, as they are expensive to build. Iron was used for roofing in place of leaf, and cement for flooring instead of lime. Bamboo was retained for walls and ceiling.



THE LIVING WORD

Studies on the planned Sunday morning readings

Sunday, October 14

OLD TESTAMENT

Proverbs 3: 19-35.

Summary.

Here is another collection of wise sayings. In this section there are three major thoughts, viz., (1) the security and peace of mind which true wisdom gives; (2) the generosity which this wisdom generates; and (3) the blessing which God gives to the wise man.

Explanatory Notes.

"the depths are broken up, and the clouds drop down the dew" (v. 20). — "In this verse two phenomena of nature are ascribed to God's knowledge. The deeps broke forth: referring to Gen. 7: 11, when the subterranean waters were released at the time of the Flood. The clouds drop down the dew: the tense of the verb refers to the continual, gentle bestowal of moisture upon the earth" (Fritsch).

"walk in thy way safely" (v. 23). — Freedom from fear, with which this and the next three verses deal, is one of the greatest blessings that God can bestow upon anyone. He gives it to those who let their lives be regulated and directed by his divine wisdom. They feel secure in their daily walk, they enjoy sweet sleep, and they do not fear the sudden calamity which comes to those who do not live in accordance with God's will. Under these conditions the soul flourishes, and mind and heart have a peace born of God.

"devise not evil" (v. 29). — This verse warns against malicious conduct. The word "devise" or "plan" comes from a verb which meant, ordinarily, "to engrave" or "to plough." Later the word "devise," used figuratively, usually had a bad sense.

"envy thou not the oppressor" (v. 31). — As in Ps. 73: 3-5, the writer here warns us against envying the wicked man who has acquired his wealth by high-handed, unlawful

means, even though he may appear to be prospering at the moment.

"habitation of the just" (v. 33). — The Hebrew word here which means "abode of the shepherd," usually refers to a country dwelling, and so may be used here in contrast with the noisy city, where the wicked dwell in their houses.

Suggested Theme.

"THE PAST SPEAKS TO THE PRESENT."

Introduction. — There is significance in the fact that the Book of Proverbs belongs to the "Wisdom" section of the Scriptures. In this passage, light from the distant past is thrown upon the lives of people today. Notice,

I. SOME THINGS NOT TO LOSE (vv. 22-26). — God's people have some priceless possessions, things of great value. Those who look at life through God's eyes are wise. They have (a) real life (v. 22), (b) personal security (vv. 23, 26), and (c) inward peace (vv. 24-25). Then observe,

II. SOME THINGS NOT TO DO (vv. 27-31). — Five things are mentioned here: (a) do not refuse to do a kindness (v. 27); (b) do not delay to give a gift (v. 28); (c) do not ever make trouble (v. 29); (d) do not always be arguing (v. 30); (e) do not envy other people (v. 31). Consider, finally,

III. SOME THINGS NOT TO FORGET (vv. 32-35). — Notice the things which God gives to his people. He gives them confidence (v. 32, Goodspeed-Smith translation). He gives them blessing (v. 33). He gives them honor (vv. 34-35). These things we ought never to forget.

Conclusion. — We show true wisdom when, in simple faith, we listen to the past speak to the present—and then act!

NEW TESTAMENT

James 4.

Summary.

This chapter deals with three topics, which at first sight do not appear to be closely related. There is (1) a call to penitence (vv. 1-10); (2) a command against being over-critical (vv. 11-12); and (3) a claim for God's sovereignty over us (this being something we must never forget).

Explanatory Notes.

"lusts" (v. 1). — "Pleasures" (R.V.). "Used here, as usual, in a bad sense, to mean sinful gratification of selfish or wrong cravings. As these 'pleasures' were the cause of dissension, the lust for power, pre-eminence and revenge, and for humiliation of rivals, would be

conspicuous. Cf. 1 Pet. 2: 11" (Bennett).

"ye ask, and receive not" (v. 3). — "James puts the point directly. Prayers suggested by 'devilish' wisdom (3: 15), and uttered by a tongue 'set on fire by hell' (3: 6), could not obtain what they sought. Hence James 1: 5 and Matt. 7: 7-8 are conditional."

"submit yourselves . . . to God" (v. 7). — "Submission to God is the beginning, middle, and end of the prodigal's return from disastrous familiarity with the world to the security of the Father's home" (Plummer).

"speak not evil" (v. 11). — "The context shows what kind of adverse speaking is meant. It is not so much abusive or slanderous talk that is condemned here, as the love for fault-finding. The destructively critical temper is utterly unchristian."

Suggested Theme.

"LIFE WITH A PROPER BALANCE."

Introduction. — James, ever practical, deals with issues of great importance concerning the victorious Christian life. He is ever ready, as here, to give sound advice, and express strong warning. He refers, first, to

I. THE WORLDLY APPROACH (vv. 1-6). — The man of the world has a different viewpoint from the Christian. His approach to life rests on quite different motives. James mentions two things in the life of the worldly man: (a) continual strife (vv. 1-3), and constant worldliness (vv. 4-6). Then James mentions

II. THE WISE ACTION (vv. 7-12). — Here is a sound policy for living. God is placed at the centre, and all life is focussed towards him. We are urged to submit to God (v. 7), to draw near to God (v. 8), to be humble in the presence of God (v. 10). When we do this, life takes on a proper balance and our practices will reveal our relationship to God (cf. v. 11). Finally, James, points to

III. THE WRONG ATTITUDE (vv. 13-17). — Behind these words we sense the lesson that "our lives are a plan of God." We can never be the real masters of life. If we think we can, that is the wrong attitude. Three things stand out here — the future is hidden, and in God's hands (v. 13); life is frail, and should be recognised as such (v. 14); and God is in absolute control, for which we ought to rejoice (v. 15).

Conclusion. — When we look at each day with these principles in mind, our lives will be with a proper balance.



