

# *The* **GOOD COMPANION**

## *The Christadelphian Sunday School Magazine*

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## **OUR FIRST NUMBER**

Dear Reader,

I am pleased to say "hello" to you through the pages of this new Magazine. Actually, this is not the first number! "The Good Companion" magazine was first commenced over sixteen years ago, for a group of about 50 young people. Later it became the "Story Of The Bible," and in that form, it has brought the message of the Bible narrative to many throughout the world.

Now "The Good Companion" is reissued specially for the boys, girls and young people of the Christadelphian Sunday Schools. Well over 1,000 copies of this issue have been produced and are being read by young and old, in the great family of Sunday Schools throughout Australia.

You will read of Sunday school activities from all parts of the Commonwealth. As well, there will be short articles about some of the interesting lessons being discussed in Sunday School. One is published this issue, about the greatest king that ever lived. Don't forget to read it. You will find it helpful in your Sunday School studies. There are also competitions and puzzles for you to test your knowledge and skill.

But why call this, "The Good Companion"?

The word "good" indicates that which is beneficial. In its true form, it is also associated with God Himself — from Whom all goodness flows. Therefore this Magazine is different to many papers

printed today. Much of the trash sold in bookshops is anything but good. It destroys an appreciation of God's way, and merely highlights the horrible conditions of present life. This Magazine is going to be different. It will encourage you to think on the Bible, and to enjoy the association that a Christadelphian Sunday School provides. And that, surely, is good!

A "companion" is one we love to be with — a friendly person, who will help us because they are interested in us. That is what this little paper aims to be. And it will be, if you will let it! Like the Psalmist of old, this Magazine wishes to be "a companion of all them that fear Thee (God), and of them that keep Thy precepts" (Psa. 119:63).

Your friend,

**The Editor.**

### **This Year's Lessons**

#### **THE GLORY AND DECLINE OF THE KINGDOM**

The Sunday School lessons introduce a dramatic and thrilling epoch in Israel's history. They reveal the successes and failures of this amazing people. Whilst the history of any nation can be very interesting, that concerning the Jews is particularly exciting because it shows the development of God's plan and purpose with humanity.

As the lessons unfold in the coming months, watch closely and notice how the nation benefitted when it served God, but was punished when it strayed from His way. Notice, also, how these principles apply to

us individually.

At the present time, you are studying the development of God's kingdom on earth — when David, the shepherd boy was being trained through the circumstances of his early life, for the position of majesty and power as Israel's Mighty King.

So we have written a short article about this wonderful man, in the section: "The People In Our Studies." You may learn some other characteristics of David — write to us about them. Good "short stories" about the Warrior-King of Israel will be published in the Magazine.

#### **WOULD YOU LIKE A BIBLE DICTIONARY?**

You can have one free!

We are giving away **THREE** copies of the special "**Illustrated Dictionary Of Bible Manners And Customs**" to the three best entries of this competition:

It is entitled: **HOW BEST TO HELP YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS.** We want you to write us, listing all the ideas you may have for this — What you can personally do to make your Sunday School class the finest in the world! — How to go about building it up! Make a list of all your ideas, and send them to The Editor no later than by **December 13.** Include on your entry, your name, address, date of birth, and Sunday school.



## LET'S ENJOY LIFE!

As this article is penned, the Sunday school year is commencing. At the same time, the weeks of 1969 are fast concluding, and many Sunday schools will be actively working on their prizegiving and "breakup" programs. It's a very busy time of the year, and quite exciting.

The summer months give a brighter outlook, and holidays from day-school routine are always welcome! Some Sunday schools (in conjunction with young people's groups) plan many activities for the holiday period — and with outings to the beach, Bible studies in the evenings, and general association together, the Summer is a very enjoyable time.

In all these circumstances let us remember, the Giver of life's blessings! This is all the more important when we are young, and active in the enjoyment of life. The wise man Solomon reminds us to "remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth" (Ecc. 12:1). God invites us to enjoy His glorious creation and to appreciate the delightful season of summer that He provides.

And so, with vim and vigor, we

look forward to the summer holidays!

But the Bible also issues a warning. It urges us to exercise great care in what we do during our leisure time. It is aware of our desire to enjoy life, and exhorts us to: "Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes;" (Ecc. 11:9), but then reminds us:

**" . . . but know thou that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment."**

In whatever circumstances we may find ourselves, and in whatever path of pleasure we may seek, the eyes of our God are upon us. Life must be lived with these thoughts in mind. Our enjoyment must be found within the influence of God's way. If we do that, true happiness and real pleasure will be our lot, not only at this time, but in the Age to Come. Jesus said: "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10).

## The People In Our Studies

### THE MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART

David means "beloved". He was the youngest son of Jesse, a man unknown outside the little town of Bethlehem. Jesse kept sheep, and David looked after them as shepherd. He was not considered of much importance, and was overlooked even by Samuel (1 Sam. 16:5-6, 11), until the prophet was told by God to "arise, and anoint him for this is he!" Rejected at first by the people, David was then made king over his own tribe of Judah and reigned in Hebron, until, with the complete downfall of the house of Saul, he was acclaimed king by all the tribes and set up his throne in Jerusalem.

We consider him as:

**A warrior.** David's faith gave him outstanding courage, and his trust in God made him pre-eminent as a soldier and leader (1 Sam. 17:40; 2 Sam. 5:7). His fight with Goliath the giant brought him

to the forefront of the people. Never were two warriors more unequally matched! One was clad in all fleshly armour and equipped with the greatest weapons of the day. The other was dressed like a poor shepherd lad, with no apparent weapons but his own pitiful sling. Yet when David was victorious, there was no empty boasting, no reliance upon his own powers. God gave him the victory, and David gave Him all the glory. David became a man of war, and because of that was not allowed to build the Temple (1 Chron. 28:3). His success in fighting, however, earned him the plaudits of the people and the hatred of the jealous Saul. David had to flee from the angry king, and for many years wandered a fugitive in the land.

**A musician.** Because of his skill in playing, he was called to help soothe the wretched king Saul, who was afflicted with fits of depression and madness. David is known as "the sweet Psalmist of Israel" (2 Sam. 23:1), and composed many of the Psalms.

**A believer.** The spiritual qualities of his life were acknowledged by God (1 Sam. 13:14; 1 Kings 15:5). He was a "man after God's own heart" not because he never sinned (he did so in a terrible manner on one occasion), but because he was always ready to turn to God, admit his mistake, and try to make restitution. Because of his virtues, Yahweh gave him great and precious promises (2 Sam. 7), that become the basis of the Gospel message, to be fulfilled by Christ (Luke 1:32-33).

**A prophet.** He had a prophetic gift that found its expression in many of the Psalms. It was mentioned by Peter on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2:30) when he pointed out that by his prophetic vision, David foresaw the death, resurrection, and future glory of his great son, the Lord Jesus. The Psalms are quoted in the New Testament more often than any other part of the Old Testament.

**A type.** David foreshadowed the Lord Jesus in many ways. He was rejected by his people (1 Sam. 27:1); accepted first by Judah (2 Sam. 2:4); reigned as king in Jerusalem (2 Sam. 5:3-5); subdued the enemies of Israel and extended its borders (2 Sam. 7:1; Ch. 8). Even his own name was later inherited by Jesus, for when the Lord was baptised, the Voice of God declared: "This is My Son, the Beloved (David), in whom I am well pleased."

David is a very wonderful character to study and emulate. We do well to seek his faith and embrace the truths in which he delighted. Then Yahweh will make a covenant with us: "even the sure mercies of David" (Isa. 55:3).

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#### NEWS AND VIEWS

We would like to publish forthcoming activities of your Sunday school. News of activities during January and February should be sent to the Editor, no later than December 15th.

**A CORDIAL WELCOME TO THOSE IN ISOLATION**

As we go to Press we are told by Sister Margaret Hill, Secretary of the recently formed **Australasian Christadelphian Correspondence Sunday School**, that some fifty children, ranging in age from 3 to 18 years old will undertake tuition through the lessons and tape service provided.

We extend greetings to each one, and trust that they derive pleasure and profit from their studies. Some

special features relating to their work will be found in future issues of "The Good Companion." Meanwhile, we hope they enjoy the dramatic presentation of the lessons as recorded on the tapes now being sent out.

Further information is obtainable from Sister M. Hill, P.O. Box 14, Nailsworth, South Australia —5083.

**POINTS TO GAIN**

At the end of each year, "The Good Companion" will award a special prize to the reader who gains the most marks given by this Magazine during the year. The prize, a very attractive volume, will be available to the winner, at the 1970 Prize-giving (God willing).

Points will be given in the following scale:

- 1 point for each letter received by the Editor.
- 2 points for each letter (or extract) published.
- 10 points for each short article published.
- 1 point for each competition entry received.
- 2 points for each correct competition entry.

Begin your score today, by writing without delay!

**A WELCOME HOME TO BROTHER SPONGBERG**

Brother E. Spongborg, President of the Sunday School Association, will return home in December after a round-the-world tour, during which he visited many Sunday Schools, and discussed methods of teaching with Superintendents in various parts of the world. He has sought methods of improving the work at present being conducted by the Association. Bro.

Spongborg is anxious to meet as many students as possible of all ages, and has been pleased to accept an invitation from the Enfield (S.A.) Sunday School to distribute prizes at their Prize-giving Evening, on December 6th. He doubtless will tell us something of his experience among Sunday Schools in other parts of the world during his visit.

**Sunday School  
ACTIVITIES**

**BOSSLEY PARK, N.S.W.**

Activities for November:

29—7.30 p.m. Sunday School Anniversary.

**CUMBERLAND, S.A. (Superintendent: Bro. A. Hollamby; Sec.: Bro. Max Lund).**

**An Introduction**

Cumberland Sunday School is located at 521 Goodwood Rd., Colonel Light Gardens, in the southern suburbs of Adelaide. About 110 schol-

ars attend the School, of which 35 are in the kindergarten. There are 20 classes catering from 3 years old to the Senior baptised group. The teaching staff comprises 25 brethren and sisters.

Considerable importance is placed on co-operation by the parents, and encouragement is given to make Sunday school a part of the student's daily activity. This is accomplished in a number of ways. One is the use of "Diary" homework, which supplements normal Sunday afternoon lessons. Marks are awarded for this homework, and on attaining 200 marks the scholar is presented with a prize. Mostly, scholars are able to obtain the 200 marks within a six-month period.

Every assistance is given to project work by scholars, including the use of a library of books. Regular outdoor and study activity is arranged for the Cumberland school. One such, held monthly, is a Saturday afternoon outing, followed by a special study in the evening on "Parables of the Master."

A warm welcome will be given to visiting boys and girls to attend the Cumberland Sunday School when in Adelaide.

#### Activity In November

- 7—Young people's "Parables" class at 8 p.m., held in home.  
 15—Cumberland/Enfield Sunday School Outing. Afternoon games from 2 p.m. Tea at Enfield Hall at 7 p.m., and evening program  
 28—Young people's "Parables" class cont.

#### Important Dates in December

- 6—7.30 p.m. Annual Prizegiving. Very interesting program has been arranged, and visitors are most welcome. Items and musical features will be presented by scholars, in addition to the distribution of Exam results.

#### ENFIELD, S.A. (Superintendent: Bro. K. Clothier).

##### Activities for December:

- 6—Annual Prizegiving. A program of items, presentations, and talks is scheduled. It is anticipated that Bro. E. M. Sponberg (Sydney) will be present to distribute the Examination awards.

**WOODVILLE, S.A. (Superintendent: Bro. L. Wigzell; Sec.: Bro. G. Wigzell).**

#### Important Dates in November:

- 15—Sunday school breakup of "Monthly Outings." Special afternoon activities are planned, including distribution of ice-cream! Tea will be provided at the Ecclesial Hall; and an evening's program will involve presentation of special items by the Kindergarten surrounding "The Crossing Of The Red Sea;" and by the Senior School upon "From Sinai To Jordan." The latter will include items upon each lesson studied during the year, in which each class will participate.  
 22—Suburban Young peoples evening. Final night for 1969.

#### December:

- 13—Annual Prizegiving. The program is based on the Year's Lessons, and the Kindergarten will present "The Fall of Jericho," with some realistic sound effects! It is hoped this will not affect the Ecclesial Hall!! The Main School will present "From Jericho To David," including an interesting descriptive play about "Samuel, The Boy Who Heard!"  
 21—Sunday school Breakup. A Sunday afternoon, in which children from the Kindergarten and Main School will feature various items.

## WHAT'S IN SPACE?

A few months ago, the world watched in amazement as three puny men zoomed in their spaceship towards the moon. The feat was outstandingly successful, and the astronauts returned to earth to receive the adoration of their fellows.

At the time, President Nixon, of U.S.A., said that "the heavens have now become part of man's world." What a stupid statement! Nothing could be further from the truth!

Why, man has not yet "touched" the miles of space that lay in every direction from our world — and indeed, every step he takes, only indicates how amazing is this universe we live in.

Let's learn a few facts about God's Creation.

In this, and future articles, we will discuss some of these things, and invite you to send to us, other interesting information about the heavenly bodies.

# Competitions & Quizzes ?

Try your knowledge and skill with these Bible quizzes. The first reader to submit correct answers will be awarded a special prize, and another will be presented to the best entry.

## A Sum From The Acts

ADD the number of the anchors (Acts 27:29) to the number of the tribes (26:7), then MULTIPLY by the number of the times (11:10). Now TAKE AWAY the number of the years (9:33) and DIVIDE by the number of the days (25:6). The correct answer is the number of men who had a vow. In your entry, set out the complete sum, and provide the verse in Acts where the number is to be found.

## Ciphers

This is one of the easiest forms of "cryptographs." To solve it you have to go back one place in the alphabet for each letter given. Thus DBU would be CAT. To separate words "A" is put between. "Jesus wept" would be KFTVTAXFQU. Now try this:

JAXJMMACFAMPZBMAUPANZATVOEBZATDIPP  
CFDBVTFAUIFSFAJAMFBSOABCPVUAUIFAXPSE  
PGAHPPEABOEADPOTIEFSAUIFAFYBNQMFAPGAUIF  
XPSUIZANFOAPGAPME.

## Complete The Words

Fill in the missing letters and verse numbers. All the words begin and end with the same letters.

1. "Are not -ban- and Pharpar better?" (2 Kings 5: )
2. "Jesse the father of -avi-." (Ruth 4: )
3. "He shall fly as an -agl-." (Jeremiah 48: )
4. "-tha- the son of Ribai" (1 Chron. 11: )

## Hidden Passage

When the right words are selected and placed in the order indicated, the whole gives a passage from one of John's epistles showing the kind of love with which God is well pleased.

- Three words (consecutive) from Gal.4:19 —
- Three words (consecutive) from Gal.5:26 —
- One word from 1 Cor.8:3 —
- Two words (consecutive) from 1 Cor.4:20 —
- Two words (consecutive) from Acts 24:12 —
- Two words (consecutive) from James 1:26 —
- Three words (consecutive) from Luke 24:19 —
- Two words (consecutive) from Psalm 145:18 —

Find the answer and the quotation.

Your completed entry must show your name, address, Sunday school, and date of birth; and should be posted to The Editor, P.O. West Beach, S.A. 5024 to reach him by December 13.

Answers will be published in our next issue which will be available on January 1st (God willing).

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### This Speck Of Dust We Live On!

It was thought at one time that the earth was flat. The sailors of Columbus who set out from Spain to sail westwards believed that if they sailed too far, they would fall over the edge; and they almost mutinied because of that! The Hindus imagined the earth was carried on the back of a huge elephant. The Babylonians thought that the earth was flat and surrounded by sea, beyond which was a ring of mountains that supported the dome of heaven!!

And there were many other strange ideas.

But the Bible has always indicated that the earth is round. Isaiah refers to the "circle of the earth" (Ch. 40:22), whilst Job (one of the most ancient books in the Bible declares

that God "hatheth the earth upon nothing" (Ch. 26:7).

The fact that the earth hangs in space was thought to be a recent discovery, but in fact it was recorded hundreds of years ago in God's infallible book, the Bible.

When man gazes into the heavens, he sees something of the wonderful glory of the Creator's Hand. The telescope reveals our earth as a very small, insignificant speck floating in unlimited space. Yet this "little speck" weighs, six billion, billion tons, (6,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 tons!!!), and hurtles through space at a speed of **18½ miles per second**, held in position by the mysterious pull of gravity.

Those facts are almost enough to send us dizzy!!

### A Huge Ball Of Fire

The earth is constantly moving around the golden sun, which is the centre of our universe. We cannot look at the sun with the naked eye, nor through an ordinary telescope. It can be done only if the glass is specially prepared and darkened, for direct sunlight is so powerful that it can damage our eyesight.

When viewed through a special telescope, or during an eclipse, the sun appears as a huge ball of fire, placed in the heavens by God to warm the earth and sustain life upon it (Gen. 1:16). Flames leap out of the sun, extending into space for thousands of miles. This ball of fire is so huge, that if it were cut into a MILLION pieces, each piece would be larger than this earth.

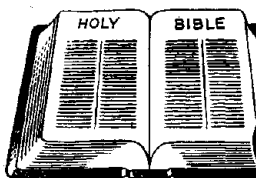
The sun is 94,000,000 miles from the earth — and though that is a long way (the moon is only 240,000 miles away!), it is "nothing" com-

pared to the immensity of things that exist in the heavens.

The sun is not only the ruler of the universe, but the source of life, health and beauty to this earth. If the genial influence of the sun were removed, all life on earth would soon perish. The great fires of the sun never go out. They burn with a surface heat of nearly 7,000 degrees, whilst the internal temperature is considered to be approx. 50,000,000 degrees. And that is rather hot!! But of this vast output of energy, the earth receives a very small part. If the earth was much closer to the sun, the heat of the latter would destroy all life—if the earth was as close to the sun as it is to the moon, everything would disintegrate! But God arranged the earth and the sun in just the right position so that life could be sustained upon its surface (Isa. 45:18).

**Next issue, God willing, we will continue this article, and include some fascinating facts about the marvellous silvery Orb of Heaven: The Moon.**

**WE WELCOME READERS' INTEREST AND COMMENTS**



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## OBTAINING THE PRIZE

Dear Reader,

Many reports have reached The GOOD COMPANION of excellent prizegiving evenings conducted by Sunday Schools in many parts of the country. It is always enjoyable when young and old gather together to rejoice in work performed and items presented. Not only enjoyable, of course, but most encouraging. This is an age when people, both young and old, are generally disinterested in the things of God, preferring to spend their time in self-satisfying leisure. But when some young people stand aside from this insane rush for pleasure, and take time to learn of God, and join in the work of Sunday School, they help themselves, and also encourage us older ones! So we congratulate you, if you were awarded a prize at your Sunday School Prizegiving. If you just missed out, having tried to the best of your ability, we commend you for your efforts. Naturally, it is very thrilling to be given a prize. But the greatest prize of all can be obtained, not by the person with the greatest ability only, but by all who are prepared to follow the Divine rules. Paul defined them: "this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press towards the mark for the PRIZE of the high calling in Christ Jesus" (Phil.3:14). Notice, though Paul had a high education and great prospects of advancement in his previous occupation, he counted all that as "things which were behind," and placed his confidence in Godly learning. Education today, concentrates on materialism, and encourages a devotion to fleshly ambition. But Christadelphian young people must stand aside from

such an attitude, and seek the prize of eternal life, which far transcends anything this life can offer. They follow the Apostle Paul in this, for he said: "be followers of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have them for an ensample." The time of the great "Prize-giving" is impending! The Lord himself will be present to award the gift of immortality (Matt. 25:36). Isn't this a prize well worth striving for? We help ourselves to this end, when we help our Sunday School to help others towards the coming Kingdom.

Your friend,

The Editor.

#### NEWS AND VIEWS

News of the activities of your Sunday School during March and April should be sent to the Editor no later than **February 15th.**

### The People In Our Studies

#### JOAB: CAPTAIN OF THE ARMY

Joab means "Yahweh Is Father." He was nephew to David, being the son of Zeruiah, David's sister. He had two brothers, Abishai and Asahel, but was much more ambitious than they. He could brook no rival. When Abner sought to help David, Joab feared his influence, and murdered him, at the same time avenging the death of his brother, Asahel, whom Abner had slain in battle (2 Sam. 3:8-39). Later when Amasa was made captain, Joab murdered him (2 Sam. 20:4-13).

Nevertheless, Joab was a skilful warrior of outstanding courage. It was his act of heroism in scaling the heights of Zion that enabled David to conquer the fortress (2 Sam. 5:6-10). And in other incidents of war he revealed his prowess.

Joab showed himself loyal to David, though he made the king pay for his services. At the time of David's sin, he assisted him by securing the shameful death of Uriah (2 Sam. 11:1-25). He later urged upon David to recall Absalom; though when Absalom revolted against the King, Joab effectively battled against his forces, and finally ruthlessly slaughtered the rebel (2 Sam. 18:2, 11-15).

Joab was overambitious. He thought of himself first and foremost. He was ruthless and unscrupulous, so that even David was afraid of him. His character can be summed up thus:

★ He was a skilful warrior and an effective commander (2 Sam. 2:12-32; 10; 11:1; 12:26-29; 20:4-22; 1 Chron. 11:6-9).

★ He manifested a fleshly loyalty to David (2 Sam. 12:26; 14:1; 18:20; 19:5-7).

★ He was jealous of his position, vindictive and ruthless (2 Sam. 3:22-27; 18:14; 20:9, 10; 1 Kings 11:16).

★ He was bold, shrewd, energetic, but placed his confidence in his own ability, and not in Yahweh.

★ His religion was one of self-interest and expediency (2 Sam. 10:12), but he knew little of true faith as did David.



★ He died by the hand of the executor during the reign of Solomon (1 Kings 2:28), and in this, justice caught up with him at last.

## Sunday School ACTIVITIES

**COORPAROO, Qld (Supt: Bro. S. C. Hagen. Sect: Bro. Ray Wheeler).**

Jan. 31—A Picnic will be held at Lota Beach, to which all are invited.

Feb. 1—Recommencement of Sunday School.

**ENFIELD, S.A. (Superintendent: Bro. K. Clothier; Sec: Bro. I. Pitcher).**

**The Superintendent Writes:**

The Enfield Sunday School was very pleased to receive the first number of the Magazine, and read it with interest. A most enjoyable evening was spent on Dec. 6th when Bro. E. Spongberg was present to award prizes and certificates. Once every month, we hold a Sunday School outing at places of interest, returning at 5.30 p.m. for tea in the Hall, and an evening meeting at 7 p.m. The Youth Group meets on alternate Fridays 8 p.m., to consider various Bible subjects, including sections from "The Key To The Understanding of the Scriptures."

1—Commencement of Sunday School for 1970.

15—Visit of Bro. E. M. Spongberg (in conjunction with special Ecclesial effort), who will spend the afternoon with the Sunday School.

**LAUNCESTON, Tas. (Supt: Bro. J. Kershaw).**

"Many thanks for the Magazine. The young people are pleased with it, and those of us who are not so young envisage that with Yahweh's blessing it will help fulfil a need in strengthening the bonds between those, who, so far apart in miles, nevertheless share the same hopes and desires for the well-being of Ecclesias in these last days."

### Important Dates

Jan. 10-19—Junior Bible School will be conducted in conjunction with the Tasmanian Bible Campaign.

Feb. 1—School recommences.

Feb. 7—Annual outing to Myrtle Park.

**PERTH, W.A. (Superintendent: Bro. D. Hurn).**

"We think the Magazine is a great idea, and are happy to assist."

### Important Dates in January

1—Thursday outing to Yanchep Park.

4—Saturday barbecue activity.

17—Evening tennis.

26—Boat trip arranged to Garden Island from Rockingham.

31—Evening consideration of Daily Readings.

**REDCLIFFE, Qld. (Supt.: Bro. M. R. Steele)**

"It is with much joy we write you because of the wonderful benefits we have received from The GOOD COMPANION and the Sunday School Association. Our Sunday School lessons this year should be uplifting and encouraging."

### Special Play a Success!

The Redcliffe GES co-operated recently with the Sunday School in a very interesting project. A play was arranged with the brethren and sisters and children, depicting the life of David. Orator was Bro. R. Rock of Coorparoo Ecclesia. We set about to work with our children and acted the different parts after a lot of time and practice. The night arrived, and we were surprised at the response! Brethren and sisters came from Southport, Wynnum, Petrie Tce., Kedron Brook, Booval and Too-woomba! The Hall was full with over 200 present — besides our own members, who took part in the play! Everybody agreed it was very successful and thought-provoking.

### Important Dates in January

5-12—During the visit of Bro. Basil McClure to our Ecclesia upon the study of "James", meetings will be held for the benefit of our older Scholars and Young People.

17—Recommencement of Sunday School.

**SYDNEY, N.S.W.**

10th Jan. — An "Association Picnic" will be held at the Warrangamba Dam, to which all are invited. The Oval area at the Dam has been booked, and barbecue facilities are available. A program of games and activities will commence at 10 a.m.

**WOODVILLE, S.A. (Superintendent: Bro. L. Wigzell; Sec.: Bro. G. Wigzell).**

**Important Dates In February**

1—Commencement of Sunday School for 1970.

7—Outing at the beach. Those attending should meet at Woodville Hall 2.30 p.m. The group will return at 5.30 p.m. for tea at the Hall, and an evening's consideration of "David — The Shepherd Who Became King."

**Examination Results**

Good results were obtained in the 1970 Examination. Average marks for the 51 scholars who entered, was 86 per cent., and 7 major prizes were awarded. Highest mark gained was 99 per cent. for a scholar in division 8 (average marks in this division were 94 per cent.).

**EXCELLENT RESULTS FROM 1969 EXAMINATION**

Schools that conducted the 1969 Examination with CHRISTADELPHIAN SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION achieved very encouraging results. 263 papers were submitted and obtained an average of 68%, to which 40 awards were presented.

**Prize-winners**

**Baptised Div.:** 1st—Klaus Papowski (Enfield) 96%; 2nd—Russell Edgecombe (Enfield) 89%. **Div. 17:** 1st—Gary Hobbs (Granville) 79%; 2nd—Robert Edgecombe (Enfield) 75%. **Div. 15:** 1st — Carl Parry (Enfield) 90%; 2nd — Phillip Anderson (Enfield) 89%; 3rd—Jennifer Hermann (Ballina) 85%; **Div. 14:** 1st—David Mansfield (Campsie) 89%; 2nd — Fay Parry (Enfield) 87%; 3rd — Judith Hogan (Enfield) 85 p.c. **Div. 13:** 1st — Rosemary Clothier (Enfield) 98%; 2nd — Shirley Martin (Enfield) 97%; 3rd — Stephen Cook (Yagoona) 91%. **Div. 12:** 1st — Meredith Grainger (Enfield) 94%; 2nd — Beverly Martin (Enfield) 89%; 3rd — Mark Parry (Enfield) 88%. **Div. 11:** 1st — David McClure (Yagoona) 98%; 2nd (tie) — John McClure (Yagoona), Susanne O'Connor (Enfield) 95%. **Div. 10:** 1st — Rosemary Beacham (Enfield) 90%; 2nd Daniel Pogson (Yagoona) 86%; 3rd — Meredith Richards (Adamstown) 81%. **Div. 9:** 1st (tie) — Karen Pitt (Enfield), Jacqueline Wearne (Enfield) 98%; 3rd — Peter Anderson (Enfield) 97%. **Div. 8:** 1st — Ian Merrick (Enfield) 91%; 2nd — Linda Burney (Enfield) 89%; 3rd — Samuel Pogson (Yagoona) 81%. **Div. 7:** 1st — Bernard Gross (Enfield) 100%; 2nd — Margaret Horgan (Enfield) 98%; 3rd — (tie) Jonathan Pogson (Yagoona), Coralie Martin (Enfield) 96%. **Div. 6:** 1st — Susan Temple (Enfield) 100%; 2nd — Robyn McKinlay (Yagoona) 99%; 3rd — Ian Roulstone (Ballina) 97%. **Div. 5:** 1st — Stuart Bailey (Enfield) 93%; 2nd — Wendy Cook (Yagoona) 90%; 3rd — Yvonne Stokes (Enfield) 88%.

**Project Awards**

**Senior Project:** 1st — Merril Dawson (Townsville); 2nd — David Mansfield (Campsie); 3rd — Janelle Dawson (Townsville); 4th — Judith Hadley (Granville); 5th — Judith Horgan (Enfield).

**Junior Project, 13 yrs.:** 1st — Rosemary Clothier (Enfield); 2nd—Shirley Martin (Enfield); 3rd (tie) — Lynette Horgan (Enfield), Greg Hagen (Coorparoo). **12 yrs.:** 1st — Margaret Richards (Adamstown); 2nd — Julie Stone (Ballina); 3rd — Beverly Martin (Enfield). **11 yrs.:** 1st — Susanne O'Connor (Enfield); 2nd — Jamie Arnold (Enfield); 3rd — John McClure (Yagoona). **10 yrs:** 1st — Timothy Mansfield (Campsie); 2nd — Valerie Martin (Enfield); 3rd — Meredith Richards (Adamstown). **9 yrs:** 1st — Rodney Dawson (Townsville); 2nd — Michele Plant (Redcliffe); 3rd — Lynette Mansfield (Campsie).

**COMMENTS ON THE EXAMINATION**

Some questions were found difficult by scholars in the 1969 Association Exam. We intend to publish these points from time to time, but here is some brief comments from the examiners:

**Div. 8 Question 5 (b):** "What did

the spies have to find out about the Promised Land?" This question came from the lesson, "12 Men Visit A Strange Land." Seven points are noted on p. 38 of the Lesson Notes, but many children were unable to answer this question.

## Pictorial Supplement

We introduce to you some of the highlights of the ENFIELD (SA) SUNDAY SCHOOL Prize-giving evening, held Saturday, December 6th, 1969. Excellent results were obtained by the Enfield School, as listed elsewhere in the Magazine.

*If you enjoy this Supplement send a photo of yourself, of your Sunday School and activities, so that we can publish it in the next issue.*

### AT THE ENFIELD PRIZEGIVING



The Enfield Sunday School sends greetings to all readers. This photo was taken during the presentation of the item: "The Lord Is My Shepherd." Notice the sheaves of wheat in front of the platform, which illustrates scenes from the story of Ruth. There are about 145 scholars in the Sunday School (79 in the Upper School and 66 in the Kindergarten).

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**SOME OF THE ENFIELD PRIZE-WINNERS..**



Here is SUSAN TEMPLE, who gained 100% in Div. 6 of the Exam.

Bro. E. Spongberg President of the S. S. Association is pictured presenting Susan with her first prize.

In the background is shown the large colour chart of the Land of Promise landscape, with the citadel city of Jericho guarding the entrance to the land.



A scene from the kindergarten play depicting the marvellous bunch of grapes brought back from Canaan by the Israelite spies.

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A tender scene from the Story of Ruth is portrayed by (from left) Fay Parry (as Orpah), Beverly Martin (as Naomi), and Judith Horgan (as Ruth). They are here discussing the distress of the family, and Naomi's intention to return to Bethlehem (see Ruth 1:8-14).



Two more smiling prize-winners! On the left is Jacqueline Wearne with Bro. Spongsberg and Karen Pitt, Both girls obtained 98% in Division 9 of the Examination.

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Susan O'Connor is being presented her prize for 2nd (95%) by the President, Bro. E. Spongberg. Enfield Sunday School obtained 26 CSSA Prizes for the '69 Examination.



A Scene from the play on Ruth, showing "Boaz" and the "nearkinsman" in the centre surrounded by witnesses, transacting the transfer of "redemption" as recorded in Ruth 4:1-12.

**Div. 8 Question 5 (c):** "How did God punish the Israelites for not trusting that He would help them to win the new land?" Only a few children mentioned the main point

that, "every person over the age of 21 years died."

In some divisions there also seemed to be considerable confusion in the lesson of ten Plagues and the Passover Feast.

## BIRTHDAY

### Greetings

We send best wishes to the following scholars, whose birthdays occur in the coming months:

**In January** — 1st: Dianne Stokes (Yagoona); Catherine Knowles (Enfield); 3rd Lois Gilham (Granville); Matthew Matthews (Enfield); 4th: Geoffrey Jose, Faye Haustorfer (Perth); 5th: Stuart Bailey (Enfield), Peter Sanders (Granville); Mark Horgan (Enfield); 6th: Malcolm Maloney (Enfield), Janelle Leadbeater (Ballina); 8th: Jane Whitehead (Enfield); 9th: Wendy Cook, Timothy Wassell (Yagoona); Sharon Granter (Granville); 11th: Christine O'Connor; 12th: David Wolstencroft (Yagoona); Timothy Smith (Granville); 13th: David Manser (Enfield). 14th: Graham Hyndeman (Enfield); 17th: Stuart Wearne (Enfield); 18th: Gary Fergusson (Perth); 20th: Peter Wolstencroft, Barry Wassell (Perth); 31st: Nola Haustorfer (Perth); Rosemary Clothier (Enfield); 22nd: Roslyn Workman (Yagoona), Kevin Kersting (Perth), Klaus Papowski (Enfield), Sandra Moreau (Granville); 24th: Jim Stanley (Granville); 25th: Lance Sims, Leanne Hollingshed (Granville); 26th: Lisa John (Perth); 27th: Yvonne Bailey (Enfield), Kathleen Kehoe (Granville).

**In February** — 2nd: Rachael Hawkins, Norman Kersting (Perth); 3rd: Ruth Horgan (Enfield); 4th: Bruce Ridge (Yagoona), Lindsay Kersting (Perth); 5th: Robert Sharp (Yagoona); 6th: Benjamin Gross (Enfield); 8th: Maureen Stagg (Perth), Judith Horgan (Enfield); 9th: Sharon Darke (Granville); 10th: David Forsdike (Granville); 11th: Colleen Passmore (Granville); Julie Davis (Perth); 13th: Robyn McKinlay (Yagoona); 14th: David Burney (Enfield); 14th: Karen Taylor; 16th: Judith Clothier (Enfield); 19th: Nerina Mitchell (Perth); 20th: Peter Fergusson (Perth), Carrie Hughes, Matthew Lawler (Granville); 22nd: Mark Windsor (Enfield); Craig White, Simone Tappourous (Granville); 28th: Bruce Jose (Perth); Carl Parry (Enfield).

**Just to Hand:** Jan. 2nd: Jeffery Pitt (Bunbury); Feb. 4th: Andrew Pitt (Bunbury).

## From our MAILBAG



### How To Help Your Class At Sunday School

Jenny Newton of Perth gives some suggestions:

"I have very much enjoyed your first copy, and I really think it is a 'good companion,' and intend to enter all the competitions. It will help me more towards Sunday School if I think about it properly. I'll base most of my thoughts around 1 John 3:18 — 'My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue, but in deed and in truth.' Now if we apply this to our Sunday School it will mean that not only will we have to learn our Sunday School lessons and quotes, but it means we will have to love one another — our Sunday School friends — in deed and in truth. How do we do this? We

all have different abilities and ways of doing things. Some people do better than others and can help best by being patient with the slower ones. When we have Sunday School functions, attend them on time and don't keep people waiting (because we can't be late for the kingdom!); to be an example and try other people's ideas; to give them a chance to express themselves; to be obedient to your Sunday school teacher; to infect others with enthusiasm by your own keenness towards the Bible, and not to dress in the modernest clothes, but in simple, plain clothes. That is how I think I can help my Sunday School class best!"

From David Day (Launceston) come these points:

"First take part in the lessons, by (1) Reading and studying them beforehand, (2) Discussing points you do not understand, (3) Be prepared to answer questions, (4) Concentrate on what the Teacher is saying, Secondly, (1) Don't leave Sunday School home-

work until the last minute, (2) Seek your parent's assistance to understand the work, (3) Study other material in Bible atlas, dictionary, and Christadelphian expositions. Finally, (1) Do your daily readings, as a general understanding of the Bible is essential to appreciating your Sunday School lessons, (2) Listen to Bible addresses on Sundays, attend as many classes and studies as possible during the week. All these things can help us to grow in knowledge so that we help and assist other children at Sunday School.

**Held Over**

Lack of space forces us to withhold publishing some poems and articles received. These will be included in forthcoming issues.

**WHAT'S IN SPACE?**

Our last issue (see p. 7) introduced us to the marvels of the Universe about us, which dwarfs the finite achievements of man in his present "space probe." Whilst man glories in his ability to reach the moon in a little bullet-shaped rocket, God continues to control the millions of miles of space, and to guide the fantastic

**The Royalty Of The Heavens**

In the Bible, the sun is used as a symbol of royalty — the centre of the "political" universe. As God is a Great King over all the heavenly angels, so the sun is a fitting symbol of Divine Glory.

Jesus Christ will reveal this glory, for we learn that he will return to earth with the "glory of his heavenly Father" (Matt. 8:38), and is referred to as "the Sun of righteousness with healing in his beams" (Mal. 4:2). When he reigns as King, he will be the centre of God's Kingdom on earth, around which all future life will revolve.

The sun shines with its own glory, whereas the moon, earth, and other planets depend upon its light, for they have none of their own. What a fit symbol this is of God! He is

**The Silvery Orb Of Heaven**

Next to the sun in majesty, is the beautiful silvery moon, which gleams in the darkness of the night, as a

Judith Mingham comes from Yeringa S.S. Qld., and writes:

"I would like to congratulate the Editor on the good job he has done in providing THE GOOD COMPANION. To improve our class, it is sometimes needful to make the scholars give attention, for otherwise they will cause noise and make it unpleasant. We can all help in this."

**Other excellent letters were received too late for inclusion in this column, but will be published next issue (God willing).**

orbs of the heavens.

The power of God is seen in the remarkable centre of our universe: The Sun, which we described last issue. But not only is the sun a vital need to our own existence, and a fascinating orb to read about, it also teaches us some important spiritual lessons.

the source of spiritual light, health and beauty. He is the great Increate, Whose light is underived, and to whom we must turn for light. "God is a sun and a shield," declares the Psalmist (Psa. 84:11), and without Him there would be no knowledge of lasting value. That is why, after describing the glory of the heavens and the beauty of the earth, the Psalmist continues to speak of the excellency of Divine knowledge, linking it with God's physical creation.

It is as though he were saying:

**"Notice the wonders of creation, the Hand that made it is divine and unerring, therefore we can trust His law, His testimony, His statutes, His commandments, His truth concerning Jesus Christ and the Kingdom he will establish."**

symbol of purity and righteousness.

Let us first consider some facts regarding this orb, and then read



what the Bible says about it.

Though the moon dominates the sky of a night, it is comparatively small in size when compared with the planets and stars which shine in the vault of heaven. Its seeming largeness is due to the nearness of the moon to the earth. It is only 239,000 miles away, and though this may

sound a tremendous distance, it is nothing in comparison with other stars and even planets. For example, our nearest neighbor (excluding the moon) is the planet Venus, which is 24,000,000 miles away when at its nearest point! The nearest star (i.e. a sun in another universe) is Alpha Centauri, and that is approximately 26 million million miles away!

**Our next issue will examine some of the prophecies concerning the "moon," and particularly deal with the time when the "sun and moon shall be ashamed" (Isa. 24:23); when the light will increase "sevenfold" (Isa. 30:26); and other strange quotations.**

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Begin your score today . . . by writing without delay!

The following marks were awarded since the last issue:

#### **For Letters, Competitions, Poems, Etc.**

Jennifer Black (Woodville) 3; Rosemary Clothier (Enfield) 9; Ruth Day (Enfield) 1; David Day (Launceston) 4; Robert Edgecombe (Enfield) 3; Russell Edgecombe (Enfield) 2; Colin Evans (Perth) 3; Lois Gilham (Granville) 3; Ian Gore (Woodville) 3; Meredith Grainger (Enfield) 3; Rhonda Gurd (Cumberland) 3; Rachelle Hawkins (Perth) 3; Brian Hurn (Perth) 1; Gregory Hurn (Perth) 3; Greg Hagen (Coorparoo) 3; Helen Hagen (Coorparoo) 3; Judith Horgan (Enfield) 3; Sue Johns (Cumberland) 1; Valerie Johnson (Coorparoo) 3; Allan Lund (Cumberland) 3; Roger Lund (Cumberland) 3; Pamela Lund (Cumberland) 3; David Mansfield (Campsie) 6; Lynette Mansfield (Campsie) 3; Sharon Mansfield (Woodville) 3; Stephen Mansfield (Woodville) 3; Beverley Martin (Enfield) 3; Joanne Mingham (Yaronga) 1; Judith Mingham (Yaronga) 3; Debbie Moore (Perth) 3; Jenny Newton (Perth) 4; Fay Parry (Enfield) 3; Margaret Richards (Adamstown) 1; Malcolm Smith (Woodville) 3; David Stempel (Perth) 1; Adele Ullman (Perth) 4; Willson Vaughan (Perth) 3.

Harrington (Hobart) 3.

Nicholas Harrington (Hobart) 3; Timothy Harrington (Hobart) 3; Steven Ruth Horgan (Enfield) 3; Bruce Gurd (Cumberland) 1; Paul Gurd (Cumberland) 3.

#### **Special Award For Suggestions On "How To Improve Your Sunday School Class"**

A Bible Dictionary has been awarded the following three readers:

Jenny Newton (Perth); David Day (Launceston) and Judith Mingham (Yeronga), whose suggestions are listed under "From our Mailbag".

Further entries under this title will earn the writers 5 marks. We intend to collate all suggestions into a special article on Sunday School work.

The following have each gained 5 additional marks: Adele Ullman (Perth), Margaret Richards (Adamstown), Carl Parry (Enfield), Bruce Gurd (Cumberland), Paul Gurd (Cumberland).

#### **Competition Prizes**

The first correct entry was awarded to Rachelle Hawkins (Perth); and the best entry to Valerie Johnson (Coorparoo). Prizes are being forwarded to the Sunday Schools for presentation.

## ANSWERS TO LAST ISSUE'S PUZZLES

### A Sum From The Acts

The answer was: 4 — the number of men who had a vow (Acts 21:23). There were 4 anchors, 12 tribes, 3 times, 8 years, and 10 days in the sum!

### Ciphers

The solution was a theme worthy of your emulation: "I will be loyal to my Sunday School, because there I learn about the Word of God and consider the example of the worthy men of old."

### Complete The Words

1. "Abana"; 2. "David"; 3. "Eagle"; 4. "Ithai."

### Hidden Passage

It was found in 1 John 3:18 — "My little children; let us not; love; in word; neither in; tongue but; in deed and; in truth."

# SOLVE THESE PUZZLES

Try your knowledge and skill with these Bible quizzes. A special prize will be awarded the best entry received, and all entries will earn additional points towards The GOOD COMPANION award.

### A Beheading

"My name appears in an early book;  
Behead me, I'll stop river or brook!"

— Who am I?

### Nameless Incident

A venerable old man is sitting in his house. The door opens and a woman enters bringing many good things for him. But he has no smile of welcome for her, nor do her gifts bring any joy into his countenance. He has much to say to her, and then she leaves looking even more downcast than the old man himself.

Who was the woman, and why did she come?

### Jumblegrams

Sought out the following books of the Bible, and put them in correct order:

UKEL; TEAMWHT; LEAMUS; NHOJ, SHORLCNIEC; STAC;  
NEESIGS; ELINAD; SPLAMS.

### Complete The Animals

Fill in the missing letters and verse numbers:

1. "A living . . . is better than a dead . . . ." (Eccl. 9: )
2. "The . . . . and the . . . . shall feed together" (Isa. 65: )
3. "The . . . knoweth his owner, and the . . . his master's crib" (Isa. 1: )
4. "Absalom rode upon a . . . ." (2 Sam. 18: )

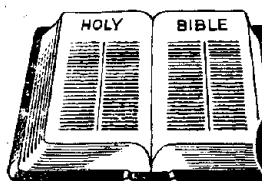
### Another Cipher

To solve the message, go back one place in the alphabet for each letter given. DBU would be "cat." To separate words "A" is put between. Thus, "Our readers" would be PVSASFBEFST. Now try this:

IFBSABARVBIOUAQSPWFSCAIGAZPVAIBWFAUISFFA  
GJFOETAJUAJTAOPUAFONVHIAJGZPVAIBWFAPOFA  
FOFNZAJUAJTAUPPANBOZ.