The officers of Lygon-st. church, Carlton, Vic., announce with sincere regret the immediate termination, at his own request, of L. G. Burgin's term as preacher, and place on record their grateful thanks and highest appreciation of his valued services during the period of his appointment.

At this period of the year, many church and B.S. anniversaries are held. Therefore, following our usual custom, we will not accept "displayed" notices advertising these functions from now until the end of November. All such notices will be listed under the block heading of **Coming Events**, this being necessary to afford ample space for articles, church news, etc.

K. Draney, exit student from the College of the Bible, has accepted a call to the church at Ma Ma Creek, Qld.

The General Secretary of the World Convention attended the World Methodist Council meeting at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina, on Sept. 5. He attended and brought greetings to this world gathering as a Fraternal delegate. The Methodists meet every five years. There are seven "families of faith" which meet every five years, and our World Convention is one of the seven. The Baptist World Alliance will hold its next meeting in Rio de Janeiro, the capital of Brazil, in 1960. Their previous meeting was held in London, in July, 1955. The World Lutheran Federation will hold its next meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota, U.S.A., Aug. 15-25, 1957. This organisation has a budget of four million dollars. Its headquarters office is in Geneva, Switzerland.

F. Langford, preacher at Kedron, Qld., has accepted a call to minister with the church at Bordertown, S.A., beginning in February, 1957.

The executives of the church union committees of the Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational Churches in Australia, have decided that, on the Federal level, the conveners of each church union committee should draft a tentative basis for union. In this they were empowered to call for any assistance that they required. It was decided that the draft should then be submitted to the Federal committee from each denomination for consideration. In the meantime,

it has been recommended that each State church union committee should organise discussion groups or conferences, to consider the theological questions involved in union.

The church at Mackay, Qld., greatly appreciated the two weeks' mission conducted by R. Hilford (East Ipswich), who also combined with the resident minister, D. H. Paddon, in a series of Happy Hours during the first week, resulting in three new scholars. The presence of Mrs. Hilford was also enjoyed, as was her talk to the ladies. Vocal items added to the appeal of the meetings.

Friends of Mrs. J. E. Pratt, of Albury, N.S.W., will be sorry to learn that she is in Bethesda Hospital, Melbourne, where she was to undergo an operation on Oct. 1.

Len Thomas, 17-year-old member of the Cottesloe church, W.A., has achieved golfing fame for the second year in succession. His achievements to date this year include: two W.A. amateur titles, the W.A. close title, the junior (1955-56) and boy championships of W.A., the 1955-56 South-West titles, State selection and a place in the last 16 in the 1956 national amateur field recently held in Sydney. Len regularly takes his place on the reading plan, and spends many hours a week doing church duplicating. Len made his decision in a tent campaign conducted in the district just under a year ago.

D. Morley commenced a ministry with Yarrowonga church, Vic., on Sept. 30.

H. R. Coventry has returned home from hospital after successful surgery. Mr. Coventry expresses appreciation of the prayers offered on his behalf, and the many messages of goodwill received.

On Sept. 15, the 50th anniversary of the church at Stawell, Vic., opened with a tea, with about 80 present. Les Warden was chairman, and the birthday cake, made by Mrs. Shaw and decorated by Mrs. Tredgett, was cut by Mrs. Payne (Echuca), who was the first member of this church 48 years ago. A social evening followed the tea. F. Hunting (Ballarat) was guest speaker at both services on the 16th. At a P.S.A., H. B. Robbins was speaker. Messages in song during the day came from Mrs. N.

Livett, Mrs. K. Smith and Mr. Robbins. Mr. Robbins was the preacher of the church 42 years ago. Mr. Payne (Echuca) was also a member then, and his talk was enjoyed. Mr. Robbins stayed in Stawell and conducted both services on Sept. 30, also speaking at the prayer meeting on the 19th.

On Sept. 2, the church at Montrose, Vic., held a special service in memory of the late Mr. and Mrs. Langley, who made a great contribution to the work there. There were 84 present, when W. W. Saunders spoke, and musical items were presented by Messrs. Reakey and Papst. The Langley family presented the church with a reading desk and Bible. The lining of the youth hall is now complete. Y.P. raised funds to provide a sink for the kitchen at the rear of the hall.

M. D. Roberts, minister of the church at Essendon, Vic., has accepted an extension of one year to his term of service with the church, as from March, 1957.

Federal College of the Bible Notes

1. We are happy to acknowledge the gift of several books from Alan Bond, of Caulfield.

2. Among recent interstate visitors to the College, we have been happy to welcome Dr. Knight of Hobart, President of the Tasmanian District Conference.

3. A gift of £100 has been received from the estate of the late G. L. Murray, who served for many years on the Board of Management.

4. A group of students will be attending Federal Conference in Sydney. Several others will be engaged in evangelistic missions with churches in Victoria.

5. Many favorable comments have been received concerning the College Jubilee brochures which have now reached the churches. Late arrival in several States was occasioned by the postal workers' strike.

6. Good work is being done by a number of young people who are pursuing the College Correspondence Course. We would like to suggest to others who wish to train for better service in the local church, to plan now to begin the course in 1957. Get particulars now from the Secretary.

7. Enquiries are being made by prospective students for 1957, and a number of applications have been received. Would all intending students make contact without delay? All applications for admissions in 1957 should be in the hands of the Secretary by Oct. 31.—K.A.J.



Discipleship

Kay Cameron, Fay, Gail and Wesley Chislett, Red Cliffs, Vic.
Miss P. Goodwill, Fullarton, S.A.
Brenda Starr, Helen Colless, Yarrawonga, Vic.
G. Ryles, Northcote, Vic.

Membership

Mr. and Mrs. Gudgeon and Heather, to Lygon-st., Carlton, Vic.
Mrs. Piltz and Chris, to Lygon-st., Carlton, Vic.
Mrs. R. Hocking, from Forestville to Ascot Park, S.A.
Mr. and Mrs. Holmes, from Springvale to Carnegie, Vic.
Mrs. Doris Rice, from Castlemaine to Footscray, Vic.

Marriage

Lorna Ferguson to James Allen, Red Cliffs, Vic.
Edith Bull to Graham Humphries, Ascot Park, S.A.
Jean Withers, West Preston, to Max Witt, Moreland, Vic.
Kath Mulroney to Ian Timewell, Ormond, Vic.

Fallen Asleep

Miss J. Warncken, Bordertown, S.A.
S. Huddy, South Perth, W.A.
T. Jenner, Rosewood, Qld.
M. Christensen, Rosevale, Qld.
Mrs. S. Cranwell, North Perth, W.A.
Charles Chiswell, Bet Bet, Vic.

Australian Capital Territory

Canberra (G. R. Stirling, B.A.). — Enthusiastic and profitable reports were received at third annual meeting of church. Membership now stands at 90 and av. attendances are: morning, 68; evening, 71; communicants, 67. B.S. enrolment stands at 153 and 17 teachers. Membership of all auxiliaries is growing. C.Y.F. commenced five months ago, now has member-

ship of 36. Deacons elected were: S. Moignard (chairman), F. Berry (vice-chairman), P. Bennett (treas.), L. Conley (asst.-treas.), B. Buffinton (sec.), A. Ongley (asst.-sec.), R. Fergie, K. Bowes, E. McGregor, R. Rugendyke. Deaconesses are: Mesdames R. Clark, K. Bowes, B. Buffinton, E. MacFarlane, A. C. Morris, J. Withers.

Western Australia

Geraldton. — Attendance at church services has been seriously affected by epidemic of virus influenza. Annual meeting of church was held recently, preceded by basket tea. Meeting elected as officers: C. Pascoe, A. Sharp, H. Diprose, E. Chamberlain, L. Harris and L. Mathews. Conf. Pres., F. Stephenson, was present at meetings on last Sunday in Aug., and his morning address was appreciated. Work on new chapel is nearing completion.

North Perth. — Y.P.C.E. invited Osborne Park and North Leederville Methodist Societies to barbecue, held at Mount Yokine; nearly 50 Y.P. attended. Our Y.P. society is leading for first quarter of F. C. Swaine Efficiency Shield. Tennis club has been formed. Men recently met to form Men's Fellowship. Ladies held another social for Manse Fund. Mr. and Mrs. C. Hunt have moved to Bentley Park. On their last Sunday with church, following gospel service, a representative gathering met to say farewell, and wish them God's blessing in their future avenues of service. Mrs. York, senr., Mrs. L. Dearden, I. A. Edwards and J. Lavery are ill. Church extended sympathy to loved ones of late Sis. S. Cranwell. Mrs. Wardle attended meeting of J.C.E., and showed interesting slides of her trip to Europe. Church is grateful to number of visiting speakers, in absence of full-time preacher. Mr. Paget is continuing to render fine service in conducting evening meetings.

Cottesloe (G. Smith). — Church rejoices with nine who have decided for Christ during month. C.W.F. monthly evening meeting was held in manse, and five ladies testified on What the Bible Means to Me. Ladies visited Greenplace Hospital; entertained seventeen guests for lunch from Joondana Guest Home, and also held a meeting at Bethesda Hospital. Matron Hill was speaker, and conducted ladies over new laundry. Nine lads enjoyed four-day camping experience with Mr. Smith during school holidays. Twenty-three parti-

cipated in youth hike across Kalamunda hills on 5th. Men's senior basketball team was successful in grand final. L. Stafford (Vic.) has been visitor in recent services. Hall building project progresses satisfactorily.

South Perth (S. H. Wilson). — Av. attendance at Lord's Table is 130. Men's Fellowship reports splendid meetings. R. Raymond (who has now settled in South Perth) recently gave interesting talk on past experiences. Ladies' Fellowship has been active and their "at home" was very successful; Mrs. Prescott, wife of Chancellor of W.A. University, was guest speaker. Many recent visitors included Mr. and Mrs. Clapp and family (Carnarvon), Mr. and Mrs. L. Hicks (Kalgoorlie), Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Foot (Tas.), Mr. and Mrs. Bramstedt and Misses McColman and Chestlett (Vic.). Mrs. P. Jeffries is in Fremantle Hospital. Church sympathy goes to Mr. and Mrs. Frainor, in sudden loss of a mother and niece, also to Mrs. Huddy and boys in passing of Stan. Huddy. Church congratulates Mr. and Mrs. Ray Schmidt on their marriage, and our prayers go with them to Norseman Mission.

Queensland

West Moreton Circuit (V. G. Boettcher). — Overseas offerings this year were largest on record, £283 being given. G. McKelvie (Conf. Pres.) has visited all churches and was greeted with well attended services. Rosewood ladies held successful social afternoon, over £22 being added to their funds. Lowood members honored Mr. and Mrs. N. Vogler at enjoyable evening on occasion of their silver wedding anniversary. Members of Mt. Walker church honored Bevan Millar with an evening for his 21st birthday. Many members have been ill. Mrs. F. Lobegeiger, senr., has entered hospital. Mr. Sellars is home again, recovering from recent illness. T. Jenner and M. Christensen passed to their rest. Both these members were pioneers of Mt. Walker and Rosevale churches, respectively.

Mackay (D. H. Paddon). — Attendance at B.S. is growing, and difficulty is being found in providing sufficient transport for new scholars. Recent visitors included Mrs. Hardy (Marooka), Mr. and Mrs. F. Collingwood (Tully), Miss Verna Jones (Rockhampton), Mr. Read (Scotland), Dorothy Smalley (Yeppoon), Mrs. Glen (Bankstown), Carol Jones and

Heather Fury (Rockhampton). Good attendances continue, especially at morning services. C.Y.F. held Arts and Crafts Evening, which proved highly successful. Mr. Nielson made a signpost, and placed it on front of chapel fence. Men's cricket team has begun season.