Your completed entry must show your name, address, Sunday school and date of birth; and should be posted to The Editor, P.O. West Beach, S.A. 5024 to reach him by February 10th. Answers will be published in our next issue which will be available on Sunday, March 1st (God willing).

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## TRUE EDUCATION

Dear Reader,

During the past two months, the thoughts of many young people have been concentrated on their day-school education. Some will have graduated to a new class in primary school; others will have commenced their secondary training at high or technical school; whilst some, a little older, having completed their education, will have commenced employment. In all circumstances, there will arise the need to make decisions. Some will have had to make a choice of subjects in the school curriculum; others who are leaving school must choose a satisfactory career.

It is a busy time, too! School books to cover; new equipment to obtain; different arrangements to make in one's life.

And sometimes the most important thing in life is forgotten! Young people should remember that amid all the rush and pressure of their school life, and the exciting interest of new books — that Sunday School work is far more important. It is training you to understand the lessons of the Bible, and to prepare you for the greatest employment ever offered to man: that of working in the service of God. The Apostle Paul realised this when he spoke of the Law of Moses being a "schoolmaster to bring us to Christ" (Gal. 3:24). The Law of God, revealed throughout the Bible, not only reveals to us the facts of our existence, but educates us concerning things to come. Though school-education is needed to train us for a career in this life, it neglects the vital knowledge about our Great Creator and His plan for mankind. In fact, in some schools these days, the idea of evolution is both suggested and

actually taught. We must guard against being influenced by such error. Evolution (or evil-ution, as it has been called!!) claims that this wonderful world, and all the amazing creation that is upon it, came by "mere chance," from a "single cell," millions of years ago. The theory cannot be proven, and, on the contrary, can be clearly shown false. But nevertheless, some people still feel that they prefer to believe such lies, than the truth which is clearly revealed in God's book. Paul says that the "**world by wisdom knew not God**" (1 Cor. 1:21). Believing themselves to be "wise" by assuming theories which are not taught by God, such people cannot come to a knowledge of the Truth, and continue through life in ignorance of God's way.

But what are readers of **The GOOD COMPANION** going to do, when their teacher, or a fellow-workmate speaks to them about evolution, or any of the other false doctrines that abound today?

They will reply: "**I do not believe what you say is right. God's Word teaches me that He exists, and He requires me to believe Him. And therefore I intend to accept that in preference to what anyone may say!**" For many, such a stand will be a great test. It is not always pleasant when we are forced to stand against our teachers, or our companions, and testify concerning the Truth of the Bible. But it is far better to do that, than to deny God! He is pleased when we acknowledge Him, and endeavor to follow His ways. Let us learn from the "school of life" to please the Great Creator, and to be proud of the knowledge we learn from our Sunday School. This is the real thing in life: and it will be to our credit in the days Jesus Christ returns to this earth.

Perhaps you may like to write me about your activities at school, and particularly of any circumstances in which you have stood up for the Truth of God's Word! I will be delighted to hear from you.

Your friend,

**The Editor**

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### These Marks Awarded Since Last Issue

Special marks for published articles, letters, poems are listed under each item.

**For Letters, Competition answers, etc. Received by Feb. 10th.**

In NSW — Leanne Darke (Granville) 2; Sharon Darke (Granville) 2; D. Forsdike (Granville) 2; Lois Gilham (Granville) 4; David Mansfield (Campsie) 3; Lynette Mansfield

(Campsie) 4; Margaret Richards (Adamstown) 3. In New Zealand — Ruth Shekell (New Lynn) 4. In Old — Janelle Dawson (Coorparoo) 4; Merril Dawson (Coorparoo) 5; Greg Hagen (Coorparoo) 3; Helen Aagen (Coorparoo) 3; Valerie Johnson (Coorparoo) 5; James Venn (?) 2. In S.A. — Brett Arnold (Enfield) 2; Jamie Arnold (Enfield) 2; Rosemary Beecham (Enfield) 3; Barry Burney (Enfield) 3; David Burney (Enfield) 3; Joel Burney (Enfield) 3; Lynda Burney (Enfield) 2; Rosemary Clothier (Enfield) 4; Russell Edgcombe (Enfield) 4; Janet Grose (Enfield) 1; Bruce Gurd (Cumberland) 3; Helen Gurd (Cumberland) 4; Paul Gurd (Cumberland) 4; Rhonda Gurd (Cumberland) 4; Rachel Kidd (Enfield) 3; Andrew Knowles (Enfield) 2; Catherine Knowles (Enfield) 2; Stephen Mansfield (Woodville) 4; Sharon Mansfield (Woodville) 3; Beverley Martin (Enfield) 3; Shirley Martin (Enfield) 2; Valerie Martin (Enfield) 3; Helen Papowski (Enfield) 5; Carl Parry (Enfield) 4; Penny Pitt (Bunbury) 4; Carolyn Thiele (Cumberland) 3. In Tas — Paul Blanch (Launce) 4; Nicholas Harrington (Hobart) 3; Steven Harrington (Hob) 3; Timothy Harrington (Hobart) 3. In Viet — Yvonne Brewer (Coburg) 4. In W.A. — Max Evans (Cunderdin) 4; Reece Evans (Cunderdin) 4; Anne Haustorfer (Perth) 5; Rachelle Hawkins (Perth) 2; Pamela Higgs (Perth) 4; Stephen Higgs (Perth) 4; Brian Hurn (Perth) 3; Gregory Hurn (Perth) 3; Robert Hurn (Perth) 3; Sharon John (Perth) 3; Deborah Kerr (Perth) 2; Jenny Newton (Perth) 4; Deborah Richmond (Perth) 2; Maureen Stagg (Perth) 3; Adele Ullman (Perth) 5; Julie Ullman (Perth) 3.

#### Special Prize for the Best Entry Received

Awarded to Merril Dawson (Coorparoo), who submitted a very nice entry, complete with colored borders, and pictured inserts.

#### Additional 5 Marks for Suggestions on the Improvement of Your Sunday School Class

The following have earned 5 marks by sending their thoughts on this subject. We hope to collate all suggestions received, and will publish these in an article commencing next issue — Steven Harrington (Hobart), Merril Dawson (Coorparoo), Timothy Mansfield (Campsie).

#### Just to hand!

Entries from the Bossley Pk. S.S. were held up in the post, and marks will be listed in our next issue. The entries are from David Baird, Mark Hudson, Gregory Pogson, Deborah Viles, Cheryl Newell and Stephen Mathews.

### MESSIAH TRIUMPHANT

It was bitter out in the world that night;  
 But one Man trudged wearily on.  
 Past all the footfalls—He stumbled not once,  
 With a bitter goal to be won.  
 All alone in the world; He had few friends,  
 But none of them understood;  
 None of them knew of the ghastly hour  
 When his body would hang on wood.  
 None of them knew of the sorrow he felt,  
 All alone on that dark night;  
 None of them realized the joy to come  
 When he won that bloodstained fight.  
 How beautiful upon the mountains  
 Will be the feet of him,  
 Who cometh down from heaven,  
 To conquer sin.  
 The day shall be remembered,  
 The hour shall be sung,  
 Not in different languages,  
 But in the Hebrew tongue.

— Written by Rosemary Clothier (5 marks).

### PICTORIAL SUPPLEMENT

Did you enjoy the interesting illustrations in our special section last issue? We hope to publish our next Pictorial Supplement in the May/June issue, but must receive photos no later than 30th March. A photo of yourself, your family, Sunday School, or interesting activities will be greatly appreciated — and a prize will be awarded the best photo received.

## From our MAILBAG



The following extracts earn for their writers an additional 2 points.

### Difficult

"During the holiday I tried making up a Cipher and Hidden Passage, and now realize how difficult it must be to make the puzzles interesting." (Valerie Johnson, Qld.)

Some tell me the solving of puzzles is difficult, but as you say, the composing of them more so! However, I have the help of Auntie Helen Gore (of Woodville) to help me in this work.—Editor.

### Practice Makes Perfect!

"Yesterday my brother, Reece, received his correspondence lessons, and a Good Companion magazine came too. Because I haven't received mine yet, I used my brother's for the quiz. I have not written many letters, and am not very good at it, but hope to improve." (Max Evans, Cunderdin, W.A.)

You will, if you write me regularly, Max!

### Enjoys The Magazine

"Thank you for the second edition of The Good Companion. I really enjoyed reading it, and answering the puzzles." (Yvonne Brewer, Vic.)

### Working Together

David Mansfield, of Campsie Sunday School writes:

"I think the magazine is just what young people in Christadelphia need. It brings us together because of our aim in life: to be part of the King-

dom that Christ will set up on earth. I attend Campsie School, which is not a large one, having about 15 students. Because there is not many at our School we all take a vital part in the work, and find the magazine very much a help."

### Wants Pen-Friend

From Adele Ullman (Perth) comes this request:

"This year for our Sunday School play, my class is doing 'The Prophets Of Baal.' I am a soldier of King Ahab. Please could you send me a girl pen-pal in another state, aged 12 years. I like going to the Perth Sunday School very much, and have enjoyed reading the first issue of the magazine."

If you would like to correspond with Adele, please send your name and address to the Editor.

### Filling A Need

Russell Edgecombe, of Enfield, comments:

"I have just finished digesting the good things in The GOOD COMPANION, and have found it most interesting and profitable. I feel it will supply what is lacking in some areas of Sunday school work, namely in supplying an incentive to do extra work, and I daresay this is the feeling of many others. The article entitled 'What's In Space', is interesting, and with the knowledge that 'the heavens declare the glory of God' we are almost overawed when we realise that also 'the earth shall be filled with the glory of Yahweh', and that we can be there in that day with all the worthy men and women of past ages."

Russell also pointed out the valuable commencing words in "Elpis Israel" dealing with the formation of the earth, to which readers should refer.

## The People In Our Studies

### JEROBOAM: LEADER OF DIVISION

Jeroboam, the son of Nebat and Zeruah, was an Ephrathite, an official under Solomon. His name means "The people are numerous," an apt name at the time of prosperity and growing power of Israel under David and Solomon. But, his actions disgraced his name, and brought the degradation

of an ecclesia that denied the principles of their God.

Jeroboam was an energetic, industrious, efficient organizer, with a reputation for leadership (1 Kgs. 11:28). He was both admired and feared by Solomon, who sought to destroy him (v. 40). However, he was providentially told by Ahijah the prophet, that upon obedience to the truth, and submission before Yahweh, he would prosper over the 10 tribes of Israel (1 Kgs. 11:37-38). But because of his unrestrained desire for political pre-eminence and recognition of flesh, Jeroboam became an adversary to the Ecclesia.

He thus was a dishonorable brother who:

- ★ Sought to be popular with the majority by giving them their wants (1 Kgs. 12:1-5).
- ★ Perverted the truth to gain political ambition (1 Kgs. 12:27-28).
- ★ Justified his action by making subtle deviations from the principles of truth (1 Kgs. 12:28, 32-33. cp. Exod. 32:4, 21-22).
- ★ Appointed unqualified and abominable priests to be ministers of the Word in Israel (1 Kgs. 12:31).
- ★ Devoted himself to maintain disunity between Israel and Judah, by means of separating or splitting their company (1 Kgs. 12:27).

Jeroboam reigned as king of Israel for 22 years (1 Kgs. 14:20) during which he became known as "Jeroboam, the son of Nebat who made Israel to sin." Scripture cites this caption over 14 times to impress upon us the foolishness of the pride of life, and the ambition of power at the expense of the truth. Unless this principle is mortified in us (Rom. 8:13), we, also, will share the dishonor of Jeroboam.

— Roger Gore (Woodville)

### Well Wrytten!

In Coverdale's Bible, which Henry VIII ordered to be placed in every "parish church", the following is a specimen of the English spelling and translation of the first verse of Mark 1:

"This is the begynnyng of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, as it is wrytte in the prophetes. Beholde I sende my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy waye before the. The voyce of a cryer is in the wilderness. Prepare ye the waye of the Lord, make his pathes straight."

### BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to our "birthday readers"! May the coming twelve months (God willing) witness your increase in the knowledge of the Bible, and your loyal support to your Sunday School.

**In March**—1st: Gary Russell (Bos. Pk.); 2nd: Geoffrey Davis (Perth); 3rd: Peter Glass (Perth); 4th: Carol Merrick (Enfield); 6th: Yvonne Jose (Perth); 9th: Stephen Forsdike (Granville), Mary Deveigne (Granville), James Kidd (Enfield); 10th: Phillip Hayles (Perth), Ann McDonald (Granville), Lydia Hawkins (Perth); 11th: Naomi Pogson (Bos. Pk.), Veronica Van Dermeuler (Perth); 14th: Michelle Goodman (Granville); 15th: Brian Hurr (Perth); 16th: Ian Sawell (Bos. Pk.); 17th: Ian Wace (Granville); 18th: Roslyn Russell (Bos. Pk.); 19th: Kenneth Pogson (Bos. Pk.); 20th: Catherine John (Perth); 21st: Beverly Martin (Enfield); 22nd: Andrew Osborne and Michael Osborne (Enfield), Cheryl Newell (Bos. Pk.); 23rd: Annette Hawkins (Perth), Graham Hollingshed (Granville), David Kelly (Bos. Pk.); 24th: Ken Jose (Perth), James McColl (Enfield); 25th: Ian Roulstone (Ballina), Veronica Elton (Redcliffe); 26th: Lisa Franklin (Enfield); 27th: Janice Manser (Enfield); 28th: Will Vaughan (Perth), Julie Ullman (Perth); 30th: Mark Dennes (Riverwood), Carolyn Deveigne (Granville); 31st: Lex Bain (Perth).

**In April**—2nd: Kerrie Horne (Granville); 4th: Susan O'Connor (Enfield); 5th: Rosemary Beacham (Enfield), Robert Hermann (Ballina); 6th: Maurice Pogson (Bos. Pk.); 7th: Graham Day (Enfield), Judith Russell (Ballina), Meredith Grainger (Enfield); 8th: Wendy Deveigne (Bos. Pk.); 10th: Ruth Mansfield (Enfield); 11th: Shirley Martin (Enfield); 12th: Timothy Bain (Perth); 13th: Belinda Kehoe (Granville), Owen Gallier (Redcliffe); 14th: Jacqueline Wearne (Enfield), Michael Hawkins (Perth); 17th: Lynette Horgan (Enfield); 18th: Raechel Kidd and Margaret Horgan (Enfield); 19th: Adrian Maycock (Perth), Peter Blackwood (Bos. Pk.); 21st: Richard Ullman (Perth), Kevin Matthews (Bos. Pk.); 23rd: Peter Anderson (Enfield); 26th: Ian Merrick (Enfield), Jimmy Kelly (Bos. Pk.); 27th: Deslie Townsend (Redcliffe); 28th: Kathryn Lawler and Elizabeth Horne (Granville), Dean Brookman (Bos. Pk.); 29th: Shirley Sims (Granville); 30th: Wendy Forsdike (Granville).

## BIRTHDAY Greetings

## *Sunday School* **ACTIVITIES**

### URGENT INFORMATION!

News of the activities of your Sunday School during May and June should be sent to the Editor as soon as possible; and no later than April 15th.

**ADAMSTOWN, N.S.W. (Supt.: Bro. G. Alchin; Sect.: Sis. B. Richards)**

Sister Richards writes:

"We are finding the current Sunday School lessons very interesting, especially the details concerning Solomon's Temple. Our School is planning regular outings, and the first was successfully held on February 28th. We take the kiddies on a picnic, and after lunch consider some of the Bible stories, and conduct a quiz thereon. The children of our Sunday School will write you at a later date, and tell you about their Sunday School."

**BOSSLEY PARK, N.S.W. (Supt.: Bro. P. B. Sawell)**

"I am writing to enclose some entries in THE GOOD COMPANION competition submitted by the scholars of our School. Our Sunday School now has 55 scholars, and the following are the forthcoming activities, God willing:"

**March 13, April 10**—Junior Bible Class (ages 8-11) held at home Bro. Pogson, 22 Kendee St., Green Valley.

**March 14, 18, April 11, 25**—Intermediate Bible Class (12 yrs. and over), held at home Bro. Hudson, 96 Maxwells Ave., Green Valley.

**March 14**—Special Sunday School picnic to be held at Cataract Dam.

**CUMBERLAND, S.A. (Supt.: Bro. A. Hollamby; Sect.: Bro. Max Lund)**

"Our new year commenced with eight new enrolments in the main school, and the kindergarten bursting at its seams! We welcome Bruce Pitcher, Peter and Tony Gibbins, John Hill (from Clayton, Vic.), Lee Samwell, Sue Richardson, Ron McBride and Sis. Angela Farren. We are very pleased with the magazine and happy to participate and encourage our scholars to take full advantage of its beneficial matter."

**March 14**—Monthly "family outing," at which all members, young and older, enjoy the happy family atmosphere, based on Bible studies.

**ENFIELD, S.A. (Supt.: Bro. K. Clothier; Sect.: Bro. I. Pitcher)**

"We were very pleased to have Bro. E. Spongberg from Sydney on Sunday, February 15th, when he gave the scholars an interesting talk on the Book of Jonah."

**March 13**—Youth group study: (1) "Creation"; (2) "Babylon the Great".

**March 14**—Sunday School outing, 2 p.m.; tea at 5.30 p.m.; evening at 7 p.m. to consider "Man that is in honor and understandeth not" (Psa. 49:20), and "Who shall ascend into the hill of Yahweh" (Psa. 24:3). The younger scholars will listen to a special tape recording from the Corresp. Sunday School.

**April 3**—Youth group study: (1) "Creation"; (2) "The Psalms".

**April 11**—Sunday School outing, 2 p.m. Usual arrangements.

**April 17**—Youth group study: "Speeches from the Acts".

**LAUNCESTON, TAS. (Supt.: Bro. J. Kershaw)**

"At the moment we do not have any special activities until the Easter holiday, when Bro. Spongberg will be present to lead a study of "The Epistle to the Colossians", and during this period will address the Sunday School. We will try to arrange a photo of the School on this occasion. We recently farewelled one of our baptised Senior Class members: **Sis. Sandra Coombe**, who is moving to Adelaide, and will be joined by **Sis. Mary Day** and **Sis. Ruth Onley** (for many years a teacher in the School). We pray that Yahweh's blessing will be with them in their new environment."

**REDCLIFFE, QLD. (Supt.: Bro. M. R. Steele)**

"We are pleased to welcome three



new scholars: **Joanne O'Donnell, Natalie Hetherington, and Cameron Hetherington.** As a result of a canvass last Sunday, we hope to have another new scholar starting next Sunday afternoon. All our children were recently invited to a lecture on Daniel 2, to help them in this year's lessons. Highlight of the evening was the unveiling of Nebuchadnezzar's Image, which stood nine feet high, and whose 'brightness was terrible!! No doubt the children will remember this part of Daniel's life!"

**RIVERWOOD, N.S.W. (Supt.: Bro. R. Jenkins; Sect.: Sis. B. Dennes)**

Sister Dennes comments:

"Thank you for publishing the Magazine. Our children enjoy reading it and trying to work out the puzzles—as do some of the parents! We have just established our Sunday School Young Peoples' Class at our new Ecclesial Hall at 265 Bonds

Rd., Riverwood, which will be held on the 1st Saturday each month at 7.30 p.m. We welcome young people from the other ecclesias to join us in our studies and activities around the Word of God."

**WOODVILLE, S.A. (Supt.: Bro. L. Wigzell; Sect.: Bro. G. Wigzell)**

**March 7**—Sunday School outing commencing 2.30 p.m., followed by Tea at the Ecclesial Hall, and evening activity.

**March 28**—Bible marking evening for young people, at Hall, 7 p.m. Bring your Bible, marking pens and inks. Additional equipment will be supplied.

**April 4**—Sunday School outing.

**April 18**—Bible marking evening continued, setting forth a simple, helpful method of tracing the Life of the Lord. Helps will be given in marking Sunday School lessons into your Bible.

## WHAT'S IN SPACE?

Some interesting facts about the Beautiful Silvery Orb of Heaven.

The moon revolves around the earth, taking approximately 30 days to complete its phases. It is from this, that we get our word "month," or "moonth" — a period of 30 days. As the moon revolves around the earth, it appears in different phases: new moon, quarter moon, full moon. The part we see is that upon which the sun (then at the other side of the world) is shining, and the glory reflects back to us. So the moon, like the earth, has two "faces." When night falls on Australia, the sun is shining in England — and so it is with the moon. It is half in light and half in darkness. When viewed

through a telescope, great mountains are seen on the moon (some are as high as the Alps), and the sun shines on one side of them, leaving the other side in darkness, and producing grotesque shadows and shapes. You may have noticed this in the photographs taken by the astronauts recently.

The moon is a planet. That means it has no light of its own. The light we see is reflected from the sun, and apart from this, the moon would be completely dark. This is important to realise when we later consider the use of the moon as a symbol in the Bible.

### Its Influence On The Earth

The moon also has a very powerful influence on the earth. It affects the tides of the sea, helping to keep the waters of the earth in perpetual motion, preventing them from becoming stagnant.

The Bible teaches us:

**"God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the**

**lesser light to rule the night"** (Gen. 1:16). **"The Lord appointed the moon for seasons"** (Psa. 104:19).

The word "made" in the verse from Genesis comes from the Hebrew word *asah*, which has been rendered in the other verse as "appointed." So in the days of creation, God's mighty hand so positioned the sun

and moon and earth, that the benefits of the former would be felt on the latter — and some very important spiritual lessons would also be revealed!

There are some difficult verses in the Bible relating to prophecies about the heavenly bodies. Look up Isa. 24:23 and 30:26, which speak of strange happenings with the "sun" and "moon." We will more particularly deal with these next issue (God willing); but meanwhile you might like to write the Editor with an explanation of these prophecies!

ANSWERS TO LAST ISSUE'S PUZZLES

# Competitions & Quizzes ?

**A Beheading:** A-dam. The name was "Adam" and beheaded, "dam" which would stop flowing waters.

**Nameless Incident:** The woman was the wife of Jeroboam, who had come to

Ahijah the prophet, at Shiloah, to enquire concerning her son's future. See 1 Kings 14:1-18. (Many excellent comments were received, which we hope to publish in later issues).

**Jumblegrams** (in order): Genesis; Samuel; Chronicles; Psalms; Daniel; Matthew; Luke; John; Acts.

**Complete the Animals:** (1) Dog, Lion (Eccl. 9:4); (2) Wolf, Lamb (Isa. 65:25); (3) Ox, Ass (Isa. 1:3); (4) Mule (2 Sam. 18:9).

**Ciphergram:** Hear a quaint proverb. If you have three friends it is not enough; if you have one enemy it is too many.

## SOLVE THESE PUZZLES

### Cipher With A Question!

Solve it, by going back one place in the alphabet for each letter given.

To separate words "A" is put between —

HJWFAUIFSFGPSFAUIZATFSWBOUABOAVOEFSTUBOEA  
 IFBSUAUPAKVEHFAUIZAQFPQMFUAIBUAJA  
 NBZAEJTDFOACFUXFFOAHPPPEABOEACBE . . .  
 XIPANBEFAUIJTASFRVFTUABOEAXIZ.

### Beheaded Word

I am no more, having been a long time ago cut in pieces by a prophet. Beheaded, I can be used to prevent speech. Curtailed, I become a note of music, the starting point of nearly all known languages, and yet withal I am styled an indefinite article. Who am I?

### Skeleton Passage

Solve this passage from the Psalms, which inculcates uprightness in speech:

Kxxx xHX xOXGx xRxM ExIx, Axx xxy LExx xROx xPxAxIxx xUxxE.

### Who Said This?

"O thou man of God, there is death in the pot." (Clue: It happened at Gilgal).

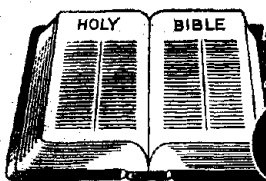
### Bible Rulers

Can you select the one man, in each set, who was a Bible ruler?

(1) Elisha, Ahasuerus, Jason. (2) Barnabas, Aquila, Darius. (3) Nathanael, Ahab, Ananias. (4) Felix, Zacchaeus, Job.

Your completed entry must show your name, address, Sunday school and age; and must be received by **The Editor, The Good Companion, P.O. West Beach, S.A. 5024** by **April 10th**. Answers will be published in our next issue which will be available on Sunday, May 3rd (God willing).

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## WISDOM: YESTERDAY & NOW!

To Our Reader,

You may think that the advanced education of the twentieth century is superior to anything that existed previously! It is true that man had made giant strides in technological achievements, scientific and medical advancements, and has walked on the moon. But bygone ages have also sparkled with their own standard of skill, artistry and scholarship.

In the day of Moses, for example, Egypt had a most advanced level of architecture and artistry. The Egyptians not only designed and built magnificent temples and palaces, the glory of which still amazes people today, but also constructed the marvellous Pyramids nearby to the River Nile. These huge edifices have withstood thousands of years of rain, wind and sand — and still stand today as great monuments to the skill of antiquity. The measurements and symmetry of the pyramids are so exact that noted archaeologists have said that builders today, with all the modern machinery available, could not build a pyramid like the Egyptians.

Two thousand years later, in the days of Paul, education concentrated more on culture, and the Greeks were noted for wisdom in philosophy, art and science. The greatest university city of the times was at Athens, where people would gather to hear and discuss the "latest theories" (see Acts 17:21). It was the centre for all kinds of ideas — and Greek philosophy is still held in high regard by teachers today.

But some people stood apart from the "wisdom" of their day and refused to conform to its teaching.

Of Moses, the Bible declares: "He esteemed the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt" (Heb. 11:26). He preferred to join the despised followers of God rather than embrace the wisdom and learning of Egypt. He realised that the former could give him hope for the future, whilst the latter could only help him for a short few years of his life.

In the days of Athen's glory, Paul said: "The world by wisdom knew not God . . . because the foolishness of God is wiser than men . . . not many wise men after the flesh are called (to the Truth)" (1 Cor. 1:21-27). Paul rejected the opportunities the world offered, to follow the example of faithful Moses before him.

And if Moses and Paul were alive today, they would again stand apart from the "wisdom and learning" of the world. For whilst man's achievements are spectacular and marvellous, they do not lead him closer to God — but, in fact, encourage him to ignore the pathway of righteousness. It is so hard for people full of pride in their achievements and attainments to accept the simple truths of the Bible. They refuse to humble themselves before God. We, however, as "wise young people", should be like Moses and Paul who had great opportunities for advancement in the world of their times, but refused it all to serve God. The value of our Sunday School lessons and associations are greater than we often realise. Unlike secular education, they can help us to the Kingdom of God. At Sunday School, and from the Bible, we are educating ourselves for eternity.

Surely this is the most important thing in our lives!

The Editor.

#### MATTER ON HAND

We are grateful to many readers who have forwarded articles for publication. Unfortunately, space is not always available, but articles are held for forthcoming issues. Amongst such are: ● "The Owl And The Eye" (Russell Edgcombe), ● "Solomon's Temple" (Rhonda Gurd), ● "Elisha" (Barry Steele), ● "Improving our Sunday School Class" (various). **POEMS:** We appreciate receiving **original** poems, but please do not send copied poems.

#### ALTERATION TO OUR NAME

To conform with regulations pertaining to magazines registered by the Post Office as a periodical, we are making a slight change to our Magazine Title, and in future will be known as "GOOD COMPANY". We hope it will prove such to all our readers, both young and old. Good company is always found in the Bible and the books of the Truth. These will encourage us, stimulate us, comfort us, thrill us. Never deny ourselves the company of Christadelphian books and friends.

## Sunday School ACTIVITIES

**ADAMSTOWN, NSW (Supt: Bro. G. Alchin; Sect: Sis. B. Richards).**

"In one lesson at Sunday School the children pretended they were calling upon Baal, and we thus taught them the foolishness of trusting upon other than Yahweh as the true God. A combined Ecclesial and Sunday School outing was held on April 29th, and a happy time was spent around the Word of God."

**BOSSLEY PARK, NSW (Supt: Bro. P. Sawell)**

"We enclose entries for the Good Company magazine from our Sunday School, and am fostering increased interest in the competitions and activities."

**COBURG, Vic. (Supt: Bro. W. Williams).**

"We have 13 scholars in 4 classes, all thrilled to commence the new Assoc. lesson. Our Senior class, led by Bro. Stan Snow, is studying Elpis Israel. We have also commenced a Bible marking class for teenagers upon the 1st principles of the Truth. Our combined Ecclesial/Sunday School picnic was recently held in the beautiful surrounds of King Lake. Competitions and a hike kept all occupied! During the course of the outing, a gentleman approached us from another party and said: **What religion are you? I am amazed at the number of young people that you have. All the other churches (?) lose them quite young. How do you do it?** We engaged him in conversation for an hour pointing out the positive hope for the future and a guide to modern living given in the Bible. He listened intently, then replied: **"Well, my wife and I were raised athiests and that's what we are, but**

what you say is very interesting.”  
**CUMBERLAND, S.A. (Supt: Bro. A. Hollamby; Sec: Bro. Max Lund; Asst. Sec: Bro. T. Hollamby).**

“We greeted the last issue enthusiastically, and favorable comments ensued. However, we are keen to see more of our scholars participate in the competitions, and hope that results will be forthcoming.”

**ENFIELD, SA (Supt: Bro. K. Clothier; Sec: Bro. I. Pitcher).**

Results of the competition on “Jonah” held during the visit of Bro. E. Spongberg are to hand: Senior Section: (1) Russell Edgcombe, (2) Klaus Papowski, (3) Rosemary Clothier. Junior Section: (1) Jamie Arnold, (2) Catherine Stokes, (3) Elizabeth Cheek. A copy of “Goodness and Severity of God” was awarded to each scholar in the senior section who submitted entries.

**May 2, June 6**—Sunday School outing.

**May 8**—Youth group study: “Creation.”

**May 22**—Youth group study: “The Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men.”

**June 5**—Study: “Rechabites and Malachites.”

**June 19**—Youth group study.

**GLENLOCK, S.A.**

**June 15** — A special combined Sunday School picnic is being arranged by the Glenlock S.S. group to be held at Blanchetown Oval, commencing 11.30 am. An enjoyable program of sports, games and races is planned, and during the day, Bro. S. Snow of Melbourne will give a short address.

**LAUNCESTON, Tas. (Supt: Bro. J. Kershaw)**

“We were very pleased to have Bro. Ted Spongberg and Sis. Margaret Littler at a weekend study on Colossians. Bro. Spongberg spoke to the Sunday School about the prophet Jonah. Photos of our gatherings are enclosed for the Pictorial Supplement”.

**PENNANT HILLS, NSW (Supt: Bro. B. Byrnes; Sect: Sis. C. Byrnes).**

“Thank you for forwarding back

issues of the magazine, which will bring enjoyment and instruction to our scholars. We have just commenced with 11 scholars, meeting at the Thornleigh West Prog. Assoc. Hall, cnr. Sefton & Lockerbie Rds. Until we obtain a pianist, we sing our hymns to tape recorded music! Our first outing was to Toranga Pk. Zoo, and the next is planned for **May 2nd** — a combined Sunday School/Ecclesial picnic at Lane Cove River Park.”

**PERTH, W.A. (Supt: Bro. D. Hurn; Sec: Sis. F. Hurn).**

**May 2**—Sunday School Hike.

**May 9**—Study: “Come and be ye separate.”

**May 16**—Daily readings at the home of Bro. D. Strempl.

**May 23**—Games evening.

**June 6**—Daily readings evening at home Bro. S. Hawkins Jnr.

**June 13**—Study on “Animals”.

**June 20**—Daily readings study at home Bro. S. Fergusson.

**June 27**—Study evening on “Jonah.”

**REDCLIFFE, Qld. (Supt: Bro. M. R. Steele).**

“On April 25, a picnic was held on the sea-front at Woody Point. Previously, on the 11th, we enjoyed a day trip with the Coorparoo Ecclesia to Tambourine Mountain. We are particularly grateful for the assistance our scholars rendered in distributing 6,000 leaflets for our special March effort.”

**SUTHERLAND, NSW (Supt: Bro. J. Quill).**

**May 24**—A special meeting for Senior Class, at which Bro. Peter Pickering (Coburg) will outline his visit overseas.

**May 30**—Saturday Tea meeting, commencing 5.30 pm.

**June 20**—Sat. outing to Bullen’s Animal World.

**SYDNEY: THE ASSOCIATION PICNIC**

The Second Sunday School Assoc. Picnic is scheduled for the holiday on **Monday, June 15th**, at the beautiful scenic grounds at Parsley Bay (near Vaucluse) on the foreshore of Sydney

Harbour. All schools are invited to participate, and we look forward to seeing many boys and girls. An interesting program of games and competitions has been organized, and everyone (whether old or young!) can be assured of a wonderful time.

**WOODVILLE, S.A. (Supt: Bro. L. Wigzell; Sec: Bro. G. Wigzell; Asst. Sec: Bro. E. Hubbard).**

**May 2**—Outing, combined with Cumberland and Enfield Schools for visit to Marineland. Afterwards a combined tea will be held, followed by study meetings.

**June 13**—2.30 pm outing. Evening study by Bro. B. Steele on "Kings," followed by an essay by Susan Steele on "Nebuchadnezzar."

**July 4**—2.30 pm outing. Evening

study on "Prophets" (Bro. W. Derecki).

We are delighted to welcome Cheryl and Sandra Tunnell who are attending the school this year. They come from Los Angeles, USA, and are enjoying their visit to Australia. **YAGOONA, NSW (Supt: Bro. K. Cook).**

**May 9 and Sat. June 13**—7.30 pm Daniel study class in School Hall.

**Sat. May 16**—7.30 pm Class and games evening with scholars' essays upon "Isaiah", "Hezekiah," and "God's coming time of judgment."

**Sat. June 20**—7.30 pm class and games evening with essays on "Josiah," "Ezekiel," and "The establishment of God's kingdom on earth."

## From our MAILBAG



The following extracts earn for their writers an additional 2 points.

Other interesting letters received will be included in our next issue (God willing).

### POPULATION EXPLOSION

"During February, Uncle Ted Spongberg came to Enfield, and spent an afternoon with our School to tell us of the Sunday Schools he visited around the world. He said how thrilled he was to visit our large School, and mentioned that it wasn't America that had the population explosion, but the Enfield Sunday School!" (Judith Horgan, Enfield, S.A.)

(Perhaps that is an "explosion" we all enjoy experiencing, Judith! — Ed.)

### CHALLENGE BY EVOLUTION

"I have just started Gateshead High School, and find it very different to Primary. In social studies we are starting to learn of prehistoric man and evolution. It was hard not to believe my teachers, but Dad showed

me the book called 'Trial' on evolution. It showed how wrong the scientists are, and I would like further proof if you can supply it" (Margaret Richards, Adamstown, NSW).

(We hope to publish some articles on this matter later, Margaret. Meanwhile, you may like to read your parents' copy of current issues of 'Logos' which contains interesting articles by A.C.N. on evolution — Ed.)

### WITH OUR FRIENDS

"Because we live in an evil age it is important we work together as often as possible. This is hard because we can spend only a small amount of time with our Christadelphian friends. I feel that **The Good Companion** is an excellent way to bind young people together in the things of Yahweh" (Glenda Sullivan, Woodville, S.A.)

### MADE THE TEMPLE!

"In our class there are four girls 9 years of age. At the beginning of the year we made our own Solomon's Temple out of cardboard. Aunty Norma, our teacher, helps us do the puzzles in our lesson book" (Sharon Darke, Granville, NSW).

(I'm sure that making the model helped you to understand its features, Sharon — Ed.)

## PICTORIAL SUPPLEMENT

This month, our illustrations take you north to Redcliffe in Queensland, and south to Launceston in Tasmania, as well as depicting some photos of the GOOD COMPANY "work group" in Adelaide.

The photo below, was taken at the Redcliffe Special Effort during March. Unfortunately some of those attending had left before this picture was taken. In the background is the Redcliffe Ecclesial Hall.









The picture above is of the group at Launceston. It was taken during a recent effort at which Bro. T. Spongberg and Sis. M. Littler (3rd & 4th from right) were present. There were also visitors from Hobart and the mainland attending.

ABOVE LEFT: Project display at Redcliffe. Bro. J. Knowles (left) and superintendent Bro. M. Steele (right) pictured with 9-14 age group. Models of the temple are shown in the foreground

LOWER LEFT: Candid picture of the "temple-builders" constructing models of Ezekiel's temple, under the shade of tents erected on the lawns outside the Redcliffe Hall.



This will show you some of the work undertaken to produce your Magazine  
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Some of the work group who regularly

meet to fold, staple, wrap and mail your GOOD COMPANY. In this photo part of the wrapping section is shown. BELOW, we have illustrated the Printing Press on which this Magazine was produced.

All this is done in spare time, so that you can enjoy your own magazine  
\*We hope to show you other sections of work next time



**1970 PROJECT BOOKS AVAILABLE**

You will find the new Projects, currently being distributed by the S.S. Association, most interesting and helpful. Entitled "Prophets, Priests And Kings Of The Kingdom," the Project will cover Stage 3 lessons. The Junior Project provides a book of 39 pages illustrated with sketches, puzzles and other features for you to spend your time and skill upon. Most schools have already received supplies, but further copies are available from The Secretary, Box 110, P.O. Kingsgrove, NSW 2208.

Primary Scholars are to submit their completed activity pad sheets. These entries will be judged according to presentation and work done on the variety of aspects covered in the Activity Pads.

Senior Scholars are required to make their own project book following the outline presented in the Sections of the Project Instruction Sheets, covering the 3 phases of Israel's History: (1) The development and glory of the kingdom; (2) The decline, division and overthrow of the kingdom; (3) Its partial restoration.

Closing date for entries is Sunday, 30th August, 1970.

**The People In Our Studies****ISAIAH: GRAND PROPHET OF GOD**

Isaiah's name means "The salvation of Yahweh," and he carried the message of redemption to Israel. His father was Amoz, which signifies: "Strong". Both names are significant for, from the "strong hand" of God develops "salvation" for all who would heed the message. Isaiah lived in Jerusalem and prophesied concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the reign of kings Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah (Ch. 1:1). He had two sons, who with their father were "men of sign" for they demonstrated the Divine purpose in the wonderful significance of their names (see Ch. 8:3). According to Jewish tradition, the prophet lived to between 80-90 years, and suffered martyrdom by being cut asunder (cp. Heb. 11:37).

Isaiah was well educated in the history and sacred books of Israel, and in the law of God. This is evident from his references to Eden and Noah (51:3, 54:9) Abraham and Sarah (41:8, 51:2), Jacob and Moses (41:8; 63:11-12), Sodom and Gomorrah (1:9; 13:19), etc.

He understood —

- ★ Medical science (1:6; 38:21).
- ★ The history and religion of world empires (18:2; 19:11-13; 23:12-13; 46:1).
- ★ The art of metallurgy (1:25), of the sculptor, constructor and painter (44:9-13).
- ★ May have learnt Aramaic (36:11), and understood titles and organization of the Syrian army (20:1).
- ★ Was familiar with the distant lands of Tarshish (2:16); Shinar and Media (11:11; 13:17; 21:2); Sinim (i.e. China — 49:12); Egypt (Ch. 19); and Ethiopia (11:11,15).

The prophet spoke of Israel as an ecclesia and as a political nation. He urged for complete reliance upon Yahweh and scorned co-operation and compromise with the other peoples (Ch. 8:12-14). Although he proclaimed judgment for Judah's sin, yet he announced a glorious deliverance for both Jews and Gentiles through Immanuel (God with us). Isaiah is presented to us as a strong brother in the Truth, who enjoyed a spiritual home life, and who used his mental powers and physical strength for the service of his God. As we are surrounded by worldly foolishness today, let us take the example of Isaiah: the Grand Prophet of God.

— Roger Gore (Woodville)

**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS**

As our "birthday readers" commence the next twelve months of their lives, we hope they will find increased enjoyment in their Sunday School, remembering the words of the wise man: see Eccl. 12:1.

**BIRTHDAY**  
*Greetings*

**IN MAY**—1st Gary Seaman (Launc.). 2nd: Steven Green-shields (Riverwood). 4th: Don Smith (Perth), Karen Pitt (Bunbury). 5th: Andrew Roper (Enfield), Lorna Pulley (Boss. Pk.), Bradley Platten (Cumberland). 6th: Mark Hawkins (Pth), Judith McColl (Enf), Wendy Pitt (Bunbury). 7th: The Editor! (Woodville), Shirley Smithers (Enf), Samuel Pogson (Yagoona), Sean Murray (Adamstown), Peter Wassell (Yagoona). 9th: Katrina Wright (Launc), Alexa Mednyanszky (Woody). 10th: Annette Stokes (Enf). 11th: Brigitta Mednyanszky (Woody), Alan Smithers (Enf). 12th: Adrian Smith (Pth). 13th: Marie Jose (Pth), Patricia Hubbard (Woody), Colin Higgs (Pth). 14th: Joanne Mingham (Yaronga). 15th: Kerrie Moreau (Granville), Annetee Cook (Boss. Pk), Ian Gore (Woody). 16th: Susan Stempel (Pth), Kevin Casey (Riverw). 17th: William Lauri (Redcliffe). 18th: Cheryl Bodle (Pth), Reece Evans (Cunderdin), Sharon John (Pth), David Day (Launc), Cheryl Leadbeater (Ballina). 19th: Robert Smolders (Pth). 20th: Michael Pearce (Enf). 21st: Ann Goodwin (Woody), Catherine Stokes (Enf), Heather Valkenburg (Enf), Helen Clifton (Boss. Pk).. 23rd: Dale Sims (Granv.), Helen Gurd (Cumb). 24th: Jeffrey Stone (Bal). 25th: Merrilyn Warner (Riverw), David Goodwin (Woody). 26th: David Moss (Bal), Thelma Leadbeater (Bal). 27th: Janet Russell (Bal), Paul Grainger (Enf). 28th: Sally Higgs (Pth), Adele Ullman (Pth). 29th: Jacqueline Smith (Enf). 30th: Valerie Johnson (Coorp.), Timothy Harrington (Hobart). 31st: Gordon Bain (Pth), Anthony Newman (Granv).

**IN JUNE**—1st: Dean Kitto (Launc), Robert Beecham (Enf), Peter Atkins (Coburg). 11th: Sharon Simmons (Camp). 12th: Janelle Darke (Granv), Margaret Clothier 6th: Owen Pitt (Bun). 7th: Geoffrey Higgs (Pth). 10th: Pamela Higgs (Pth), Trevor Snow 2nd: Paul Hadley (Granv). 3rd: Virginia Thiele (Cumb). 4th: James Mansfield (Campsie). (Enf). 13th: Russell Edgecombe (Enf). 15th: Cathleen Anderson (Enf), Kathryn Kortmann (Cumb). 16th: Benjamin Newton (Pth), Anita Smith (Pth). 17th: Cheryl Tunnell (Woody). 18th: Leanne Darke (Granv), Timothy Lawler (Granv). 20th: Lorraine Smithers (Enf). 21st: Anne Haustorfer (Pth). 22nd: James Kytka (Woody), David Temple (Enf). 23rd: Stephen Jose (Pth). 24th: Deborah Cooper (Granv). 25th: Deborah Martin (Pth), Stephen Steele (Redcl). 26th: Graeme Smith (Pth), Dana Brinkerhoff (Woody), Paul Blanch (Launc), Peter Jones (Pth), Joylene Sullivan (Woody). 27th: Pamela Russell (Bos. Pk), Christina Georgeou (Granv). 28th: Paulette Smolders (Pth), Irene Pukala (Woody). 30th: Kevin Fergusson (Pth), David Cooper (Granv).

**A Reader's Question****JEROBOAM PUNISHED, BUT NOT AARON?**

"On reading your article about Jeroboam (p.20) a problem came to my mind. Jeroboam made two calves, telling the people: 'These be your gods which brought you up out of Egypt,' and we know he was punished for it. But Aaron said the same thing (Exod. 32:4), and he wasn't. Why is this?" — Paul Blanch (Launceston).

Although it appears both Aaron and Jeroboam committed the same sin against God by initiating calf worship, there is a difference in the motives and character of these two leaders. Jeroboam was an ambitious person, hardened of heart, who realised he would lose his following unless he substituted his religion for the worship of Yahweh (1 Kg. 12: 26). He did so in a subtle manner, representing the God of Israel through images (v.28), and establishing an abominable order of priests (v.31). This action was a direct defiance and challenge to Yahweh and therefore brought the scathing rebuke and destruction upon Jeroboam and his household (Ch. 14:7-11).

Aaron was one who because of social pressure and fear for his life lacked faith, and succumbed to calf idolatry. Apparently he endeavored to quench the idolatrous movement by demanding the sacrifice of their treasured ornaments. However, he was led into deep trouble as the precious jewels were collected. His final effort to preserve the worship of Yahweh involved the casting of a calf-shaped image, substituting it for the Creator. Hence the proclamation of a feast to Yahweh (Exod. 32:5) and the erection of an altar. But the strength of Aaron was swept aside and the feast developed into an orgy climaxing in gross sensuality (v.6,25).

Moses comments upon this incident (Deut. 9) that Yahweh would have destroyed Aaron for his vice, but for the intercession of Moses (v.18-19), who pleaded for 40 days and nights for the forgiveness of Aaron and Israel. Yahweh hearkened to the prayer of Moses, and the people were preserved (v.19, cp. Deut. 9:4). No doubt, Aaron would have confessed

his lack of faith and accepted the rebuke of Moses, whereas Jeroboam, being hardened in sin, proud and arrogant, would not confess his error.

We also transgress before Yahweh —yet if we are mouldable characters who confess all sin to our intercessor, the Lord Jesus Christ, then we likewise with Aaron can receive forgiveness. —R.G.

### OUR FRIEND

If we to our Sunday School lessons attend,  
We will find Jesus a very good friend,  
A present help in time of need,  
What a wonderful friend he is indeed!  
He will protect us where'er we go,  
He will protect us from many a foe;  
His loving arm outstretched to bless,  
As we o'ercome our wickedness,  
So wherever we go we should never forget,  
The example which he, for us, has set;  
So in that day when he comes again,  
He will choose us as his special friend.

— Merril Dawson, Coorparoo (5 marks)

### GAIN THESE POINTS!

At the end of each year, The GOOD COMPANION will award the reader who gains the most marks given by the Magazine during the year, with a very attractive volume (which will be presented at the 1970 Prize-giving, God willing). In addition, every 100 points gained will be awarded a special prize.

Points will be given as follows: 1 point for each letter received; 2 points for every letter (or extract) published; 1 point for every competition entry received; 2 points for each correct competition entry; 5 points for published suggestions on "How To Improve My Sunday School Class;" 10 points for each short article published; 5 points for every original poem published.  
Begin your score today . . . by writing without delay!

### These Marks Awarded Since Last Issue

Special marks for published articles, letters, poems are listed under each item.

#### FOR LETTERS, COMPETITION ANSWERS, ETC., RECEIVED BY APRIL 10th

Previous entries from Bossley Pk. SS (see p. 19): David Baird 3; Mark Hudson 2; Gregory Pogson 2; Deborah Viles 2; Cheryl Newell 2; Stephen Mathews 2.

★ **NEW SOUTH WALES** — From Adamstown: Margaret Richards 6. From Bossley Pk: David Baird 4; Lance Hudson 1; Mark Hudson 3; Gregory Pogson 3. From Granville: Emily Passmore 3; Leanne Darke 4; Lois Gilham 3; Sharon Darke 4; Debbie Passmore 3. ★ **NEW ZEALAND**—Ruth Shekell (New Lynn) 11. ★ **QUEENSLAND**—From Coorparoo: Greg Hagen 3; Janelle Dawson 4; Merril Dawson 4; Helen Hagen 2; Valerie Johnson 3; Ray Miller 9. From Redcliffe: Jenny Townsend 1. ★ **TASMANIA** — From Launceston: Paul Blanch 4. ★ **VICTORIA** — From Coburg: Carolyn Mansfield 3; Joanne Snow 1. ★ **WEST AUST**—From Cunderdin: Max Evans 8; Reece Evans 5. From Perth: Brian Hurn 3; Greg Hurn 3; Ann Haustorfer 3; Nola Haustorfer 1; Jenny Hawkins 4; Robert Hurn 3; David Strempel 4; Geoff Strempel 3; Adele Ullman 5; Jenny Newton 2; Maureen Stagg 2. ★ **SOUTH AUST**—From Bunbury: Marian Pitt 2; Penny Pitt 3; William Pitt 3. From Cumberland: Bruce Gurd 9; Paul Gurd 8; Rhonda Gurd 3; Carolyn Thiele 4; Helen Gurd 3; Virginia Thiele 3; Mark Brown 3. From Enfield: Peter Anderson 4; Brett Arnold 3; Jamie Arnold 3; Rosemary Beecham 3; Barry Burney 3; David Burney 3; Joel Burney 3; Lynda Burney 3; Judith Clothier 2; Mark Clothier 3; Rosemary Clothier 3; Robert Edgecombe 3; Russell Edgecombe 3; Meredith Grainger 4; Paul Grainger 3; Lynette Horgan 3; Judith Horgan 4; Ruth Horgan 3; Margaret Kehl 2; Beverley Martin 3; Valerie Martin 3; Helen Papowski 4; Lorraine Smithers 3; Andrew Knowles 3; Catherine Knowles 3. From Woodville: Sharon Mansfield 3; Stephen Mansfield 4; Gabriela Mednyanszky 3; Robert Scott 3; Carol Scott 3; Glenda Sullivan 1; Paul Scott 3.

#### Neatest Entries Received: Special Commendation

Merril Dawson (Coorparoo), Stephen Mansfield (Woodville).

★ **REMEMBER: EVERY READER RECEIVES AN AWARD ON ATTAINING 100 MARKS!**

# Competitions & Quizzes ?

CONDUCTED BY HELEN GORE

**ANSWERS TO OUR LAST QUIZ**  
**Cipher With A Question** — "Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people that I may discern between good and bad . . . Who made this request and why?" The request was Solomon's

(1 Kgs. 3:9), that he might wisely govern the nation.

**Beheaded Word** — Agag. "A": the starting point of most languages; "gag": used to prevent speech.

**Skeleton Passage** — "Keep thy tongue from evil and thy lips from speaking guile" (Psa. 34:13).

**Who Said This?** — The sons of the prophets said this to Elisha (2 Kgs. 4:40).

**Bible Rulers** — (1) Ahasuerus; (2) Darius; (3) Ahab; (4) Felix.

### NOW SOLVE THESE . . .

Send your completed entry with your name, Sunday School, and age to The Editor, The Good Company, P.O. West Beach, S.A. 5024, by JUNE 5th. Answers will be published in our next issue, available on Sunday, July 5th (God willing).

**SQUARE PUZZLE** — You will find the answers will fit both across and down, in a square.

1. "In \_\_\_\_\_ was there a voice heard, lamentation, weeping and great mourning."
2. One of the early faithful men.
3. They were linked with the Persians.
4. A plant of the Bible with bitter juice.

**NAME THE INCIDENT** — A king who was killed whilst making merry.  
**SKELETON PASSAGE** — Solve this passage in the Psalms, which tells what we are NOT to do!

TXXSx xOx xN xPXXXXSxxN, xNx xEXxMx xOx xAXx xN

RxxBxxY: xF xIxHxS xNXXXXSx, xxT xxT Yxxx HxxRx xPxx xxxM.

**BIBLE LANDS TOUR** — Trace out your journey, and find the four places indicated in the clues:

1. Our journey begins in the land of Canaan in a city where Samuel and the prophets lived;
2. From here, we travel quite a way south and a little west, to a city where the second king of Israel was anointed;
3. We leave this city and travel south a long way until we come to two hills with a valley between, where a great battle was fought by a lone shepherd boy;
4. Finally, we conclude our tour by going east to an area where one of Israel's greatest enemies lived, a place where David fled to escape Saul:

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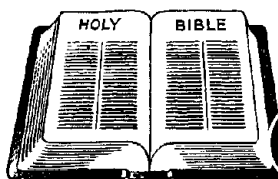
### THE NEXT PICTORIAL SUPPLEMENT

We would like a photo of yourself, your family, or Sunday School before 30th May, for publication in the next issue. Every photo published will be awarded TEN MARKS towards the "Good Company" Award.

### A COVER FOR YOUR MAGAZINES

Following enquiries, we advise readers that we are investigating various types of spring-back and folder type binders in which you will be able to file and preserve your copies. We hope to have complete details for our next issue. Meanwhile, keep your copies in a safe place!

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## INCREASING OUR FAMILY!

To Our Readers,

During the past month our family of readers has greatly enlarged. It now includes members in South Africa, New Zealand, America, England, and the Philippines. We extend to these new readers a warm welcome, and look forward to receiving letters from them telling us of their experiences. We shall be delighted to arrange for pen-friends with Christadelphian young people in Australia. This helps to cement the bond of companionship amongst young people throughout the world. Many important things have also happened in these weeks. • We must all be saddened to learn of the terrible, devastating earthquake in Peru. Suddenly, without warning, the earth shuddered and shook, large fissures opened up and huge cavities appeared, buildings swayed and came crashing down. Within a few moments untold damage was done, and thousands of lives were lost. As the dust settled, the tragedy of many families was revealed. Some had lost parents; others, brothers or sisters. These people died without hope, and as we think of this, we ought to realize the wonderful privilege that is ours. The Bible declares: **"All things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose"** (Rom. 8:28). The kind hand of our Creator is extended to protect us, and to lead us to a knowledge of His purpose. It is important, therefore, that we **"Remember our Creator in the days of our youth,"** (Eccl. 12:1) so that we can confidently look forward to the future

blessings that will come from Jesus Christ upon all humanity. ● Another sad incident recently reported, was the death of Jewish children in Israel. A town was shattered by bombs fired from neighboring Jordan, and among those killed or injured were a number of school children. Unfortunately, because of the intense hatred in the Middle East between Israelis and Arabs, war and death are common. How sad this all is! How badly the world needs the strong, infallible hands of the Lord to take control. And how important it is that we give ourselves to understanding His Word that we might grow up to understand and love him. ● Bearing in mind that the Jewish people are descendants of Abraham whom Yahweh treated as His friend, I am sure that you would like to know that you extended a helping hand to them in their troubles. Therefore, on your behalf, I have sent a cheque for \$50 to a Youth Settlement in Israel from the readers of **Good Company** that the children may be helped at this time of distress. ● Can you recall a passage in the Bible that speaks of Jewish children returning to their border? There is one, and I have a little gift for the boy or girl who first writes me to tell me where it is. I have enough of these gifts to provide for the first reader in each State of Australia to tell me the verse, and a few for those overseas — so send in your answers, even though you may be a little late.

Looking forward to hearing from you, soon.

**The Editor.**

### DO YOU SAVE STAMPS?

We receive postage stamps from many different countries, and have made up some very nice sets of varied stamps. We will send a set, completely free of cost, to every reader who writes a short article describing their Sunday School class. All such articles should be marked: "**Stamp Article.**"

## BIRTHDAY *Greetings*

We extend best wishes to all readers whose birthday occurs during July and August. To those who have advised us their date of birth, we are sending a special letter that will arrive on or near their birthday. If you have not sent us your date of birth please do so soon.

### A COVER FOR YOUR MAGAZINES

We now have available specially-made binder covers for your **Good Company** magazines. They are nicely produced in vynal plastic, with the Title on the cover and spine, and include, a special clutch-grip will hold your magazines tightly, preserving the copies. The binder costs 60 cents, and can be obtained from The Editor.

### FORTHCOMING ARTICLES

To be published — ● "The Owl and the Eye" (Russell Edgecombe) ● "Solomon's Temple" (Rhonda Gurd) ● "The Camel, Discontented Ship of the Desert" (Colin Evans) ● "The Two Ways" (Poem by Judith Klumpp).



### LEADING GODLY LIVES

In Deut. 6:1-9, Moses gave instruction that if the people of Israel would correctly worship God wonderful blessings would shower upon them. The thoughts of these verses prompted the following poem sent by **Michele Plant**, of Redcliffe, Qld., who thus earns 5 marks.

When you're resting in your lounge,  
 Or just sitting at your meals,  
 Teach your children of God's precepts  
 Then they'll serve their God with zeal.  
 Take them walking in the evening,  
 When the world is quiet and still;  
 Tell them of the Bible lessons,  
 Show them of their Father's will.  
 Even on your bed at night,  
 You can draw your children near,  
 Teach them all about the Savior,  
 Pray He'll give them ears to hear.  
 When the sun begins to rise,  
 Wake them gently as you can;  
 Fill their minds with scripture reading,  
 Keep their thoughts from ways of man.  
 Now, gather all together,  
 And in family prayer unite —  
 Pray to God that He will guide them  
 Bring them all unto His Light.

If you would like a copy of this poem, printed on card, write now, and a special gift-poem will be sent you.

### The People In Our Studies

#### ELISHA: THE BEARER OF THE "STILL, SMALL VOICE"

From the midst of the lush fields of Abel-Meholah (Signifying, Meadow of Dancing), Elisha was called to become the prophet of God, in remarkable circumstances. Elijah, the stern prophet from Gilead, had been commanded by God to anoint three men, Hazael, Jehu and Elisha (1 Kgs. 19:15-16): the first two to slay by the edge of the steel sword, and Elisha to slay by the sword of the mouth:

**"Therefore have I hewed them by the prophets; I have slain them by the words of my mouth: and thy judgments are as the light that goeth forth" (Hosea 6:4-5).**

There was a great contrast between the two men of God, Elijah and Elisha. The first was harsh, unyielding, outspoken, determined. He demanded that the people reform. He rebuked them for sin. He proclaimed coming judgment. He called down vengeance from heaven. But his follower declared the way of mercy and grace, and encouraged the small band of true disciples and worshippers that were even then to be found in Israel. He was, in a sense, quieter and more gentle than his rough forerunner, and was a type of the Lord Jesus Christ, who followed the vigorous preaching of John the Baptist with the tender sayings recorded in the Gospels for the help of individuals.

Like Jesus, Elisha performed more miracles than his predecessor.

Elisha was young, inexperienced, and wealthy, when Elijah first called him. He was of a privileged family, which owned considerable property. When the aged prophet came to anoint him, he found him in the fertile fields of his father, Shaphan, working with his eleven assistants to prepare the soil for sowing. Elisha had directed his men in the method of labor in the

fields, and he, himself, was ploughing with the twelfth yoke of oxen. Though young, he was diligent and responsive, for his father had entrusted him with authority over his servants.

He was later to guide and direct those whom his Father in heaven would entrust to his care. He would speak to them concerning the "still, small voice" of Divine guidance and direction, so that the field of Israel might produce fruit to God's glory. The still, small voice was to be accompanied by many miracles, and in all this, Elisha was proclaiming the salvation that God offered to the nation. His name indicated this. It means: "The Salvation of El." The word "El" (God) means "power", and this power for salvation was revealed in the words and actions of the prophet. Later, when the Savior of humanity was born, he was called "Jesus", which means "Yahweh's Savior", and he continued and perfected the work in which Elisha was engaged, and provided the means for the salvation of all who would accept him.

Like Jesus, Elisha had to forego everything to do God's work. Elijah reminded him that a great responsibility was placed upon his shoulders:

**"And Elijah passed by him, and cast his mantle upon him" (1 Kings 19:19).**

In this action, the older man indicated that Elisha must leave the fields of Abel-Meholah, and accept the larger work of God. He was to be in God's hands, like the oxen were in his. The young man responded immediately. To show his change of activity and his dedication to proclaiming the still, small voice in Israel, Elisha took his father's yoke of oxen and slew them; then hewed the wooden yoke, and burned all upon a fire. No longer would he be concerned with tilling the fields. His work was in the field of Israel, to continue the labor of Elijah. In this, he revealed the attitude of his great antitype, the Lord Jesus Christ, who declared:

**"No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the Kingdom of God" (Luke 9:51-61).**

This is our heritage, and these worthy men of old are examples of the dedication and faithfulness that we must, however limited, manifest today.

— Barry Steele.

## NEWS FROM THE SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

### Primary Project

All schools have now been supplied with 16 Primary Activity Pad Sheets upon which scholars can prepare the Primary Project Competition. This is open to children 5 to 8 years old, and they can do a variety of work—Coloring-in, puzzles, cross-words, diorama's, etc. As some of the younger members may find it difficult to do any writing and puzzles, their entries can be limited to the straight coloring sheets and a few of the illustrated puzzles, with parents or teachers recording their oral

answers on to the sheet. Judging in this young group will be on the coloring and handwork.

### Junior and Senior Project

Most scholars have enthusiastically entered into the Competition. This work should be well under way by now, as the closing date is **Sunday, August 30**. To avoid a "last minute" rush, a portion of your project should be attempted each night. We hope to photograph some of the best entries, and publish them in **Good Company**.



### Be Wise!

Men's books with heaps of chaff are stored,  
 God's book doth golden grains afford;  
 Then leave the chaff and spend thy pains,  
 In gathering up the golden grains.

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## PICTORIAL SUPPLEMENT

In which we meet some of our readers and Sunday Schools.

Here is 6 yrs old, Paul Mansfield, of Woodville with his head inside a shark's mouth! This shark was caught in South Australian waters earlier this year. If you look closely you may see some of the teeth of the shark are broken off. When that happens another comes forward to take the place of the original tooth. The teeth are very sharp, with a serrated edge so that the shark can rip its food. It certainly is a very vicious mouth (the shark's, that is, not Paul's!!). Jonah, one of God's prophets, was swallowed by such a large fish, but was rescued alive, and became a type of the Lord Jesus Christ, who was also saved out of death.

Photos in this supplement earn 10 marks for the sender. For the next issue (God willing) we must receive photographs by July 31st.

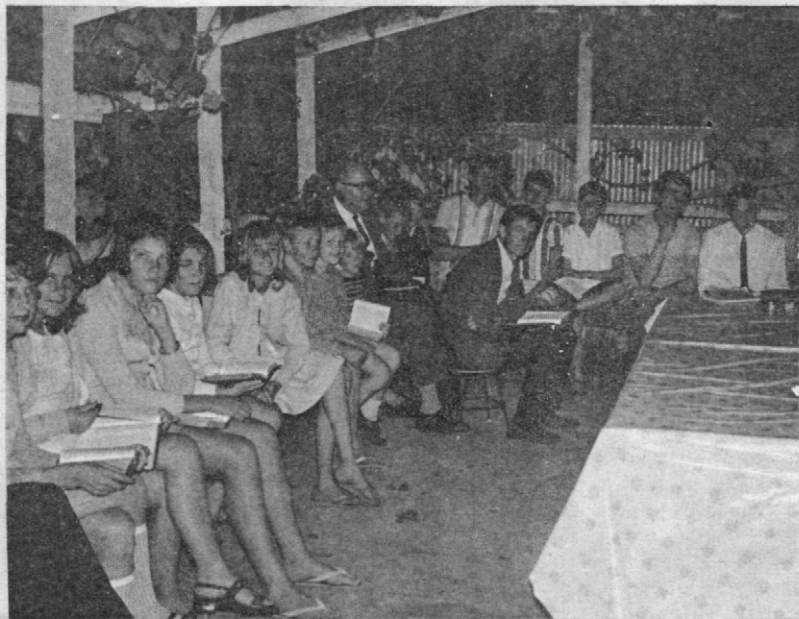




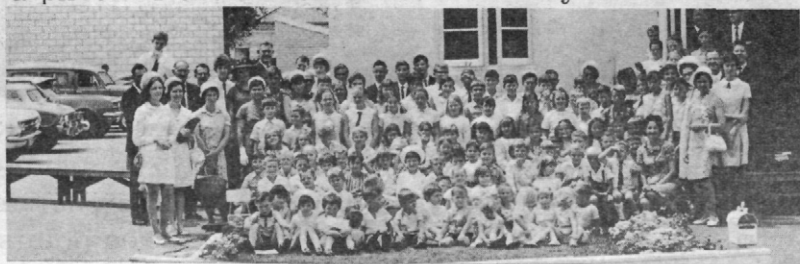
Here are the boys and girls (and staff) of the Enfi  
faces! Actually, quite a number of new scholars  
intendent, Bro. K. Clothier can be seen on the extre  
on the extreme right. The picture was forwarded



Sunday School in Sth. Aust. Certainly a crowd of happy  
ed the School since this photo was taken. The super-  
-left background, whilst the secretary, Bro. I. Pitcher is  
Barry Burney, who thus earns for himself ten points.



The Woodville Sunday School conducts monthly outings on a Saturday afternoon, and following this activity, gathers at the Ecclesial Hall, or in a home to consider the lessons. This photo was taken in the garden of Bro. David Scott's home, showing a few of those who assembled together one evening recently. Bro. L. Wigzell, the superintendent, is seen ninth from the left. **BELOW** is a photo of the Perth Central Sunday School in WA.



**HOW TO IMPROVE OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS AND OURSELVES!**

Collated from suggestions forwarded by many readers

**1. Previous Preparation**

The Sunday School has only a brief period each week for instruction in Bible teaching, and therefore diligent students will reserve time during the week for preparation. This takes many forms, and should include:

(a) Doing the daily readings. A general knowledge of the basic Bible principles is essential if we would develop in our Sunday School lessons. Discuss the readings with your family, and ask your parents questions if you do not understand what you read. You will often find that the readings relate to the lessons you are considering in Sunday School.

(b) Attend other meetings, especially Sunday evening lectures. You will hear the simple Bible truths outlined, and this is also helpful in your S.S. work. Make notes of the quotations given by the speaker, and try to increase your understanding of the Bible.

(c) Be diligent in doing your S.S. homework. Seek your parents' help in anything you do not understand. Use other aids, such as Bible atlas and dictionary, and the writings of Christadelphian authors. Your teacher is pleased when you show an interest in your homework.

By doing these things, we will be-

**In our next issue we hope to consider what we should do when in class.**

## *Sunday School* **ACTIVITIES**

**ADAMSTOWN, NSW (Supt: Bro. G. Alchin. Sect: Sis. B. Richards).**

"Some of our scholars attended the Autumn Bible School and thoroughly enjoyed the project work, and especially the Saturday night, when the children enacted incidents in the life of Elijah and Elisha. On Sat. June 6th, the Sunday School enjoyed a barbecue tea, and listened

come more enthusiastic members of our Sunday School, and better equipped to play our individual part in making it "the best Sunday School in the world!"

**2. Attending The School**

Our attitude is most important. We should look on S.S. as the highlight of our week. So we must take time to see that we are neatly dressed; that we have our books and other needs for our lessons; and that we arrive at the Hall punctually. Late arrivals, upset a properly-run School, and we must always try to avoid being late. Promptness shows we are interested and keen in the work, and this attitude is infectious: it encourages others to be interested and keen as well.

When we enter the Hall, we must remember the importance of the hour. It is not a time for "fooling about", or joking — but for getting down to the serious business of learning about God and His Word. So we will speak pleasantly to the others we meet, and quietly take our place in the Hall, thinking on the lessons to be considered.

In doing this, we will help ourselves, encourage our companions, assist our teachers, and please our Father in heaven!

to some tapes provided by the Association, which graphically presented the anointing of David and his encounter with Goliath."

**ENFIELD, S.A. (Supt: Bro. K. Clothier; Sec: Bro. I. Pitcher).**

Young people are invited to our outings which will be held **July 11th** and **Aug. 8th**, commencing 2 p.m. The Youth Group studies are: **July 3rd**: "The cities of Paul, the Apostle." **July 17th**: "Geography of the Holy Land." **July 31st**: "Witness against Evolution." Further evenings will be held on **August 14** and **28**.

**LAUNCESTON, Tas. (Supt: Bro. J. Kershaw).**

"We are delighted to advise that one of our senior scholars has embraced the glorious hope of Israel in baptism, and has placed his feet upon the pathway to the Kingdom. On April 26th, David Day was immersed, and this greatly encouraged our Sunday School, in these days of darkness and hopelessness in the world about us. May Yahweh's blessing be with David in his probation."

**PERTH, W.A. (Supt: Bro. D. Hurn; Sec: Sis. F. Hurn).**

Activities: **July 4th:** Readings at home Bro. D. Hurn. **July 11th:** Trip to Sunday Times Newspapers, and special evening. **July 25th:** Bible study on "Warriors of God and Mock Court." **Aug. 1st:** Readings at home Bro. A. Haustorfer. **Aug. 8th:** Combined slide evening on "Archaeology" (Bro. S. Fergusson). **Aug. 15th:** Readings in afternoon at home of Bro. S. Fergusson. **Aug. 22nd:** Bible study — debate. **Aug. 29th:** Readings at home of Bro. H. West.

**WILSTON, Qld (Supt: Bro. D. Rucker; Sect: Sis. A. F. Smith).**

"Our Sunday School has just commenced with 15 scholars, keenly interested in their lessons. We are very pleased to receive **The Good Companion**, and to take an active part in the Competitions and Quizzes."

**WOODVILLE, S.A. (Supt: Bro. L. Wiggell; Sec: Bro. E. Hubbard).**

"Our last outing included a drive to the Whispering Wall, in the Barossa Valley, where the children were able to view this unique construction. The Whispering Wall is part of the Barossa reservoir, and is about 200 feet in length, built in an curved shape. At each end, a small area has been built, where the children were able to stand, and by whispering against the wall, could be heard by the other group at the other end of the Wall. It was very fascinating to all who attended. The next outings are scheduled for **July 4**, and **Aug. 1**, and other interesting features will be included. We are always delighted to have visiting children from other schools at these outings."

### GAIN THESE POINTS!

At the end of each year, The GOOD COMPANION will award the reader who gains the most marks given by the Magazine during the year, with a very attractive volume (which will be presented at the 1970 Prize-giving, God willing). In addition, every 100 points gained will be awarded a special prize.

Points will be given as follows: 1 for every letter received; 2 for every letter (or extract) published; 1 for every competition entry received; 2 for every correct entry; 5 for every original poem published; 10 for every short article published; 5 for every photograph published.

Begin your score today . . . by writing without delay!

### These Marks Awarded Since Last Issue

Special marks for published articles, letters, poems are listed under each item.

**FOR LETTERS, COMPETITION ANSWERS ETC., RECEIVED BY JULY 5th.**

**NEW SOUTH WALES** — Peter Carrol (Yagoona) 1; Bruce Cook (Yag.) 1; Sharon Darke (Granville) 2; Lois Gilham (Gran.) 3; Margaret Richards (Adamstown) 2; Peter Wolstencroft (Pennant Hills) 1. **NEW ZEALAND** — Ruth Shekell (New Lynn) 2. **QUEENSLAND** — Janelle Dawson (Coorparoo) 3; Merrill Dawson (Coor.) 4; Greg Hagen (Coor.) 4; Helen Hagen (Coor.) 4; Valerie Johnson (Coor.) 2. **SOUTH AUSTRALIA** — Brett Arnold (Enfield) 2; Jamie Arnold (Enf.) 2; Robert Beacham (Enf.) 3; Rosemary Beacham (Enf.) 3; Mark Brown (Cumberland) 2; Barry Burney (Enf.) 4; David Burney (Enf.) 3; Joel Burney (Enf.) 3; Linda Burney (Enf.) 3; Judith Clothier (Enf.) 3; Mark Clothier (Enf.) 2; Rosemary Clothier (Enf.) 3; Katrina Crocker (Woodville) 3; Robert Edgecombe (Enf.) 3; Rhonda Gurd (Cum.) 3; Judith Horgan (Enf.) 4; Lynette Horgan (Enf.) 3; Margaret Horgan (Enf.) 3; Ruth Horgan (Enf.) 2; Andrew Knowles (Enf.) 3; Catherine Knowles (Enf.) 3; Sharon Mansfield (Wood.) 3; Stephen Mansfield (Wood.) 5; Gabriela Mednyanszky (Wood.) 4; Helen Papowski (Enf.) 3; Carol Scott (Wood.) 2; Paul Scott (Wood.) 2; Robert Scott (Wood.) 2; Lorraine Smithers (Enf.) 2. **WESTERN AUSTRALIA** — Colin Evans (Perth) 4; Max Evans (Cunderdin) 2; Reece Evans (Cum.) 3; Rachelle Hawkins (Pth.) 2; Brian Hurn (Pth.) 2; Robert Hurn (Pth.) 2; Maureen Stagg (Pth.) 3; Adele Ullman (Pth.) 3; Julie Ullman (Pth.) 2.

**Special Commendation for Neatest Entry:** Gabriela Mednyanszky (Woodville).

★ **REMEMBER: EVERY READER RECEIVES AN AWARD ON ATTAINING 100 MARKS!**



## WHAT'S IN SPACE?

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Previous articles under this heading have explained many interesting facts about the Brilliant Fiery Sun, and the Beautiful Silvery Moon, which shine from the heavens day and night. We now consider how the Bible uses these as symbols:

### Symbol Of The Ecclesia

The Bible uses these heavenly bodies as symbols illustrating spiritual truths. We saw in previous issues that the sun represents royalty, and particularly God, Who is a great King above the angels. The moon is used as a symbol of the Ecclesia: those who reflect the light of the Great King. Jesus declared: "I am the Light of the world," because he revealed in his way of life, the glory of the Father in heaven. The brethren and sisters of Jesus Christ, who comprise his Ecclesia (the word actually means, those who are called out to be in his family), also reflect the glory of Christ (the Sun of righteousness — Mal. 4:2) as the moon reflects the glory of the natural sun.

Therefore the Ecclesia is represented in the Bible as the Moon.

All around the moon is darkness. And all around the Ecclesia is darkness! You see this darkness in the way men act and talk. When you hear them speak of evolution, of immortal souls going to heaven, or of the earth being burned up — that is darkness. When you see the wickedness of men and women, boys

and girls, on every side — that is darkness. But as the moon shines with the reflected glory of the sun in the midst of darkness, so must those who would follow Jesus Christ. And that is one reason why the moon is used as a Bible symbol for the Ecclesia of God.

The moon not only shines in darkness, but it shines clean and white, reminding us of the words of Rev. 19:8, that this represents the "righteousness of saints." As the moon stands out, white and clean, from the darkness that surrounds it on every side, so must we stand aside from the folly of the world that we see on every hand. This is all the more important today, for the night is becoming darker and darker, as "midnight" draws nigh.

Soon the new day of promise will dawn, and the light of the moon (Ecclesia) will merge with the brilliance of the sun (The Divine King) to illuminate all mankind. We should learn the lessons that God is teaching us, both in His Word and in His Creation, that in all our ways we might reflect His glory.

**Our next issue (God willing) will consider some fascinating facts about the stars, which twinkle in the dark vault of heaven — and show their symbolic meaning.**

From our  
**MAILBAG**



### MARKING CLASS AT PERTH

"Our Bible marking class is held every second week, and is in two sections. The children 10-14 years are in the back of the hall, and those over 14 with the adults use the main Hall. We have had three nights so far on the subjects: God is One,

Why we should study the Bible, and, The Word of God — Inspired. We are given stenciled notes to follow with quotations, and are helped by our teacher. I am sure many of us are benefitted by the class" (Adele Ullman, Perth).

### THE MAGNIFICENT TEMPLE

"I enjoyed the studies at the Redcliffe Weekend recently, and was quite amazed at the size of the temple (of the Age to Come) and all it contained — especially the altar upon Mt. Zion, with the spring of water flowing from it. I am now

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looking forward to the time when this will be a reality." (Greg Hagen, Coorparoo).

**DISCUSSING BIBLE TEACHING**

"Each Sunday morning before we consider our usual lessons on the Kings of Israel, our teacher chooses a subject concerning Bible doctrines. This Sunday he asked, How do we know the resurrection is true? It was answered, that Abraham, Isaac and Jacob cannot be our 'fathers' unless they are resurrected. We turned to 1 Cor. 15:4 to show that Christ rose on the third day — then to v.17 where our faith is said to depend upon this. A short discussion like this before the lessons helps to increase our knowledge and understanding of God's Word." (Peter

Wolstencroft, Pennant Hills, NSW).

**OTHER LETTERS RECEIVED**

The Editor has also been very delighted to receive during the past two months, letters from the following readers: Bruce Cook (Yagoona), Peter Carroll (Yagoona), Barry Burney (Enfield), Reece Evans (Cunderdin, WA), Bruce Gurd (Cumberland), Merrill Dawson (Coorparoo), Judith Klumpp (Coorparoo, Qld.), Margaret and Meredith Richards (Adamstown, N.S.W.).

Whilst it has not been possible to publish extracts from each letter, we are encouraged to learn of the pleasure our readers receive from the Magazine and hope many others will write us very soon.

**CONDUCTED BY HELEN GORE****ANSWERS TO OUR LAST QUIZ**

Square Puzzle — R A M A  
A B E L  
M E D O  
A L O E

Name The Incident — The king was

# Competitions & Quizzes ?

Belshazzar of Babylon, who ignored the seige of the Medo-Persians outside the city walls, and made merry whilst the enemy prepared. He was killed the same evening (Dan. 5:30) by the army of Darius the Mede.

**Skeleton Passage** — What we must not do: "Trust not in oppression, and become not vain in robbery: if riches increase, set not your heart upon them" (Psa. 62:10).

**Bible Lands Tour** — (1) Ramah, (2) Bethlehem, (3) Valley of Elah, (4) Gath.

**NOW SOLVE THESE . . .**

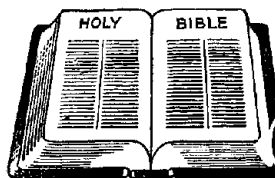
Answers will be published in our next issue scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 6th.  
**BIBLE LANDS TOUR** — These places are all associated with your current Sunday School lessons:

1. The journey commences at a city which was magnificent in past ages, but which worshipped pagan idols, and today is only sand and ruins;
2. Now we travel west a great distance to a town from which a man tried to escape a task which he felt was wrong;
3. Then, we move south through desert to a mountain, where the glory and power of Israel's God was seen;
4. Now, back north-east a long journey is taken, so that we arrive at the palace of a mighty king, who gave a great feast to nobles and princes;
5. Finally, we wander slowly westwards, where our journey concludes in a city called "The vision of Peace."

**NAME THE INCIDENT** — There are sounds of music and rejoicing as a procession of happy people wends its way along. The rejoicing suddenly ceases: dismay ensues. A man has fallen dead!

**HIDDEN PASSAGE** — Take two consecutive words from Matt. 5:14, and Job 16:20, and Matt. 6:14, and Num. 22:17, with three consecutive words from Deut. 11:27. When the right words are selected and placed in the order indicated, the whole gives a passage in which Christ describes those to whom he extends his friendship.

Send your entry with your name, Sunday school, and age, to The Editor, Good Company, P.O. West Beach, S.A. 5024, by AUGUST 5th.



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## EXAMINATIONS!

*To My Readers,*

“Examination” is a long word, and one that is sometimes feared! It means that the end of another year’s work has come, and there is to be a test on what you have learned. Some like to avoid examinations. But really, they are not helping themselves. Exams are a “necessary evil”. Whilst they cause a “fluster” in last-minute preparations, and a mild attack of “nerves”, they do highlight our abilities or deficiencies. They are a guide to how each person is progressing in understanding and knowledge of the Scriptures. Sometimes, through the results of exams, improvements can be made in Sunday school work. The examination tests our interest in the lessons; reveals how much we have remembered in past months; is an opportunity to make the living Truths of the Bible more permanent in our minds. • But the important thing to remember, is that S.S. exams are only a means to an end. Whilst they can be a guide to our developing knowledge, they cannot give us immortality. Christ alone can do that. And he will give it to all who pass the final “examination,” which will be held at Mt. Sinai, when he returns. Paul says: “**we must all stand before the judgment seat of Christ, to receive in body (omitting the italics) the things we have done whether good or bad**” (2 Cor. 5:9). This will be a perfect examination in which our motives, actions and beliefs will be inspected. The wonderful reward (well worth the effort of preparing now!) will be given to those who have endeavored, during their lives, to perform his commandments. • I hope that the pre-

parations you have made for this year's Sunday school examination, and the lessons you have learned, will assist you in the years to come (God willing), so that you will eventually secure the grand hope of everlasting life in the Kingdom of God.

*The Editor*

We extend best wishes to all readers whose birthday occurs during **September** and **October**. To those who have advised us their date of birth we are sending a special letter of greeting and encouragement. May the divine blessing rest upon each one in the forthcoming year (God willing).

## **BIRTHDAY** *Greetings*

### **PICTURES FROM THE PHILIPPINES**

We have just received some lovely photos from Joy Fotheringham, who lives in the Philippines, of some of the children at Bayambang S.S. in the north of the island. They were just too late for us to produce the Pictorial Supplement this issue — but we hope to feature them in the next copy, together with some interesting articles by Alison Fotheringham and Sue Johns, concerning life in the Philippines.

### **THE TWO WAYS**

A poem by **Judith Klumpp**, 12 yrs. of Coorparoo Sunday School (5 marks), in which she shows the decision that must be made by every person.

We have to choose the way to live,  
Whether to God our time and hearts give;  
Or, we could want the other way  
Which will be found dark, dull and grey.  
To go the hard and narrow way,  
We must in all things, God obey.  
But to the easy way and wide,  
We do not have to try or strive!  
Few travel on the narrow track,  
On evil ways they turn their back.  
But many tread the smooth, broad one,  
Trying to grasp on pleasure and fun!

The wise man, Solomon, set himself to see whether true happiness and peace could be obtained from doing whatever he wanted to. He turned to "mirth and pleasure" (Ecc. 2:1), to levity, to great building works, to many possessions, to music, etc. (vv. 2-9), but in all this he did not find real contentment. He saw it all as "vanity," or emptiness as the word means. Finally, he concluded that the "whole man" (the real, true, happy man) was one who "feared God and kept his commandments" (Ch. 12:13). This alone can give us contentment in an age that vainly seeks for it.

## HOW TO IMPROVE OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS AND OURSELVES!

Collated from suggestions forwarded by readers (Continued from p. 45)

Last issue we considered (1) Previous preparation, and (2) Attending our school. We now discuss what to do in class.

### 3. School Assembles

We become an important person when we take our place in the S.S. assembly. We are part of a service which is devoted to the spiritual improvement of our heart and mind—and therefore we must reveal a serious outlook. We sit down in the row of chairs set aside for our particular class, and use the time before school commences, to think upon the lessons for the day.

Usually a hymn and prayer commence the S.S. hour, and unfortunately some young people do not always appreciate the importance of these two features. Some tend to "fool around," by talking to their companions during the hymn, or by looking around during the prayer. This ought not to be. Hymns are prayers set to music, and whilst the school is engaging in prayer, every member must give full attention to this vital exercise. Prayer is a conversation with the Great God of heaven and earth; it is a seeking of His blessing upon our activities. When thoughtfully engaged upon, we can get a real thrill in realizing that we are thus co-operating with God for our personal benefit. And, our Sunday school will benefit, also.

There is a danger, however, that our mind might wander during prayer; we might think of other things outside of Sunday school. Paul knew this was possible, and said: "**Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving**" (Col. 4:2). The word "watch" is "gregoreo" in the Greek, and means to "keep awake; to be alert." Paul tells us to keep awake during prayer; to be attentive to what is being spoken; to think upon the words uttered, and not allow our mind to wander onto other things.

After hymn and prayer, the various classes disperse to their rooms, or positions in the hall. Quiet and orderly walking to the classroom is essential. This will encourage a good attitude when class is in session.

### 4. In Class

Now is the time when our previous preparation will pay dividends! If we have prepared well, and are interested in the school-work, our teacher will soon notice this, and will be encouraged by it. Remember, our teacher has put many hours into preparing the lesson for us. He (or she) will be most anxious that we understand what is said, and that we realize what God expects of us. If, therefore, our teacher is trying his best for us, ought we not try to repay him, by being enthusiastic and interested in the activities of the class?

Usually a class commences with a question and answer from "**The Christadelphian Instructor**." This is an excellent feature. The "Instructor" was compiled by Bro. R. Roberts many years ago, and has proved very valuable. In fact, older people use it for their own instruction in the Gospel! Some can remember the questions and answers learned in Sunday School many years earlier, and find this most helpful. Though it may seem a nuisance learning the "Instructor," you will be thankful for it in later life. But, perhaps you do not understand the question or answer. If you did not ask your parents at home, certainly ask your teacher, so that you know what you are learning. And this helps others in class, whose minds can be encouraged to "enquire" about the Truth, also.

Then the lesson for the day is given. The object is to help us understand the Bible better, that we might seek for immortality in the Kingdom of God. So we will approach the lesson, anxious to gain

as much information and encouragement as possible. How can we help?

**(a) By Being Courteous.** A young person who is not courteous is a blot on his class! He cannot progress, because he is not really interested in God's Word, nor of following His ways. But the earnest student will be most courteous, particularly to his teacher. As Paul told young Timothy: "Let the elders that rule well be counted of double honor, especially they who labor in the word and doctrine" (1 Tim. 6: 17). **(b) By Being Attentive.** It is not much value being courteous, but not listening! If we become dreamy, or drowsy, our mind will soon wander from the words of the teacher, onto other activities, such as what we did last week, or will do in the next! Such a person cannot hope to understand the lessons, nor to help others in the class to do likewise. **(c)**

**By Being Enthusiastic.** Enthusiasm is like an epidemic — it is "catching"! An enthusiastic person is "good company", because when such a person is near it is very difficult not to become enthusiastic yourself. And if you become enthusiastic, this will affect others for good — and your class will benefit. **(d) Be Loyal.** Your Sunday School is the "best in the world"! Work for its progress. Do as much as you can for your class. Be regular, by attending every Sunday, anxious not to miss any lessons, nor any opportunity to meet with your classmates. Timothy was told: "continue thou in the things which thou hast learned . . ." (2 Tim. 3:14).

These are a few suggestions by which you can play a valuable part in your class. Try to remember them this Sunday, and see how they help you and your companions.

Further features to be considered include **(a) our appearance, (b) how to act at the close of Class, (c) our attitude during the week, (d) how to be a salesman for our Sunday school.** The Editor welcomes comments by readers on these aspects.

## The People In Our Studies

### MALACHI: THE PROPHET WITH A VIBRANT MESSAGE!

Malachi is the writer of the last book in the Old Testament. Nothing is known of him beyond what is learned from his book. His prophecy belongs to the times of Nehemiah, near the time of Nehemiah's second visit to Jerusalem, about BC 432.

It was a time of trouble for Israel. Not that they received opposition from their enemies; the trouble was that the very conditions of their age caused them to forget what God really required from them. Almost fifty years had passed since the people were liberated from the captivity by Babylon. During those years, Israel had returned to the Land, and re-established their nation and worship. Wise leaders, such as Zerubbabel, Joshua, Ezra and Nehemiah had instructed the people in their new-found liberty, and had encouraged the rebuilding of Jerusalem and the Temple. But when their vigorous leadership was withdrawn, and Nehemiah was recalled to Persia, the people of Israel lapsed into apathy and indifference to their spiritual obligations. They drifted from the true spirit of worship, and the ordinances of the Temple became a mere ritual.

Suddenly, a young prophet appeared in Jerusalem with a dramatic message:

**"Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation" (Mal. 3:9).**

It was the message of Malachi, declaring that Israel had "robbed" God,

by denying Him the true obedience of their hearts and minds; by refusing to sacrifice the best of their possessions as required by the Law; and by taking away from His worship the spirit of humility and faithfulness that He desired. Therefore, they were "cursed," and the threat of terrible judgments overhung the nation, if they did not reform.

Malachi's name means: "My Messenger." It appears in Ch. 3:1, where it is also related to John Baptist, and the Lord Jesus Christ. All three men were the bearers of God's message, and prophesied of approaching judgments upon the wicked. So they declared God's righteousness in condemning evil, but also revealed God's mercy in providing salvation for the faithful:

**"They shall be mine, saith Yahweh of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him" (Ch. 3:16-18).**

Soon after Malachi's message was given, Nehemiah returned to Jerusalem, to put down the apostasy that had developed, and to once again establish true wisdom and worship in Israel. The two men are a type of John Baptist (the forerunner) and Jesus who presented God's message 1900 years ago; and of Elijah (the coming prophet — See Mal. 4:5) and the Lord Jesus Christ who shall appear the second time to establish God's way upon earth.