New South Wales

Rockdale (A. B. Clark). — Family night, held on Sept. 1, was not so well attended as previously. Mr. Stanhope gave a travelogue on West coast of Tasmania, at Men's Fellowship on 13th. Good Companions' Club is progressing under leadership of Miss L. Feetham. Several B.S. pupils were successful in Y.P.D. Eisteddfod. Mr. Brooker was speaker at morning service on 16th, and K. Patterson in evening. Many members are recovering from illnesses.

Hornsby (V. S. Dallinger).—Monthly fellowship tea was held on Aug. 26, and W. C. Roffey (Social Service) was guest speaker. Church social was held on Sept. 8. Church supported tent mission at Burwood on 16th. B.S. anniversary was held on 23rd and 24th. V. S. Dallinger was speaker at morning service on 23rd. R. Hicken was guest speaker at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. meetings. Scholars took part at all services. At 7 p.m. meeting, four scholars indicated their desire to follow Christ. Film, *Bucking Wood Inn*, was screened after service. Teachers and scholars presented concert on the Monday night. Film, *Sunday on the Range*, brought highly successful and well attended anniversary to a close. During past few weeks, Kevin Sheppard, a B.S. scholar had been very sick, and passed away suddenly. C.E., Miss Thurrowgood and Mrs. Bishop have contributed in song at gospel services. Attendances have been down because of sickness and holidays, but are now improving.

South Australia

Ascot Park (H. Cave). — B.S. anniversary was held in Rechabite Hall. Singing, under leadership of supt., W. Philip, was excellent. Platform was loaned; part by Unley and part by Clovelly Park schools. Temporary hall recently had its first use for a wedding reception. Church eagerly awaits chapel specification and plans, which are now on drawing board. Visiting speakers for month have been G. Philip (Fullarton), G. M. Cox (Home Missions), W. Carnaby (Edwardstown) and C. Stock (Jewish Evangelical Witness).

Bordertown (C. E. Curtis).—Men's Society visited Naracoorte on Sept. 7, when programme included devotional quiz, movie films and discussion on Displaced Persons. Women's

Fellowship meeting on 13th was successful "gardening evening." A. H. Wilson spoke at morning service on 16th and D. R. Milne at night. A B.S. has been started at Wolseley. W.M.B. held their meeting on 20th. C. E. Curtis brought very informative report of State Conference meetings to morning service on 23rd.

Fullarton (A. W. Morris). — Film, *King of Kings*, was screened to packed chapel on Sept. 22. New organ was used for first time on 23rd; this was made possible by generosity of Messenger family. Baptismal service preceded gospel service, when one followed her Lord in baptism. Mr. Taylor was soloist. Mr. McLean has suffered a heart attack.

Kersbrook (B. W. Manning). — Morning services have been particularly well attended and helpful. Church regrets week's illness of preacher, and, later, Mrs. Manning's indisposition, which kept both from all State Conference meetings. At close of Thanksgiving Day, another young lady accepted Christ. F. Fullston is home from hospital, but still very weak.

Long Plains-Avon-Owen Circuit (M. D. Williams). — There were good attendances at Owen church anniversary, including number of visitors, on Aug. 26. Speaker in morning and afternoon was Mr. Williams, and at evening service film, *The Promise*, was screened. Church is making regular use of local school projector, operated by head teacher, Mr. Russell. His willing service is greatly appreciated. At Owen Guild meeting on Sept. 12, Mrs. D. Beller (Glencelg) screened interesting slides of her recent visit to Java, including mission work of Dr. and Mrs. H. Steward. L. G. Armstrong (Balaklava) gave appreciated talks at anniversary services of Avon B.S. on 2nd and 3rd. Attendances were good, in spite of number being absent because of influenza.

Nailsworth (N. Gavros).—On Conference Sunday, morning meeting was addressed by R. Oke (Mount Compass) and in evening by A. E. Stevens (Whyalla). Retiring offering for flood relief exceeded £16. Nailsworth choir combined with Prospect choir to provide special music for Social Service Rally at Conference.

Semaphore (R. H. Sercombe). — At church anniversary, speakers were J. E. Webb and W. Bartlett. S. Neighbour (Prospect) is leading church, with special lectures, in forthcoming Visitation Evangelism campaign. Sisters' Guild held monthly meeting on Sept. 4, when missionary letters were read. All auxiliaries are in good heart. Boys' Brigade is meeting on Friday evenings. Church holds monthly film service, and these are well

attended. Church sympathises with Mrs. A. Samuels in loss of her sister. G. Young (elder) has recovered from illness.

Victoria

Lygon-st., Carlton. — Services have been well attended of late. Visitors have included Mr. and Mrs. Sires (Balaklava, S.A.), Mr. and Mrs. Byrne (England), Mr. and Mrs. Gardiner (N.Z.), Mr. and Mrs. Warren (S.A.). B.S. anniversary services over two Sundays have been great success. H. Faul, supt., ably chaired the meetings. L. McClean capably conducted singing, assisted by orchestra. Visiting speakers were R. V. Amos and W. W. Saunders. Loving sympathy is expressed to Miss H. Dickens, following her serious operation, and to Mrs. Pang, Mrs. Page and Mrs. Lees, who have suffered injuries through falls in recent days. Prayers are offered for their speedy recovery.

Bendigo (R. V. Holmes). — On Sept. 19, Explorers were entertained by Clive Thornton with sound films, and by John Langley at supper. At worship service on 23rd a polished porch notice board, presented as a memorial to late Charles Clapton by his family, was dedicated. In afternoon, Spring Gully B.S. held anniversary celebration, with special singing and prize-giving. John Ellis has agreed to compile a record of our church history. Old residence adjacent to chapel has been sold by church for demolition. Ground improvements are to follow. Asphalting of street footpath has improved appearance and comfort.