What was Malachi like?

Although we have no details of his life apart from the book that bears his name, the following characteristics are worthy of our consideration:

- He was uncompromising and forthright in his challenge and rebuke of the people (Ch. 1:6,7; 2:10,11,17).
- He worshipped God in the "true spirit" of the Law, realizing that it revealed the principles of redemption through the Greater Messenger to come (Ch. 1:6,7,9,13; 4:2,3).
- He was aware of Israel's apathy, and fearlessly revealed their failings (Ch. 1:6,7; 2:14,17; 3:7,8,13,14).
- He was a good teacher, showing the illuminating and guiding principles of the Word of God to those who would listen (Ch. 2:5-8; 3:18; 4:2,3).
- He understood the Law and the Prophets, and so could explain the spirit and power of Elijah's second ministry (Ch. 4:4,5).
- He saw into the future, believing in the return of Christ (Ch. 3:1) to purify the nation (Ch. 3:2,3), to turn the hearts of the people (Ch. 4:6), and to heal mankind with the warming beams of the Sun of righteousness (Ch. 4:2).

With the ending of Malachi's prophecy, came a silence from God of about 500 years, until the Messenger again appeared in the form of John Baptist, to continue the work of Malachi.

His prophecy remains as part of the Inspired Record, that we may observe what God requires of us, and that we may profit from the exhortation and exposition spoken so long ago by "The Messenger".

— Roger Gore.

### GOOD FRIENDS

Books are very valuable friends to have handy! They can comfort you in times of distress, encourage you when you feel low, help you with instant knowledge — and are always ready to be your dependable companions. And when the books are about Bible Truth, they can help you to a better understanding of God's way and purpose. It is wise to build up your own library of GOOD BOOKS, and we will be delighted to help you.

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## Sunday School ACTIVITIES

**ADAMSTOWN, NSW (Supt: Bro. G.**

**Alchin. Sect: Sis. B. Richards)**

"The children have been working hard on their projects, and over the past few months have spent a Sunday afternoon each month together to help and encourage each other. This helps them to be more closely associated and thoughtful towards their companions. They always look forward to receiving **Good Company** and quickly turn to a concordance to help solve the puzzles."

**CAMPSIE, N.S.W. (Sec.: Bro. D. Shaw).**

"Our school is a small, but enthusiastic group of 24! We gather in a hired hall, and conduct the lessons under difficult circumstances. However, we anticipate a considerable number of young children will commence with us in the next few years. A photo of our School is enclosed."

— We hope to publish this and other photos in our next issue (Ed.)

**ENFIELD, SA (Supt: Bro. K. Clothier. Sect: Bro. I. Pitcher).**

Sunday school outings are planned for **Sept. 12th** and **Oct. 3rd**. The Youth Group meetings are scheduled: **Sept. 11th**: "The soldier and the athlete in Paul's lectures;" "The spiritual warrior" (Bro. R. Hollamby). "Let us run with patience the race that is

set before us" (Bro. J. Mansfield). **Sept. 25th**: "Creation" (Bro. S. Kingsbury). **Oct. 9th**: "The blood of Christ" (Bro. R. Cowie; Russell Edgecombe). **Oct. 23rd**: "Gems in the High Priests breastplate" (Bro. D. McColl).

**LAUNCESTON, Tas (Supt: Bro. J. Kershaw).**

"We are delighted to advise that one of our scholars, **Paul Blanch** was baptised on June 16th, after a good confession of faith. We pray that together we may be accepted in the great day to come."

**Special Invitation:** The Launceston Young People's Weekend will be held Oct. 30-Nov. 2, at Port Sorell, to the theme "Judges". The leader is Bro. Brian Luke. Details can be obtained from the Secretary, P.O. Box 133, Legana, Tas. 7251.

**MOE, Victoria (Bro. G. S. Howe)**

"Owing to the scattered nature of our members it is not possible to conduct a central Sunday school, but correspondence lessons are taught in the homes of the children, and to such we will distribute the Magazine."

**RINGWOOD, Vict (Supt: Bro. P. Brown. Sect: Bro. H. Norris Jenkins).**

"Thank you for your letter introducing the magazine. Please send us forty copies for distribution between Ringwood and Kilsyth Sunday schools."

**TIMARU, NEW ZEALAND (Bro. A. E. Marsden).**

"On behalf of our S.S., I sincerely



thank you and all concerned with the production of **Good Company**, and those who have willingly offered their services. We are only a small School, but will deeply appreciate receiving the magazine for the benefit of those in this area."

**WOODVILLE, SA** (Supt: Bro. L. Wiggell. Sec: Bro. E. Hubbard).

"We advise that two of our schol-

ars were baptised on August 12: Susan Steele, and Gabriella Medny-anszky; and on August 22 Judith Black was baptised. We hope our three companions will continue faithful unto the Kingdom. A special Outing is planned for **October 3rd**, and a very interesting program for afternoon and evening is being arranged."

## WHAT'S IN SPACE

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Some interesting facts about the wonderful heavens above, and how they are used in the Bible to illustrate spiritual principles.

### When The Sun And Moon Are Ashamed

You will have noticed that in the Bible the Sun represents the ruling powers, and the moon represents the religious powers. In some prophecies these symbols are used to explain what will occur to the rule and religion of man. For example, in Isaiah 24:23, we read of a time when "the moon shall be confounded, and the sun ashamed, when the Lord of hosts shall reign in mount Zion and in Jerusalem." When Jesus Christ returns and establishes his kingdom, his glory will eclipse the present glory of the monarchs and church systems of today. The Moon (church) will be confounded when it realises the fallacy of its teachings and the error of

its ways — and people will exclaim: "Surely our fathers have inherited lies, vanity, and things wherein there is no profit" (Jer. 16:19). The Sun (Man's Governments) will be "ashamed" of the way they have ruled in the past; of the warfare and strife that has been caused; of the crime and evil that has been allowed.

Indeed, their "light has been darkness", as Jesus warned some of them 1900 years ago (John 3:18-21). When they see the righteous rule and true religion of Jesus Christ, they will realise they own inability and ineffectiveness, and shall be "confounded" and "ashamed", before him.

### A Dazzling Brilliance!

Isaiah also declared that "the light of the moon shall be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun shall be sevenfold, as the light of seven days, in the day that Yahweh bindeth up the breach of his people, and healeth the stroke of their wound" (Ch. 30:26). This is a strange statement! Can it refer to the literal sun and moon. Obviously not! It is a Bible symbol, and speaks of the future appearing of Jesus Christ and his saints.

The "sun" refers to the Lord himself, as the "Sun of Righteousness" (Mal. 4). Today, his influence is felt in world affairs, but men largely prefer to ignore him. But when he

appears in person, they will no longer be able to do so. His brightness will be "sevenfold" — more complete (as the number signifies) than ever before — as the "light of seven days", so that every "week" is illuminated by his presence, when he shines as a brilliant light from Zion (see Isa. 60:1).

The "moon" is related to the Ecclesia, then revealed in all its glory. All the worthies of the past, men like Abraham, David, Daniel and Paul will be raised from the grave and given eternal life; and in company with the Lord Jesus, will look after the religious and political welfare of mankind.

At the moment, the moon (ec-  
clesia) is rather obscured, due to the  
weakness of the flesh. But then, in

the day of glory, it will shine forth  
with a brilliance never previously  
manifested, and men will see in it the  
reflected glory of the Sun.

**These references illustrate a beautiful statement in Psalm 89:34-37, which speaks of the Sun and Moon as God's Throne and Faithful Witness, and we hope to consider these verses in our next issue (God willing).**

### GOD'S DWELLING PLACE

Solomon's Temple was a glorious and impressive structure, and illustrated many lessons to the thoughtful Israelite. One of the most important pieces of furniture in it was the mercy seat, found in the Holy of Holies. It pre-figured the Savior of all mankind, and directed the faithful person to seek for forgiveness of sins through him. The Temple was the meeting place between God and His people. But it was not to be His final dwelling place. Jesus said: "To him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the house of God" (Rev. 3:12). This shows that God will yet dwell in men and women who obey Him, as did the Lord Jesus Christ. Our lessons at Sunday school will help us to "build ourselves" into the great spiritual Temple of the age to come, when the Mercy Seat (the Lord Jesus Christ) will again be in the earth.

— Rhonda Gurd, Cumberland (5 marks)

## From our MAILBAG



Each letter published is awarded 2 marks; other letters received are given 1 mark.

### TRYING HARD!

"I belong to a small S.S. class of three, and every Sunday we begin with an Instructor question, then continue with our lesson. Our teacher tries very hard to make the lesson interesting, so I try hard to listen attentively. Sometimes he gets us to "act" the parts; other times we read certain portions of the Bible. I would like to encourage one of my school friends to come to S.S. but so far, I have not been successful. I enjoy reading *Good Company* especially the accounts of activities at other Schools."

— Jenny Townsend (Redcliffe)

### BUSY WITH HER PROJECT

"This is my first letter. I would like to say how very much I enjoy reading the magazine. I am at present very busy with my project, and

find it makes me think hard upon God's Word, and is helpful with S.S. lessons."

— Debra West (11 yrs., of Perth)

### A PRIVILEGED GENERATION!

"Thank you again for a most interesting edition of *Good Company*. It is good that we have been able to help the young Jewish people in their attempts at building up their nation. In Zech. 10:7-10, it declares that the Jewish children would return to their land. We are privileged to witness this happening now, just as Yahweh declared. Recently, we had a very interesting lecture about British Israelism. I don't know how people can twist the scriptures to read such teachings (as B.I.) into them!"

— Anne Haustorfer (Perth)

### REVEALING THE TRUTH

"The magazine should encourage and help the young people, and in this day and age this is most important, so that they can stand up for the truth at school or at work. We must all try to be like Christ and show the people around us that we are different from them."

— Sis. Lois Gilham (Granville)

### A COMMENDABLE AIM!

"Could you have some easier puz-

zles next time please, because I want to get lots of marks!"

— Dean Kitto (7 yrs., of Launceston)

### PEN-PALS WANTED!

A number of readers have written for overseas pen-friends. Those desiring to correspond should apply immediately — and commence a wonderful friendship with a young person in another land.

### OTHER LETTERS RECEIVED

During the past two months, the following readers have made the Editor's hours much happier, by writing him delightful, interesting letters. He thanks each one: Janelle Dawson and Merrill Dawson (Coorparoo), Rosslyn Townsend (Qld), Colin Evans (Perth), Mark Clothier (Enfield), Helen Papowski (Enfield).

### THE DIVINE LIBRARY



The Bible contains 66 books written during a period of 60 generations. It records the names of about 50 prophets, history extending over a period of nearly 4,200 years, and prophecy covering a larger period of 7,000 years. It speaks of about 23 different nations, and about 1,400 cities, places and countries (800 in the Holy Land); and it mentions nearly 100 plants and trees, and about two score sorts of animals, nearly three dozen kinds of birds, 14 species of reptile, two dozen specimens of insects, three dozen trades, nearly three dozen kinds of herbs, over a dozen musical instruments, 19 varieties of precious stone, about two dozen rivers, 13 diseases, and 28 different idols worshipped by benighted heathen nations (and sometimes unhappily by Israel). It also contains 150 songs of Zion, such as were sung by the Jews in their temple worship; nearly 1,000 proverbs; about two dozen lengthy letters; about 100 kings and judges; about 30 High Priests; about three dozen wars; and about 3,000 names.

### GOOD COMPANY COMPETITIONS

At the end of each year GOOD COMPANY will award the reader gaining the most marks given by the Magazine during the year, with a very attractive volume (which will be presented at the 1970 Prize-giving, God willing). In addition every 100 points gained will be awarded a special prize. Points are given for letters received, poems and articles published, photographs and illustrations forwarded, and answers to the Puzzle Page. Begin your score today . . . by writing without delay!

#### THESE MARKS AWARDED SINCE LAST ISSUE

Marks for published articles, letters, poems, photos are listed under each item.

#### RESULTS OF COMPETITION ANSWERS RECEIVED BY AUGUST 5th

**NEW SOUTH WALES** — David Baird (Bossley Pk) 3; Lois Gilham (Granville) 4; Lance Hudson (B.P.) 2; Mark Hudson (B.P.) 2; Timothy Mansfield (Campsie) 3; Gilbert Pogson (B.P.) 3; Margaret Richards (Adamstown) 3; Peter Wolstencroft (Pennant Hills) 2. **NEW ZEALAND** — Ruth Shekell (New Lynn) 3. **QUEENSLAND** — Janelle Dawson (Coorparoo) 3; Merrill Dawson (C) 3; Greg Hagen (C) 5; Helen Hagen (C.) 3; Valerie Johnson (C.) 3; Jenny Townsend (Redcliffe) 1. **SOUTH AUSTRALIA** — Brett Arnold (Enfield) 3; Jamie Arnold (E.) 3; Mark Brown (Cumberland) 4; Barry Burney (E.) 3; David Burney (E.) 3; Joel Burney (E.) 2; Judith Clothier (E.) 2; Mark Clothier (E.) 3; Rosemary Clothier (E.) 2; Robert Edgecombe (E.) 5; Bruce Gurd (C) 5; Helen Gurd (C) 3; Rhonda Gurd (C) 3; Judith Horgan (E) 2; Lynette Horgan (E) 2; Margaret Horgan (E) 2; Ruth Horgan (E) 2; Sharon Mansfield (Woodville) 3; Helen Papowski (E) 4; Lorraine Smithers (E) 2. **TASMANIA** — Dean Kitto (Launceston) 2. **WEST AUSTRALIA** — Linda Danby (Perth) 4; Colin Evans (P) 4; Max Evans (Cunderdin) 3; Reece Evans (C) 2; Anne Haustorfer (P) 4; Robert Hurr (P) 2; Jenny Newton (P) 2; Adele Ullman (P) 6; Julie Ullman (P) 3; Debra West (P) 2.

Marks for Entries to Issue No. 4 (omitted from last list): Gregory Pogson (B.P.) 2; Gilbert Pogson (B.P.) 2; David Stempel (Perth) 4; Max Evans (Cund.) 2; Paul Gurd (Cumb.) 3; Bruce Gurd (C) 4; Helen Gurd (C) 3.

Special Commendation for Neatest Entry: Mark Brown (Cumberland).

★ REMEMBER: EVERY READER AWARDED ON ATTAINING 100 MARKS!

## DO YOU SAVE STAMPS?

Many readers responded to our invitation last issue, to write us a short article describing their Sunday School class. To each, we are sending a nice set of postage stamps for their collection. We hope, later, to publish some of the comments. If you would like a set of stamps, free of cost, write us an article about your Class, and mark it "Stamp Article".

### The Marvellous Animal World

#### THE CAMEL: A DISCONTENTED SHIP OF THE DESERT

There are two kinds of camels. One is the Bacterian, which has two humps and long shaggy hair. But the kind used in Egypt is the Arabian (*Camelus arabicus*), and has only one hump. This is the one in common use today, and was also used by the Jews and nations of Palestine in the past (Jud. 7:12; 1 Sam. 27:9). It is a beast of burden (Gen. 37:25), or "baggage" camel being able to carry about 500 lb.; and has short and sandy whitish hair.

The Dromedary is a swifter animal (Jer. 2:23; 1 Kings 4:28), and is used chiefly for riding purposes.

Camels can go ten days without food or water, and can keep up an average pace of eight to ten miles per hour during the first three or four days. When properly watered they can run one hundred miles a day! However, about sixty miles is considered a good journey.

The camel has no hope; makes no friends. He nurses a perpetual grievance against mankind, and ruminates upon his wrongs until he groans aloud! He tries not to co-operate with his rider, and when being used as a beast of burden, he tries his best to make you feel sorry for having placed the load on him!

Their hump is a store of fatty flesh which can be re-absorbed into the general body system. When the camel is well fed, the hump is hard and big; but when food is scarce, it sags and looks empty. Because a camel's fat is concentrated in one place, there is no insulation between flesh and skin. Other mammals have an even layer of fat over their entire bodies. Thus, by having the fat stored in one place, a camel's body cools more rapidly than, for example, does a man's. The hump is one reason why camels can survive great desert heat of over 100 degrees. There are two other important factors: camels can raise and lower their body temperature, and can tolerate dehydration. They show themselves desert creatures, also, because of their flat padded feet by which they can stand the burning desert sand. They can close their nostrils against the severe sand, in a storm.

The camel has great powers of endurance, and has been created to perform the service of man. But it is also a temperamental, irritable, and nasty-natured beast. It was classed as an "unclean animal" under the Law of Moses (Lev. 11:4), to teach us some of the characteristics which we must try to avoid, because they are displeasing to our heavenly Father. Although the camel is an example to us of great endurance in the desert of life, we must not imitate its other attributes of evil-natured irritability. It thus shows us what we should, and should not, do!

— Colin Evans (Perth). 10 marks.

"REDEEM THE TIME FOR THE DAYS ARE EVIL"

## ANSWERS TO OUR LAST QUIZ

**Bible Lands Tour** — 1. Babylon; 2. Joppa; 3. Mt. Horeb; 4. Shushan; 5. Jerusalem.

**Name the Incident** — Amid great rejoicing, the Ark of the Covenant was being brought to Jerusalem, when suddenly the cart upon which it was unlawfully carried faltered, and Uzzah put forth his hand to steady the Ark. Immediately he was struck dead. He had disobeyed God's explicit commandments (2 Sam. 6:5-8).

**Hidden Passage** — "Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you" (John 15:14).

# Competitions & Quizzes ?

## SOLVE THESE PUZZLES

Answers will be published in our next issue scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 1st.

**WHO WAS IT?** — Discover these important people in this year's lessons. (1 mark each question).

1. Who was ashamed to ask the king for some soldiers to act as a bodyguard?
2. Who was given fifteen extra years to live?
3. Who mocked King David, and was later destroyed by David's Son?
4. Who revolted against his father and died because of his long hair?

**LETTER CHANGE** — Change the order of the letters in each answer and add one extra letter for each successive word (1 mark for complete answer).

1. Consume; 2. Not early; 3. Port of Edom; 4. Froth; 5. Skin of animal.

**HIDDEN PASSAGE** — (5 marks for complete answer).

Take two consecutive words from Mat. 24:37; one from Acts 1:5; three from Psa. 104:33; three from Luke 23:44; four from Prov. 20:17; five words from Isa. 60:1. When the right words are selected and placed in the order indicated, the whole gives a passage which predicts a glorious future for the earth.

**ARITHMOGRAPH** — A word of nine letters being the name of a prophet. To help you, the answers to the following questions provide the numbered letter in the prophet's name:

- A part of the body — 9, 7, 3.
- A measure — 2, 3, 9, 5, 4.
- A desert in which Israel wandered — 1, 7, 6.
- A king of Judah — 5, 4, 8, 1.
- A wilderness where David hid — 1, 7, 3, 9.
- A city conquered by the Assyrians — 9, 2, 6, 8.

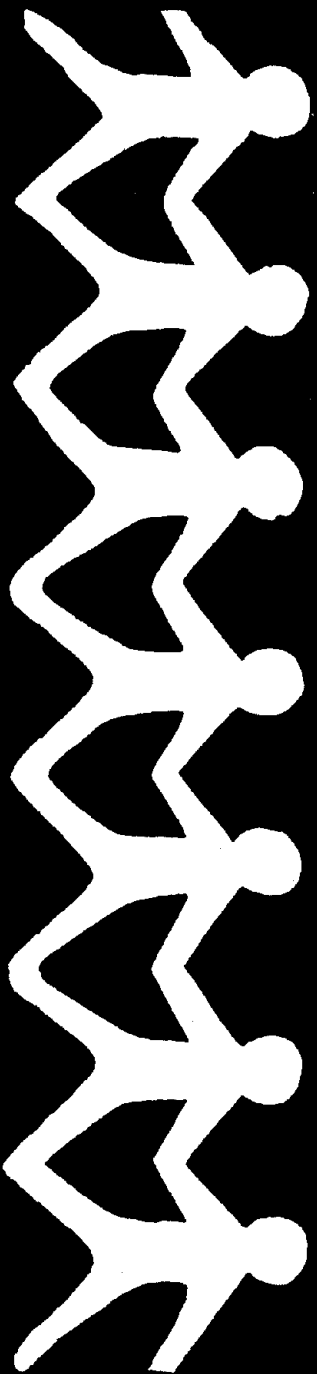
**FINALLY** — Which question did you enjoy answering the most?

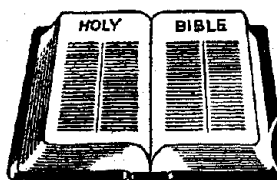
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## EXCITING LESSONS!

*To My Readers,*

This year most Sunday Schools are commencing upon a study of the life of Jesus Christ. No greater personage could be selected. Into the thirty-three and a half years of his life were packed more dramatic events than are experienced by people who have lived twice as long. He was a man who felt the heights and depths of life. At one time he received the widespread adulation of a nation who had followed him throughout Palestine so enthralled by his message that they wanted to make him king (John 6:15); whilst a little later, he felt the chill winds of rejection and opposition, when even his disciples started to forsake him (v.66), and his family and friends repulsed him (Mark 3:21). He became a lonely spectacle. At his hour of greatest need, when all Jewry rose up against him, even his closest apostles shrunk from him in disappointment and misunderstanding (Mark 14:50).

But in all his amazing and vast experiences, he remained faithful to his heavenly Father, and revealed in his life the characteristics in which God delights. This made him the greatest man that has ever lived. And because of this, his apostles and followers were later able to be strengthened to overcome their own problems (Acts 4:13).

These events which happened in Palestine about 1,970 years ago have dramatically affected the history of the whole world since. The western world, for example, witnesses to the existence of Jesus of Nazareth every day of the year! Its calendar is dated from his birth. Every time you write the year, it notes the period of time that has expired since Jesus was born.

But though the "Christian" world gives lip-service to the words of Jesus, very few people are prepared to put the Lord's teaching into practice.

This, however, is the value of your Sunday School lessons this year. A responsibility rests upon you, no matter how young or old you are, to not only learn about Jesus Christ, but also to apply what he has commanded. This may mean a little sacrifice on your part. It may mean giving up some of your time to attend Sunday School, to be at the outings arranged for the scholars, to support the Sunday evening lectures and other meetings. This will help yourself and encourage others also. And, what is more important, the Lord Jesus is pleased to notice when you have given up your own desires to serve him.

The first recorded words Jesus uttered are contained in Luke 2:49. He was only 12 years of age at the time. About the same age as many of my younger readers. But because God was his Father he had an ability to appreciate spiritual things, greater than we have, and when taken to the Temple at Jerusalem by Joseph and his mother Mary, he delighted in discussing matters of the Law with the leading teachers of his day. They were astounded at his understanding and knowledge. His mind, even at that young age, was developing along righteous ways. So, when Joseph and Mary later missed him in the returning company, and finding him still in the Temple expressed their annoyance, he replied:

**"Don't you understand that I must be about the things of my Father" (Lk. 2:49).**

He realised that he must give complete attention to doing the works of God. This was attitude of mind that gave him the means to success. Being strengthened by his Father, he overcame all the problems and difficulties that faced him, and thus revealed a perfectly sinless, obedient life.

This is the grand person, we are privileged to consider this coming year.

Let us make it a really successful year (God willing) for ourselves by applying our minds to these lessons — trying to find out a little more about this fascinating man — making his life an example for us to follow.

Remember, he is living at this very moment, noting all your actions, and will shortly return to earth again to complete his mission, as the King of Kings. May each one of us be encouraged through our Sunday School associations to manifest his characteristics in our lives, and so anticipate the great glories soon to be seen in all the earth.

*The Editor*



## This Month's Poem

## THE EXAMPLE OF A GENERATION THAT FAILED

When God called His people from Egypt, He constituted them a "separate nation" that they might reveal His goodness and ways unto all mankind. But they failed to apply themselves to this grand objective, and allowed the difficulties of the wilderness way to blind their eyes to the future glories. To remind us of this example of history, and urge us to reveal a more faithful and believing outlook, **Rosemary Clothier** (14 years) of Enfield Sunday School, has submitted this poem, and earns 5 marks.

A helpless generation  
 Cried out to God in pain,  
 "Our existence here is nothing  
 and our lives are all in vain."  
 "Why should we toil and die here  
 and all our bodies waste?  
 "Our bondage here is cruelty;  
 All work must be in haste."  
 God loved the nation Israel  
 and answered Moses' plea;  
 He delivered them from bondage  
 they all crossed the Red Sea!  
 Sandflies in their thousands,  
 blazing sun all day —  
 Water was what they wanted most  
 as they trudged along the way.  
 An unbelieving nation  
 had said they would obey,  
 But faith did not go with them  
 as they wandered by the way.  
 They could not capture Canaan;  
 said: "There were giants there,  
 The cities were all walled about"  
 but for God they'd not a care.  
 They came out of Egypt  
 an unbelieving nation —  
 They marched past the land of Canaan  
 a hopeless generation.  
 Their children saw salvation  
 but they had lived to die,  
 Their bones bleached white beneath the sun,  
 and all their blood ran dry.  
 In our wilderness of life  
 God has given us all;  
 So let us not complain of trial  
 lest sadly, like them, we fall!

**Four Classes Of Mankind:**

He who knows not, and knows not he knows not, is foolish: shun him.  
 He who knows not, and knows he knows not, is simple: teach him.  
 He who knows, and knows not he knows, is asleep: wake him.  
 He who knows, and knows he knows, is wise follow him.

We are unable to include in this issue our serial on "WHATS IN SPACE", but you will find the following article tells what happens on earth when the moon is shining!

## SEEING IN THE DARK!

### How The Divine Creative Hand Is Revealed In The Wonderful Mechanism Of The Owl.

When we go outside at night it takes a little time to be able to see about us. Our eyes slowly become adjusted to the decrease in light intensity. Actually, what is happening is that the pupil of the eye (the dark centre, which is really a hole) gradually increases in size, permitting more light to enter the eye, and allowing us to see more clearly.

But now awkward it would be for an animal or bird which hunts for its food at night, such as the owl, to survive under such conditions!

So God in His infinite wisdom created the owl with very special eyes.

The owl's eyes are large, and are on the front of its face, unlike such birds as woodcocks. This means that there is a large area of "over-lapping of sight" or "binocular vision." It is this binocular vision that enables the owl, as it hunts living creatures, to judge distances. Just to realise the importance of this, try a simple test: Balance a rubber on the end of a biro or pencil, and hold it with your arm outstretched. Close one eye, and try to flick the rubber off the pencil with your other hand. It is not as easy as it sounds!

Not only are the owl's eyes binocular, but they are not set in flattern eyeballs as in most other birds, but in deep horny tubes, which could be compared with big wide aperture lenses, mounted on a miniature camera with a relatively small film surface. If the retina (the light-sensitive part of the eye) were in the same proportion to the huge lenses as in other birds, there would not be room enough to accomodate the eyeballs. Now, what happens is that a large quantity of light enters the eye, and is concentrated on a small retina, thus increasing sensitivity. The "light-sensitive" cells on the retina are also more densely packed than in man, thus increasing the sensitivity.

However, the owl's eyes are nearly immovably fixed in their sockets, thus allowing little side movement. But this rigid eye structure is compensated by quick reflex neck movements and very flexible vertebrae (they can turn more than half a circle in either direction). This neck-twisting habit creates the illusion of turning a full circle, and accounts for the ancient superstition that owls can wring their own necks!! All birds, unlike humans, have a third eyelid, the nictitans, a transparent membrane which, by blinking, keeps the eye moist and at the same time allows them to see.

These points bring home two lessons for us.

Firstly, although we and the owl share one world, we may be said to live in different worlds since each sees best only that part of its environment necessary to its life. Therefore, how an animal behaves has much to do with its sensory organs, whether they be few or many, simple or complex.

Secondly, and more importantly, the owl lives and moves at night, and its whole life is encompassed with darkness. Ours should be the opposite. We should always be found walking in the light of the gospel — seeing by its light — living by its light, so that ultimately, we may be privileged to exist forever in the wonderful beams of "the Sun of righteousness" (Mal.4:2), who shall fill the earth with light. Then, there will be no "night" or darkness or ignorance at all (Rev.21:25), and the creatures of the night will be destroyed (Rev. 19:20; 21:24).

—Russell Edgecombe (Enfield)

# Pictorial Supplement

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Would you like to meet some of our readers who live in the tropical islands north of Australia? These photos were sent by Joy Fotheringham one of our enthusiastic readers in the Philippines. (Joy is awarded twenty marks for these photos).

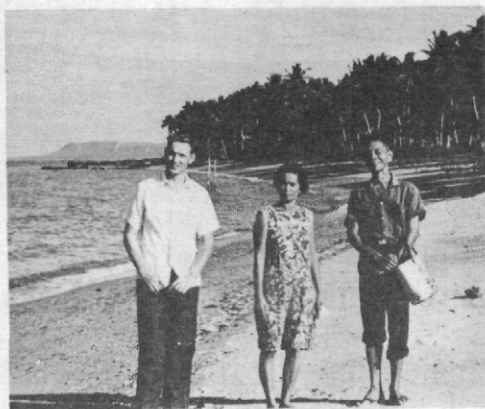
In our first illustration is depicted a typical home of the islanders. It is constructed with a nipa palm roof, and overwoven frames. It keeps cool and pleasant in the steamy, tropical conditions in the Philippines. Outside the house is the owner, Bro. Francisco Jimeno. He lives at



Bayembang, some distance from the main city, Manila, and is a member of an ecclesia of about 40 brethren and sisters who live in that province.

The Philippines are actually a group of many small islands in the Pacific Ocean, and form part

of South Asia. The islands are covered with hot, tropical jungles, and have a very heavy rainfall. In fact, on many of the islands it rains most of the year. In some parts, where the jungle has been cleared, rubber, coffee, sugar, tea and spices are grown. Manilla is the largest and most important town in the Philippine Islands. In addition to Filipinos, the population includes large numbers of Chinese who have settled there. There are also quite a number of people of Spanish extraction, for the islands were ruled by Spain until the Spanish-American War of 1898. Leading exports are copra, sugar, timber, rope, and coconut oil. Iron and chrome and precious metals are mined.



Here is a picture of a baptism held in the waters of the sea on the shores of the island of Masbate (can you find this on our sketch?). On the left is Brother Ian Fotheringham with newly-baptised Bro and Sister Aquino.

Notice the lush growth surrounding the shore-line



Here is a delightful group of girls who come from Bayambang Ecclesia in the north. From left to right - (back): Sis Mercedes deVera, Sis. Rosita deVera, Sis. Priscilla Jimeno, Joy Fotheringham. (front): Evelyn Jimeno, Alison Fotheringham, Betty Jimeno. And the two little ones are Lynn and Susan (baby) Fotheringham. We all send our special greetings to these readers.

The Philippines consist of more than 7,000 islands of varying size, forming a state that covers an area of 115,000 square miles. The two largest islands are Luzon in the north, and Midanao in the south. The islands are mountainous, and most of the mountains volcanic. Off the eastern shores, running north and south is the deepest ocean trench in the world. At its deepest it is nearly 5,800 fathoms. A depth of  $6\frac{1}{2}$  miles has been recorded. In other words it is a mile deeper than Mt Everest, the world's highest mountain, is high!



Here is a group outside the home of Brother Hudierez, at Bacolod. From left: Roger, Sister Hudierez, Hever, Lowell, Brother Audierez, Robertnio, Brother Morano (of Manila), Sue Fotheringham, and Sister Johns.

The Manila Ecclesia consists of 4 Australians (Bro & Sis. Ian Fotheringham and Bro & Sis. B. Johns), 7 Philipinos (Brethren Manzano, and Mantillas, Bernardo, Oliva, Bautista, and Bro. & Sis. Alanquilan. Quite often there is a visitor from the Province of Bayambang where there are about 40 members. Other Christadelphians are found on the islands of Negros, Masbate, Cebu and Mindanao.

We hope to include some articles from Sue Johns and Alison Fotheringham, about life in the Philippines in this and following issues.

# From our MAILBAG



## WITH THE KOALAS

"Recently our young people had an outing to Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary. We went by launch up the Brisbane River, which took just over an hour. At the entrance there is a 'koala jockey' riding an alsatian dog! The main attraction is the koalas, and the sanctuary breeds over 100 every year. There were a few peacocks, with lovely silk-like feathers. As well, there were many animals, reptiles and birds, and we had a very enjoyable time. In the evening at our young people's class we were instructed on the Tabernacle.

—Valerie Johnson (Coorparoo, Q.d.)

## THIS TERRIBLE AGE

My sister and I really enjoy the Good Company. In a world that is so wicked, it is a great help to hear of and read about other young people, like ourselves, who are growing up in the ways of Truth."

—Adele Ullman (Perth, W.A.)

## AT THE NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL

"This year I am attending the new Sunday School at Mt. Hawthorn in Perth. We will be a small school, so everyone will have to work to make it a good one! Just like the people who worked and willingly gave gifts for the Temple. Our School is held in a hired hall, so we cannot have separate rooms. The kindergarten will be in the kitchen, one of the classes in the storeroom, and the rest will be in the main hall."

—Sharon John (Mt. Hawthorn, W.A.)

(What an excellent spirit to commence a new venture. A really good Sunday School is one in which everyone co-operates to overcome difficulties, working together for the good of the School.—Ed.)

## THIS YEAR'S LESSONS

"We were all interested in our new

Sunday school books received last Sunday and from the preview which Uncle Keith Cook gave us during his visit to our school, they should be excellent. I also hope to do the essay on the symbols which are on the cover of our Senior book."

—Merrill Dawson (Coorparoo, Qld.)

(Thanks for the lovely photo of the Coorparoo School. We hope to publish this next issue.—Ed.)

## FINDS ARTICLES EXCITING

"I enjoy reading the short articles on various topics sent in by other readers, and in fact this is almost the first part of the magazine I read. Soon I hope to join the list of those who have sent in an article."

—Steven Harrington (Launceston)

## EAGERLY AWAITED

"Would you please forward two folders for the Good Company magazine as you advertised in the last issue. This is a great little magazine and it is eagerly awaited here."

—Sis. J. Arthur (Yerongpilly, Qld.)

## PLEASED WITH CERTIFICATE

"I was pleased to get my certificate of six marks, and hope to get lots more."

—Dean Kitto  
7 years, of Launceston, Tas.)

## PEN-FRIEND WANTED

"I would like an overseas pen-friend, but would also like to write to someone in another State. I am 16 years, in 4th form at High School, and am interested in tennis, music, and of course, the Sunday School."

—Kathryn Wynne (Woonona, NSW)

(Replies will be immediately sent on to Kathryn.—Ed.)

## OTHER LETTERS RECEIVED

Interesting comments were contained in letters from Janelle Dawson (Coorparoo), Robyn McKinlay (Yagoona), Reece Evans (Cunderdin), and Valerie Johnson (Coorparoo), who sent me an Arithmograph which will be published next issue, God willing.

Each letter published is awarded 2 marks; other letters received are given 1 mark.

**WE WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE AN ARTICLE CONCERNING THE FIRST LESSON TO BE CONSIDERED WHEN SUNDAY SCHOOL RECOMMENCES IN 1971. Start writing now! 10 points for the article published.**

## In The Philippines

## A JOURNEY TO MASBATE

Anson Fotheringham spent a very exciting weekend on the island of Masbate (see map, p. 6) recently, and records her experiences in this short story (5 marks). ANSON is seen in the photo on page 7.

In company with my Father and Mouser I was booked on a flight from Manila, where I live, to visit the island of Masbate, and after about an hour's flight, we arrived at the Masbate Airport. We were expecting to be met at the airport by a Mr. Buado, but he was not there, so we took a tricycle to a restaurant, where we had Pancit Canton for lunch. Afterwards, we went to the pier to board the boat to Baleno. It took approximately an hour to get to the island in a large canoe with outriggers, and then we had to walk for a half hour to the home of Mr. and Mrs. (Bro. and Sis.) Aquinos. I played with Cynthia, aged 11 who is the third eldest in the family. We were provided with a lovely meal of fried chicken and chicken broth. We then had a bath in which we drew water from a well, and washed in a palm shelter open to the stars! Then, after a hot day we looked forward to bed.

Most Philipinos sleep on the floor — which my Mummy and Daddy had to do also, for I had the only bed. Next morning after breakfast, I played with the children around the house, which is surrounded with many trees such as coffee, cocoa and citrus. Later in the afternoon Mrs. Aquino arrived and I rode a carroba and carried her luggage. At 3 p.m. we attended the Memorial meeting, after which I caught crabs and turtles. For tea we were given a "delicious" meal of pigs blood and intestines. But, oh! we really couldn't eat it! So another day came to an end. Monday morning arrived, and at 5 a.m. we caught the boat arriving back to Masbate at 5.30 a.m., and four hours later, left by plane for Manila finally arriving home at 11.30 a.m. We thoroughly enjoyed the weekend, and hope we may be able to go again.

What a fascinating time. Some of the things Alison wrote about are unknown to us in Australia. What was the Pancit Canton she had for lunch? What is a carroba she rode in? Perhaps some of my readers could write and tell me. In future issues, we hope to have further stories about the Philippines sent to us by Sue Johns.—Ed.

## Sunday School ACTIVITIES

### CHRISTCHURCH, N.Z.

(Supt: Bro. J. E. Cowell)

"We would like to avail ourselves of this opportunity of receiving the magazine and hope that our children will benefit by having this contact with other children of our worldwide family who are learning of, and looking for, the early return of our Master. We have 30 scholars in our School."

### WELCOME TO MT. HAWTHORN!

A new Sunday School has commenced in the Perth suburb of Mt. Hawthorn, and about 30 scholars are attending. Superintendent is Bro. D. Stempel, and the Secretary, Sis. Doreen John, who writes:

"Some of the children are slightly apprehensive about joining the new Sunday School. One of the questions is 'Will we still receive Good Company?', so to put their minds at rest, would you please enrol our school on your mailing list. We hope to make SS as interesting and challenging as possible, so that the children will grow together in love and zeal for the Truth."



**RIVERWOOD, N.S.W. (Supt: Bro. R. Jenkins. Sec: Sis. B. Dennes)**

"Our Sunday School has just commenced the new lessons, and is looking forward to learning more about the Lord Jesus Christ, his ministry, miracles and parables. Once every month we have a games afternoon at our hall, then enjoy a picnic tea, and in the evening conduct a Bible marking session. Some of our scholars have just commenced to mark their Bibles, and they are most interested in the project.

"We have great pleasure in advising that **Wendy Gordon**, one of our scholars was recently baptised, and we pray that she, with us, may be found acceptable in the day of the Lord's return.

"October 5 was a public holiday, so we took the young people on a picnic to the Royal National Park, where we hired 2 boats for them. A wonderful day was experienced in the fresh air and beautiful sunshine. On such occasions we appreciate how blessed we are to have freedom to worship our God openly and express to Him our gratitude for his continual mercies."

#### **WELCOME TEA TREE GULLY!**

31 scholars are meeting at the Tea Tree Gully Sunday School, in the north-west of Adelaide. The superintendent, **Bro. J. F. Pitcher** writes:

"Please forward us a supply of the Magazine each issue. We hope to

have an article about our Sunday School as soon as possible, for you to publish."

**WOODVILLE, S.A. (Supt. Bro. E. Hubbard. Sect: Bro. B. Steele)**

Two important dates for the School are as follows:

**Sat. November 14**—Breakup of Outings for 1970. Activities commence at 2.30 p.m., with tea at 5.30, and evening meeting at 7 p.m. Theme is "Obedience." Many items will be presented by scholars, including a dramatic play by the Kindergarten of "The Story of Jonah," in which an 'actual' fish will be seen to swallow the prophet! A background soundtrack of the storm will add realism to the item. Other kiddies will give individual items, and the Senior boys will outline "Paul's Epistle To The Romans."

**Sat. December 19 7.30 p.m.**—Annual Prizegiving. In addition to the presentation of awards, a special play will be enacted upon the record of "Esther," and the "Return from Captivity." In the former, the senior school will depict the characters and lessons seen in the book of Esther; whilst in the latter, the Kindergarten and Main School will combine to present in Song, Narration, and Sketches, the feelings and aspirations of the Jews in dispersion and the returning Israelites by the River Babylon will be presented, assisted by the singing of Psalm 137.

#### **COMPETITION ENTRIES RECEIVED BY OCTOBER 20th**

Each reader will receive a special Certificate listing the marks obtained for entries in this issue.

**NEW SOUTH WALES**—Margaret Richards (Adamstown), Kathryn Wynne. **QUEENSLAND** — Janelle Dawson (Coorparoo), Merrill Dawson (Coorparoo), Greg Hagen (Coorparoo), Helen Hagen (Coorparoo), Valerie Johnson (Coorparoo), Michele Plant (Redcliffe). **SOUTH AUSTRALIA** — Brett Arnold (Enfield), Jamie Arnold (Enfield), Mark Brown (Cumberland), Barry Burney (Enfield), David Burney (Enfield), Joel Burney (Enfield), Linda Burney (Enfield), Judith Clothier (Enfield), Mark Clothier (Enfield), Rosemary Clothier (Enfield), Janet Gross (Enfield), Bruce Gurd (Cumberland), Rhonda Gurd (Cumberland), Judith Horgan (Enfield), Kathryn Kortman (Cumberland), Lynette Horgan (Enfield), Margaret Horgan (Enfield), Ruth Horgan (Enfield), Elizabeth Wyns (Enfield), Paul Wyns (Enfield). **TASMANIA** — Steven Harrington (Hobart), Dean Kitto (Launceston). **VICTORIA** — Heather Lawson (Ringwood). **WEST AUSTRALIA** — Colin Evans (Perth), Sharon John (Mt. Hawthorn), Adele Ullman (Perth), Julie Ullman (Perth). **PHILIPPINES** — Joy Fotheringham.

**IS YOUR NAME IN THIS LIST?** If not, it means we did not receive your entry. Make sure you get the next one in, by posting it early. This will greatly encourage the Editor, who is looking forward to hearing from you.

**MOST MARKS IN 1970** — The reader who gained this Award has been selected, and the special gift is being forwarded to the Sunday School for presentation at the Prize-giving evening. Details will be published next issue. **MEANWHILE**, your own marks are adding up to the special 100 point Award, so keep posting your entries!

**GOOD COMPANY COMPETITIONS**

At the end of each year GOOD COMPANY will award the reader gaining the most marks given by the Magazine during the year, with a very attractive volume (which will be presented at the 1970 Prize-giving, God willing). In addition every 100 points gained will be awarded a special prize. Points are given for letters received, poems and articles published, photographs and illustrations forwarded, and answers to the Puzzle Page. Begin your score today . . . by writing without delay!

★ REMEMBER: EVERY READER AWARDED ON ATTAINING 100 MARKS!

**ANSWERS TO OUR LAST QUIZ**

Who Was It?—

1. Ezra (Ch.8:22);
2. Hezekiah (2 Kgs.20:6);
3. Shimei (1 Kgs.2:8, 44-46);
4. Absalom (2 Sam.18:9).

Letter Change— 1. Eat; 2. Late; 3. Elath; 4. Lather; 5. Leather.

Hidden Passage— "But as truly as I live all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord" (Num. 14:21).

Arithmograph— Zephaniah.

# Competitions? & Quizzes ?

## SOLVE THESE PUZZLES

**WHAT IS ITS NAME?—** A seaport mentioned in connection with the travels of the apostle Paul. It is noted on account of a vision he received, and a miracle he performed. It is also mentioned as a place where the apostle had left some of his property (2 marks)

**WORD ADDITION—(2 marks for each correct answer):**

To the NAME OF A TREE, add:

1. The name of a Babylonian god and it becomes one of Jacob's grandsons.
2. The name of another grandson of Jacob and it becomes a patriarch.
3. The name of an Edomite duke and it becomes a grandson of Japheth.
4. The name of an ancient city and it becomes a man born after his father's death.