Dandenong (L. G. Read).—Youth Club held mystery hike on Sept. 7. Youth Fellowship held annual meeting at home of Mr. and Mrs. Abbott on 8th. Youth Club held combined meeting with Springvale Y.P. on 14th. Preacher exchanged with R. Chamberlain (Berwick) on 16th. Church annual meeting, held on 20th, expressed disappointment at delay in passing of plans for new chapel. Youth Club held film night on 21st. E. Randall (Springvale) spoke at morning service on 23rd. First Sunday of kinder anniversary was held in evening. Good Companions have enjoyed variety of meetings, including temperance night and flower making.

Essendon (M. D. Roberts).—Morning attendances have been well maintained, but those at night have declined slightly. Half-yearly business meeting was held on Sept. 12. Reports from auxiliaries showed that all aspects of work were in good heart. Twenty members of C.M.S. travelled to Geelong on evening of 18th to assist formation of society at Latrobe-terr. church. A most enjoyable and helpful night was experienced. R. Tippett assisted North-

cote B.S. as conductor during their anniversary services. Cricket club has entered senior and junior teams in local churches' competition.

Mt. Evelyn (R. G. McPherson). — Church appreciates help from Montrose by S. Fordham presiding, and K. Drainey preaching; also from Ringwood by N. Westmore, accompanied by his wife. Mrs. McPherson and Jeff have now recovered from operations. Sis. P. Matthews is making slow progress from serious operation. Miss Nancy McPherson was welcomed home after completing her nursing course. Preparation is being made for month of special Sunday services.

North Williamstown (S. K. Bannon). — Two B.S. lads were immersed during evening service on Sept. 9. Visitation Evangelism, which has been in progress several weeks, is proving effective. Mid-week early evening prayer meetings have increased in attendance. Av. attendance at church services during past month were: 63, a.m.; 72, p.m.; 75 communicants. Large congregation was impressed with film, *A Little Child Shall Lead Them*, which was screened at gospel service on 23rd; G. Ogden was soloist. Good Companions enjoyed "arrow chase" on 25th, finishing at home of their leader. Mr. Roberts spoke on first aid at C.M.S. meeting on 16th. W.M.B. held their birthday service on 20th.

Red Cliffs (C. L. Lang). — All services continue to be well attended. Visitors recently have included D. Nicholls (Fitzroy) and Mr. and Mrs. Chivell and family (Unley, S.A.). H. A. G. Clark held special united meeting on Sept. 14, and screened film, *My Brother's Keeper*. Ladies conducted cake stall at market, and made £25/8/-. Women's Fellowship took 60 garments to rally in Mildura on 18th, for Aborigines Missions parcel. Four teenagers made good confession on 23rd.

Wangaratta. — B.S. anniversary was held on Sept. 16 and 23. W. W. Saunders addressed church on morning of 16th, and spoke to scholars in evening. Mrs. M. McIntosh conducted kinder demonstration in afternoon. F. Leivesley (Albury) was guest speaker at afternoon and evening services on 23rd. Cradle roll and kinder prizes were distributed at afternoon session. Singing was conducted by Mrs. R. Thomas on 16th, and Mrs. R. McRohan on 23rd. Mrs. McRohan is commended for her work in leading scholars' singing in place of Mrs. Thomas, who entered hospital. Mrs. Trippett and Judy Moore are also in hospital, the latter suffering from severe injuries received in a motor accident. P. R. Baker has consented to conduct a short interim

ministry. Y.P.S.C.E. held an Amateur Talent night on 17th, when many surprising talents were shown by Y.P.

Yarrowonga. — F. Leivesley (Albury) visited every home prior to anniversary services, which he led with inspirational messages. Two girls from B.S. made their decision. Fellowship tea was held, with visitors from Albury, Wangaratta, and Wagga Wagga. K. Christensen (Wagga) was speaker. £129 was received as a thankoffering.

Kyneton (R. Veal). — Y.P. from Ballarat conducted an evening service, and sang a quartet item; speaker was V. Berry. Mrs. D. Ross was welcomed home from U.S.A. Goudie family (Hamilton) conducted evening service on Sept. 9, June giving the address. After the service, she screened slides of her overseas tour, and H. Mountjoy screened slides of N.S.W. B. Snoxall (C.O.B.) conducted services during that day. Parade of Berean Club was held on 16th, some of whom conducted the service. On 23rd, R. Veal concluded serial of *Pilgrim's Progress*, illustrated by crayon drawings. Mrs. McNamara is in Alfred Hospital.

Carnegie (A. R. Lloyd). — After-church hymn singing and fellowship was held on Sept. 9, led by R. Whitaker (Bambra-rd.), followed by supper served by Y.W.F. In place of usual sermon at gospel service on 16th, minister answered questions submitted to him. Y.W.F. attended Camp Conference at Monbulk on 15th-16th. Sponsored by C.Y.F., film, *King of Kings*, was shown on 15th. At gospel service on 23rd, *Guest Night* was held, when members of church were requested to ask others to service as their guests.

Footscray (A. E. Hurren). — At annual business meeting, F. T. Morgan was elected to Officers' Board, filling vacancy caused by retirement of A. Smith. New Church Building Fund was launched, with object of transferring work to new site. Group Visitation Campaign has been conducted amongst members of church, with beneficial results. Planned programme has been arranged for the concluding three months of this year. Church regrets removal of a number of families from district. K.S.P. club conducted morning service on Sept. 2, and N. Livett was speaker. Church was pleased to renew fellowship with R. Story and C. Thomson, now of Sydney, who gave the message. Ladies' Aid raised £40 at jumble sale, and also conducted a luncheon, at which R. H. Barnes (Melbourne City Mission) was speaker. L. Snow (Maldstone) exchanged with A. E. Hurren on recent Sunday. Bible Class is conducting fortnightly after-church fellowship in members' homes.

Moreland (J. Turner, B.A.). — At after-church fellowship, members met to honor Max Witt (B.S. sec.), prior to his marriage with Jean Withers. Tour of inspection to General Motors Holden was made on Sept. 24. On 25th C.W.F. (afternoon and evening groups) held combined birthday meeting, with 120 ladies present, representing most of local church groups. Mr. Anderson (Melb. University) spoke interestingly on *Asian Students and Their Problems*. P.B.P. continue monthly visits to old folk at Royal Park. Mid-week fellowship group are grateful to those who have opened their homes for these meetings under leadership of Mr. Turner. Boys are preparing for cricket season. Moreland boys held house party at home of Mr. and Mrs. G. Harman. Fawcner boys held picture night, given by P.M.G., with about 200 presented Norm. Murphy and Ian Wilcox are out of hospital.

Parkdale (C. Dunse). — A. J. Fisher was guest speaker at gospel service on Sept. 24, when a B.S. scholar made her decision. Colored slides were shown of Norseman Mission. On previous Sunday, four girls from same B.S. class confessed Christ, none of their parents being members of the church Fair, arranged by B.S. aux. and assisted by all aux. and club members, realised £200, proceeds being for new Youth Hall at East Parkdale. Ladies' Snowball meeting, held in home of Mrs. Wilson, was fortunate in having Mrs. Cleland as speaker, and all enjoyed seeing pictures of her trip to America, England and the Continent. Good Companions entered team in swimming sports, and Explorers paid visit to Box Hill.

Swan Hill (A. Avery). — 160 members and guests attended church dinner, held in Town Hall supper room on Sept. 14, when programme to raise finance for new Chapel and Building Fund was launched. Recent services have taken form of favorite hymn singing, and question nights. Attendances have been well maintained, with an average of 70 breaking bread each Lord's Day. On Sept. 21, Berean Club visited Presbyterian Y.P., for social evening.

Northcote (W. Gale). — B.S. anniversary services were continued on Sept. 23, when N. Pell was speaker at afternoon service and W. Gale at night. A young man decided for Christ. Children, under leadership of R. Tippet, again sang excellently. At closing session of anniversary on 26th, films were shown and prizes distributed to scholars.

Ormond (D. W. Mansell). — Work is progressing in all depts. B.S. anniversary services so far have been great success. On 23rd at 3 p.m., E. J. Miles was speaker to packed

hall. D. W. Mansell was speaker at 7 p.m., and one young lady confessed Christ as Saviour. Ladies of church are donating two more rows of seats in new chapel. All clubs are on increase. K.S.P., with 26 members, has only four who are not church mem-

bers. P.B.P., after leading all year without defeat, were beaten in final by Brunswick. Mrs. Mansell and baby Jennifer are now regular at all services. Sis. Tootell is able to move around again. Weekly offerings have averaged £45.

The Home Mission supt. reported that a visit had been paid to the country church, Balaklava, where there was a splendid attendance for the meeting. Albert Park, a new church just one year old, reported 215 B.S. scholars present on a recent Sunday. Church membership is now 106. There is need for further B.S. accommodation.

The Overseas Committee reported a fine meeting with the Croydon Young Women's Group. Mrs. Riches told of a splendid display of goods at Grote-st. for Aborigines Missions. Both afternoon and evening meetings were held on Display Day. H. L. Davie spoke on Aborigine Day, held on Aug. 23. Over 750 new garments were given; 31 cartons of clothes have been forwarded. New curtains and bedspreads have been made and sent, also 14 rugs. There are now 110 children at Carnarvon, and 79 at Norseman. At the C.E. Convention held recently at Carnarvon, there were 22 decisions for Christ; also two of the missionaries' children confessed their faith. Mrs. McQueen led in prayer for missionary work and workers.

Prayer Meeting Committee has been busy visiting "shut-in" ladies. Hospitality is being given country folk attending Conference. Mrs. Shipway thanked Mrs. Kruger for her leadership through the past year.

A musical "At Home" was held in the Adelaide Town Hall last month, arranged by the Women's United Church Association. Our ladies assisted in providing and serving afternoon tea, and collected over £7 for tickets sold. Proceeds were for printing Christian literature for distribution in the Pacific Islands.

BIRTH

OLDFIELD (Saunders). — To St. Clair and William, on September 13, 1956, a daughter—Zaita St. Clair.

DEATH

BROAD. — On September 1, 1956 (result accident), at Pyramid Hill, Raymond Stanley, darling son of Beth and Will, loving brother of Arthur, David, Frances, Barbara (dec.), Trevor, Elsie, Lois and Glenton. Aged 13 years.

CHISWELL. — On September 21, 1956, at Maryborough Hospital, Vic., Charles, beloved husband of Maud, devoted father of Ada (Mrs. H. Cave, Adelaide), Arthur (St. Arnaud), Bert, Ernie (Betley), and Phyllis (Mrs. K. Burchell, Maryborough).

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IN MEMORIAM

CARR. — In fond memory of our dear Thelma, who passed from this life on September 29, 1941, aged 22 years.

—Inserted by her loving parents, sister and brothers.

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WOMEN

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

Interstate News

QUEENSLAND

At Sept. meeting, held in Ann-st. social hall on 6th, the attendance was not as good as usual, owing to prevalent sickness.

Mrs. Burdeu presided. An inspiring paper, written by Mrs. McKenzie (preacher's wife at Toowoomba), was read by Mrs. McLane. Mr. and Mrs. Potter, from W.A., were in the gathering, and Mr. Potter spoke on the work at Norseman, giving some appreciated first-hand information.

Suggested Amended Constitution of Women's Federal Conference was dealt with, and it was decided by our women that Queensland would support the Suggested Amended Constitution as submitted by the Federal Council.

The following delegates have been Aitken, asking that all interstate Conference: Mrs. C. R. Burdeu, Mrs. E. W. Potter, Mrs. S. Smith, Mrs. Adams, and Mrs. Elliott. Mrs. C. R. Burdeu and Mrs. E. W. Potter were appointed Pre-Conference and Post-Conference delegates.