**NAME THE RELATIVES—** 1 mark for each correct answer:

- (1) Adam, Elijah, Abel. (2) Timothy, Andrew, Peter. (3) Japheth, Seth, Ham. (4) Zaccheaus, Lazarus, Martha.

**DOUBLE ACROSTIC—** 7 marks for complete answer:

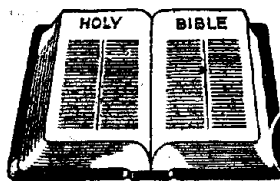
The first letters of the answers give the name of a follower of Jesus, and the final letters give the village in which he lived.

1. A young animal used in sacrifice.
2. A stone in the 3rd row of the Breastplate.
3. A person who seeks to establish the Jewish State (politically).
4. Israelitish king who died following an accident.
5. Name of a young girl who opened a door for Peter.
6. The leper's cry.
7. Kind of dish Isaac loved.

**WHICH ONE WAS IT?—** 1 mark for telling me which question you found the hardest!

Send your entry (however many are answered) with your Name, Sunday School, and Age to Mrs. Helen Gore, Good Company, P.O. West Beach 5024, before December 10th.

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## A NEW YEAR DAWNS

*To My Readers,*

The past twelve months have been momentous in the history of the world. More than ever before, the problems that face this civilisation have been discussed and considered by world leaders. Pollution problems — population explosion — nuclear warfare — delinquency and crime: are all features becoming more familiar to thinking people. They are even being considered in many schools today. But the past year has provided no solution, no hope for the desperate position into which the world is falling.

In all the gaily and frivolous celebrations as the world ushers in a new year, there remains the grim threat that is overshadowing 1971. What is the future for this country in the year ahead. Will it bring a measure of safety and security? Will it see a period of happiness and peace?

We know that it will not.

The Bible is very accurate in its prophecies, and it speaks quite clearly about our days. It shows that we must go through a time of "trouble such as never was" (Dan. 12:2), a period of political and social unrest (Luke 21:25). The conditions of this past year answer to the many prophecies of God's Word concerning the "latter days."

The only hope for a lasting solution to today's problems lies in the return of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the establishment of the grand and glorious Kingdom of God on earth.

And what of yourself?

Have you progressed in the knowledge of God's Word during the past year?

Have you endeavoured to apply that knowledge in your lives?

No matter how young you may be, this can and must be attempted. During the past years knowledge and learning has greatly increased. Universities and schools have become a major factor in the lives of most people. But the knowledge learned therein cannot help a person to follow God's way. Often it actually hinders spiritual advancement. We must beware of this. The greatest thing in life is learning to "love the Lord with all thy heart, soul, strength and mind," but unfortunately it is becoming obvious that fewer and fewer people are prepared to do this. What does this involve? It requires us to live a life that is different to our companions. It means forsaking the immoral, impure conversations of our associates. It demands a refusal to participate in the wicked actions that seem to be increasing on every side.

GOOD COMPANY is found in your Sunday School companions who are dedicated young people. Try to encourage and be encouraged to do that "which is right in the sight of God." If you do this, you will give pleasure to your parents and your friends in the Truth, and you will enjoy a life that is happier and more satisfying than any other.

Make 1971 a real highlight in your life. It may witness the return of Jesus Christ, and all that that means!

*The Editor*



## The Marvellous Creation

### THE INDUSTRIOUS ANT

There are many varieties of ants in the Middle East which make their nests beside the threshing floors and wherever their favourite food is found. In every country, the ant is proverbial for its industry and wisdom, so that the wise man exhorts those who are lazy: "Go to the ant, thou sluggard" (Prov. 6:6).

Although there are differences in the habits of ants in various climates, those in the Middle East particularly, are known for the following features: (1) they provide great stores of grain in their nests; (2) to facilitate this,

they place their nests as near as possible to an area where grain is threshed or stored; (3) they eat this stored-up grain during the bleak winter months; and (4) they encourage certain insects which secrete sweet juices to consort with them, and collect and store their eggs with their own, so that they have them at hand for future use when they shall have hatched.

In all their interesting activities and habits, the ants show themselves as very busy creatures, obtaining and storing their food for future use.

Similarly, we must imitate the example of the ant, by obtaining and storing the food of the Spirit, that it may strengthen and help us in time of need; that we might be always active in spiritual things, and looking forward to the future for the return of the Lord Jesus.

So the Proverbs tells us to be diligent in these things:

#### Some Further Comments:

The study of the ant-world is a fascinating one, and reveals the wonderful hand of the Divine Creator. In the ant-family, each member works to sustain the whole community and to play its part effectively. There are many kinds of ants. There is the carpenter ant, mound-building ant, blood-red slave-maker, harvesting ants, and many others. Most harvesting ants are found in arid regions of scant food supply and therefore compelled to feed on seeds. Solomon's ants mentioned in Proverbs 6:6 and 30:25 are harvester ants. Species of harvester ants include the small harvester ant, acrobat ant, black harvester ant, agricultural ant, and the mound-building prairie ant. So you see, there are many varieties but all work together, without a visible leader, overseer or ruler.

We must work together, even though we have no visible ruler. Our guide is in heaven, and we take instructions from him. Therefore we must assist each other in the walk of life. As the ants of Solomon's proverbs are found in arid regions, so we find ourselves in a spiritually arid land, and must seek that seed, while we have the opportunity!

### HOW TO IMPROVE OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS & OURSELVES

Collated from suggestions forwarded by readers (Cont. from p.52; Sept-Oct '70)

Having considered (1) Preparation, (2) Attending School, (3) Assembling, and (4) In Class, we now outline some thoughts about our appearance and attitude in Sunday School.

#### (5) Our Appearance

Attending Sunday School is an important part of our lives. It is a time when we make contact with the things of God — the eternal and powerful principles of His Way. God is particularly interested in young people who talk about and think on His Word, and watches over us during SS hour. How do we behave? Last article outlined four ways in which our behaviour should be controlled. This will help ourselves, and encourage the young people with whom we associate. In addition to these, however, it is very necessary for us to reveal a neat and tidy appearance. Girls should not be immodest; boys should not be scruffy. The fashions of the world which seem to be so "modern" are not designed to help us to the Kingdom of God, and therefore we should

"Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways and be wise — which, having no guide, overseer or ruler, provideth her meat in the summer and gathereth her food in the harvests. How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? When wilt thou arise out of thy sleep?"

—Maureen Stagg (Perth) — 10 marks

not put much emphasis on them.

When we are at S.S. we show that it is a pleasure to be there, and we reveal in our conduct and appearance that we respect the great God of Whom we are learning.

How should we appear? The Apostle Peter said: "Do not adorn yourself with the elaborate hair-dos of the times, or with a mass of jewellery, or with dressy clothes, but put on the attitude of Jesus Christ in your heart, that which is not corruptible, such as a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price" (1 Pet. 3:3-4). A young person who does this, will find a reward in the future. To do otherwise, will only bring unhappiness and disappointment.

#### (6) How To Act At Close Of Class

One would think that after considering Godly things for the past hour, that scholars would act wisely at the close of S.S. But unfortunately, some seem to think that it is time to rush out of the hall, and madly scam-

per around the grounds of the hall. What should we do? After the closing prayer, usually the organist will play a snort voluntary. We ought to remain still and quiet while this is being played, and then there is the opportunity to chat with our friends in S.S. Our discussion need not always be about the weather, or our day-school, or our holidays, or about anything except S.S. Why not talk about the lessons, your projects, coming events such as outings, special evenings, etc. Perhaps chat about an article you have read in GOOD COMPANY. This helps you to think and talk about things that matter.

### (7) Our Attitude During The Week

If we are serious about our beliefs, and prepared to follow and perform that which we earn about, we will carry that attitude into the next week.

Next article will consider (a) How to be a Salesman for our Sunday School; (b) How to study; (c) Outdoor activities with our Sunday School. We would like to hear suggestions from readers on these three aspects for our next issue.

### This Month's Poem

#### THE GREAT APOSTLE PAUL

In the wonderful transformation of a dedicated and determined Pharisee to a humble, submissive and faithful follower of Jesus Christ, is seen a grand example to young people today. Paul was set for a tremendous career. He was brought up at the feet of Gamaliel, in the best "university" of his times. He was on the path to promotion amongst the leaders of his nation. But when he learned of Jesus Christ, he deserted it all, and gave his energies to fulfilling the ways of God. He exhorts us: "Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ." If wise, we will not allow the aspirations of this age to blind us to what Christ can give us. Just think of the example of the great Apostle Paul as outlined in this poem composed by Valerie Johnson (Coorparoo), who gains 5 marks.

Paul was a faithful man of God,  
 For in the steps of Christ, he trod.  
 Was shipwrecked, beaten, flogged and torn —  
 And more than once was he forlorn.  
 Yet, on his way he went to teach,  
 The Word of God he had to preach,  
 And for his doing of God's Word —  
 He'll be rewarded by the Lord!

#### Poem on "The Return"

Next issue we hope to publish a very interesting and thoughtful poem by Helen Papowski depicting the effort of the Lord's return to earth upon humanity in general and ourselves in particular.

#### Why Life Is Sometimes Difficult:

You cannot dream yourself into a character; you must hammer and forge yourself into one.

# WHAT'S IN SPACE?

Some interesting facts about the wonderful heavens above, and how they are used in the Bible to illustrate spiritual principles.

(Continued from p.56 - Sept/Oct 1970)

## The Royal Sun

When God made an important promise to David, He sealed it by declaring: "My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips. Once have I sworn by my holiness that I will not lie unto David. His seed shall endure for ever, and his throne AS THE SUN before me. It shall be established for ever AS THE MOON, and as a faithful witness IN HEAVEN" (Psalm 89:34-37).

God drew attention to two most constant and permanent fixtures: the Sun and the Moon. Whenever we see these, we should be reminded of God's great covenant, which cannot fail (Jer. 33:20-23). We have already considered the symbol of the Sun as the source of political power, education and government among the nations. It rules the world with its light and glory. And in the age to come, when God's Kingdom is established, the Sun will be seen in the Lord Jesus Christ, who will rule over all mankind. As we saw in our last article, it will be a day of great glory, for "his" light shall be sevenfold" (Isa. 30:26).

The Lord will sit upon the throne of David, in fulfilment of the covenant, and his healing rays will stretch forth to strengthen all the nations, and to illuminate all minds. This will destroy the "face of the covering cast over all people, and the veil that is spread over all nations" (Isa. 25:7).

## The Faithful Witness

God also used the symbol of the

## Stars And Planets

Paul declares: "One star differeth from another star in glory" (1 Cor. 15:41).

Let us consider what a star actually is.

Scientists discriminate between stars and planets. Stars are SUNS, burning with their own inherent light, whereas planets are solid bodies, re-

moon as a faithful witness in the heavens. The moon reflects the light of the sun, and has no illumination of its own. When we look up into the dark vault of the heavens and see the silvery moon gleaming, we know that somewhere, though we cannot see it, the sun is shining! For, the light of the moon is the reflected light of the sun.

Associated with the Lord Jesus Christ in the day of glory, will be the Ecclesia, whose symbol is the moon, appearing as the "faithful witness." They will be seen throughout the earth, as the immortal representatives of the Lord Jesus, revealing his power and teaching upon all who come within their influence.

Though the Lord in Jerusalem may not be personally seen in the "ends of the earth," his representatives will be. So they are like the moon, a faithful witness, performing His will, reflecting his light, and bringing all the earth under His rule.

When we go outside and view this glorious orb of the heavens, shining in the midst of darkness, with a pure, glistening whiteness, let us remember these wonderful words spoken by God concerning His promise to David:

"As surely as the sun and moon have faithfully performed their duties in the heavens to provide those influences without which life would become extinct on earth, so surely will the grand purpose of God be ultimately consummated, and those who have lived in accordance with His precepts will be glorified to see it."

reflecting the light only of their particular sun. The planets we see with the naked eye are those revolving around our sun, such as Jupiter, Mars, Saturn etc., and with the naked eye we cannot discriminate between them and the stars. They are just points of light in the sky.

The planets are comparatively close

to the earth, and when seen through a telescope, they appear as large heavenly bodies, whereas the stars are far distant from the earth, and only appear as points of light.

The star nearest to the Earth is Centaurus, and this is so far away, that it can only be measured in what scientists call "light years." Light travels at the rate of 186,000 miles per second. If you multiply that by 60 you have the distance travelled by light every minute; multiply that by another 60 and you have the distance per hour; multiply that figure by 24 and you have the distance per day; multiply it by 365 and you have the distance travelled by light in a year.

Our next article (God willing) will consider the time when a lonely man was told by God to go outside and count the stars! Why was this demanded of him, and what does it mean to us? We will also explain some facts about the colorful, twinkling stars in the heavens.

And that is what a scientist calls a "light year."

Centaurus, our nearest star (though not our nearest planet, remember), is said to be FOUR light years away!!

Scientists believe that each star (but not each planet) is a sun in its own particular universe, and they compute that there are something like 80,000,000 stars in the heavens. This gives some idea of the immensity of space, the mighty power of the Creator, and our own smallness in the scheme of things. Yet the love of God has stretched forth to us, and has made provision that we might approach Him in prayer and thanksgiving, and ultimately attain unto life eternal in His Kingdom.

#### EXCELLENT RESULTS TO 1970 EXAMINATION

The Stage 3 Annual Examination was held on 27th September 1970, and was much bigger than the previous Exam. Most schools affiliated with the S.S. Association participated. 600 scholars in 14 divisions took part, and 42 Prizes were awarded. The average mark for the whole examination was 66%, and considering the detailed nature of the year's syllabus, and the fact that many of the lessons taught during the year were new to teachers and scholars alike, this was quite an achievement.

##### 1970 Prizewinners

**Baptised Div:** 1. Russell Edgcombe (Enfield) 92%; 2. Grant Jolly (Cumberland) 91%; 3. Gabriela Mednyanszky (Woodville) 89%. **Div. 17:** 1. Penelope Pitt (Cumberland) 82%; 2. Judith Hadley (Granville) 75%; 3. Phillip Anderson (Enfield) 74%. **Div. 16:** 1. Carl Parry (Enfield) 98%; 2. Jennifer Hermann (Ballina) 92%; 3. Paul Gurd (Cumberland) 91%. **Div. 15:** 1. Jennifer Black (Woodville) 98%; 2. Anne Hausterfor (Perth) 97%; 3. Maxine Lund (Cumberland) 95%. **Div. 14:** 1. tie — Rosemary Clothier (Enfield) and Shirley Martin (Enfield) 95%; 2. Virginia Thiele (Cumberland) 93%. **Div. 13:** 1. Julianne King (Woodville) 98%; 2. Meredith Grainger (Enfield) 97%; 3. Stephen Mansfield (Woodville) 96%. **Div. 12:** 1. Susan O'Connor (Enfield) 98%; 2. Deborah Pogson (Yagoona) 97%; 3. Barry Burney (Enfield) 96%.

##### 1970 PROJECT COMPETITION RESULTS

The project competition was embarked upon with great enthusiasm. A total of 346 projects were entered in all three sections, Senior, Junior and Primary, and 42 Association Prizes were awarded. The work linked parents with teachers and pupils so that the lessons under consideration in Sunday School are reinforced by home training.

##### 1970 Prizewinners

**PRIMARY PROJECTS:** 5 yrs: 1. Danielle Mansfield (Cumberland); 2. Timothy Wassell (Yagoona); 3. Patricia Excell (Correspondence). 6 yrs: 1. Daryl Pitt (Woodville); 2. Richard Ullman (Perth); 3. Andrew Weller (Cumberland). 7 yrs: 1. Carmel John (Perth); 2. Craig Frankham (Enfield); 3. Cherie Plant (Redcliffe). 8 yrs: 1. tie — Margaret Horgan (Enfield) and James Mansfield (Campsie); 2.

**Div. 11:** 1. Ruth Horgan (Enfield) 98%; 2. Rhonda Gurd (Cumberland) 97%; 3. Daniel Pogson (Yagoona) 97%. **Div. 10:** 1. Julie Ullman (Perth) 96%; 2. Andrew Knowles (Enfield) 91%; 3. Nola Hausterfor (Perth) 90%. **Div. 9:** 1. Sharon John (Perth) 98%; 2. Benjamin Newton (Perth) 97%; 3. Dana Brinkerhoff (Woodville) 96%. **Div. 8:** 1. Cheryl Tunnell (Woodville) 98%; 2. Jonathan Pogson (Yagoona) 96%; 3. Estelle Pitt (Correspondence) 94%. **Div. 7:** 1. David Carrol (Yagoona) 97%; 2. tie — Paul Mansfield (Woodville) and Catherine Knowles (Enfield) 96%. **Div. 6:** 1. Suzanne Goodwin (Woodville) 98%; 2. Donald Scott (Woodville) 94%; 3. Daryl Pitt (Woodville) 93%. **Div. 5:** 1. tie — Sharon Brinkerhoff and Phillip Mansfield (Woodville) 95%; 2. Ruth Mansfield (Enfield) 92%.

Cynthia Excell (Correspondence); 3. tie — Robert Munro (Enfield) and Mitchell Ebers (Riverwood).

**JUNIOR PROJECTS:** 9 yrs: 1. Sharon John (Perth); 2. Brett Arnold (Enfield); 3. Christine O'Connor (Enfield). 10 yrs: 1. Paul Grainger (Enfield); 2. Julie Ullman (Perth); 3. tie — Susan Stempel (Perth) and Mark Dennis (Riverwood). 11 yrs: 1. Lynette Mansfield



(Campsie); 2. Ruth Horgan (Enfield); 3. tie — Jocelyn Coombe (Launceston) and Rosemary Beaucham (Enfield). 12 yrs: 1. Adele Ullman (Perth); 2. Susanne O'Connor (Enfield); 3. tie — Valerie Martin (Enfield) and Maureen Stagg (Perth). 13 yrs: 1. Jamie Arnold (Enfield); 2. Debbie Coy (Riverwood); 3. tie — Margaret Richards (Adamstown) and

Mark Parry (Enfield). 14 yrs: 1. Cindy Coy (Riverwood); 2. Rosemary Clothier (Enfield); 3. Shirley Martin (Enfield). 15 yrs: 1. Mark Brown (Cumberland); 2. Debbie Moore (Perth); Gregory Black (Woodville); Timothy yrs: 1. Barbara Bath (Wilston); 2. Phillip Anderson (Enfield); 3. Judith Hadley (Granville).

Entries in the Project Competition were of a very high standard, and the Examiner of the Junior Project Competition has asked that the following scholars be acknowledged as submitting projects which were:

**Highly Commended**

9 yrs: Lorinda Gilmore (Riverwood); Sandra Leacham (Enfield). 11 yrs: Neil Stagg (Perth); 3. Stuart Gilmore (Riverwood). 17 Mensfield (Campsie); Valerie Johnson (Coorparoo); Roslyn Townsend (Redcliffe). 12 yrs:

Jenny Newton (Perth); Debbie West (Perth). 13 yrs: Jenny Townsend (Redcliffe); Ian Howe (Correspondence); David Burnay (Enfield). 14 yrs: David Lund (Cumberland).

GOOD COMPANY joins with the ASSOCIATION in congratulating these prizewinners, and urging all readers to maintain and even improve their Sunday School activities during this coming year (God willing).

**COVER YOUR GOOD COMPANY**

Special spring-covers are available from the Editor for 60 cents. These are made of strong board, with the title on cover and spine. You will find that they will protect your magazines, and keep them orderly in your library.

**Question Answered**

**WAS ZECHARIAS STRUCK DEAF?**

"In our Sunday School lessons we learned that Zecharias, father of John Baptist, was told by the angel that he would be dumb until the child was born because of his disbelief. But in Luke 1:62 it says that the people made signs to Zecharias. Why was this necessary when he was only struck dumb?" (M.R., Adamstown).

If a person was dumb he would naturally be able to hear anything spoken, although he could not vocally reply. But because the company surrounding Zecharias had to make "signs" to him, it is obvious that he was struck both deaf and dumb for the period. So although this was not included in the angel's declaration (Luke 1:20), it seems to be an accompanying affliction for Zecharias until he was healed by the power of God.

The lesson is an important one. Because he had uttered words of doubt and queried the message of the angel, therefore his mouth would be loosed until evidence of the fulfillment of the prophecy would be seen in the birth of his son. This not only impressed Zecharias himself, but also his friends and relatives. They were startled at the affliction of Zecharias — but they were amazed when, at the naming of the little child, "his mouth was opened immediately and his tongue loosed . . ." (v.64). Because of these strange happenings, fear came

upon all the area, and everyone spoke about the remarkable birth of John. We learn that "all they that heard the sayings, laid them up in their hearts." They discussed the events that had occurred, and pondered their meaning, wondering what manner of child had been born, and to what purpose were these things. So their attention was drawn to the remarkable John, and to the significant times in which they lived. Soon the Messiah himself was to appear!

We live in significant times today. There are signs aplenty that the second appearance of the Messiah is imminent. When he comes, our tongues will be loosed, and we will speak "praising God" for His Goodness, in the presence of all the world. At his name, every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father (Phil. 2:10-11). The events that happened to Zecharias so long ago are a type of that which is yet to come.

## Sunday School ACTIVITIES

**ADAMSTOWN, NSW (Supt: Bro. G. Alchin; Sect: Sis. B. Richards).**

"We held our first outing for the new SS year on Dec. 5th at Tanilba Bay, which was greatly enjoyed. All our children look forward to receiving **Good Company** although only a limited number enter the competitions and quizzes, as our school is fairly young in years. However, we feel sure all are helped along the pathway of life by the magazine."

**BOSSLEY PARK, NSW (Supt: Bro. P. Sawell).**

"Our Prize-giving evening was held on Dec. 5th, and the Junior and Senior scholars combined to reveal the work of Nehemiah, a man of prayer and action. The theme of the night was **Rise Up And Build**. The walls of our hall were decorated as the walls

**News of Sunday School Activities for March/April should be forwarded to The Editor no later than February 10th.**

Each letter published is awarded 2 marks; other letters received are given 1 mark.

### From our MAILBAG



#### MARVELLOUS OCCASION!

"Last Saturday we held our annual fraternal tea. It was most enjoyable for we were able to chat with our SS friends from over hundreds of miles away, surrounded by what seemed unexhaustable amounts of food. Afterwards, Mr. Hayles, gave a talk on the Atonement in a very interesting way."

— David Stempel (Perth)

#### FROM OUR YOUNG READER!

"This is the first time I have written to you. I am 6 years old, and have 3 sisters, and go to Perth Central SS. On prize-giving night I am in the play

and gates of Jerusalem, and with 'Nehemiah's' encouragement, the Jews rose up and built! The scene concluded with a grand march around the walls, with one company led by Nehemiah and the other by Ezra. The inspiring anthem 'Walk About Zion' completed a wonderful evening."

**WILSTON, Qld (Supt: Bro. R. Evans; Sec: Sis. A. F. Smith).**

"Bro. R. Evans has assumed the Superintendency of the School in the place of Bro. D. Rucker, whose services have been deeply appreciated. John, Ann and Peter Fotheringham have been with us during the past two months, but have now joined their Sunday School in Melbourne. We would appreciate 250 copies of the special leaflet **Come To Sunday School** for us to distribute door-to-door. We think the pamphlet is an excellent one, and will look forward to the results."

(These brochures are available to all readers, and can be handed to your friends. Write for some, today! —Ed.)

of the woman at the well of Samaria. I like **Good Company** and am going to work hard to get some points."

— Richard Ullman (Perth)

#### A LONG WAY TO GO

"We live at Railton, which is over 50 miles from Launceston. My sister Alison and I attend SS every week, and both my parents teach at the School. In recent floods, a bridge was washed away, so we now travel a long way to SS, and need to leave home at 7.45 a.m. We went to the Bible School last September, and in January we hope to go to the Bible Campaign in Hobart."

— Philip Niejalke (Launceston)

#### VALUABLE EXERCISE

"Our Class has recently constructed a map of Palestine in relief, showing places where Jesus travelled through, and the seas and rivers of the country.

We find this very helpful in our lessons."

— Neroli Wassell (Yagoona)

**HOW I SOLVED THEM!**

The Editor received the following delightful comment from **Sharon Jann** (Mrs. Hawthorn, W.A.), explaining how she answered the Word Addition competition in our last issue:

"I knew the name of a Babylonian god was **Bel**, so Mum told me to look up the list of Jacob's grandsons in Gen. 46, and see if any of their names ended in **Bel** — and I found **Ashbel**. Then I had to look up the words in the Concordance, starting with **Ash**. First I found **Asher**, and when I looked up the quote I saw he was a patriarch, so then I had to see if **er** on the end of his name was another grandson of Jacob. This is the way we did them all. If I didn't write the quotes down, Mum made me look it all up again. I was told a way to find the answer, but had to do it myself. So, if Mum can't think of a way, I don't get any marks"!!!

**PEN-FRIEND WANTED**

"I read in the Sept/Oct. issue that a number of readers would like an overseas pen-friend. I would like very much to correspond with a boy or girl from another country. I am 12 years old, and attend the Invercargill

Sunday School, where my sister also teaches the tiny tots. I hope you can help me with a pen-friend."

— **Margaret Leith**, 20 Duncraig Street, Invercargill, New Zealand.

**COOKING SOMETHING UP!**

"I am a Mt Hawthorn scholar, and attend a class with three other children. Recently we had a Junior CYC Cooking Competition at Perth Central. To commence it, we sang hymns while the judges considered the items we had prepared. My brother, Geoff won first prize at making mornays, and received a Cadbury chocolate. While we were having our competition, the older children heard Mr. Harrison speak concerning the errors of Evolution. We received **Good Company** today, and enjoy it very much."

— **Judy Stempel** (Mt. Hawthorn),

**OTHER LETTERS RECEIVED**

We love to hear from our readers, both young and old. It encourages us to learn of your interest in the Magazine. Published letters are awarded 2 marks; others received are given 1 mark. — **Robyn McKinlay** (Yagoona), **Carmel John** (Mt. Hawthorn); **Jenny Newton** (Perth), **Mary Ansell** (Launceston), **Dean Kitto** (Launceston), **Helen Hagen** (Cooptaroo).

**GOOD COMPANY BOOKS**

Have you read any good books lately? Good books are those that can help you along the pathway of life, and lead you to the Best Book of all — The Bible. Here are some books we recommend, and they can be purchased by writing to **Good Company, P.O. West Beach, S.A. 5024** (please add postage to prices quoted)

- **The Children's BIBLE IN COLOR** (\$3.95) — A lovely volume of over 500 pages, telling the Bible story in an easy-to-read fashion, and illustrated with color pictures.
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**Get Yourself A Good Book Each Month**

## In The Philippines

## A WEEKEND AT BACOLOD

*Sue Johns* (Cumberland) penned the following interesting account during her stay in the Philippines for five months recently. (5 marks)

Bacolod is situated on Negros Island (see map on page 6) south of Manila, and takes about 1½ hours by plane. We arrived at Bacolod airport at 6 a.m. and after breakfast, took a taxi to (Bro.) Hudierez home. They live on a small leased farm which borders the sea coast, 20 kilometers from the city. The property is planted with coconut palms and between the trees, vegetables are grown. We watched the primitive ploughing done by a neighbour and his caraboa with a single furrowed plough — just as they would have, hundreds of years ago.

The little home of the Hudierez family is called a Nepa hut, and although small, is very comfortable. It is on stilts, and the ducks, chickens and dogs sleep underneath. They were thrilled to see us although they had not received the letter advising them of our arrival. We were served with a drink made from unripe coconut flesh, shredded, mixed with water from the coconut and condensed milk. It was very sweet, but quite nice. We had many other interesting things to eat, including squid!

In the family are six sons aged from 7 months to 12 years. Only the two eldest speak English, but even so they are very shy and it was difficult to make conversation with them. They are on school vacation, and are all very good helpers at home. Each one had his particular job to do and there was never a grumble.

On Saturday afternoon we had a discussion on the readings until tea time after which was "bath-time". For

this everyone changes into bathers, and goes to the water pump, lathers up and then rinses off by pouring cans of water over one's self. Although primitive, it is very enjoyable after a hot day. We then prepared for bed, put the mosquito nets up, and like most Philipinos slept on the floor on grass mats.

We slept quite soundly until the roosters, ducks and dogs started a commotion about 5 a.m., so we decided to arise, and found breakfast prepared.

Sunday morning, we took a bus to the city market, toured Bacolod itself, and had early lunch. After lunch we had the Memorial Meeting, then prepared to visit another Christadelphian on the same island. We had planned to leave the latter's home at 4.30, to allow almost an hour to get to the airport — but were unable to obtain a taxi! Time rushed past, so we caught a bus for part of the way, then used a jeepney for another short distance, intending to get a taxi in the city.

It was now 5.05, and our plane was due to leave at 5.20!!

The jeepney driver apparently heard us talking, and offered to take us to the airport after he dropped his two passenger at the Central Market. We gladly accepted his offer, paid the extra two pesos, and arrived at the airport with 2 minutes to check our baggage and tickets — only to find the plane would leave 15 minutes later!

Eventually we flew out of Bacolod and arrived back in Manila about 7 o'clock.

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### THE SWEETNESS OF A GOOD NAME

Ecclesiastes 7:1 states that a good name is better than precious ointment. The latter is very costly, but a good name cannot be bought for any amount of money. It must be earned! The good name that really counts is one which God approves — not what the world considers is good. Anyone can have a good name in God's eyes, whether they be rich or poor, young or old. It is not necessary to tell people we have a good name, for, like the precious ointment that pervades a room, a good name is noticeable to those around.

Concerning people who have a good name, Jesus said: "By their fruits shall ye know them" (Mat. 7:16). It is a distinguishing mark — and we are called to bear the greatest Name of all: that of Yahweh!

— Adele Ullman, 12 yrs. of Perth (5 marks)

## Competitions & Quizzes ?

### ANSWERS TO OUR LAST QUIZ

**What Is Its Name?** — The seaport was Troas, an important city on the trade-route between Macedonia and Asia, where Paul received a vision (Acts 16:8), where Eutychus was healed (ch. 20:5), and where Paul left his cloak (2 Tim. 4:13).

**Word Addition** — The tree was the ASH, and the names: Ashbel; Asher; Ashkenaz; Ashur.

**Name The Relatives** — (1) Adam and Abel, (2) Andrew and Peter, (3) Japheth and Ham, (4) Lazarus and Martha.

**Double Acrostic**

L	am	B
A	gat	E
Z	ionis	T
A	hazia	H
R	hod	A
U	nclea	N
S	avour	Y

**Which One Was It?** — Most readers seem to agree that the Word Addition was the most difficult.

### 1970 SPECIAL GOOD COMPANY AWARD

Congratulations to ADELE ULLMAN of Perth, who attained 35 marks during the past year, and gained the Special Award. We chose a very nice volume for Adele, called "Friendship," which features many interesting poems and meditative comments, illustrated on each page. This book was presented to Adele at the Perth Prize-giving, and we hope it will help her during the days ahead.

### COMPETITION ENTRIES RECEIVED BY DECEMBER 10th

**PHILIPPINES** — Joy Fotheringham. **QUEENSLAND** — Ray Miller (Coorparoo), Valerie John son (Coorparoo), Jenny Townsend (Redcliffe), Helen Hagen (Coorparoo), Greg Hagen (Coorparoo), Merril Dawson (Coorparoo), Janelle Dawson (Coorparoo). **NEW SOUTH WALES** — Gregory Pogson (Bossley Pk), Margaret Richards (Adamstown), Peter Wassell (Yagoona). **VICTORIA** — Heather Lawson (Ringwood). **TASMANIA** — Dean Kitto (Launceston), Phillip Niejalke (Launceston), Beth Scolyer (Launceston). **SOUTH AUSTRALIA** — Margaret Horgan (Enfield), Judith Horgan (Enfield), Ruth Horgan (Enfield), Lynette Horgan (Enfield), Helen Papowski (Enfield), Linda Burney (Enfield), David Burney (Enfield), Barry Burney (Enfield), Joel Burney (Enfield), Ian Merrick (Enfield), Bruce Gurd (Cumberland), Brett Arnold (Enfield), Jamie Arnold (Enfield). **WEST AUSTRALIA** — Sharon John (Mt. Hawthorn), David Strempel (Perth), Susan Strempel (Perth), Judy Strempel (Perth), Carmel John (Mt. Hawthorn), Deborah Kerr (Mt. Hawthorn) Adele Ullman (Perth), Julie Ullman (Perth), Jenny Newton (Perth). **VICTORIA** — Yvonne Brewer (Coburg). **W.A.** — Colin Evans (Perth). **NEW ZEALAND** — Ruth Shekell.

**IS YOUR NAME IN THIS LIST?** If not, it means we did not receive your entry. Make sure you get the next one in, by posting it early. This will greatly encourage the Editor, who is looking forward to hearing from you.

**THE BEST ENTRIES** — Two papers were judged excellent work. One, by Helen Papowski was very neatly presented, and included more detail than most others. For example, Helen outlined all the verses in which "Troas" appeared, and gave a short comment upon each. The other paper was by Adele Ullman, who had illustrated it with sketches and diagrams appropriate to the various answers.

**MOST MARKS IN 1971** — All Certificates issued this year will go towards the Special Award to be presented at the next Annual Prizegiving (God willing).

★ **REMEMBER: EVERY READER AWARDED ON ATTAINING 100 MARKS!**

## GOOD COMPANY CERTIFICATES

These are forwarded with every issue of the Magazine to readers who submit entries, articles, poems, illustrations, etc. for publication. The certificates are sent to your Sunday School for presentation; and on attaining up to 100 marks, the certificates should be returned to the Editor and exchanged for a very nice **Presentation Prize**. Have you received your Certificate? If not, why not start today, and earn yourself a valuable award!

# SOLVE THESE PUZZLES

Send your entry (however many are answered) with your Name, Sunday School, and Age to The Editor, Good Company, P.O., West Beach 5024, before February 10th, 1971.

**ARITHMOGRAPH** (Supplied by Valerie Johnson, Coorparoo). 2 marks for correct answer.

A word of 11 letters being the name of a Disciple. To help you, the answers to the following questions provide the numbered letter in the disciple's name —

A noise from an animal — 9, 10, 11.

What one does on a river — 3, 8, 11.

A flying animal — 1, 2, 4.

A word from Daniel 4:14 — 5, 10, 11.

All the high and mighty of the world are going to be brought like this — 7, 6, 11.

**SKELETON PASSAGE** (1 mark for correct answer).

Find this passage in the Bible, in which an old man counsels a young man to uphold the purity of the Truth.

Hxxx xASx xHx Fxxx Ox xOxxD WxRxx xxICx THxx xAT  
xxARx xF xE.

**LETTER CHANGE** (1 mark for each correct word found):

Find the words which when read from left to right denote (a) and read from right to left denote (b)—

- (a) A Roman Emperor.  
(b) A grandson of Hezron.
- (a) An unprincipled man.  
(b) A churlish man.
- (a) One who headed a conspiracy against Moses.  
(b) An Egyptian city.
- (a) Another name for Syria.  
(b) A name a sorrowful woman gave to herself.

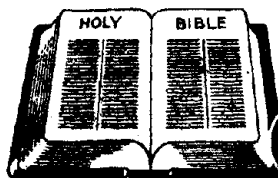
**WHAT IS ITS NAME?** (1 mark)

A city in Asia mentioned in the account of Paul's travels, though there is no record of his actually going there. It was the city of a certain believer, who was connected with the industry for which the town was noted. One of the seven epistles in the Book of Revelation was addressed to the ecclesia there.

## INVITE YOUR FRIENDS TO SUNDAY SCHOOL!

Would you like a special invitation card to hand to your friends, introducing them to your Christadelphian Sunday School? If you write me, I will send you a few, and you may be able to interest a neighbor or friend to attend School with you.

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## WHAT'S IN SPACE?

*To My Readers,*

With lessening world-interest and excitement, the American astronauts have rocketed to the moon once again, to find it is still in the position into which God placed it!

People are becoming used to such achievements, amazing though they undoubtedly are, and they only receive headlines for a few days. The astronauts return, and man settles down to continue his game of international warfare, industrial disputes, crime and violence in many areas.

The Apollo 14 project was to obtain further information about the moon's origin and construction. And whilst the professors and "learned" of this world concentrate upon such interesting non-essentials, God's marvellous universe continues its wonderful way, as it has always done since creation — and His infallible purpose moves a step further towards its predetermined end.

Man is as unable to determine the origin of the moon, as he is to determine the origin of life. Apart from the Divine record, all the theories that man advanced particularly during the last 100 years, are unproven fantasies.

We are wiser to give our attention to the eternal things of God's Word. That reveals the origin of the moon and the universe (Gen. 1:1). It also shows that there are spiritual lessons for us to learn in the marvellous creation of the heavens.

In our last issue, under this heading, we examined some of the facts concerning the stars. We intend in this article to recall the time when a lonely man was told by God to go outside, and count them!

He was in the country of Canaan, having been separated from the friends and companions of his hometown, Ur of the Chaldees. In this new area he was a stranger and pilgrim, not accepted by the inhabitants, and considered as an enemy by those of the land. But he remained faithful to his God, and for this he was rewarded. He was given a wonderful promise:

**"Look now towards heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: So shall thy seed be . . . And he believed Yahweh; and he counted it to him for righteousness" (Gen. 15:6).**

Abraham was a privileged man. In the darkness of the night he could see the twinkling glory of creation in the stars that surrounded him on all sides, as he gazed up. There were millions upon millions of them. They shone forth with a glory that could not be imitated. God had told him, that "so shall his seed be". A wonderful destiny is reserved for the seed of Abraham, who comprise all those who reveal the faith of Abraham (Jn. 8:39; Gal. 3:16, 29). They will shine forth like stars in the firmament, revealing the glory of illumination upon a darkened world.

Later, Daniel referred to this when he said:

**"They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever" (ch. 12:3).**

Abraham and Daniel did not need to fly to the moon, or the stars, to understand why God had placed them there! They knew that they were as a witness to His glory and power. Moreover, they testified to God's purpose to glorify His saints that they also, might shine forth. As the moon is a symbol of the Ecclesia (see p. 17), so the stars are a symbol of the Saints. They show the differing glory that will be the case with the Saints in God's kingdom — His "heavens" of the future age. Paul said that "one star differeth from another star in glory" (1 Cor. 15:41), and in the future, some saints will have greater authority than others. David, Daniel, Abraham and Paul, for example, will be placed in high positions, renowned throughout the world. We, if worthy to attain that age, will have a lesser position, whilst still obtaining the great hope of glory and immortality.

All this was shown to Abraham, as he looked up at the sparkling heavens.



But, of course, there is much more involved in the promise God gave to Abraham on this occasion, and we hope to discuss this in our next issue. Meanwhile, whenever you look upwards remember God's great declaration to a faithful man.

The stars speak of glory and immortality. This is what we must seek after. God's ways are higher than man's ways — and He invites us to "seek Him". By doing this, we will accomplish much more than the astronauts can ever hope to!

Your friend,

*The Editor*



## From our MAILBAG



### ANXIOUS FOR PENFRIEND

"I live on a farm at Vanakie, Victoria, and would like a boy penfriend about 12 or 13 years, in Canada, Alaska, Switzerland, Fiji or the Philippines. My interests are reading, fishing and boating. I hope you can help me."

— **Ricky Galbraith,**

Promontory Rd, Yanakie, Vic. 3960  
**EAGERLY AWAITED**

"Yesterday we received our **Good Company**. It is something I really look forward to. Each Sunday I think that surely the month is up! I attend Yagoona Sunday School . . . We get weekly projects in sheet form on the lessons we did that day. We put the sheets into a folder, and if, at the end of the year we have completed the project, we get a prize."

— **Debbie Poason** (Yagoona, NSW)

### A GOOD HABIT!

"We live about 15 miles away from the meeting, in the bush at Dural, but we enjoy the drive early Sunday mornings. Our father tells us the lessons each morning at breakfast time, and we take it in turns to read out aloud from the Bible . . ."

— **James Mansfield** (Campsie, NSW)  
**ALL ABOUT "ON"!**

"I have tried very hard to answer these questions and they were hard,

but very exciting and interesting. I have found many things about the Bible I did not know; such as On, one of the people who headed a conspiracy against Moses. We went through all the names of the people we knew who had conspired against Moses, but we did not know about On, as he is mentioned only once in the Bible in the revolt against Moses and Aaron".

— **Yvonne Brewer** (Coburg, Vic.)

### FIRST LETTER

"This is the first time I have written to you. We like getting **Good Company** at our Sunday School, and to read about what is happening in the other Sunday Schools throughout Australia."

— **Sharon Simmons** (Campsie, NSW)  
**SCHOOL PROBLEMS**

"I am enjoying myself at high school, even though today we were warned of drug addicts. I'm glad for one reason that I am regarded by the other students as different because of my dress and speech, and hope that in this, I am pleasing our heavenly Father".

— **Jenny Newton** (Perth)

### OTHER LETTERS RECEIVED

Published letters are awarded 2 marks; others receive 1 mark—**Helen Papowski** (Enfield), **Carmel John** (Mt. Hawthorn), **Dean Kitto** (Launceston).

Thanks to all who have written us; and made our days pleasant!

## This Month's Poem

## THE RETURN

When the Lord Jesus Christ returns from heaven, some tremendous changes will be made. No longer will crime, evil and violence stalk the earth, for God's Laws will transform the hearts and minds of men. But before that glorious day dawns, humanity will be humbled and disciplined, so that they are prepared to accept the Lord.

These thoughts are set to poetry by **Helen Papowski**, 15 yrs, of Enfield S.S. (10 marks);

In the hush of the night; a voice cries out in might:  
 "Our Saviour and Lord has returned,  
 Too late now for those who've not learned!  
 Their punishment they have now earned!"

He has come once again; but this time to reign,  
 To put down the flesh and the fool.  
 With wisdom, to judge and to rule.  
 To gather together His 'Jewel'

Thunder will shake the air; people tremble and stare,  
 In terror and fear as down falls—  
 Their buildings, their homes and their halls!  
 No longer to hear their vile calls.

If this happens o'er earth; with its spiritual dearth,  
 Who'll solve such a difficult plight?  
 Christ's power will set all aright,  
 Bring knowledge and glory to light.

Will you be of the few; receiving life anew?  
 Honored to stand with Abraham,  
 To rule the earth and over man.  
 Help to fulfil God's wondrous plan?

This path but few do take; others seek for a fake.  
 For what is life and what is man?  
 His life is like wind from a fan!  
 Without God's Truth it's but a sham.

Now let us make a start; the lesson take to heart,  
 Garment of Truth 'round us must gird,  
 "For this man will God look," we've heard,  
 "Who always trembles at His Word."

## Poems Received

We thank **Timothy Harrington** (Launceston) and **Rosemary Beacham** (Enfield) for their poems, which we hope to include next issue, God willing.

## PICTORIAL SUPPLEMENT

We have taken you on a tour of some Sunday Schools this issue. Next time we hope to show pictures of "Prize-giving Highlights," and invite you to send us any photographs of your Sunday School's prizegiving for inclusion.

## Pictorial Supplement

This issue we take you on a tour of the Sunday Schools along the eastern coast of Australia, from Brisbane in the north to Hobart in the south. Perhaps you will recognise some of the friends you have met on holidays, or at the Bible School.

To all these readers we send our greetings, and hope to receive other photographs for our next issue (God willing).

These two happy readers are Rosslyn Townsend (on right) and Michele Plant both aged 11 yrs and who attend Redcliffe Sunday School in Queensland. They are the only two scholars in their class and Michele (who sent the photo and earns ten marks), writes: "In our lessons we have often been



shown that God chooses a few to do His work, and not always a mass of people. Gideon was one example. God told him to select only 300 men, and they were able to prevail against the many Midianites. And today, we two in our Class can find strength to serve God, even though we 'are few'. (Deut. 7:8)."



This photo shows the group of young people at the Coorparoo Sunday School in Brisbane, Qld. It was taken at the time "Uncle Ted" Sponberg (President of the S. S. Assoc.) was visiting the Ecclesia. Merrill Dawson forwarded the picture (10 marks) and is seen in the row behind Brother Sponberg, third from the left. Her sister, Janelle is standing on her right, wearing a large white hat.