A letter was received from Mrs. Aitken asking that all interstate secretaries meet at Federal Conference, with a view to forming a Temperance Committee in each State. It was decided that, as our secretary was not going to Federal Conference, Mrs. C. R. Burdeu would be our representative.

The Newsletter of World Christian Women's Fellowship was distributed to a representative of each of our Fellowships, the remainder to be forwarded to country sisters.

The Half-Yearly Conference, to be held at Chinchilla, Oct. 20 and 21, was dealt with. The women would have 45 minutes to bring their work before Conference. It was decided to have all avenues of our work briefly dealt with by the various superintendents.—N. McLane, sec.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Included in Sept. meeting on 7th, was a wonderful display of goods for

Aborigines Missions. Thanks is expressed to all who sent in gifts for mission boxes. A set of rustless baby scales, to be sent from N.S.W. sisters to Mrs. Finger in the New Hebrides, was also on view.

Mrs. R. H. Wakeley presided at the meeting, and Ira Paternoster, jr., fraternal delegate from U.S.A. for Federal Conf., was guest speaker. He brought a most interesting and informative talk concerning the many ways in which women serve the Lord in the churches in America. Mr. Paternoster brought greetings to the meeting from Miss Jessie Trout, sec. of W.C.W.F.

The President announced that she had visited the sisters at Wagga and Albury, and had had an enjoyable time with them.

Mrs. H. Larcombe, floral convener for Fed. Conf., Mrs. Milne, catering convener, and Mrs. A. Larcombe, Women's Federal President, then spoke concerning the coming Fed. Conf., and urged all sisters to do whatever they could to ensure the success of same.

Mrs. L. Hughes was elected as the new treasurer of Women's Conference. Mrs. Wakeley spoke of the wonderful way in which Miss Bell had served as treasurer, and expressed deep regret at her resignation.—B. Wylie, rec. sec.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

There were 110 present at the meeting which was held in the Grote-st. chapel on Sept. 6. Mrs. Kruger, President, welcomed all to the meeting, including Mrs. Arnold (Port Pirie), who brought a greeting. The Brooklyn Park church was responsible for the devotional period, and Mrs. Lewis spoke on "She hath done what she can't." So many times Christians are apt to put off serving Christ by saying that they can't do the task required of them, when all the time they really can, and should be ready to be used in service. A solo was beautifully rendered.

£6 has been forwarded to the Morialta Children's Home, and a further £1 for "Meals on Wheels."

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At the end of each class supper will be served, when you will be able to join in discussion with others. You will be able to give your ideas and knowledge, and, we hope, receive help from these classes.

This year, to get the classes underway, each subject will be for one night only, with as many as possible in attendance. The whole idea of the classes will be for as many as possible to take an active part in the class, and in this way you will learn by actual experience under expert supervision.

Subjects this year will be: Oct. 22—Bible Reading; Oct. 29—House Painting—Hints and Color Schemes; Nov. 8—Sermon Training; Nov. 12—Presiding.

Next year, classes will be one night a week, for ten weeks, with the above subjects, plus many others—such as stewardship and public speaking. There will also be home repairs, health, photography and other interesting subjects.

We had a very successful Men's Dinner at the Prahran chapel on Aug. 24, when men from 44 churches attended. All of our Council meetings will be held during the dinner period, and we are going to mix business and pleasure.

We are dividing our work into various committees, to give many men an interest and to spread the work. Committees will be: Publicity, Development, Secretarial, Research, Stewardship, Classes, Preaching Rosters, Advisory, Building and General Aids. We want men to help on these committees.

Leading men have conflicting ideas, and we do want to discuss the many problems confronting our churches, in a friendly manner. Sometimes we may agree to disagree, but at all times to remain friends. Friendly dis-

cussion will help to solve many problems, if we all approach discussions with an open mind.

The men's work is for all men associated with our churches, and we want to bring the men on the outer fringe into more active work. We are not a closed Men's Society.

Yours sincerely,
Norman F. White,
Secretary.

Fifty Years Ago

Excerpts from "The Australian Christian" of October 4, 1906.

Editor: A. B. Maston.

The Editor Answers Some Questions.—A correspondent wishes to know whether it is right to partake of the emblems with gloves on. It is; and it is just as right for her to take them off . . . The old question as to whether an unmarried man should act as a deacon is again asked. In our judgment, yes, all other things being equal. Because a man happens to be married does not prove that he has good, sound judgment, and that is what is wanted in a deacon . . . A subscriber wants to know if, when an elder in teaching the church "misleads" the members, is it right for another brother not an elder to correct him the next Lord's day morning. To say the least of it, conduct of this kind would lead to disorder and confusion. Such things should be settled privately.

Proposed Bungalow at Baramati.—The Foreign Mission Committee in Adelaide has decided to ask the South Australian churches to take up a special collection on any Lord's day that may be convenient to them individually, to provide for the building of the proposed Magarey Bungalow at Baramati.

Singing Evangelist.—E. W. Pittman, singing evangelist, will, after January next, be open for engagement (under the auspices of the S.A. Evangelist Union) with any church in the suburbs or country desiring his services, either in conjunction with the local evangelist, or to conduct a month's service of song and story himself.

These Old-Time Editors!—A good brother wishes us to apologise for speaking of Seventh Day Adventists as cranks. When we get ready to do so, we will let our brother know.—A.B.M.

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LATROBE-TERR., GEELONG, 99th CHURCH ANNIVERSARY. Sunday, October 28. Guest speaker for day: F. N. Lee. Pleasant Sunday Afternoon. Saturday, Oct. 27, Anniversary Tea, 6 p.m. Past members and visitors welcome.

COWANDILLA CHURCH, S.A. NEW CHAPEL OPENING. Building nearing completion. Watch this column for opening date. Listen for pulpit announcement.

RESERVOIR BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY. October 7 and 14. Speakers: 7th, 3 p.m., L. Barlow; 7 p.m., L. Stewart. 14th, 3 p.m., R. Muller; 7 p.m., R. Burns. All welcome.