Further south in Sydney the Campsie Sunday School is held, and this photo was taken during the visit of Brother Jeff Berry for an ecclesial effort last year.



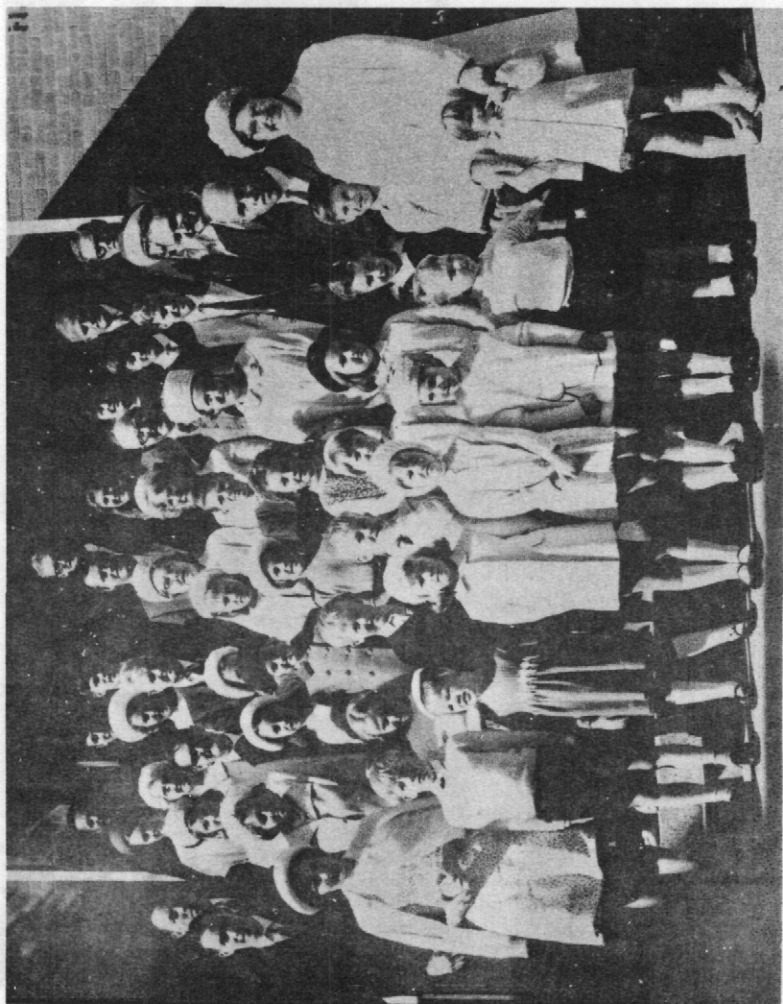
Now, we take you down to the island state of Tasmania, to the most southern Sunday School of all: Hobart!

The Superintendent is Brother Ted Harrington, who forwarded this photo to us. It is taken outside the Ecclesial Hall, and you may be able to read the lecture sign: 'Jonah and the Whale, Fact or Fiction?' All Sunday School scholars should know the true answer to that, shouldn't they?

If you are visiting Hobart at any time, do make sure you see the young people of the Sunday School, who have sent us this photograph.



We have just managed to fit in a photo of another Sunday School in Tasmania: at Launceston. Brother Spongberg was also visiting the Ecclesia when this snap was taken. We hope that more photos will arrive for publishing in our next issue, together with some others still on hand.



### A HOLIDAY IN ADELAIDE

Margaret Richards of Adamstown (NSW) recently spent a few weeks in S.A. and met many young people in the Adelaide area. She writes (2 marks):

"During the school holidays, our family journeyed south to Adelaide for three weeks. We greatly enjoyed the opportunity. During the time, we watched some slides on Fiji and USA taken by Uncle Arnold Cheek on his trip overseas. One Sunday we visited both the Enfield and Tea Tree Gully Ecclesias. The latter Ecclesia has just been formed, but has a few more members than ours. While at Enfield, Uncle Don McColl gave a lecture in which he showed that man has not been very successful in making the world a happy place to live in. Instead, hundreds of people have died through road accidents, wars, starvation, pollution, etc. 1970 started with the Biafran war where many people were killed. During the year, the Vietnam war raged on, killing thousands of people. Terror stalked many parts of the earth through earthquake, tidal waves, etc. All this, we were told, will continue and worsen until the Lord Jesus Christ returns. This is man's only hope. We were very pleased to visit our friends in Adelaide once again, and send them our greetings through the pages of **Good Company**."

(We have sent Margaret some "Come To Sunday School" invitations that she requested to hand to her school friends—Ed.).

### INVITE YOUR FRIENDS TO SUNDAY SCHOOL!

Would you like a special invitation card to hand to your friends, introducing them to your Christadelphian Sunday School? If you write me, I will send you a few, and you may be able to interest a neighbor or friend to attend School with you.

## GOOD COMPANY BOOKS

Books are keys to wisdom's treasure;  
Books are gates to lands of pleasure;  
Books are paths that upward lead;  
Books are friends — Come, let us read!

Would you like some books to help you in your New Testament studies? We have a few spare copies of **Story Of The Bible** magazine, which outlines the Life of Jesus Christ. If you would like these free of charge, please write me and enclose postage (about 20c) and I will send you as many copies as possible.

★ **ISRAEL** (\$1) — A beautifully produced pocket book which outlines many fascinating facts about the Holy Land. Includes the geography, geology, natural history, and the modern State. Full of color illustrations. 160 pages.

★ **OXFORD BIBLE ATLAS** (\$3.48). A particularly handy companion for the Bible student. Has all the latest maps, as well as an introduction to Israel and Bible nations, many illustrations and a text upon history. Whether young or old, you will find this book very interesting.

● **SECRETS OF THE SKY** (\$3.95) — An interesting, exciting outline of the history of astronomy, the discovery of the stars and planets, and facts about the heavenly creation.

● **BIBLE GEMS (45 cents)** — A series of books for younger readers 4-8 years old, presenting the stories of the Bible. Titles include "David and Jonathan," "The Baby of Bethlehem," "Samuel the Last Judge," "Noah and the Ark," and "Samson." All illustrated.



# Sunday School ACTIVITIES

**ENFIELD, SA (Supt: Bro. K. Clothier;  
Sec: Bro. N. Arnold)**

Bro. N. Arnold has been appointed Secretary, and advises the following arrangements, to which all young people are invited:

Sunday School Outings — **March 13th, April 3rd.** Youth Group meetings — **March 5th, 19th, April 2nd, 23rd.** The special Ecclesial Effort on Revelation 7-10 was held during February, with Bro. George Hawkins (Perth) as leader. He gave some very interesting talks to the Sunday School.

**WOODVILLE, S.A. (Supt: Bro. E. Hubbard. Sect: Bro. B. Steele)**

Outings are scheduled for **13th March and 10th April**

## HOW TO IMPROVE OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS & OURSELVES

Collated from suggestions forwarded by readers (Cont. from p. 16; Jan-Feb.)

### (6) Selling Sunday School

If we are enthusiastic about our Sunday School, we will take the opportunity to speak of it to our friends during the week. Some, however, may sneer and jeer at you because they think that Sunday School is "sissy". To such, we can reply: "At our Sunday School we learn about the important things of life — not only what has happened in the past — but also what is happening today and in the future!" Mention that the Bible is the most up-to-date book in the world, and contrary to what most people imagine, it is full of interest, drama, intrigue, and excitement. But, of course, it is only such a book to those who read it. Challenge your friends to test it out! . . . to come to your S.S. — just to see what it is like!

The best characteristic of a salesman or saleswoman, is sincerity. If you really believe in your product and think it is the "best in the world", you will find it easy to "sell it" to others. It's just the same with S.S. If you are sincere and enthusiastic, other thoughtful young people will be impressed, and you may get the opportunity to invite them along. Perhaps you can suggest they come to an outing, or to a special evening conducted by your S.S.

If you would like a special invita-

tion card to hand to your friends, just write us, and we will send you some.

When you are successful in "selling your S.S." to another young person, make sure that they enjoy their visit. Introduce them to your classmates.

Show them all the facilities of the School. Go out of your way to look after them, and urge them to "come again." Not only do you help your class in this way, and increase your friends at Sunday School — but you are helping to bring others to a knowledge of God's Way, and will undoubtedly receive His blessing.

### A Scholar A Gift!

"Good Company" is very anxious to help Sunday Schools to increase their numbers. We want every reader to co-operate with us in this. So, we are giving gifts to those who are successful as S.S. Sales-people! Every new scholar will earn you a lovely desk-model globe of the Ancient World. This globe is about 7" high, made of wood, and constructed as a Mariner's Globe. It would look really attractive on your desk or shelf, and if you obtain a new scholar for your Sunday School, we will reward you with one of these Globes. Just ask your Superintendent to send us a letter advising us that your friend attended Sunday School for at least **three weeks** — and we will forward you one of these special gifts.

Further articles will consider ★ How to Study; ★ Outdoor activities with the Sunday School ★ Helping those younger than yourself. We appreciate hearing from readers with suggestions on these aspects for our next issue.



## Napoleon's Opinion Of Christ

No one will accuse the first Napoleon of being either a pietist or weak-minded. He strode the world in his day like a Colossus, a man of gigantic intellect, however worthless and depraved in moral sense. Conversing one day, at St. Helena, as his custom was, about the great men of antiquity, and comparing himself with them, he suddenly turned round to one of his suite, and asked him, "Can you tell me who Jesus Christ was?" The officer admitted that he had not taken much thought of such things. "Well, then," said Napoleon, "I will tell you." He then compared Christ with himself, and with the heroes of antiquity, and showed how Jesus far surpassed them. "I think I understand somewhat of human nature," he continued, "and I tell you all these were men, and I am a man; but not one is like Him. Jesus Christ was more than man. Alexander, Caesar, Charlemagne, and myself founded great empires; but upon what did the creations of our genius depend? Upon force. Jesus alone founded His empire upon love, and to this very day millions would die for Him! Men wonder at the conquests of Alexander, but He is a conqueror who draws men to Himself for their highest good; who unites to Himself, incorporates into Himself, not a nation, but the whole human race."

## INTRODUCING AUNTIE JUDY!!

Readers will be delighted to learn that Auntie Helen Gore, who has conducted our Competitions and Quizzes for some months, is helping Sunday School work in another direction! She now has a very young daughter, Cynthia Lynette born on January 19th, and of course, she is kept busy caring for her growing family. So we have obtained the help of Sister Judith Jeffress, who is going to handle all the activities of our Competition Corner. Auntie Judy is looking forward to hearing from all our readers, and especially if you are entering the Competitions. There is no age limit — whether young or old — and the Award presented on obtaining 100 marks is chosen in accordance with the age of the recipient. So, send your entry as soon as possible.

— The Editor.

# Competitions & Quizzes ?

## COMPETITION ENTRIES RECEIVED BY FEBRUARY 10th

**NEW SOUTH WALES** — Margaret Richards (Adamstown); Gregory Pogson, Mark Blackwood, Daniel Pogson and Debbie Pogson (Bossley Pk); James Mansfield and Sharon Simmons (Campsie). **QUEENSLAND** — Valerie Johnson, Ray Miller, Greg Hagen, Helen Hagen, and Janelle Dawson (Coorparoo). **SOUTH AUSTRALIA** — Rosemary Clothier, Helan Papowski, Judith Clothier, Mark Clothier, Barry Burney, Jamie Arnold, David Burney, Joel Burney, Judith Horgan, Lynette Horgan, Ruth Horgan, Margaret Horgan, Beverley Martin, Coralie Martin, Shirley Martin, Valerie Martin, Rosemary Beacham and Brett Arnold (from Enfield). **TASMANIA** — Timothy Harrington (Hobart), Dean Kitto (Launceston). **VICTORIA** — Vicki Baum and Heather Lawson (from Ringwood); Yvonne Brewer (from Coburg). **WESTERN AUSTRALIA** — Jenny Newton, Faye Haustorfer, Anne Haustorfer, Maureen Stagg and Adele Ullman (from Perth). Sharon John (Mt. Hawthorn). Reece Evans (Correspondence).

**IS YOUR NAME IN THIS LIST?** If not, it means I did not receive your entry. Now that Sunday School has recommenced, I am sure that many other readers will enjoy these competitions. Make sure your name is published in our next issue by sending your entry now.

**THE BEST ENTRIES** — Enfield Sunday School receives our commendation this month. Two scholars, Helen Papowski and David Burney, are especially noted. Helen included a beautiful color-map with her entry, and David set his out very neatly with different colored inks.

**SOMEONE MISSED OUT!** — I received one entry without any name or Sunday School on the paper. If the reader whose name is missing from the above list writes me immediately, I will allocate marks for this anonymous entry.

I hope that every reader will enter this month's competitions and write to me soon!

—AUNTIE JUDY.

## ANSWERS TO OUR LAST QUIZ

**Arithmograph** — Bartholomew (Answers to individual questions: Mew; Row; Bat; Hew; Low.)

**Skeleton Passage** — Hold fast the form of sound words which thou hast heard of me (2 Timothy 1:13).

**Letter Change** — 1 (a) Nero, (b) Oren — 1 Chron. 2:25. 2 (a) Laban — Gen. 31:36-41, (b) Nabal — 1 Sam. 25:3. 3 (a) On — Num. 16:1-2, (v) No — Jer. 46:25. 4 (a) Aram, (b) Mara — Ruth 1:20.

**What Is Its Name** — The city of Thyatira, in which faithful Lydia lived (Acts 16:14), and to the Ecclesia in that place the Lord Jesus later despatched a letter (Rev. 2:18).

**How I Found It!**

**Yvonne Brewer** (Coburg) tells how she discovered the answer to Letter Change 1 (b): "The first step I had to take was to find out the names of Hezron's sons. I looked in the concordance under Hezronites and found Ruth 4:19: Hezron begat Ram. But that was not the answer, so I looked under Ram and found 1 Chron. 2:25 — the sons of Jerahmeel, the first born of Hezron were Ram the first born, and Bunah, and Oren and Ozem and Ahijah. I then tried each word backwards, and coming to Oren, converted it to Nero — and discovered that this was the answer!"

# SOLVE THESE PUZZLES

Send your entry (however many are answered) with your Name, Sunday School and Age (on your first page) to Mrs. Judith Jeffress, Good Company, P.O. West Beach S.A. 5024 — before April 10th.

**CRYPTOGRAPH**

To solve this you have to go back one place in the alphabet for each letter given. To separate words "A" is put between. The answer is an important command Jesus gave to his disciples (1 mark for answer; 1 mark for quotation):

MPWFAZPVSAFOFNJFTACMFTTAUIFNUIBUADVSTFAZPV  
EPAHPPEAUPAUIFNUIBUAIBUFAZPVABOEQAQSBZAGPSAUIFNA  
UIBUAEFTQJUFVMMZAVTFAZPVABOEAFSTFDVUFZPV.

**SEARCH TEXTS**

In one of the early chapters of Matthew's gospel, **baptism** is referred to in no less than six separate verses. Find the chapter and list the verses (1 mark each correct verse).

**COMPLETE THE WORDS**

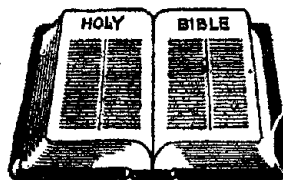
Fill in the missing letters and verse numbers (1 mark each answer).

1. "Out of -gyp- have I called my -o-" (Hosea 11: ).
2. "Ye shall know them by their -r-i-" Matthew 7: ).
3. "And he withdrew himself into the wilderness and -ra-e-" (Luke 5: ).
4. "Whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my --oth-r, and my -i-ter, and -oth-r" (Mark 3: ).

**DIAMOND PUZZLE**

The answers to these questions will form a diamond. Each word will then read across and down (5 marks for correct answer).

1. A consonant.
2. Short sleep.
3. Wanderer.
4. A woman in Athens who believed.
5. Ishmael dwelt here after he was sent away by Abraham.
6. Noise.
7. Consonant.



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## An Answer To Dangerous Teaching

*To My Readers,*

"Biology" is a word often heard in the school-room, university or study-circle. It really means "the science of life," and as such is commonly connected with the history of humanity. However, it is one of the most ill-used words in our language, for instead of setting forth truth (as science is supposed to do), it has been used to introduce serious error, and, therefore, to propagate a "science falsely so called" (1 Tim.6:20).

In that regard, a number of young readers have told me how that the theory of evolution has been introduced into their studies of Biology, and taught as though it is a fact. There is terrible danger in this, for if we really believe that man evolved (as the theory suggests) instead of being created (as the Bible teaches), we imply that the Bible lies, and that mankind is not really dependent upon God.

Most people want to believe that today in order to escape from any accountability to Him. If the Bible is false, then God is not a fact, and people feel that they are free to please themselves instead of obeying His commandments. That is the chief reason why there is so much wickedness in the world today, and why those who love God and seek to obey Him are ridiculed.

In fact, the Bible is quite up-to-date in its teaching, even when it touches upon subjects of science. It taught that the earth "was hung upon nothing" (Job 26:7) centuries before man realised that it is suspended in space: it spake of east and west as being endless (in contrast to north and south which are terminable) and so implied that the world is round (Ps.103:12), long before man discovered it was a globe.

Every confidence can be placed in the Bible, even on subjects of science.

It was with considerable pleasure, that I recently received a new book on Biology. It was written by the Creation Research Society (USA), an organisation of some 350 scientists dedicated to research and publication of scientific facts in support of creation. This new book is entitled "Biology: A Search For Order In Complexity," and sets forth many absorbing facts concerning the world we live in and its origin. It clearly shows that biology supports creation, not evolution. Although written especially for students commencing their secondary education, it will be found valuable by readers of all ages. It is a large book of some 550 pages, profusely illustrated, and costing about \$8. The book is well worth this cost, for in simple, clear language, it reveals that this false theory of evolution finds no real support from the facts of science, and thus helps to confirm our confidence in the Bible as God's revelation of Himself.

*The Editor*

Question Answered

## **WHAT WILL HAPPEN?**

### **IF I AM NOT BAPTISED AT CHRIST'S RETURN**

"Thank you for such a splendid and interesting magazine. I have just finished reading the very interesting article **What's In Space**. I know the stars stand for the saints who have been found worthy at the Kingdom, but could you please tell me what will happen to those not yet baptised (because they do not understand everything) when Christ returns to establish his Kingdom? I would be pleased if you could answer this question which concerns my friends and myself because we know very little about it." (Helen Papowski, Enfield, SA)

God has indicated in His Word that He cares for all who are striving to obey His will, even though they may be too young to accept the responsibility of baptism.

His dealings in the past are examples of this.

When the nation of Israel was called out of Egypt to serve God and inherit His promises in the land of Canaan, the children were included:

**"We will go with our young and with our old, said Moses to Pharaoh, with our sons and with our daughters, with our flocks and with our herds will we go; for we must hold a feast unto Yahweh" (Exod. 10:9).**

In that case, the young went with the old. And I believe that this will also be so at Christ's coming.

When Christ returns, the Responsible (those who know the will of God whether they do it or not—See Instructor, Question No. 133) will be gathered to Sinai for judgment, and the children of Christadelphian parents will be taken with them: "for they are the seed of the blessed of Yahweh, and their offspring with them" (Isa. 65:23).

There they will be cared for, and will enter the Kingdom as mortals, with the possibility of attaining unto life eternal at the end of the 1000 years' reign (see Ezek. 47:22 — if you do not understand why I quote this passage write me again).

Yahweh has invited those who are baptised to address Him as "our Father." As a Father, he knows the

feelings of parents, and therefore has arranged for their children to be cared for as indicated above.

There is also a responsibility on the children. They must show that they are anxious to learn of Jesus Christ and Yahweh, and then they will be even more carefully looked after. And when they come to an age to accept Christ, they should do so out of love for God, and thus enter the

race for life eternal.

So keep on studying your Bible, Helen, and never lose your interest in it. Though young in years, you will please the Lord Jesus by so doing. He declared to the Apostles: "Suffer little children to come unto me" and when they did so "he blessed them." As you try to find Jesus now, Helen, you likewise will be blessed.

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## PICTORIAL SUPPLEMENT

We have received a number of interesting photographs for publication, and hope to include some of these next issue (God willing). Please continue to forward your snaps, and each one published earns **ten marks** for the sender.

### A SCHOLAR A GIFT!

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## THE BEST WAY

A Poem by **Rosemary Beacham**  
(Enfield)—5 marks.

Let us be wise,  
And open our eyes,  
To read the Word  
Of the Lord we serve.

For the way to the kingdom  
is narrow,  
And the path to destruction  
is broad.  
If we fail, we'll be full of  
great sorrow,  
To have lost our place  
with the Lord.

## POEMS AND LETTERS

Our readers have flooded us with letters, poems, and photos. It just isn't possible to include all in this issue, but they will be held over for future magazines (God willing). Many thanks to you all—we are always delighted to hear from you.

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# WHAT'S IN SPACE?

## THE LONELY MAN WITH A LARGE FAMILY!

Four thousand years ago, a man was called from the mighty city of Ur to sojourn as a lonely pilgrim in the Land of Promise.

Because of his faithful obedience, God made him a wonderful promise. He invited him to gaze up at the black vault of heaven after the sun had gone down, and view the stars. Abram did so. He saw how they shone forth with sparkling brilliance, a great contrast to the thick black-

ness of the surrounding heavens, for there were no city lights to dull their glory, no ugly smog to hide them from view.

Pointing to the arch of glittering stars above, the angel declared:

"So shall thy seed be!"

What did he mean?

Well, first of all, he meant that a true son or daughter of Abraham must be as separate from the darkness of Gentile life about them, as the stars are from the dark vault of heaven—as Abram himself was from his contemporaries. It was because the Jews did not manifest that quality, that Christ denied that they were true sons of Abraham (see John 8:39).

Secondly, the angel meant that Abraham would have such a huge family as could not be numbered. Consider the number of stars! To the naked eye a few thousand are visible, but when a telescope is trained on the heavens, thousands more come into view. There is a spot in the Milky Way that to the naked eye is just an empty waste, without a single star. But train a telescope on it—and hundreds of hidden stars spring into view.

This is amazing in the light of what Abraham was told. Throughout the ages there have been many true sons of Abraham of whom we know nothing. They are today hidden from view.

But they are not hidden from Yahweh!

He has recorded their names in the Books of Life (Phil. 4:3)—a figurative "book" which indicates that He holds certain people in memory.

Remarkably enough, Yahweh does the same with the stars. He knows every one in space even though there are millions of them, even as He knows every faithful man or woman, no matter how humble they may appear to their contemporaries. The Psalmist declared:

**"Yahweh telleth the number of the stars; He calleth them all by their names" (Psa. 147:4).**

This is a remarkable statement indicating the personal knowledge of God in relation to all His creation, and suggesting that the stars are typical of the saints whom He also knows personally.

It is also significant that in Psalm 148:3, in a context that speaks of the

political "heavens and earth" of the Kingdom era, the Psalmist says: **"Praise Him all ye stars of light."** This particularly applies to those who shall "shine in the brightness" of the political firmament of the future age "as the stars for ever and ever" (Dan. 12:3).

So when you look at the stars again, think on these things. Remember that they are controlled by the Creator, and that as symbols they represent those who separate themselves from the darkness of Gentile ways, and shine forth with a God-given light as the true seed of Abraham.

What is beyond the stars? Have you ever thought of that? Scientists say, "Space!" But what's beyond space? Nobody knows, but it is obvious that when we look into the heavens we are looking into infinity. There is no end to it. This is something the human mind cannot grasp because we are governed by time. We are born and we die. Yahweh does neither. He is from "everlasting to everlasting." Man cannot understand that any more than he can understand that space (or whatever it is) goes on endlessly outside this earth of ours!

On one occasion, a disbeliever in the Bible asked me to tell him where God came from. He did so to cast doubts upon the existence of God, posing a problem impossible to answer. But in reply I said that I would tell him that, as soon as he told me how space ends! He could not do so, and had to acknowledge that infinity is a fact. As soon as that is admitted, the infinity of God can be proved by science!

Thus it is when we turn to the Bible we make contact with infinity, and the knowledge it gives enables us to become "wiser than our foes." We can act like "stars of light" now. Paul wrote:

**"Be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights (stars) in the world; holding forth the word of life" (Phil.2:15-16).**

**"BE THOU AN EXAMPLE OF THE BELIEVERS"**

## Pictorial Supplement

### At The Prizegiving Evenings

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The climax of the Sunday School year comes on Prize-giving night, and this month we have reproduced some of the highlights of this evening as held in three States of Australia.



The first picture is of ADELE ULLMAN, of Perth, who obtained the special GOOD COMPANY Award for 1970.

Adele gained 35 marks for entries during last year, and was awarded a very nice volume on "Friendship".

She is seen here receiving the presentation from the Superintendent, Bro. D. Hurn (Perth)



During the Perth Prizegiving, a drama was enacted to depict the parable of 'The Good Samaritan.' Our illustration above was taken just as the Samaritan traveller noticed the stricken man upon the way to Jericho. Notice the very realistic





'beast' which, a few moments later was laboring under the weight of the 'injured man' seen in agony on the platform. The photo at the bottom of page 42 shows the enchanting faces of the 'Kindy' section of the Perth S. S. Prizegiving.



At Coorparoo (Brisbane) Prizegiving, the children received their gifts from the large boat seen above which dominated the platform of the hall.

The scene below is from the play: 'The House Built On The Rock.' As each person recited their



part, they placed a block in position for the house. Each block illustrated a characteristic which the true follower of Christ should develop.

Our final photo was selected from the Woodville School in Adelaide. Various classes combined to present a continuous drama illustrating the exile and return of Israel, depicting scenes from the captivity in Babylon, the return and rebuilding of Jerusalem, and from Esther and the Court of Persia. In one particularly impressive scene the children enacted the sorrowing Israelites besides the river Euphrates. They had gathered there to sing the songs of Zion, but feeling their loneliness, they unstring their harps, hang them on the willows (on left side of photo) and give vent to their sorrows (Psa. 136). In the photo Joylene Sullivan is reciting a section of the narrative with Greg. Black and David Duncan in the background.



# Sunday School ACTIVITIES

We are always pleased to receive reports from teachers or readers concerning Sunday School activities. Please write soon!

## PROJECT COMPETITIONS

### News From Headquarters!

The Project Competitions organised by the **Sunday School Association** for Stage 4 have been prepared in four sections:

- ★ Primary (5 and 6 year olds).
- ★ Primary (7 and 8 year olds).
- ★ Junior (9 to 13 year olds).
- ★ Senior (14 years and over).

All readers should have received their copy of the project by now, and no doubt work is well under way. Scholars, teachers and parents are asked to carefully read the instructions which accompany each project, so that you know what is expected, and to what extent scholars may receive help from their parents and teachers.

The Junior Competition is entitled "Salvation from Sin", and the Senior Project: "The Example of the King." Some very important aspects of the truth are incorporated in this exercise, and the **Association** is looking forward to a large quantity of entries from all over Australia.

YOU will not let us down, will you!

### BOSSLEY PARK, N.S.W.

(Supt: Bro. P. Sawell)

Our Senior Bible Marking Class enjoyed a camping trip at Coonabarabran for the April long-weekend. The background of the Warrumbungle Ranges provided a suitable setting for the study of the fallacy of evolution, which was undertaken during the excursion.

### ENFIELD, S.A. (Supt: Bro. K. Clothier; Sec: Bro., N. Arnold)

Outings are scheduled for May 8th and June 5th. Youth Group meetings

will be held on May 14th (just prior to the Youth Conference — special night under the leadership of Bro. R. Abel), 28th and June 11th, 25th.

### WOODVILLE, S.A. (Supt: Bro. E. Hubbard, Sec: Bro. B. Steele)

We welcome **Teresa Bowering** (introduced by Patricia Hubbard), and **Priscilla Males** (introduced by Denise Sullivan), to our Sunday School. A special award was presented to **Wendy King**, on April 18th. Wendy recited the Beatitudes before the S.S., and received an attractively printed card inscribed with the Beatitudes together with a scene depicting God's creation. Scholars and teachers are grouped into four teams (each under the title of a Gospel), and earn marks for their team by reciting the Beatitudes, 10 Commandments, Books of the Bible, by entering **Good Company** Competitions, Association projects, and by attendance and activities at S.S. At the moment only a few points separate the various teams, and at the end of the year, team winners will be presented with a special award.

## IMPROVING OUR CLASS!

Collated from suggestions forwarded by readers (cont. from p. 34)

### (7) How to Study

Our brain is like a muscle—the more you use it, the better it works! But we live in an age of lazy minds, for brains are made idle watching TV or reading comics. And one doesn't have to **think** to do that! But open a book of classical literature—say by author Charles Dickens—and immediately you need to think as you read his descriptive narrative and intriguing story. From his words, the mind conjures up a mental picture of the scene, and is thus exercised. Because the brain has to work, it becomes keener and more retentive.

But there is no book in the world that makes you think, more than the Bible. It has been specially written by God to cause our minds to "grow" in understanding. Some parts are easy to read, but others are more difficult. As

the wise man said: "It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honor of kings (great people) to search out a matter" (Prov.25:2). So when we study the Bible, we must be prepared to work our minds.

Take our Sunday School lessons, for example. It will benefit us and our Class if we did some research on the lessons before we attend S.S. To assist us, the Association provides a **Syllabus** and **Lesson Book**, to which we can refer. It will show that the lessons planned for April and May (in the Senior Notes) concern the 5 parables, the miracles of feeding the multitude and stilling the storm, and the gathering opposition to the work of the Lord (Mat. 13, Mk. 4, Jn. 6 and Mat. 16). Our first step is to read through the Scriptures quoted. Then read the lesson notes, and check with the other Reference Library details supplied.

If you read through these works, and let your mind think upon the incidents, you will find that the class discussions will become far more exciting and interesting.



The following extracts earn for their writers an additional 2 points.

#### IN THE NORTH OF NSW

"Thank you for sending me the stamps, which I really appreciate. Over the past holidays we moved north to Lismore. On Sunday, we go to Ballina for the meeting and Sunday School. My teacher's name is Auntie Ruth Russell, and my class-mates are Judy Russell, Wendy Herman, and Paul Moss." (Neroli Wassell, Ballina, NSW)

#### A UNITED FAMILY

"This is the first time I have written to you. I attend Mt. Hawthorn Sunday School and enjoy it very much. I will be 8 in April, and came out from England in Dec. 1967. My mother was baptised a year later, and

my father on Feb. 5th, 1971. As I go to Sunday School we are all keen about the Truth." (Adrian Maycock, Mt. Hawthorn, WA).

#### AN UNFORTUNATE INCIDENT

Recently **Jamie Arnold** (Enfield) sustained an eye-injury at school. This required hospitalisation and it was feared that the eye might not be saved. "Good Company" sent Jamie a letter of encouragement on behalf of our readers, to which he has replied:

"Thank you for the card and very nice letter. I received it just after I came out of hospital, and was able to read it, although I am not to read much at all. I was very glad that I did not lose my sight, and we put our trust in God and waited patiently for the outcome. I am sure that this will be a helpful lesson to me later on as I learn the Truth and see that 'all things work together for good'. I enjoy reading the magazine."

#### WELCOME TO AMERICA!

"Please inform us about the costs of **Good Company** as we are anxious to purchase enough for our School, in which we have about 65 scholars" (Bro. R. Crouse, California, USA).

(We are delighted to welcome you to our growing circle of readers, and hope to hear something of your Sunday School very soon—Ed.)

#### ... AND TO ENGLAND!

"I read in the **Story of the Bible** magazine about **Good Company**, and would like to receive a sample copy. I am a Sunday School teacher, and hope to send for some more copies of this magazine for my class." (Sis. P. Finnemore, Bristol, UK)

#### SPREADING THE WORD

"Could I have some **Come To Sunday School** cards to give to friends to introduce them to our School?" (Bruce Gurd, Cumberland, S.A.)

(You will have received them by now, Bruce, and I hope you can encourage your school-friends to attend at Cumberland. Remember, we are offering a very nice gift to readers who gain another scholar for their school. Details of this offer are on page 34 of last issue—Ed.)

## TROUBLE IN THE TEMPLE

"In my class there are two girls and six boys taught by Uncle Brian Mitchell. Last week I learnt about Jesus whipping the wicked people out the Temple because they should not have been selling animals there. It should have been a quiet place for the people to worship God" (**Annette Hawkins**, Perth, WA).

(Many people have minds so busy about everyday things like the people in the Temple, Annette, that they, also, haven't time to quietly think about the things of God—Ed.)

## MY CLASS AT BOSSLEY PARK

"At my Sunday School there are about 10 classes. I am in Uncle Ted Baird's class, together with Mark Hudson, Leonard Salmon, and Robert Russell, and each scholar takes a turn to give the class story. Mine was on the Woman at Samaria. In addition, we enjoy other activities: there is the Junior Bible Class for children 7-12 years old, and for those older there is the Intermediate Class. Sometimes Uncle Peter Hudson provides us with a barbecue or arranges a camp which we greatly enjoy" (**Gregory Pogson**, Bossley Pk, NSW).

## EXCITING RESULTS!

It was a great thrill to receive over **EIGHTY ENTRIES** to our last Competition, and I certainly hope that this will be even surpassed by this month's! I was very pleased with the excellent quality of most entries.

They reveal that considerable effort and interest is being put into this section of **Good Company**, and this is encouraging to me, especially. Thank you for your comments, and some for their suggested puzzles. I will try and incorporate them from time to time. Of course, I endeavour to base our Competition Page upon the current Sunday School lessons, if possible — this is helpful to you in your own studies. I hope you have fun with the Competitions in this issue. Try them now, and send me your entry as soon as possible.

—Auntie Judy

# Competitions & Quizzes ?

## COMPETITION ENTRIES RECEIVED BY APRIL 10th

**WESTERN AUSTRALIA** — From Mt. Hawthorn: Deborah Kerr, Carmel John, Sharon John, Adrian Mayo, David Stempel. From Perth: Yvonne Jose, Dennis Jose, Nola Haustorfer, Mark Hawkins, Annette Hawkins, Linda Danby, Julie Ullman, Adele Ullman, Jenny Newton, Isaac Newton, Maureen Stagg, Neil Stagg, Janet Gross, Colin Evans, Faye Haustorfer, Jenny Hawkins. **SOUTH AUSTRALIA** — From Cumberland: Virginia Thiele, Mark Brown, Sherree Curtain, Bruce Gurd, Rhonda Gurd. From Enfield: Hans Petiet, Nico Petiet, Barry Burney, Beverley Martin, Shirley Martin, Valerie Martin, Coralie Martin, Ian Gore, Rosemary Clothier, Ian Merrick, Rosemary Beacham, Robert Beacham, Ruth Horgan, Judith Horgan, Lynette Horgan, Margaret Horgan, Betty Arnold, Jamie Arnold, David Burney, Helen Papowski, Meredith Granger. From Tea Tree Gully: Jacqui Wearne, Stuart Wearne, Robert Scott. From Woodville: **Maureen McAllister**, Sharon Mansfield, Brigitte Mednyanszky, Gabriella Mednyanszky. **VICTORIA** — From Coburg: Christine Mansfield, Joanne Snow. From Ringwood: Heather Lawson, Vicki Baum. **QUEENSLAND** — From Coorparoo: Valerie Johnson, Greg Hagen, Helen Hagen, Ray Miller, Janelle Dawson. From Redcliffe: Michele Plant. **NEW SOUTH WALES** — From Adamstown: Margaret Richards. From Ballina: Jeffrey Stone, Gregory Stone, Ian Roulstone. From Bossley Pk: Kim Drew, Kerry Drennen, Gregory Pogson, **Vennessa Pogson**, David Deveigne. From Lakemba: Suzanne McKinlay. From Yagoona: Samuel Pogson, Daniel Pogson, Debbie Pogson. **TASMANIA** — From Hobart: Timothy Harrington, Nicholas Harrington. From Launceston: Benita Kitto, Dean Kitto.

**A FORGOTTEN NAME!** — One entry was received from "North Beach, W.A.", but unfortunately the reader omitted to put Name and Sunday School on the paper. If these details are immediately sent to me, I will return the Certificate Card and marks.

**THE BEST ENTRIES** — It was very hard to judge. There were so many really trying to make theirs the best. But I award **Maureen McAllister** (Woodville) for a very novel entry. Maureen fashioned her answers in a miniature scroll. A very neat and colourful paper was submitted by **Margaret Horgan** (Enfield), and many others were also very good.

## ANSWERS TO OUR LAST QUIZ

**CRYPTOGRAPH** — "Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you and pray for them that spitefully use you and persecute you" (Matthew 5:44).

**SEARCH TEXTS** — The special chapter on baptism was Matthew 3, for in these six verses it is mentioned: vv. 6, 7, 11, 13, 14, 16.

**COMPLETE THE WORDS** — (1) Egypt; son. — Hos. 11:1 (2) Fruits — Mat. 7:16, 20. (3) Prayer — Luke 5:16. (4) Brother; sister; mother — Mark 3:35.

**DIAMOND PUZZLE** —

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# SOLVE THESE PUZZLES

Send your entry (however many are answered) with your Name, Sunday School and Age (on your first page) to Mrs. Judith Jeffress, Good Company, P.O. West Beach, S.A. 5024 — before June 10th.

**CRYPTOGRAPH** (supplied by Daniel Pogson, Yagoona)

To solve this you will need to work out a 'reversed alphabet'. For example, in the code, "Z" equals A, "Y" equals B, and so on. "—" is used to separate the words. In the following cryptograph, is an important fact about man, proclaimed by John the Baptist. (1 mark for answer; 1 mark for quotation)

ZOO—UOVHS—RH—TIZHH.

**JUMBLED PLACES**

The following names are of prominent places associated with Jesus' ministry. You will receive 1 mark for each correct answer:

(a) lmtthebeeh, (b) aatezrah, (c) dronja, (d) laeielg, (e) mpreaucna, (f) ncaa, (g) sthdeabe, (h) aimraas, (i) uadej.

Now, from the completed words select the following letters, which when placed in the right order will spell a city which rejected Jesus (1 mark):

(a) 6th. (b) 6th, (c) 1st, (d) 3rd, (e) 5th, (f) 4th, (g) 6th, (h) 3rd, (i) 2nd.

**DOUBLE ACROSTIC**

The initial and final letters of the answers to these questions give two things to which the Bible compares a man's life. (5 marks for complete answers)

(1) A word for food. (2) Where believers were first called Christians. (3) A country that developed into a mighty empire. (4) David's grandfather. (5) To unfasten. (6) The sign of God's covenant.

**WHAT IS ITS NAME?**

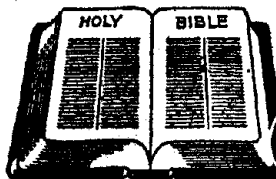
A place in Palestine, the name of which is spelt sometimes with an 'a' and sometimes with an 'e'. It was one of the centres where a prophet exercised his rulership, and where all Israel gathered at his command. On one important occasion lots were cast, and an Israelite was proclaimed king. Later on in Israel's history it was the scene of a dreadful massacre, when a ruler who resided there and many men with him were put to death. (5 marks).

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## Hands Across The Oceans!

*To My Readers,*

We are pleased to report that circulation of **Good Company** increases this issue by over 150 copies. This is due to the extension of distribution to Sunday Schools in **South Africa**. It means that when you write for **Good Company**, young people in Sth. Africa, Canada, England, USA and New Zealand, as well as Australia, read what you have to say. That being the case, make your letters, poems, items of activities, etc., of outstanding interest.

We warmly welcome the young people of South Africa to our growing circle of readers, and we look forward to hearing from them. We do hope that it will be possible to have a pictorial supplement from the Sunday Schools there, so that folk in other parts may see how well catered for, they are in those particulars. Personally, I have never visited South Africa, but I have heard a lot about it from such as Bro. I. Leask, Bro. B. Law and others who have visited us, and those who have journeyed to that land. As I write this, we are about to despatch the **Good Company Special Correspondent** (Bro. H. P. Mansfield) to the Fellowship Week in Sth. Africa, as representative of this periodical! (He is also connected with **Logos** magazine).

For that matter, he will also be representing us in USA and Canada, at the Bible Schools to be conducted in those countries. It is an amazing feature of modern life, with its speed of travel, that in the compass of a few weeks,

he will be able to encircle the world, attend at least four such functions, visit Ecclesias, and return home. We plan to record some of the incidents of that tour.

But the very speed of travel that makes this possible, also creates its difficulties. It draws the world closer together, so that the problems of one country become those of another. This is an element that will ultimately lead to Armageddon. We are indeed living in perilous days. As Jesus warned:

**"... upon the earth distress of nations with perplexity" (Luke 21:25).**

What is the answer? Where is a solution?

The return of Jesus Christ and the Divine Solution provide this. Our readers, whether in Sth. Africa, Australia, or any other part of the world can be confident that God has all things in control, and will send the Lord Jesus Christ at the "set time" (Psa. 102:13) to restore righteousness, peace and justice to all lands (Psa. 72).

Meanwhile, Christadelphian young people can help each other to prepare for that day! They can encourage and assist one another to become better citizens for the Kingdom of God. To that end, this Magazine is produced. May it always be **Good Company** to you.

*The Editor*

## THE TITLES OF CHRIST

Recently, the Editor was privileged to visit the Mt. Hawthorn and Perth Central Sunday Schools in West Australia, in conjunction with a special effort sponsored by the Mt. Hawthorn Ecclesia. Whilst there, the young people of the Sunday School produced some very attractive projects. The children portrayed the Parable of the Sower; the older ones produced essays upon the Life of Jesus; whilst the seniors described some of the wonderful Titles of the Lord Jesus Christ. In this series of articles we intend to reproduce from these projects some of the very interesting features of this important subject.

### 1. CHRIST, THE CORNERSTONE

In order for a building to be permanently and properly constructed, the correct materials must be used. In olden times, special stones were used for various parts of the building so that the whole structure was bound together, and not in danger of falling. The builder carefully laid the foundations, then selected a large firm, well-formed stone for the corner. Each of the other stones were

then placed against the corner-stone, and, fitting into the shape of the building, the edifice was erected. On top, another stone, called the "headstone" was placed, so sealing the construction.

All these different stones are symbolically featured in the spiritual building which God is erecting:

**"Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy**



priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ" (1 Pet. 2:5).

Figuratively, a stone denotes hardness or insensibility (1 Sam: 25:37, Ezek. 36:26), firmness or strength (Job. 6:12; 41:24). When a builder selected a stone for the cornerstone, he saw that it was one upon which the whole structure could rest. It would be a solid, firm, dependable stone, and all the others were chipped into shape according to the shape of the corner-stone.

In God's building, He has selected the Lord Jesus Christ as the chief corner-stone:

**"I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded"** (1 Pet. 2:6, Isa. 28:16).

Jesus Christ is of great importance in the building. Upon him all others rest. He binds together the sides of the structure, and holds in place other important stones:

**"the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone"** (Eph. 2:20)."

It is upon the truth expressed by Jesus Christ and repeated by the apostles and prophets, that we must be built as "living" stones (the word "lively" in 1 Pet. 2:5 should be "living"). A living stone is one in its natural condition, sound, and not disintegrating. It has not been destroyed by man's handling, but has been formed by the power of the Creator. Peter says that we must all manifest this characteristic, and seek to be chosen by God to form part of His glorious building. We will be chosen if we conform to the corner-stone already provided: the Lord Jesus Christ.

Next issue, God willing, we will outline features concerning **CHRIST: THE HEAD-STONE**. Perhaps readers will submit points of interest for inclusion in this next article.

## From our MAILBAG



### PROBLEMS IN TEACHING

"Sunday Schools over here lack the enthusiasm that is essential to the service of God. The problem lies within the family circle at home where little Bible reading with the children takes place, and a definite lack of help towards the Sunday School lesson during the week. This means our one hour on Sunday is the most precious time of all and the teacher **must** do his absolute utmost during that time" (Bro. and Sis. R. C., USA).

(This is a common problem, which is increasing in these latter days, unfortunately. Our readers are urged to set a good example in the home, and so assist the Sunday School work — Ed.).

### AT THE BIBLE SCHOOL

"Although many went to the May Bible School, our family was unable to attend. This was the second school we had missed, but we will try to make it to the December School, God willing". (Yvonne Brewer, Co-burg, Vic.).

(Try to make the Summer School, Yvonne! You will find it really exciting — Ed.).

### FAMILY NIGHT

"At our Family Night we enjoyed many items, and saw some of the Sunday School work displayed. Uncle Tony Newton from Perth gave us a very interesting talk about growing up and how we learn from the examples in our home. My young brother was very amused by the faces Uncle Tony made when he was speaking!" (Paul Mansfield, Woodville, S.A.).

(Some people are born with greatness; others have it forced upon them!!—Ed.).

**THE MARKET IN THE TEMPLE!**

"In S.S. we learnt about Jesus entering Jerusalem, and how this partly fulfilled Zech. 9:9, and Psa. 118:22. He then went to the Temple and cleaned it out. Our teacher compared it with Paddy's Market. It really must have been disgusting." (Debbie Pogson, Yagoona, NSW).

**AN APPRECIATION**

"The services of those who labor with you in the production of the Magazine are appreciated. The things sown in a day of small things will ultimately yield a great harvest to the glory of the Father." (Bro. T. Pitcher, S.A.).

(Many thanks for your encouraging comments. In regard to featuring a photo of the Editor, we will endeavour to obtain one which will complement the excellent contents of the Magazine. This may be a little difficult!! —Ed.).

**PENFRIEND CORNER!**

"I would like an overseas penfriend, boy or girl, between the ages of 12 and 18. I would prefer someone in Germany, or another country." — Faye Haustorfer, 33 Davenport Road, Booragoon, West Australia 6153.

"I would like a girl or boy penfriend about 13-14 years in Australia, Philippines, or New Zealand. I am in 2nd year High School, interested in reading, stamp collecting, and, of course, Sunday School." — Meredith Grainger, 92 Kenilworth Road, Parkside, S.A. 5063.

**OTHER LETTERS**

We are always pleased to receive letters from young and older readers. Unfortunately, space does not permit us to publish them all, but every letter received earns 1 point (and an additional 2 points if published). A letter was sent to the Editor from "Alison". It was her first letter, but she forgot to put her surname and Sunday School. Perhaps Alison will write again. Other letters came from

(Carmel John, Mt. Hawthorn, WA) Elizabeth West, Julie Ullman, Benjamin Newton, Adele Ullman, David Stempel, Sharon Mansfield, Lois Richards, James Mansfield, Debra West, Samuel Pogson, and Margaret Richards.

**POET'S PARLEY****WHY BE A FOOL?**

Benjamin Newton (Perth) gains 5 marks for his poem about education:

Why be such a Fool  
To believe all at School  
That's taught about Evolution?  
By going to College  
And gaining much Knowledge  
Man still can't wipe out Pollution!

It is marvellous to See  
Through the wonderful Bee  
That God made this earth His  
Creation.

This, folk won't Understand  
Until Christ is at Hand  
With power to restore the Jews'  
Nation.

**WISDOM'S CALL**

David Stempel (Mt. Hawthorn) earns 5 marks for the following poetical advise, and suggests that his words be compared with the words of the Wise in Proverbs 15:1-8.

A soft answer turns wrath away,  
But grievous words remain all day.  
The wise will use their knowledge  
well,  
But fools have no wisdom to tell.  
Yahweh's eyes are in every place,  
Good and wrong are able to trace.  
A pure tongue's like a living tree,  
But death waits those who disagree.

Fools reject their father's teaching,  
The prudent love wise beseeching.  
Treasure is in the House Of Right,  
The gains of sin bring but a fight!

The lips of wise give knowledge out,  
But the heart of fools is not de-  
vout.

God loathes the wicked's sacrifice,  
But righteous prayer to Him will  
rise.

# Pictorial



# Supplement

In our pictorial supplement, we introduce young people from many areas, who are happy readers of GOOD COMPANY. Photos submitted earn their senders ten marks. To be satisfactory for printing, it is best to send black/white prints of good quality, otherwise it is difficult to satisfactorily reproduce them with clarity. Next issue, we hope to include a special color-in competition (God willing).

Recently, we received the interesting photographs illustrated in this month's supplement. In our first picture, we have one of the classes at the Perth Sunday School. In the front row are (left to right): Pam Higgs, Valerie Maddin and Marie Jose. In the second row are: Maureen Stagg, Jenny Newton and Adele Ullman (who kindly sent the photo). At the back is the teacher, Brother Haustorfer.



# *In West Aust*



On the other side of the Swan River in Perth is the Mount Hawthorn Sunday School. The photo above depicts the teachers and scholars, and was sent by Debra West. During last month, it was the pleasure of the Editor to visit this School, and spent a delightful week meeting and talking to our readers in the 'West'. ● In the photo below we are taken north to a concert night with the Coorparoo young people. It was sent in by Ray Miller, and features (from left) Greg Hagen (guitar), Shirley Crew and Merril Dawson (with

violins) Valerie Johnson (with something that mystifies us) and pianist Helen Hagen. Peering behind the piano are Ian Miller and Brian Collecot.

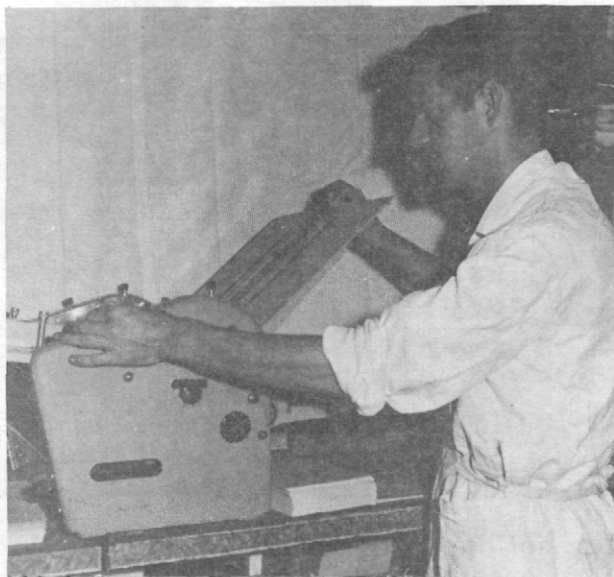


**With  
Our  
Qld  
Readers**



During Easter holidays, Bro. J. Knowles travelled to Redcliffe (Qld) for an ecclesial effort. A project was organised with the young people involving the 'building' of Solomon's Temple. The illustration above shows Bro. Knowles with some of the excellent results of the project. He is holding one of the models of Ezekiel's temple constructed last year (see p. 30 of our May/Jn 1970 issue). THIS illustration shows the group of young people present at the effort.





## ***At The Office***

At GOOD COMPANY office we are always delighted to welcome readers who visit us to see how the magazine is produced. We have a number of different machines: printing machines, staplers, guillotine, and other equipment, all of which is used to produce your copy of GOOD COMPANY. In the illustration above you will see the folding machine used to prepare the printed sheets of paper for stapling into pages. The paper slides down the shelf on the left, shoots up the gauge seen on the right hand side, and is then sent down into a series of rollers which fold and score it into an eight-page leaflet, and deliver it onto a moving delivery platform (underneath the operator's arm) where it is neatly stacked. The pictorial supplement is then added, and the whole magazine stapled together. If you are able to visit us, we will show you this activity, so that you see first-hand, how the magazine is produced.

# THE MIRACLES OF CREATION

**"Lift up your eyes on high and behold Who hath created these things"  
(Isa. 40:26).**

Throughout the earth there are millions of voices crying, "CREATION"! Though they may not utter a word, their testimony is very powerful, and is an evidence of the marvelous hand of God. The Universe, the atom, numberless specialized organs, creatures on the ground, in the air, in the sea — all bear witness for God and Creation.

How foolish it is to suggest (as some do, today) that all these things gradually evolved, by "chance." In this series of articles, we want to show not only that the Bible is TRUE and can be trusted, but that it is far more accurate than some of the world's text-books!

Let's consider the very first statement in the Bible:

**"In the beginning, God created the HEAVENS and the EARTH" (Gen. 1:1).**

Our universe is not merely a universe of individual suns, but a universe of individual "star systems" called **Galaxies**. These are similar to the Milky Way Galaxy of which our solar system is part.

When God says that "heavens" were created He is very accurately describing the whole of His wonderful work about us. Our earth is just a cosmic pebble, circling a minor star in a minute solar system which is part of one Galaxy comprising part only of millions of enormous Galaxies. The Miracle? In all this it appears as though only EARTH has life!

This makes our planet absolutely unique!

The inconceivable vastness of space is in itself a proof of a Divine Creator. Thousands of years ago the prophet Isaiah said:

**"Behold the nations are as a drop of a bucket and are counted as the small dust of the balance. Behold he taketh up the isles as a very little thing" (Isa. 40:15).**

The prophet realized that God controlled the amazing and boundless

space, and wrote such words as are not only expressive of God's might, but are also scientifically accurate.

## Three Outstanding Impressions

A consideration of the Miracles of Creation will show us:

1. The inconceivable SIZE of the universe.
2. The presence of LAW coupled with limitless POWER.
3. The continuous display of surpassing GLORY.

We hope, God willing, to consider these three features in turn.

## The Inconceivable SIZE of the Universe

Read Job 9:4-9 very carefully. What great fact does it convey? Can you detect the names of three giant stellar (i.e. "of stars") constellations? Interesting, isn't it!

Now, why do you suppose Job mentions these?

It is because he wants us to be impressed by the amazing power of God. He mentions "Arcturus, Orion and Pleiades." Out of his outstanding knowledge of the heavenly bodies, Job selects three that reveal the greatness of Divine power. Consider the constellation of ORION, in which there are many stars. One of them, we call **Betelgeuse**, and it is a giant red star. Its diameter is a staggering 215 million miles. That means, its volume is 248 times greater than our sun! Miraculous, isn't it? But wait, — Job mentions another supergiant: **Arcturus**. This is a star with a volume 25,600 times greater than our sun!

Can you see now why Job wants us to consider these evidences of God's power.

But what about **Pleiades**? There is some very fascinating facts about this star, but they must wait for our next issue. Meanwhile, you can pursue these references: Job 38:31,

Amos 5:8. What might be "the sweet influences of Pleiades?" You may get a clue from Josephus in his book "Antiquities (13:8:2)," particularly from the footnotes. There's a challenge for you!

How did Job know about Pleiades? The name means "seven." Yet you can only count six stars in the cluster with the naked eye. What about the seventh? Answer, next issue. Meanwhile, borrow a telescope, and have a good look at the night sky — it's a wonderful miraculous witness to God.

— Bro. Shane Kingsbury

### THE FIRST MIRACLE

Richard Ullman (Perth) gains 2 marks for this short poem about the amazing miracle performed by Jesus:

Jesus went to a wedding in Cana,  
And turned the water to wine,  
Then the man in charge was amazed  
and said,  
The wine was really fine!

### AN INVIGORATING OUTING

Every month the Woodville Sunday School conducts an "outing," at which all the scholars and teachers gather together to enjoy each others' company. Of one such outing, Julianne King writes the following outline (2 points).

Our last monthly outing was held at a Hall in West Croydon, a suburb of Adelaide. It contained lots of equipment including gymnastic bars, a "horse" and springboard, a trapeze, and indoor basket ball court. Outside there was a 5-a-side basket-ball court. When we arrived, the boys and girls separated into two groups, and each took turns with the equipment inside and outside the Hall.

After tea, the boys over 12 years played basketball with the men-teachers, and the girls played the ladies. Happily to say, the teachers put up quite a fine exhibition, until finally being overpowered by youth in both cases!

Then we went into the Hall to enjoy an interesting talk on the "Greatest Miracle", of life from the

dead. "Uncle" Peter Mansfield described the resurrection of Lazarus to the seniors, while "Uncle" Harry Muggleton supervised a junior play upon the same topic.

The day was concluded with refreshments, and we separated to our homes tired but happy!

After our five-mile hike on the previous outing, and our vigorous activity this time, I am sure our Sunday School holds the title of the "Fittest Sunday School in Australia"!!

## Sunday School ACTIVITIES

ENFIELD, S.A. (Supt. Bro. K. Clothier. Sec: Bro. N Arnold)

Our School recently enjoyed two unusual outings. In May we arranged a hike directed by a map with two hidden "treasure chests" along the way. Students were given a set of questions based upon the Scripture, with the answers to be seen during the hike. ★ In June, we went to the "whispering wall" in the Barossa Valley (where the construction of the wall makes whispers into shouts!!). About 300 young people from Enfield and Cumberland participated.

We have been greatly encouraged by the baptism of a senior scholar, Phillip Anderson, on June 3rd, and trust his future walk will be guided by the Word of Life.

Youth group activities are scheduled for July 9, 23, Aug. 6, 20; and Sunday School outings for July 10 and Aug. 7.

### IMPROVING OUR CLASS!

#### (8) A Good Example To Others

Rhonda Gurd (Cumberland) suggests: "we can help those younger than ourselves by setting a good example in Sunday School, at Outings, and other functions. If we see them misbehaving we can tell them kindly that S.S. is not the place for doing wrong."

All the instruction and association



of S.S., the lessons we learn, the study books we are given to help us, are useless unless we try to put the Godly characteristics into practice. The greatest work of a Sunday School is not to produce young people with big heads and small bodies (i.e. those who "know everything" but do "nothing"), but to help form people who respond to the Divine way of life. It is no advantage to have "all the answers", and scoop all the prizes at the end of the year, if meanwhile, we do not reveal that "we have been with Jesus and learned of him." (cp. Acts 4:13).

Our teachers observe our interest in the Bible by the way we act at S.S. and the other activities, and not necessarily by the results of exams. It is very encouraging to those older when young people spontaneously reveal a "maturity" of understanding and action.

In the "Sermon on the Mount", the Lord Jesus told his disciples:

**"Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect" (Mat. 5:48).**

He did not mean that we were to be without sin, and thus completely perfect — for then none of us could obey his command. The word "perfect" in the Greek means "mature," and Jesus was saying that we should be mature and understanding in our

attitude to God and to others. This should be seen in our family relationships, and that is why Jesus compared our "maturity" to that of "our Father which is in heaven." In other words, as God reveals a mature outlook so should we.

Having arrived at a "mature" outlook, we will endeavor to assist others when we see them doing wrong. This does not mean we will criticise them strongly, or speak sarcastically. It means understanding another's problems and trying to assist them to a better way.

This will be good training for us, for in the future, those who are immortalised will similarly assist the mortals of the Millennium to walk in the way of righteousness:

**"Thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left" (Isa. 30:21).**

We hear this voice today, when we listen to the words of the Bible, and it instructs us in the way we should go. Having heard that voice, we have a responsibility to obey it, and to help others to do so also. If we try to apply these things in our Sunday School associations we will find that it helps us and our friends to understand better the way of life that Jesus reveals.

### COMPETITION ENTRIES RECEIVED FOR ISSUE No. 10

**NEW ZEALAND** — From Timaru: Lynley Marsden. **NEW SOUTH WALES** — From Adamstown: Margaret Richards. From Ballina: Ian Roulstone. From Lakemba: Suzanne McKinlay. From Bossley Pk: Greg. Pogson. From Campsie: Timothy Mansfield, James Mansfield. From Yagoona: Deborah Pogson, Samuel Pogson, Daniel Pogson. **SOUTH AUSTRALIA** — From Cumberland: Bruce Gurd. From Enfield: David Burney, Barry Burney, Joel Burney, Angela Petiet, Hans Petiet, Nico Petiet, Rosemary Clothier, Beverley Martin, Valerie Martin, Shirley Martin, Coralie Martin, Judith Horgan, Lynette Horgan. Ruth Horgan, Margaret Horgan, Mark Clothier, Linda Burney, Judith Clothier, Jamie Arnold, Brett Arnold, Helen Papowski. From Woodville: Paul Mansfield, Wendy King, Julianne King, Stephen Mansfield, Brigitte Mednyanszky, Gabriella Mednyanszky, Sharon Mansfield, David Duncan, Maureen McAllister. **WEST AUSTRALIA** — From Mt. Hawthorn: Judy Strempel, Geoff Strempel, David Strempel, Debra West, Sharon John, Adrian Maycock. From Perth: Benjamin Newton, Adele Ullman, Julie Ullman, Jenny Newton, Isaac Newton, Maureen Stagg, Richard Ullman, Annette Hawkins, Janet Gross. **QUEENSLAND** — From Coorparoo: Merril Dawson, Janelle Dawson, Valerie Dawson. **TASMANIA** — From Hobart: Timothy Harrington, Steven Harrington. From Launceston: Philip Niejalke, Dean Kitto, Benita Kitto. **VICTORIA** — From Coburg: Christine Mansfield, Joanne Snow, Yvonne Brewer. From Ringwood: Heather Lawson.

**THE BEST ENTRIES** — The papers received from Samuel Pogson (Yagoona) and Gabriella Mednyanszky (Woodville) are mentioned for their neatness and originality. Gabriella had obviously looked up reference books etc., and included much additional matter in her answers. I do appreciate the work that others put into their entries, with maps and sketches, and hope, later, to reproduce some of these in our Pictorial Supplement.

—Auntie Judy

## ANSWERS TO QUIZ No. 10

**CRYPTOGRAPH**—"All flesh is grass" (quoted from Isa. 40:6-8).

**JUMBLED PLACES**—Bethlehem; Nazareth; Jordan; Galilee; Capernaum; Cana; Bethesda; Samaria; Judea. The city which rejected Jesus: Jerusalem.

**DOUBLE ACROSTIC** — (1) Victuals; (2) Antioch; (3) Perea; (4) Obed; (5) Undo; (6) Rainbow. The initial letters of the answers spell VAPOUR, and the final letters spell SHADOW, which the Bible compares to a man's life (James 4:14, Eccl. 8:13, etc.).

**WHAT IS ITS NAME?** — Misphah (or Mispah), where Samuel exercised rulership and gathered all Israel (1 Sam. 7:5-6), where lots were cast for Saul to be king (Ch. 10:21), and where a dreadful massacre occurred (Jer. 41:2-3).

## COMPETITION No. 11

Send your entry (however many are answered) with your Name, Sunday School and Age (on your first page) to Mrs. Judith Jeffress, Good Company, P.O. West Beach, S.A. 5024 — before August 10th.

**WHO SAID IT?** (Supplied by Adele Ullman).

Each answer earns 1 mark; and the quotation where it occurs an additional 1 mark.

(1) "It is hard for thee to kick against the pricks." (2) "I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood." (3) "Behold, lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor". (4) "If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house and abide there."

**A QUESTION OF FOOD!** (Supplied by Adele Ullman)

Each of the words missing in the following quotations concern a food. Fill in the answers (1 mark), and find the quotation (1 mark).

(a) "And the taste of it was like \_\_\_\_\_, made with \_\_\_\_\_" (Exod. 16:\_\_\_\_\_).

(b) "It is no place of seed, or of \_\_\_\_\_, or of vines, or of \_\_\_\_\_" (Num. 20:\_\_\_\_\_).

(c) "Surely the churning of \_\_\_\_\_ bringeth forth \_\_\_\_\_" (Prov. \_\_\_\_\_).

**AN EXCEPTION** (Supplied by Faye Haustorfer)

Each verse except one, in Psalm 119 contains at least one of the following ten words: Way, Testimonies, Precepts, Commandments, Word, Law, Judgments, Righteousness Statute, Word. Which is the ONE VERSE in the Psalm that does not have any of these words? (5 marks).

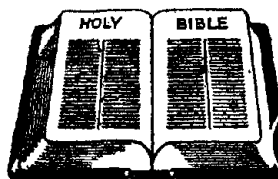
**THE WORK OF JOHN AND JESUS** (Supplied by Deborah Pogson).

Fill in the following story which tells of the unfolding plan of God (5 marks for complete answer). The quotations may give you a clue!

John the Baptist was the son of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. He came in the \_\_\_\_\_ and power of \_\_\_\_\_ (Lk. 1:17). He taught the people that they must \_\_\_\_\_ (Mt. 3:2-6). If they refused they would \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 8:20). John was the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ. He was also a \_\_\_\_\_ (Lk. 1:15) and a \_\_\_\_\_ (Lk. 1:5). He was killed at the end of his ministry, just as Jesus was later \_\_\_\_\_ (Gal. 3:1) as a \_\_\_\_\_ for sin. But John will rise again at the \_\_\_\_\_ (Jn. 11:24). Jesus' work opens the way to us, and if we follow him he will \_\_\_\_\_ us (Acts 2:40). When the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ (Mal. 4:2) comes he will \_\_\_\_\_ the world in righteousness (Psa. 72:2). For \_\_\_\_\_ years the world will offer sacrifices to God with \_\_\_\_\_ reigning as king. At the end of the Millenium sin and \_\_\_\_\_ will be \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Tim. 1:10), and there will be \_\_\_\_\_ on earth and \_\_\_\_\_ towards God. The righteous shall \_\_\_\_\_ and reign with him for \_\_\_\_\_ (Rev. 11:15).

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## Examine Yourself!

*To My Readers,*

As many young people prepare themselves for end-of-the-year examinations, there will, no doubt, be many trembling knees and worried frowns! Exams are not the choicest of occupations, but they are necessary, nevertheless. The most important examinations — those associated with Sunday School — are very helpful, for they reveal to the teacher how their students are progressing in their understanding of the Bible. And this is the most worthwhile occupation in life. It has “promise of the life that now is, and that which is to come.” Examinations do not finish with Sunday School. They continue until the end of our days, if we are wise. The lazy and disinterested seek to avoid exams, whilst the diligent and ambitious pursue them. The latter realise that by examinations they can test and improve themselves, and thus provide a stepping-stone to greater things. It can prevent continuing in error, and can guide to better ways. So the Psalmist said: “**Examine me, O Lord, and prove me; try my reigns (thoughts) and my heart (feelings)**” (Psa. 26:2). He realised that he would benefit from the righteous judgment of God on his life. He knew that the lessons of life would eventually provide him with the greatest prize of all time: the opportunity to “stand in an even place . . . in the congregations” of the Lord (v. 12). Paul counsels us to “**examine yourselves . . . prove your own selves**” (2 Cor 13:5). By doing this we learn to observe our progress towards the Kingdom of God, and to avoid the mistakes of the past. Our Sunday School examinations are a help to this end. I hope that you will put your “reigns and heart” in the answers you provide, and look forward to seeing encouraging and exciting results!

Your Friend,

*The Editor*

# THE TITLES OF CHRIST

The following comments have been collated from various readers who submitted items concerning

## 2. CHRIST, THE HEAD-STONE

**"The stone which the builders refused is become the head (stone) of the corner" (Psa. 118:22).**

In our last article we described how buildings were constructed in olden times. The builders first carefully selected the foundation stone to suit the particular type of building they were constructing. Then, other stones would be formed upon that foundation stone. Often the foundation stone would not be easily seen. Although it provided the strength to the building, around it would be formed the other sections of the building, thus hiding, to some extent, the foundation. But it was there all the same — otherwise the building would soon become shaky, scared by cracks, and eventually fall.

But as the building developed, and the walls stretched upwards, it was necessary for the builders to "tie-in" the construction, and so bind together the work that they had done. They then selected a "headstone," usually for its beauty and "character," and, placing this on top of the wall, it effectively held together the whole construction.

Therefore, the two major stones in the building were the "foundation stone," and the "headstone."

Commenting upon Psalm 118:22, the next verse states:

**"This is the Lord's doing: it is marvellous in our eyes."**

A Jewish comment on this verse mentions that the stone spoken of here as the head-stone, was frequently offered by the stonemasons for the building of the wall, but being found too long or too short, was rejected by them as unfit. However, if, when the structure was completed, in the coupling of the two walls, the stone was found to fit, it was then considered "a marvellous thing."

Notice the necessity for the head-stone, particularly in arch-work, as shown in the illustration, sketched by **Anthony King** (Mt. Hawthorn, W.A.).

Unless the headstone properly fitted the top of the arch, the whole of the structure was useless. Each stone had to complement the other. Thus the building was "fitly fashioned together" (Eph. 2:21), as a great monument to the architect and builder.

So it is with the Ecclesia. It is figuratively represented as a building composed of living stones (see p. 50, 1 Pet. 2:5), which has a foundation stone, the wall-stones, and a head-stone. The foundation, or corner, stone and the head-stone are always associated together. They are the necessary stones, which hold in place all others. In the Bible, Jesus Christ is portrayed as both. He is the corner stone (Isa. 28:16; Eph. 2:20), because the Divine Builder has set him down as the mould upon which His spiritual building will be formed. All the other stones must conform to that pattern. In the Lord's first advent, he displayed the great example that we must follow. God revealed in His Son (1 Cor. 5:19) the type of spiritual building that he desires. If we desire to be involved in God's great work, we must allow our will to be "chiselled" and shaped into the form that He desires!

When the Lord Jesus Christ returns, he will complete the spiritual temple and appear as the great Head-stone of glory, gracing the whole Ecclesial edifice.

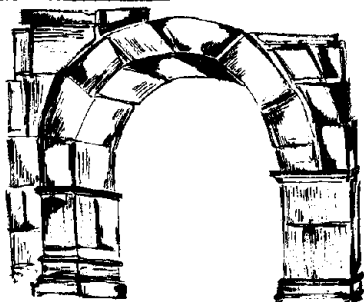
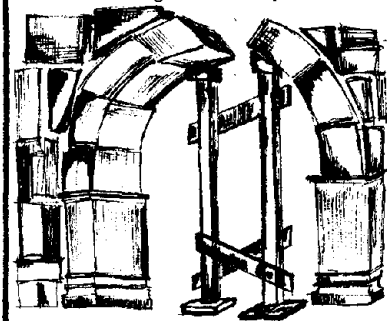
He is the "author (cornerstone) and finisher (headstone) of our faith" (Heb. 12:2). As the "head" of the ecclesia (Eph. 4:15-16), he holds it together, binding all the "stones" into one unity, so that the building stands erect.

Zechariah 4:7 speaks prophetically of the Lord Jesus:

**"He shall bring forth the head-stone thereof with shoutings, crying, grace, grace, unto it. The hands of**

**THE HEADSTONE**

Without the head-stone,  
the building would collapse!



The completed arch. Often the head-stone was beautifully figured to provide attraction and glory to the building.

Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also finish it" (v. 7,9).

As the antitype of Zerubbabel, The Lord Jesus, having already established the foundation of the Ecclesia, will, at his return, manifest the crowning glory of the immortal throng of saints, so that the whole house will conform to his pattern, being an extension of himself (John 17:21-23). Thus, the title of Christ: **THE HEADSTONE** is a prophecy of what he will yet be. Already he is the cornerstone, and the building is gradually being developed upon him. He is yet to be

the head-stone of glory. The Jewish people, who earlier rejected him as being unfit for their purposes (Matt. 21:42), will soon realise that they have been mistaken, and that in fact, Jesus Christ is the crowning glory of the Israelitish House, the Messiah. And they will exclaim:

**This is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes!"**

Our next title in this series will be: **CHRIST, THE VINE**, and we invite comments by readers for this coming article.

## From our MAILBAG



### FIRST WITH 200 MARKS

"At S.S. we have a competition, and I was the first in my class to get 200 points. We are also working on a project book on the life of Christ." (Lois Richards, Adamstown, NSW)

### A LESSON FOR US

"The prophecy of Hosea 11:1 that 'Out of Egypt have I called My Son,' was fulfilled in the Lord Jesus Christ (Mat. 2:15). It also refers to Israel, when God called them out of Egypt. When we read the Bible we must try and see the lesson in it, and how

it can apply to us as well - for we are being called out of Egypt, the world, to a knowledge of the Truth. So we will be prepared for the return of Jesus Christ from heaven." (Adrian Maycock, Mt. Hawthorn, W.A.)

### REACHED ONE HUNDRED

"I have enclosed my certificates for 100 points, which I have greatly enjoyed obtaining. I still intend to keep doing the competitions and writing letters, as I think it is a worth-while way to spend my time, along with other S.S. work and projects." (Adele Ullman, Perth W.A.) (Congratulations Adele, on attaining the first 100. Your special award is on the way to you. Try now for the second 100! - Ed.)

### AT PENNANT HILLS

"We have 21 students in our S.S.,

and all enjoy reading the magazine. We hope to send in more answers to the quizzes and letters. In the summer, we hope to have some good outings. Meanwhile, every second Friday night we have an evening for those over 9 years, at which we have a few games, then do Bible marking, or project work" (Peter Wolstencroft, N.S.W.)

#### OTHER LETTERS RECEIVED

We were delighted to hear from Yvonne Brewer (Coburg), Mary Ansell (L'ton), Debbie Pogson (Yagoona), Dean Kitto (L'ton), Susan Stempel (Mt. Hawthorn), Benito Kitto (L'ton), David Stempel (Mt. Hawthorn), Alison Niejalke (L'ton), Kenneth Pitcher (Enfield). Although space prevents comment, we thank all who have written to us. All receive 1 point for letters forwarded.

## *Sunday School* ACTIVITIES

### SENIOR ESSAY COMPETITION

The S.S. Association conducted a competition on the symbology of the symbols depicted on the front cover of the "Stage 4 Senior Notes." Very commendable projects were submitted and the following awards were made:

Baptised: **Helen Gurd** (Cumberland). Div. 16: **Kerry Rosser** (Riverwood). Div. 15: **Bruce Gurd** (Cumberland). Div. 14: **David Lund** (Cumberland). Highly commended: **Julianne King** (Woodville).

Each of the prize-winners were presented with a copy of "The Zondervan Pictorial Bible Atlas" for the excellent work submitted. (M. L.)

**ENFIELD, S.A.** (Supt: Bro. K. Clothier. Sec: Bro. N. Arnold)

Our outings have been quite varied, ranging from outdoor games, to visits to Marineland, where we were able to observe some of the amazing sea-life. In the evenings items are presented, and various plays performed. Youth group activities are scheduled

for Sept. 3rd, 17th, Oct. 1st, 15th, 29th, while S.S. outings will be held Sept. 4th, Oct. 2nd. (N. A.)

**MT. HAWTHORN, W.A.** (Supt: Bro. D. Stempel. Sec: Sis. D. Jack.)

We are delighted to report three baptisms: **Robert Hurn** (on July 10), **Kevin Fergusson** (on July 23), and **Jonathon Carder** (on August 14). Two of our senior members, **Bro. Ron Bourke** and **Sis. Sue Moore**, will be married on Sept. 4th, and this is a very exciting occasion for our Ecclesia and Sunday School. A special "Family Night" was conducted in July, and many items were presented by various members of the S.S. During the evening, "Uncle Tony" Newton spoke concerning the influences of our generation. (C. P.)

**WOODVILLE, S.A.** (Supt: Bro. E. Hubbard. Sec: Bro. B. Steele)

We were delighted to welcome Bro. Paul Cresswell to our S.S. during the recent ecclesial effort. He presented homework awards to Wendy King, Stephen Mansfield, and Jenny Black, and Outing competition awards to David Goodwin and Patricia Hubbard. A S.S. outing is planned for Oct. 9th, and a special "family day" for Nov. 11th, when "Uncle" Gordon Hollamby from Glenlock will screen many color slides of the "glory of God's creation."

**CAMPBIE, NSW.** (Supt: Bro. J. Mansfield. Sec: Sis M. Littler)

Though our Sunday School is small we endeavour to get together as often as possible, and participate with other Schools as well. In the next few months we will have an outing to the Warragamba Dam and African Lion Safari, a picnic at Galston Picnic Grounds, and tea evenings in the homes of members. Last month we moved from the old Masonic Hall where we used to hold our meetings into our new ecclesial hall. It has good provision for S.S. facilities, and the scholars are really thrilled with their new home. The first Sunday in our new hall, "Uncle Perce" Mansfield spoke upon the Life of Christ, particularly the incidents just prior to his crucifixion. (M. L.)

## IMPROVING OUR CLASS!

### (9) An Incentive To Better Work

We all like variety and interest in our Sunday School work! Novelty plays an important part in the outlook of many people. So they produce graphs of the rise or fall of their business; large signs and incentive schemes to encourage their employees; and other features which capture the attention of the readers.

"Variety" can take our activities out of the humdrum and monotony of a School program that is the same week by week and year by year.

A number of readers have written to me concerning different "ideas." One such, **Gabriela Mednyanszky** (Woodville) writes:

"Recently, a suggestion was made that scholars could learn and recite such sections of Scripture as The Beatitudes, the Books of the Bible, the Ten Commandments, the Shepherd Psalm, etc, before the whole of the Sunday School. For this purpose, we commence five minutes earlier than usual, and the Superintendent calls to the platform those who have learned a particular section (and have advised him accordingly), so that this can be presented. We have found it a personally helpful experience, and as well, it earns marks for our particular S.S. team."

This is a particularly good idea. The committing of portions of Scripture to memory is a very valuable project. Many years ago, when the Editor was attending Sunday School, it was the custom to recite sections of **The Christadelphian Instructor** (this is still done at most Schools) together with the Scripture proofs supplied. And now, years later, he finds the ability to remember many of these "answers" is very helpful.

Not only is it good to commit such to memory, but in publicly reciting the sections of the Scripture before the whole School, there is provided the opportunity to gain confidence in the speaking forth of one's beliefs. It also binds scholars together, as they encourage each other to perform work in the Sunday

School. Of course, at this stage we must express a warning! It is much better to speak encouragingly to those who have presented their item, than to harshly criticise them for "mumbling" or "muffing" their lines! Helpful suggestions to better work are always appreciated, but discouraging thoughts are only destructive.

When the Sunday School therefore provides such incentives for better work, be sure that you co-operate with this, not only by participating yourself, but also by a kind word and helpful expressions to others who are also trying to improve themselves and their Sunday School.

Perhaps some other readers would like to pen a few thoughts for this column.

### The Most Exciting Study

"Our monthly Joshua class is held in the home of Bro. & Sis. Ullman, and is always very exciting. Bro. Ullman, without fail, starts off every single study with the words: 'I am convinced that this is truly the most exciting, wonderful and most interesting portion of the book of Joshua...' (Before we finished Nehemiah in our last study, it was exactly the same, only he said Nehemiah instead of Joshua!). This time we did the fall of Jericho, so you can imagine what a good time we had. Bro. Ullman, and Jericho falling - what a combination! Afterwards we have a buffet tea and then hymn singing until its time to leave for the lectures..."

- Journalist: **Sue Moore** (Perth).

### Pictorial Supplement

Unfortunately, due to pressure of work, the Editor was unable to prepare the illustrated section for this issue, but promises to be in time for the next. This will portray some very interesting scenes from Perth, and some of the young people in that and other places.

### Did You Know?

The Bible is divided into 1,189 chapters, of which number 929 belong to the Old Testament and 260 to the New.

# THE MIRACLES OF CREATION

**"Lift up your eyes on high and behold Who hath created these things"  
(Isa. 40:26).**

## The Illimitable Heavens

In our last article (p. 57) we suggested that you read carefully Job 9:4-9, to see if you could discover what great fact was being revealed!

Naturally, the features of God's greatness and power are emphasized. But there is a little statement in v. 8 that proves Job was speaking by inspiration and knew the magnitude of the universe. He said:

**"Which alone S-P-R-E-A-D-E-T-H out the heavens..."**

The Hebrew word for "spreadeth" is *natah*, which means to stretch or spread out, with the idea of "bending away." Job described the heavens as the great canopy over our heads, which bends away into infinity. A fitting tribute to God's almighty power.

The Psalmist comments of God's glory:

**"Who S-T-R-E-T-C-H-E-S-T out the heavens like a curtain" (Psa. 104:2).**

And Isaiah says:

**"He S-T-R-E-T-C-H-E-S-T out the heavens as a curtain, and S-P-R-E-A-D-E-S-T them out as a tent to dwell in" (Isa. 40:22).**

What a wonderful description of the heavens: a tabernacle for the Creator and Sustainer of all things to dwell in. The magnificence and magnitude of this, is almost beyond our ability to comprehend. Yet these men of long ago were able to declare facts that scientists today, with all their special instruments, are just beginning to acknowledge!

## The Sweet Influences of Pleiades

In our last issue we posed a question about Pleiades, one of the gigantic stars mentioned in Job. ch 9. In ch. 31:31, he speaks of the "sweet influence of Pleiades." What does this mean?

This constellation can be seen setting in the Judean night sky in early spring each year (about February in Israel), and almost always this just

preceded the time of the latter rain! Therefore the reference by God in Job. 38:31 is in the context of life-giving rain. In v. 28 He declared: "Hath the rain a father?", and in v. 34: "Canst thou lift up thy voice to the clouds, that abundance of waters may cover thee?"

In this reference, therefore, is a magnificent declaration of God's mercy and all-encompassing power.

## Six Or Seven Stars?

"Pleiades" means "Seven stars" (see Job. 38:31 mg.) But for centuries, astronomers ridiculed this statement because they could only see six stars. Then, just recently, when the world's largest telescope was focused on Pleiades the astronomers got a horrible snock! They just couldn't believe their eyes! There, perched on the left shoulder of the constellation, was the **SEVENTH Star!**

It was there all the time, of course, but had not been noticed with the less powerful telescopes of previous years.

But how did Job, so long ago, know there were seven stars? Simply because he had been told by Him Who made the constellation. Our confidence in God's Word is well placed. Let us never doubt it. If we do, we will, like the astronomers of past ages, be proven wrong.

## A Hundred Billion Or More!

Another man has been laughed at for a statement he made. That man is Jeremiah, and his statement:

**"As the host of heaven cannot be numbered...so will I (God) multiply the seed of David" (Jer. 33:22).**

In Jeremiah's day, everyone knew that there were only 3,000 stars in the sky! Why, they could be counted with the naked eye! When Jeremiah said that there were so many that they couldn't be numbered, he was ridiculed for such a "stupid" remark.

But, again, the scoffers have been shown ignorant, by subsequent discoveries. Listen to what the "Scientific



American magazine, Sept. 1956" says:

**"Our galaxy has AT LEAST a hundred billion stars - and beyond our own Milky Way galaxy there are AT LEAST a billion more galaxies EACH with AT LEAST a hundred billion stars."**

A noted astronomer, Jeans, when asked how many stars were in the universe said: "There must be as many stars in the universe as there are grains of sand on all the seashores of the world."

You see, Jeremiah was right. He was speaking by divine revelation.

Now refer to the section of Jeremiah 33:22 that we **didn't** quote! Do you now see the **majesty** of God's Word? It is accurate, reliable — and therefore well able to lead us in the days of our youth along the pathways of wisdom, knowledge and understanding.

- Bro. Shane Kingsbury

**Next issue:** "The miracle of our Sun and this Earth!"

### Wisdom

A man who has in his pocket the Proverbs of Solomon has more brains in his pocket than the world generally have in their heads.

### EXCELLENT RESULTS!

I was delighted to receive over eighty entries for the last Competition. Quite a number of readers expressed their appreciation of the quizzes, and I am glad that you find them interesting. Certainly, I greatly enjoy marking them, and getting to know our readers a little better.

Many entries were very colorful. It shows that you are putting time and effort into your work, and this is very commendable. However, during the past two months, my incoming correspondence was down a little! I would like to have a letter from **YOU** very soon (particularly from our overseas readers), and hope to hear from you!

— AUNTIE JUDY

## Competitions & Quizzes ?

### COMPETITION ENTRIES RECEIVED FOR ISSUE No. 11

**WEST AUSTRALIA** — From Perth Central: Donald Smith, Adele Ullman, Julie Ullman, Richard Ullman, Reece Evans, Graeme Smith, Debra West, Maureen Stagg, Jenny Hawkins, Annette Hawkins. From Mt. Hawthorn: Susan Stempel, David Stempel, Geoff Stempel, Deborah Kerr, Adrian Maycock, Sharon John, Carmel John, Julie Kerr, Steven Kerr. From Isolation: Chris Carder, Jonathan Carder. **VICTORIA** — From Ringwood: Susan McCallum, Heather Lawson. From Coburg: Joanne Snow, Yvonne Brewer. **TASMANIA** — From Launceston: Dean Kitto, Benita Kitto, Mary Ansell, Philip Niejatka. From Hobart: Timothy Harrington, Nicholas Harrington, Steven Harrington. **SOUTH AUSTRALIA** — From Woodville: Susan Goodwin, David Goodwin, Brigitte Mednyanszky, David Duncan, Gabriela Mednyanszky, Wendy King, Juallianne King, Sharon Mansfield, Paul Mansfield. From Enfield: Helen Papowski, Rosemary Beacham, Valerie Martin, Coralie Martin, Beverley Martin, Shirley Martin, Meredith Grainger, Elisabeth Cheek, Barry Burney, Joel Burney, David Burney, Ruth Horgan, Lynette Horgan, Margaret Horgan, Judith Horgan, Carol Merrick, Ian Merrick, Hans Pellet, Angela Pellet, Brett Arnold, Jamie Arnold, Richard Cheek, Kenneth Pitcher, Janet Clarke, Erin Ihde. From Cumberland: Bruce Gurd. **QUEENSLAND** — From Coorparoo: Merrill Dawson, Janette Dawson, Helen Hagen, Greg Hagen, Valerie Johnson. **NEW SOUTH WALES** — From Adamstown: Margaret Richards. From Bossley Pk: Gregory Pogson. From Granville: Leanne Darke. From Lakemba: Suzanne McKinlay. From Yagoona: Debbie Pogson, Daniel Pogson, Samuel Pogson. From Pennant Hills: Peter Wolstencroft. From Ballina: Ian Roulstone.

**THE BEST ENTRY** — This issue I have selected one of our younger readers, **Adrian Maycock** (Mt. Hawthorn) as most commendable. Adrian has put considerable effort into his paper, and has nicely colored some sketches to illustrate the answers. Good work, Adrian!

**"Be thou in the fear of the Lord all the day long"**

## ANSWERS TO COMPETITION No. 11

**WHO SAID IT?** — 1. Jesus (Acts 9:5); 2. Judas Iscariot (Mat. 27:4); 3. Zacchaeus (Luke 19:8); 4. Lydia of Thyatira (Acts 16:15).

**A QUESTION OF FOOD!** — (a) Wafers, honey (Exod. 16:31); (b) Figs, pomegranates (Num. 20:5); (c) Milk, butter (Prov. 30:33).

**AN EXCEPTION** — Psalm 119:122 (Some keen-eyed readers spotted other verses: v. 90, 91, and 132. However, in the latter two verses, the words "ordinance" and "thou usest to do" are translated from the Hebrew *mishpat*, which should be rendered "judgment" — one of the ten words!)

**THE WORK OF JOHN AND JESUS** — Zacharias, Elisabeth, spirit, Elias, Repent and be baptised, perish, forerunner, Nazarite, Levite, crucified, sacrifice, resurrection, save, sun, righteousness, judge, 1000, Christ, death, abolished, peace, glory, live, ever.

# SOLVE THESE PUZZLES

## COMPETITION No. 12

Send your entry (however many are answered) with your name, Sunday School and Age (on first page) to Mrs. Judith Jeffress, Good Company, P.O., West Beach, S.A. 5024 — before **OCTOBER 10th** (Overseas readers before **November 25th**).

**WHO AM I?** (1 mark each correct answer)

1. I was a mighty man of valour. I defeated the Ammonites in battle. I had one daughter. I judged Israel for six years.
2. I was the cake of barley bread that tumbled into the midst of the host of Midian. My only weapons were musical instruments and earthenware vessels. The hand of Yahweh caused the mighty to flee before me.
3. As honey is sweet, from thence came my meat. As one between two, thus many I slew.
4. I was the great-grandfather of the promised seed. My wife was a Gentile. I dwelt in Bethlehem.
5. A satan, a stone — by these am I known!
6. I kept Christ's words and did not deny him. I was kept from the hour of temptation and because I overcame, I had written upon me the words "new Jerusalem."

**SKELETON PASSAGE** (2 marks for completed answer)

This verse describes Paul's warning that we must look for things to get worse, not better, before Christ comes.

Bxx ExIx xEx Axx SxxUxxRx xHAXx Wxx xOxSx xNx  
WxRxx DxxExIx x xxD BxIxx xECxxxED.

**DOUBLE ACROSTIC** (5 marks for completed answer)

The initial and final letters of the answers, give the names of two of Nehemiah's enemies.