SHEPPARTON CHURCH. 75th ANNIVERSARY will be celebrated by special services on October 20-21. Guest speaker, S. Russell Baker.

CHELTENHAM BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY. October 14 and 21 at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Kindergarten anniversary at 3 p.m., on 21st. Concert, Wednesday, 24th. A sincere welcome to all.

ASCOT VALE BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY. October 7 and 14. 7th, 3 p.m., Kindergarten Demonstration. 14th, 3 p.m., Film, *The Red Sea*; 7 p.m., *Youth Going Christ's Way*. All welcome.

SOUTH MELBOURNE BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY. October 21 and 28. Speakers: 21st, 3 p.m., S. K. Bannon; 7 p.m., R. Bust. 28th, 3 p.m., Dr. R. Killmier; 7 p.m., G. A. Hearn. A hearty welcome to all.

FOOTSCRAY BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY. October 14 and 21. 14th, 3 p.m., Kindergarten Demonstration and Distribution of Cradle Roll cards; 7 p.m., R. Muller. 21st, 3 p.m., R. Edgar; 7 p.m., A. E. Hurren. Wednesday, 24th, 8 p.m., Scholars' Demonstration. Bright singing. All welcome. Hospitality provided.

HARTWELL BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY. October 7 and 14. Speakers: 7th, 3 p.m., A. W. Milligan; 7 p.m., R. Brooker. 14th, 3 p.m., R. N. Gilmore; 7 p.m., H. J. Patterson. A hearty welcome to all.

NORTH WILLIAMSTOWN BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY. October 7 and 14. 7th, 3 p.m., R. E. McMillan; 7 p.m., G. Bowman. 14th, 3 p.m., Kinder and Primary after-

noon; 7 p.m., S. K. Bannon. Bright singing. All welcome.

WATTLE PARK BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY. October 14 in R.S.L. Hall, Toorak-rd., Burwood. (Near tram terminus.) Special speakers. 2.45 and 7 p.m. All welcome.

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.

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OBITUARY

Thomas Petty.

Thomas Petty was called Home on
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on sustaining a broken leg on Aug.
27, the day after he laid the founda-
tion-stone of the new chapel at
Doncaster, Vic. For over seventy
years he had been actively associated
with the work and witness of the
church, which, outside of his work
and his home, always came first in
claims upon his time, his energy,
and his love. He was baptised on Dec.
10, 1893, by D. A. Ewers. Outstanding
features of his record of devotion to
the church include 44 years as a
church officer (1911-55), 25 years as
church secretary (1923-48), and 62
years as a member of the choir—
a record rarely, if ever, excelled. His
was the most Christ-like character
the writer has known, and he will
be long remembered for his kindly,
lovely Christian grace, his willing-
ness at all times to do anything
within his power for folk in trouble,
and his ready encouragement and
wise advice. A packed chapel, and the
many floral tributes, bore their own
eloquent tribute to the place this
brother held in all our hearts. To
his dear wife, to sons Leslie and
Gordon, to daughters-in-law Minnie
and Dorie, to grandchildren Bruce
(England) Ruth, Alan, and Ralph,
to brothers Will and Frank, and sis-
ters Vera (Mrs. J. Smith) and Alma
(Mrs. A. F. Miller), we express our
deepest sympathy, and commend them
all to the God of all comfort.
—F.B.E.

Raymond S. Broad.

The death occurred on Sept. 1,
under tragic circumstances, of Ray-
mond Stanley Broad, 13-year-old
third son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A.
Broad, of "Deloraine," Pyramid Hill,
Vic. Raymond was very highly re-
garded by all with whom he came
in contact. He was a regular atten-
dant at B.S., C.E., church and youth
club, and last December became a
member of the church at Pyramid.
The high esteem in which he was
held was reflected in the very many
cards, beautiful floral tributes and
wreaths received. A diligent, hard-
working scholar and well-mannered
lad, his friendly and joyful nature
impressed all who shared his happi-
ness. A short service was held in the
crowded Church of Christ chapel.
G. Barnett (Castlemaine) officiated,
assisted by R. Holmes (Bendigo), who
both knew Raymond personally. In
simple but very sincere words, a
comforting message of faith and hope
in the life to come was conveyed.
The singing of "What a Friend we
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Clifford and Mervyn Broad (cousins), and coffin bearers, Lindsay Bradford, Alan Streader, Charlie and Ray Ellery, Arnold Farrar and Lindsay Broad (uncles). At the graveside, R. Holmes and Mr. Williamson (Pyramid Methodist) were assisted by G. Barnett.

Francis Raymond Jermyn.

The brotherhood suffered a great loss when, on Sept. 6, at the Royal Melbourne Hospital, one of its promising younger men passed swiftly from this life. While holidaying at Sorrento, he was stricken with a heart attack. Elder son of the late Mr. and Mrs. F. Jermyn, of Barker's Creek, Castlemaine, Vic., he gave himself to the following of Jesus in his early years and, for more than thirty years, was a dedicated, diligent and devoted disciple. Of keen mind and noble spirit, he entered the Education Department some twenty years ago, exercising a real Christian ministry at Lalbert, Woodstock; Woorinen, Creswick and South Morang schools. Moving tributes to his diligence and devotion were paid by Mr. Dickenson, minister of the Methodist Circuit of Mernda, and W. W. Saunders, at the services in the North Richmond chapel, and at the graveside at Preston Cemetery. In recent years he had fellowship with the church at North Richmond, where he was married to Alma Addicott, and his elder daughter, Rosalie, was baptised. His influence will long remain in the lives of the boys and girls he taught and encouraged, and led by his example to know life's deeper meanings. To his loved wife and partner in his work, Alma, and daughters, Rosalie and Cheryl, his sister (Mrs. Benson) and brother, Keith, his aunts Flo (Mrs. Brooks) and Ethel (Mrs. S. Lacy), and his many relatives, we offer Christian sympathy.—Howard Earle.

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