1. A Bible lake.
2. Sound reflected.
3. Isaiah's elder son.
4. The man who defeated Ahithophel's council.
5. Aaron's wife.
6. Rebekah's grandmother.

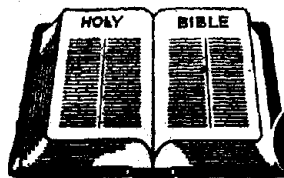
**HIDDEN PASSAGE**

When the right words are selected and placed in the order indicated, the whole gives words of council from the Apostle Paul that apply to young and old alike.

- (a) 1 word from Psa. 119:163, (b) 3 consecutive words from Eccl. 7:24, (c) 1 word from 2 John 11, (d) 2 consecutive words from Psa. 137:6, (e) 4 consecutive words from Eph. 4:29.

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## **Changed Lives**

The Acts of the Apostles (which many Sunday Schools will be studying during the coming months, God willing) provides a fascinating story of how the Truth can alter men's minds and actions. We propose, in the next few magazines, to comment upon some of the historical circumstances of the times, and show what happened to people as the Truth came into their lives.

Two men, in particular, are prominent. There was Peter, the impetuous disciple, who later became the Great Apostle, establishing the ecclesial-communities amongst the Jewish believers. He was followed by Paul, the persecutor, who later became the Apostle to the Gentiles, taking the Gospel message to all parts of the world.

What an amazing change came upon these two men!

Peter had been foremost amongst the small group of disciples who journeyed with the Lord Jesus throughout the Holy Land. But he was very impetuous. He would rush into a situation without really considering what should be done. It was Peter who tried to walk upon water, not realizing that he lacked faith (Mat. 14:28-31). It was Peter who rebuked Jesus when he tried to explain that he must be crucified in Jerusalem (Mat. 16:23). Even at the hour of the Lord's greatest need, Peter allowed his misunderstanding and disappointment at the crucifixion of Christ to blind his eyes to the fulfilment of prophecy, and "forsook Jesus and fled."

But throughout the years of his ministry, Jesus tried to instruct Peter that it was necessary to change his life and be moulded into the way that God would have him to act. His natural impetuosity had to be replaced by a consideration for others. He had to develop a wisdom that would temper the other characteristics of his nature. In his later life, Peter realized this. The immortalized Lord appeared to him and convinced him of the facts of his resurrection. Peter's mind was opened to the scriptures as it had never been opened before! He became a changed man because at last he understood the purpose of God in Christ. And when he spoke to the people concerning Christ, they observed his conviction and wisdom: **"they perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men (having heard the teaching of Peter and John and seen their 'boldness') and marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus"** (Acts. 4:13).

Paul, or Saul as he was first called, was a very determined man. He was dedicated to the destruction of the Christian religion, because he sincerely believed that it was wrong. He followed the code of Judaism, and threw all his energies into promoting its cause. But one day, on the road to Damascus, his will to destroy the Christians was in turn "destroyed" by Jesus Christ who appeared unto him. He changed his life very dramatically. This brought many problems to Paul, but being a man of determination, he eventually overcame them, and the record of his life remains a wonderful example for us to follow.

Both Peter and Paul were great men, and will again be such in the Kingdom of God. As we learn of their lives, and note the way they changed their ways to conform to divine principles, we can be encouraged to similarly act in our times. This is why Luke recorded the Acts of the Apostles, and why God has preserved his words for our reading.

May we be helped in our studies to "follow" these men as they lead us to Christ (1 Cor. 11:1).

Your friend,

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*The Editor*

"Teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom". — Psalms.

## TO POETS

We have received a number of poems, but many have been copied from other writers (perhaps with a little alteration). However, poems for publication must be original.

### WALKING IN THE LIGHT

Let us try to understand,  
And keep our God's command,  
To read our Bible everyday,  
Then we will surely know God's way.

We can speak to God in prayer,  
And tell Him all we care,  
Then we should try hard to please all,  
And serve our God e'en though we're small!

- Mary Ansell (Launceston) 5 marks.

### TRUE WISDOM

Don't be wise in our own eyes,  
For everything cometh of God.  
So happy we shall always be  
When in His Word we clearly see  
The way of wisdom to be trod!

- Meredith Grainger (Enfield) 5 marks

### GOD'S MERCY

For thy loving kindness, Lord,  
We learn Thy truth from Thy record;  
And as Thy goodness is so great  
We wish we would not steal and hate!  
So when our weak minds start to tempt,

To Thee we will come and repent.

- Donald Smith (Perth) 5 marks

## THE WISDOM OF THE HONEY BEE

**"Go to the bee and learn how diligent she is; how earnestly she is engaged in her work; whose labors kings and private men use for health, and she is desired and respected by all; although weak in body, she is ADVANCED BY HONORING WISDOM" (Prov. 6:8).**

People think that it is fashionable to believe in evolution, and stupid to believe in the Bible! In the books of "learning," and of education, the principles of evolution are propound-

ed, and yet the facts of the Bible are overlooked. But evolution has no satisfying answer to many of the wonderful things of nature, and because of this, the Godless teaching demonstrates its weakness.

Consider the wonderful little honey bee. Though small and insignificant, it is a mighty witness to the glory and creative power of Almighty God.

The bee-family is composed of many members, but they all work together for the common good.

There is the **Queen-bee**. Her only function is to lay eggs, thus providing for posterity. She does not feed the young, collect pollen, or take any part in the building of wax cells, simply because God has not designed her to do these other things. She is made for one purpose, and will never "evolve" into something else!

Then there are the **Drones**. They are the male bees! They, too, have only one function, and that is to mate with the Queen, thus assuring the continuing of the species. If they neglected this, and decided to take up other work, what a confusion in the hive there would be!

Finally, there are **Workers**. They are the laborers in the bee-hive. They do all the activities: feeding the larvae, guarding the hive, gathering the nectar and pollen from flowers, making honey, producing bees-bread and wax, building cells of the honeycomb, cooling or heating the hive according to season, feeding the Queen and workers by mouth, and manufacturing the three different kinds of cells for breeding the three kinds of bees.

What a great example they are to us. Each one intent upon their particular duties, not interfering with the other, but working for the good of the community. Yet the little bee has not the brain capacity to work out the organisation seen in every hive. It is certainly not evolution ("blind chance") which has provided it. It is Yahweh, the Great Creator, Who formed these little creatures, and constructed them in His wisdom, placing within them the instincts which reveal His glory.

- Jenny Newton (Perth), 10 marks.

# THE MIRACLES OF CREATION

**"Lift up your eyes on high and behold Who hath created these things"  
(Isa. 40:26).**

## The Miracle of The Sun

Did you realise that the gentle glow that we call "sunshine" comes from a spitting, roaring, giant fire-ball around which our Solar System is arranged? The cheerful warmth that we welcome on a cold day comes from the sun's surface with a temperature of a staggering **fifteen million degrees!**

You may have seen photographs of the sun with its tongues of flame leaping out into space. These flares quite bely their size. Most of them stretch 6,000 miles from the surface, and some have even been measured looping 100,000 miles into space!

And if these amazing facts concerning the wonderful creation were not astounding enough, just remember that another sun, the star **Antares**, is believed to be 36 million times bigger than our sun!

The light rays coming from the sun have always been a mystery to man. Scientists today do not clearly understand just what light is. This is in itself a remarkable testimony to the power of God, for Gen. 1:3 states:

**"And God said, Let there be light, and there was light."**

The fact that light can travel 93 million miles from the sun to the earth at 186,280 miles per second, and arrive in a perfect state (not too hot to burn the earth, nor too cold to freeze it), it is an incomprehensible **miracle**. It absolutely defies the faulty theories of the evolutionists.

Consider this: how marvelously God has arranged the **perfect temperature range** of the sun's heat.

For example, if a pinhead of the sun's material was held up in a field, it would give off enough heat to kill everyone within 100 miles! And yet,

through the placing of the sun and earth in space, the sun's heat reaches the earth in exactly the right proportions.

## The Colour That Makes Light

White light is composed of seven basic colours: red, orange yellow, green, blue, indigo and violet. Each of these colours is, in itself, a miracle, and is transmitted along light waves, so that the beholder can "see" the colour of an object. But the speeds of light waves are fantastic. Were you aware that red colour is composed of light waves oscillating at the incredible speed of 385 thousand billion cycles per second? Blue light oscillates at 410 thousand billion cycles per second. It is enough to make the head reel! But, of course, we are discussing the wonderful power of Almighty God, and the fact that His works are so superior to man's wisdom. Therefore we should always "lift up our eyes on high and behold who hath created these things" (Isa. 40:26).

Another amazing fact emerges when we consider the way different creatures utilize the variations in the oscillating speed of light, to camouflage themselves. Take the **zebra** for example. This interesting fellow has been given the ability to produce a coat that **DEPENDS** on **CONSISTENT** stripes of black/white colour — yet these two "colours" are on opposite ends of the light-scale and must be absolutely consistent in their alternation on the skin of the zebra. How could the animal possibly determine that a certain skin pigment absorbs all light (black) and another reflects all light (white)? It would then have the impossible problem of instructing his little body (genes) to produce them in an alternating sequence **EVERY TIME**, for otherwise he would quickly become first course on a lion's dinner!! Could

the zebra do this by evolution? Ridiculous!

### How the Earth is Just Right

The mass and size of our earth is exactly right.

If it were 9,500 miles in diameter instead of its present 8,000, an immediate effect would be to DOUBLE the weight of the air. With twice as much oxygen, the amount of water would be greatly increased — so much so, that the entire surface of the planet would be covered with water.

But what if the earth was a little lighter? The gravitation would be less, and the lighter gases would escape into the atmosphere. Heavy CO<sub>2</sub> would be left, and all life would suffocate.

In fact, if the earth was plus or minus 10% of its present size, then

no life would be possible. The placing of our planet in space is a miracle.

The moon and tides are just right. If the moon was half as far away, or twice its diameter, great tides would wreck all the major cities of the earth. If the moon was smaller than at present, then the oceans would stagnate.

This brings us to an interesting question: Why do waves break upon the sea shore? Perhaps we have taken this too much for granted, also! But it involves another wonderful miracle. See if you can find the answer to that question before the next issue. Also see if you can find out why the average distance between waves in all parts of the world is 50 yards. In fact the distance HAS to be no more or less!! Why?

Answers in our next article (God willing).

- Bro. Shane Kingsbury.

Have you read any good books lately? Good books are those that can help you along the pathway of life, and lead you to the Best Book of all — The Bible. Here are some books we recommend, and they can be purchased by writing to Good Company, P.O. West Beach, S.A. 5024 (please add postage to prices quoted)



● **Bible Story Atlas** — An inexpensive Atlas with over 80 interesting maps and diagrams. This atlas will be helpful in the Project Competition, and is available from the Association at 85c plus postage.

● **The Bible Today, and You** — An interesting book by H. W. Hathaway describing many unusual features about the Bible; how it was produced; its history; and its message. Available at 85c plus post.

● **Dr. Thomas; His Life and Works** — The story of how the Christadelphian community commenced. Drama, interest and variety are all contained in this book. Priced at \$1.90 plus post.

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## From our MAILBAG



### WELCOME TO BRISTOL

"We would be delighted to receive **Good Company** for our Sunday School and are sure that it will be of benefit to the scholars" (Bro. C. Fox, Supt., England)

(We welcome your scholars to our widening circle of readers, and look forward to hearing from England very soon! - Ed.)

### NEARLY EVERY SCHOLAR!

"All of our school sat for exams, except one small boy who can't speak English very well. This year, our school is one year old, and we are having our own prizegiving for the first time. We will have to think of some items, and being such a small school it may be a bit hard to make a programme" - **Sharon John** (Mt. Hawthorn, W.A.).

### NOTES THE READINGS

"When we do our readings from the Bible I make some notes and write them in a book. I find this helps me to remember what I have read, and especially my Sunday school lessons. It was in this way that I really came to understand the parable of the Sower. We must try hard to be like the good ground, to understand and obey God's word" - **Philip Niejalke** (8yrs, Launceston Tas.).

### EAGER FOR MAGAZINE

"Thank you for issue No. 11. I was anxiously waiting for it. The quizzes were very interesting, but we had trouble finding a Bible lake, and the name of Aaron's wife, but fortunately we found them both! I was really pleased to receive those marks for issue 10. I don't have to get many more points now, do I? I only need an extra 24 to reach 100! Unfortunately I have not been too well lately. First, I had tonsillitis, and then I caught a germ and could not go to

school - I was able to attend Sunday School and the Meeting, though. I am much better now, and back at school again. I have been able to get a photograph of our Sunday School, and thought you might like to see it." - **Yvonne Brewer** (14 yrs., Coburg Vic.).

(Lovely to hear from you Yvonne, and to learn that you are much better in health. We could not get the photo in this Supplement, but will reserve space in the next - Ed.)

### IN ISOLATION

"My family and I live on a farm near Grass Valley, 70 miles from the nearest Christadelphians at Perth. Not being able to join in young people's activities very often we enjoy reading **Good Company**, and find it very encouraging. It brings us into closer contact with others from all parts of Australia, and being able to enter the competitions and write to you is a source of joy and an incentive to work harder" - **Jonathan Carter** (Grass Valley, W.A.).

### FLYING KITES AT OUTING

"Our last Sunday School outing included kite-flying by our four teams. Each team had to make three kites, then we all went to a park to try them out. The kite made by the team of John soared like an eagle into the skies. After much fun, we returned to the hall, when an enjoyable tea and evening was conducted" - **Sharon Mansfield**, (11 yrs., Woodville, S.A.).

### OTHER LETTERS RECEIVED

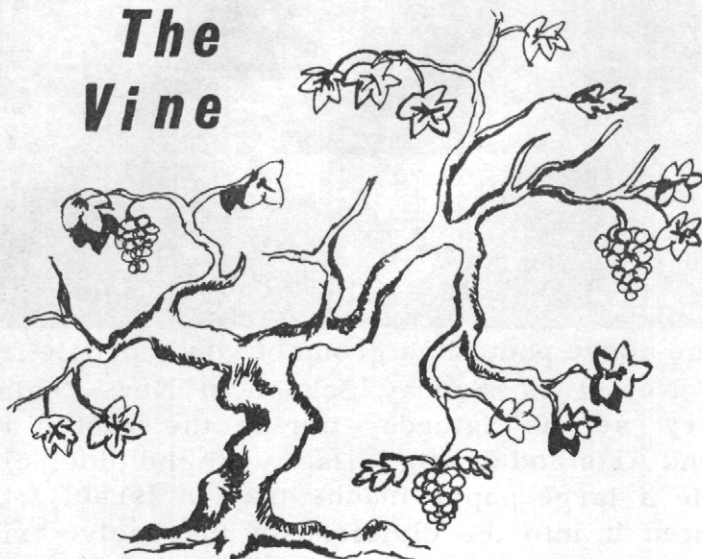
All letters earn their writers one point. In addition, they greatly help and encourage the Editor, who delights to hear from his readers whether young or older. We look forward to hearing from YOU this month. Meanwhile, letters are acknowledged from the following: Kathryn John (Mt. Hawthorn), Helen Papowski (Enfield), Valerie Johnson (Coorparoo), Philip Niejalke (L'ton), Dean Kitto and Benita Kitto (L'ton), Renay Van der Meulen (Perth), Leonie Darke (Granville), Susan Stempel and Judy Stempel (Mt. Hawthorn), Margaret Richards (Adamstown), Merrill Dawson (Coorparoo), Julianne King (Woodville), Paul Mansfield (Woodville), Gary Nell (Sth. Africa), Wendy King (Woodville).



# PICTORIAL SUPPLEMENT

Nov/Dec, 1971

## *The Vine*



In this sketch by Anthony King (Mt. Hawthorn, WA) is depicted the VINE — a figure often used by Jesus to illustrate his teachings. In fact, the Vine is one of the titles of Christ, and concerning this you will read further details in this issue. Notice particularly the knotty formation of the tree, the large root structure, and the production of fruit — the only real value of the Vine! Why not copy Anthony's sketch into the margin of your Bible to illustrate the sayings of the Master?



In the above photo is a group of young people from the New Lynn Sunday School in New Zealand. Every second Saturday during the winter they attend Arts and Crafts - last year the older class made a large paper-mache map of Israel, then painted it into the divisions of the twelve tribes. The photo was kindly sent by Ruth Shekell (10 mks).

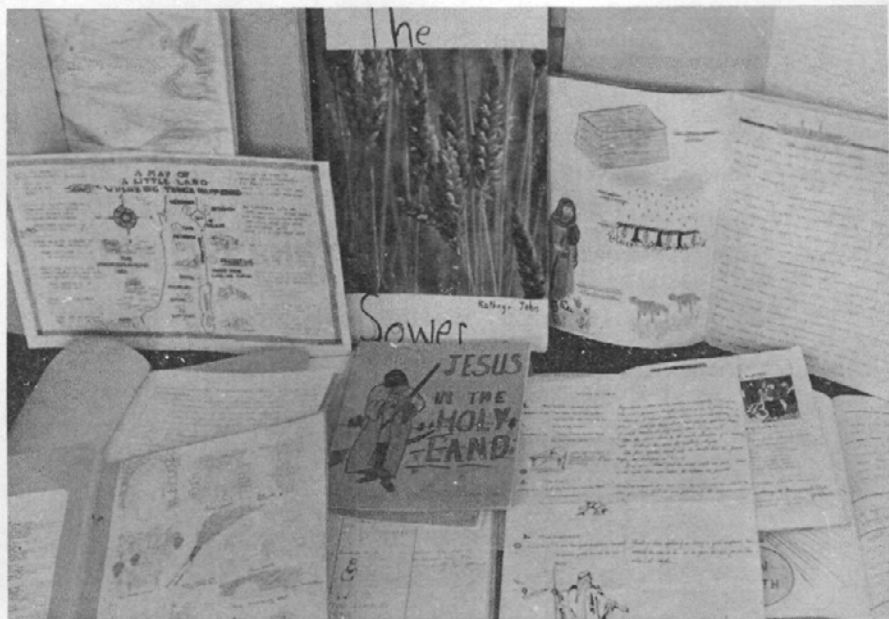


## Good Company - Pictorial Supplement

The campers (below) come from Bossley Pk (NSW), and appear to be greatly enjoying themselves. The sender (Gregory Pogson: 10 mks) identifies the group as follows (left back to right): 'Uncle Peter Hudson, Allan Baird, Uncle Ted Baird, Uncle Ole Shatcot (isolation), Auntie Jean Baird, Rosslyn Bredrick, Maurice Pogson, Mark Hudson, Lance Hudson, Auntie Noela and Paul Bredrick (isolation), David Baird, Gregory Pogson and Gilbert Pogson. The dog's name is Honey, and the cat's name is Jacky; Dad took the photo!'



AT LEFT: The Mt. Hawthorn (WA) School is shown displaying the projects they prepared during the visit of the Editor last June. A close-up of some of these projects is produced on our next page illustrating the excellent work of the scholars.



Above: Some of the Mt. Hawthorn projects.  
Below: A scene from the Woodville (SA) Sunday School presenting an item during the visit of Bro. Paul Cresswell (Aug. 1971) at a "family evening."



Next issue (God willing): Photos from the East!

# THE TITLES OF CHRIST

## 3. CHRIST, THE TRUE VINE

**"I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing" (John 15:5).**

There were many vineyards in Palestine, through which the Lord Jesus and his disciples walked. He had often used the vine and the grapes in his discourses and parables (Lk. 13:6-9; Mat. 20:1-6; 9:17; 21: 28-33), because the lessons to be learnt from this plant were very important.

In the illustration on the first page of our Pictorial Supplement (drawn by **Anthony King**, of Mt. Hawthorn, W.A.) you will notice the twisting trunk and branches, the rugged root-structure, and the clusters of grapes upon the tree. Because of the formation of the vine, it was useful for only one purpose: that of producing fruit. It was no good for furniture, for its wood was knotty and twisted. It was useless for building, for it lacked the strength to hold up heavy rafters and structure work. Its purpose, therefore, was to bear fruit — and if it did not do this, then it was useful only for burning in a fire!

Israel was termed the "vine" of God which he had obtained from Egypt (Psa. 80:8). But it failed to produce that which God expected of it: fruit to His glory. Therefore He permitted it to be destroyed (v. 16; Jer. 2:21). However, the Psalmist prophesied of a "strengthened vine" which God would plant, and which would bring forth the fruit of righteousness and faith in which He delighted (Psa. 80:17).

When Jesus appeared He declared himself as the manifestation of the promised vine:

**"I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman" (John 15:1).**

As vines require constant care to keep them productive, so Jesus allowed the Divine guidance to mould his life and through this means was able to reveal the "works of

God" (John 10:25) in all that he did and said. As the vineyards were pruned every spring, and the ground was ploughed and kept free of weeds, so Jesus underwent trial and testing, and by the strength of God that permitted him to overcome, he kept his life free from sin and evil. As a result, he was the Vine that pleased his Father, and produced the "fruits of the spirit" (Gal. 5:22-23).

In John 15, Jesus gave a wonderful exposition of himself as the TRUE VINE. He spoke of how his Father was "glorified" by the "bearing of much fruit," and that as he had done this, so those who are associated with him are given the ability to also produce fruit:

**"Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me" (v. 4).**

If we do not reflect the characteristics of the Jesus-vine, then the husbandman who tends the Vineyard (God himself - see v. 1), will come and prune the Vine, taking away for destruction that which is spiritually dead, which produces no fruit (v. 2).

Thus, when Jesus speaks of himself as the Vine, he is teaching the following principles:

1. He has been planted, cultivated, strengthened and pruned by God.
2. He reveals the fruit that is pleasing to the Father, in his acts of goodness and truth.
3. He will give strength and encouragement to those who are styled "the branches," and provide them with the nourishment necessary to produce good fruit."
4. To do so, the "branches" must be joined to the vine, and they must be productive — other-

wise they will be cut off and destroyed.

There are many other lessons associated with this wonderful figure, which we must leave for another time.

Next issue, we intend to outline the principles in the title: **CHRIST, THE SHEPHERD**. The Editor hopes that many readers will submit short articles for publication on this theme.

## HOW THEY READ THE BIBLE!

One of the most prominent of the early translators of the Bible was King Alfred the Great. It is said that it was his desire "that all the free-born youth of his kingdom should employ themselves on nothing till they could first read well the English Scripture." In his time, the **Lord's Prayer** looked like this:

UREN FADER DHIS ART IN  
HEOFNAS,  
SIC GEHALGED DHIN NOMA,  
TO CYMEDH DHIN RIC,  
SIC DHIN UILLA SUE IS IN  
HEOFNAS AND IN EARDHO,  
VREN HLAF OFER UUIR THE SEL  
VS TO DAEG,  
AND FORGEF US SCYLDA URNA,  
SUE UUE FORGEEAN SCULDGUN  
VRUM,  
AND NO INLEADH VRIDK IN  
COSTNUNG AL GEFRIG VRICH  
FROM IFLE.

The final doxology, "For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever, Amen" does not appear, as is the case in many ancient versions.

We are always pleased to receive reports from teachers or readers concerning Sunday School activities. Please write soon!

## LIGHT IN DARKNESS

The seven-branched lampstand, which stood in the darkness of the Holy Place of the Tabernacle, symbolized the Word of God, revealed in Jesus Christ.

He was the "light of the world," that appeared in the midst of Israel, to show them the way towards Divine Worship.

But the lampstand also represented those, like Jesus, who show forth Yahweh's glory "in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation."

The Lampstand was lit daily by the priest when he entered the Tabernacle to burn incense. The fuel used was Olive Oil, which was provided by all the people, and had to be laboriously beaten out of the olives.

In all this, the people were taught the means by which God would approve them. As the lampstand was lit daily, so they were taught the need to have daily contact with the priest, and so provide the continuous light in the surrounding darkness. But without fuel, such a light was impossible. So fuel must be obtained. The fuel is found in the Word of Truth, and its application in our lives. As the olives were crushed to provide the oil, so by trial and affliction, we will manifest that which is pleasing to God, and able to light the Word of Truth within us. This will then be revealed to those about us, so that we "shine forth as lights in the world."

This is so very necessary in these days, which are developing into a period when "darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people" (Isa. 60:2). But the time is coming when "the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light..." (v. 3). May this day of coming glory see each one of us as true lampstands in our various centres.

- Adele Ullman (Perth), 10 marks.

## PEN-PALS WANTED

This appeal is directed to our overseas readers! We have a long list of young people throughout Australia who would like to write to an overseas correspondent - particularly from England, America, or South Africa. International corresponding is exciting and interesting, and we would like to hear from readers who will participate in this.

Two young people in South Africa who would like to correspond are:

- Gary Nell, 5 Carter Rd., Vincent, E. London, Sth. Africa (Pen-friend about 11-12 yrs.), ● Elise Thorvaldsen, 4 Cavendish Rd., Vincent, East London, Sth. Africa (pen-friend about 8 yrs.).

## Sunday School ACTIVITIES

**CAMPSIE, NSW (Supt. Bro. J. Mansfield, Sect.: Sis. M. Littler)**

Readers are welcome to attend the following functions: **Nov. 13** - Outing to Galston Picnic Grounds, evening at Superintendent's home. **Nov. 21** - Leaflet distribution. **Nov. 27** - Young peoples class. **Dec. 16** - Prizegiving evening.

**MT. HAWTHORN (Supt. Bro. D. Stempel, Sect: Sis. D. John)**

On Sat. Sept. 18, our regular "family night" was held and both parents and scholars enjoyed a talk on the life of Isaac by Bro. Stempel. The evening was supplemented by singing items. We have just completed our first examination as an independent School, and are looking forward to learning the results gained! We now commence a new year of service in our Sunday School. We are sorry to lose by transfer **Adrian Maycock** who is attending Perth Central School, where his parents are members. Our outing on Sept. 29 was a great success. A group of young

people from Perth Central and Mt. Hawthorn schools met at Bro. Stempel's home for the daily readings and a vigorous game of baseball on the nearby beach. This was followed by a barbecue tea — and a very enjoyable occasion was experienced.

- C. P.

**PERTH CENTRAL (Supt. Bro. D. Hurn, Sect: Sis. F. Hurn)**

We are delighted to report two further baptisms among the senior scholars, and congratulate **Patricia Bain** (18th Aug.) and **Colin Evans** (27th Aug.). - C. P.

## A CROSSWORD NEXT ISSUE

Gregory Pogson (Bossley Pk.) has designed a very interesting crossword puzzle which we hope to include in our next issue (God willing). Be sure to watch for this feature!

## MEET MT. HAWTHORN!

On September 25 & 26 the Mt. Hawthorn Sunday School exams were conducted. As usual, the kindies had a rather bewildering time, but most were fairly happy with their papers. We have now entered our second Sunday School year, and the scholars have increased considerably in number from when we first started our own Sunday School with a few teachers and a handful of pupils. We now have 2 kindergarten classes, 4 older children's classes, and our adults' study class. The hall, as you know, is rather echo-y, and anyone sitting in the middle of the hall listening to the general babble would gain a most strange impression of the studies. We have done some re-arranging to try and avoid this confusion. Our strongest-voiced teacher, Bro. A. Harrison, has been banished to the store-room with his class, and the most wildly enthusiastic teacher, Bro. J. Milverton, now conducts his class in a VW Kombi van outside the hall to reduce the

hazards further. The kindergarten classes are held in the kitchen behind a closed door - no-one really knows what they do in there. My small sister Esther informs me, however, that Auntie Beth Hodges is a good teacher, and re-tells her lessons afterwards with great gusto, so whatever they do must work.

Still, in spite of these efforts strange noises are often heard coming from other classes. Yesterday, for instance, the senior class heard a great SSSSHHHH!!!ing noise from the other side of the hall. Startled, I glanced over and saw Sis. Joy Moore waving her arms around, and generally behaving in a most drastic manner. We dared not interrupt this fascinating display, but later found out that she was trying to illustrate a great rushing wind.

On Monday 11th October the "middle-aged" CYC members (i.e. ages approx. 13-22) held a hike, it being a public holiday. It was originally scheduled to be a tough, early-morning effort, starting at 9.00 a.m. sharp, from the Central ecclesial hall. Somehow the starting time was stretched until it was decided that 11 a.m. was quite bad enough for a holiday to be out of bed, and finally the early-birds got semi-organised and we drove up to Mundaring Weir, which is up in the Darling scarp, and mainly bush. We had lunch beside the weir, and set off bravely into the bush. Someone casually wondered whether any snakes would be about, and the morale of the female members was reduced somewhat when some knowledgeable person informed us that this was just perfect weather for them. We didn't see any, fortunately, but it perhaps is a point worth mentioning that such hikes are usually held in warm spring-type weather when snakes could be about, and how few of us think that it may be an idea to take a first aid kit. And not just to take one and leave in the cars but to carry it on the actual hike. It may sound over-cautious and perhaps even humourous to some, but it is a good idea; especially as many young ones wear open shoes and sandals. Of

course, it is not just snakes, but anything that can happen. One thoughtful sister on this occasion DID carry such a kit with her, and it was used at least 3 times for splinters, scratches and cuts on the way. Getting back to the hike, the weather was glorious, and particularly as the wildflowers were starting to come out, this walk through God's creation was a real pleasure. We did the readings when we came back, and after some fairly lively discussion around them, we had tea, which was of course a barbecue. The day was very much enjoyed by all, and most of us were home between 6.30 p.m. and 7.30 p.m.

Our Joshua class was held on October 3, which was very good, as usual. Instead of hymn-singing afterwards, we travelled to the halls, and did pamphlet-folding. The pamphlets were distributed the next Thursday, and were to advertise 7 Special Lectures. We have held two so far. Yesterday's was "20th Century Religion Lacks First Century Truth," and the same lecture was held in the two halls. Central's was given by Bro. Tony Newton and Hawthorn's by Bro. Ron Burke. There were no interested friends at Hawthorn, which was disappointing of course. We had expected one contact to turn up, but the Brother and Sister who went to pick her up to bring her to the Hall were told that she wasn't coming after all, and were presented with a pot of Marmalade Jam instead! !

They were somewhat nonplussed, I think.

More news next issue . . .

- Journalist Sue Burke, (W.A.)

## ONE HUNDRED MARKS

Quite a number of readers reached 100 marks in their **Good Company Certificates** this month. To each one we extend our congratulations, and have forwarded their special award: An inscribed volume of **GUIDE-BOOK TO THE GOSPELS**. This lovely volume outlines many interesting facts concerning the Lord Jesus.



Christ, his ministry and his associates, and both young and old will find it very helpful.

The following forwarded their certificates to attain the award: **David Burney**, (Enfield), **Bruce Gurd** (Cumberland), **Barry Burney** (Enfield)

**Valerie Johnson** (Cooparoo), **Helen Papowski** (Enfield), **Janelle Dawson** (Cooparoo).

We hope all these diligent readers, with all other young people, will strive for their next special "100-Award."

## Competitions & Quizzes ?

### SOME MISSED OUT!

I suppose it was because of the Sunday School examinations; that some of my regular contributors to the Competition did not get their entry in for the last issue. I was a little disappointed, of course! However, I am sure that many more readers will be able to work on their entries over the summer holiday period, and I hope to receive a huge bundle of mail!

### WELCOME TO "AUNTIE ROSEMARY"

As *Good Company* is being widely circulated throughout the Sunday Schools in SOUTH AFRICA, it has been necessary to appoint someone in charge of the magazine in that country. **Sister Rosemary Michell** has agreed to assist, and will attend to the needs of all our readers in Sth. Africa. Her address appears on the back page of this issue, and I hope that all our readers in Sth. Africa will write to "Auntie Rosemary" this month.

*Auntie Judy*

#### COMPETITION ENTRIES FROM OVERSEAS FOR ISSUE No. 11

**SOUTH AFRICA**—From East London: Beverley Goldhill. From Port Elizabeth: Stephen Westraadt, Raymond Westraadt. From Port Shepstone: Bronwyn Kaiser, Gwenneth Kaiser and Melanie Kaiser.

#### COMPETITION ENTRIES RECEIVED FOR ISSUE No. 12

**NEW ZEALAND**—Lynsey Marsden (Timaru). **SOUTH AUSTRALIA**—From Enfield: Rosemary Clothier, Helen Papowski, Judith Clothier, Ruth Horgan, Lynette Horgan, Judith Horgan, Margaret Horgan, Coralie Martin, Shirley Martin, Beverley Martin, Valerie Martin, Barry Burney, Joel Burney, David Burney, Richard Cheek, Elizabeth Cheek. From Woodville: Wendy King, Sharon Mansfield, David Goodwin, Suzanne Goodwin, Gabriella Mednyanszky, Brigetta Mednyanszky, Julianne King, Paul Mansfield. **QUEENSLAND**—From Cooparoo: Valerie Johnson, Merril Dawson, Greg Hagen, Helen Hagen, Janelle Dawson. **TASMANIA**—From Hobart: Paul Yeomans, Alison Harrington, Timothy Harrington. From Launceston: Philip Niejalke, Dean Kitto, Benita Kitto. **VICTORIA**—From Coburg: Christine Mansfield, Yvonne Brewer. From Ringwood: Heather Lawson. **WESTERN AUSTRALIA**—From Mt. Hawthorn: Kathryn John, Carmel John, Sharon John. From Perth Central: Faye Haustorter, Renay Van der Meulen, Adrian Maycock, Veronica Van der Meulen, Adele Ullman, Julie Ullman, Richard Ullman. From Isolation: Jonathan Carder. **NEW SOUTH WALES**—From Adamstown: Margaret Richards. From Ballina: Ian Roulstone. From Bossley Park: Gregory Pogson. From Campsie: James Mansfield, Tim Mansfield. From Granville: Leonne Darke. From Yagoona: Robyn McKinlay, S. Pogson, Debbie Pogson, Daniel Pogson.

#### ANSWERS TO COMPETITION No. 12

**WHO AM I?**—(1) Jephthah; cp. Jud. 11:32-34; 12:7. (2) Gideon; cp. Jud. 7:13-21. (3) Samson; cp. Jud. 14:9; 16:29-30. (4) Boaz; cp. Ruth 4:17-22; 4:10; 1:22; 2:4. (5) Peter; cp. Mat. 16:23, 18. (6) Philadelphian Ecclesia; cp. Rev. 3:10-12.

**SKELETON PASSAGE**—"But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived!" (2 Timothy 3:13).

**DOUBLE ACROSTIC**—(1) Gennesaret; Mk. 6:53. (2) Echo. (3) Shearjashub; Isa. 7:3. (4) Hushai; 2 Sam. 17:14. (5) Elishaba; Exod. 6:23. (6) Milcah; Gen. 22:20-23. The initial letters spell GESHEM, and the final letters spell TOBIAH, two of Nehemiah's enemies (Neh. 6:1).

**HIDDEN PASSAGE**—"Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good" (Rom. 12:9).

# SOLVE THESE PUZZLES

## COMPETITION No. 12

Send your entry (however many are answered) with your Name, Sunday School and age (on first page) to: Mrs. Judith Jeffress, Good Company, P.O., West Beach, S.A. 5024 — before DECEMBER 10th.

Readers in South Africa may post their entries to: Mrs. Rosemary Michell, 8 Scott Rd., Pinetown Natal. — before JANUARY 25th.

### WHO AM I? (3 marks for correct answer)

- My first is in apple, it is also in pear,
- My second in beaver, and also in bear,
- My third is in raven, and also in rook,
- My fourth is in paper, but is not in book,
- My fifth is in harness, it's also in horse,
- My sixth is in beautiful, also in coarse,
- My last is in music, not in "Pipes of Pan!"
- My whole is a great and very good man.

### ACROSTIC (1 mark each correct answer)

The initial letters of the answers give one of the things which Paul exhorted Timothy to reveal. An additional mark for the verse containing Paul's advice.

1. One of the things Jesus told the 70 disciples not to carry.
2. One of David's sons.
3. Jesus Christ is to inherit this.
4. A metal mentioned by a prophet.
5. One of Israel's priests.
6. Whom we are commanded to love.
7. A town where Jesus dwelt by the sea of Galilee.
8. Where the wise came from to worship Jesus.

### NAME THE INCIDENT (5 marks for correct answer)

A man is seated under a tree in a solitary place partaking of food, and then lying down to rest. (Who was he? What was the tree? Where was he?)

### ARITHMOGRAPH (5 marks for correct answer)

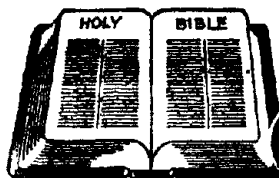
A word of ten letters being the name of a Macedonian city through which Paul passed. To help you, the answers to the following questions provide the numbered letters in the name:

- 8, 1, 2, 6, - God's word is likened to this.
- 1, 2, 7, 10, - One of the minor prophets.
- 10, 4, 5, 3, - James and John left this when Jesus called them.
- 3, 1, 8, 2, - A tree.
- 4, 9, 6, - Part of the body.

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## THE GOSPEL NET

One of the last miracles performed by the Lord Jesus was the amazing catch of fish on the sea of Galilee (John 21). By the power of God, a "multitude of fishes" were drawn into the net of the disciples. In this incident Jesus gave a "sign" of a fulfilment of his previous prophecy, that "the gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations" (Mat. 24:14). In the Acts of the Apostles, this prophecy and practical sign became a reality. Through Philip, Peter, Paul and others, the Gospel Net was thrown into the sea of humanity, to draw out therefrom a "multitude" of followers, attracted by the works and words of the apostles.

Even the three sections of mankind, descendants of the three sons of Noah, were affected.

In Acts ch. 8, Philip outlined the Gospel message to an Ethiopian man, who had come to Jerusalem for worship. He was of the dark races, and therefore a descendant of Ham, a son of Noah. Understanding the plan and purpose of God through the work of Jesus Christ, he submitted to baptism, and entered into the community of the believers.

In the next chapter, the dramatic conversion of Saul the persecutor is described. He later became known as the Apostle Paul, and was Christ's "chosen vessel" to bear his name before Gentiles, kings, and children of Israel. Paul was a "Hebrew of the Hebrews", as he later reminded the Philippians (ch. 3:5), and as such, was a descendant of Shem, the youngest son of Noah.

When we turn to yet the next chapter in Acts (ch.10), we read of Peter's visit to Cornelius in Roman Caesarea, to bring to him the Gospel message. Cornelius was not a Jew, but of "another nation" (v.28), and therefore of the descendants of Japheth, the eldest son of Noah.

So, in these three incidents, recorded in three consecutive chapters of Acts, the powerful influence of the Gospel was taken far and wide, effecting some of each of the races of mankind. However, these incidents are only a token of the greater transformation of the future, when every individual will learn of the Divine ways and receive the blessings of infallible rule — when the Lord Jesus himself assumes the control of the earth.

Meanwhile, let us prepare ourselves for this grand occasion, by following the wise course of action illustrated by the dark Ethiopian, the Hebrew Saul, and the Gentile Cornelius.

Your friend,

*The Editor*

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### THE LAME MAN

The lame man at the Beautiful Gate,  
Was asking for alms and loudly  
he spake,  
We told him stop asking for wordly  
possessions,  
"And turn to God; He'll forgive  
your transgressions.  
We had no silver nor gold; not we,  
But such as we had we'd give unto  
thee."  
He believed on Jesus about whom we  
did talk,  
And then he got up and started to  
walk,  
The people around were amazed at  
this sight  
And listened intently with all their  
might.  
Some believed us and were baptised,  
But others thought we were telling  
lies.  
The lame man, for the first time in  
his life.  
Went into the Temple and did  
what was right;  
He prayed to God that at one day,  
God's kingdom should soon be on  
display.

— *Lynette Mansfield, Campsie*  
(10 marks)

### DAILY DESIRE

Each morning as I wake from sleep,  
I pray to God above —  
To help me be  
The child that He  
Can cherish and can love.

— *RAYMOND WESTRAADT,*  
Pt. Elizabeth, S. Africa (5 mks.).

### GOOD COMPANY 100 AWARDS

Congratulations to the following readers who have attained 100 marks in the Competitions. To each a specially inscribed volume and personal letter will be presented.

Greg Hagen (Coorparoo), Helen Hagen (Coorparoo), Julie Ullman (Perth), Gregory Pogson (Cabratta), Dean Kitto (Launceston), Margaret Richards (Adamstown), Brett Arnold (Enfield), Sharon Mansfield (Woodville).

The Editor hopes you will enjoy the Award, and now work for your Second Presentation.

### APPRECIATED AWARDS

Recent prize-winners have written:  
"Thank you for the book, Guide-Book To The Gospels. It will prove very useful in my study of the four Gospels. I enjoy reading the magazine and doing the puzzles, and intend to continue to do so." — *Sis. Janelle Dawson* (Coorparoo).

"Thank you for sending me the book prize. Since then I have obtained a wide-margin Bible, and have commenced some marking from the book" — *Valerie Johnson, Qld.*

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### A Remarkable Chapter

In the Revised Version of the Bible, the 19th chapter of John, which is the 1,016th chapter of the volume, is composed of 1,016 words.

# THE TITLES OF CHRIST

## THE GOOD SHEPHERD

**"I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep"**  
(John 10:11).

A shepherd in the days of the Lord, was a thoughtful, considerate, kindly person. His occupation differed greatly from that seen in the Australian outback today. Instead of roughly driving and herding the flocks with snapping dogs and cracking whips, the shepherd in Israel would carefully move his flock, personally tending to each animal as necessary, and seeking green pastures for his flock to graze. He would lead his sheep safely through rough mountainous country, watching over them by night to prevent any wild beast harming the flock.

David was one such shepherd. He learned the qualities that made him into a "good" shepherd, so that when a lion or bear attacked, he was ready to protect the sheep in his charge (1 Sam. 17:34-36).

Sometimes, when crossing a stream, the frail or foolish sheep in a flock would slip into the flowing waters and be in danger of being carried downstream. The shepherd would be ready with his staff to rescue such from destruction. And he would know each animal, calling them by name, caring for their welfare.

The Lord Jesus Christ is a shepherd, caring for the ecclesia (1 Pet. 2:25; Heb. 13:20). He reveals himself as a tender, loving overseer of our lives, with a personal interest in our spiritual well-being. As a good shepherd, he was prepared to give his life for the protection of the flock — to sacrifice himself for the benefit of others.

In the quotation above, he reminded his disciples that he would give his life for the sheep, and in ch. 6:51 he claimed that his life was given "for the world." The "world" here relates to the Jewish flock, who had the opportunity to remain within the fold of God and thus obtain His salvation. In the Age to Come, the Lord will be manifested as the

Great Shepherd (Isa. 40:11; Ezek. 37:24; 34:23), leading all mankind to the green pastures of Truth and Life, by the instruction that he will then give them.

Actually, the Lord Jesus is fulfilling the Father's character, for He is revealed in Psa. 80:1, and Psa. 23, as the Great Shepherd of Israel. In his wonderful prayer (John 17) the Lord Jesus acknowledged that he worked on behalf of God, and sought His continued blessing on the chosen flock (cp.v.15).

We, today, are part of the chosen flock if we heed the words of the shepherd:

**"Other sheep I have, which are not of this (Jewish) fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd"** (Jn. 10:16).

Unfortunately, there are false shepherds, who do not care for the flock under their control. They are spoken of in Ezek. 34; Isa. 56:11-12; Jer. 50:6 and John 10:12-13, and reveal the characteristics of selfishness, greed, covetousness, violence and cruel oppression, with no concern for the physical and especially the spiritual welfare of the flock of God. We must avoid such men.

The Apostles were constituted "under-shepherds" who tended the sheep in the absence of their Master. Peter exhorted others to labor with him by "feeding" (or shepherding) the flock of God (1 Pet. 5:2); so that when the Chief Shepherd (v. 4) appears, they will receive his approval. Today, we must be training ourselves to imitate the wonderful shepherd-like qualities of the Lord Jesus Christ, caring for others, helping them in their difficulties, consoling them in their sorrows, leading them into the paths of truth and righteousness, and so be well-pleasing in the sight of the Lord.

—Mt. Hawthorn Young People.

## From our MAILBAG



### A TWIST IN EDUCATION

"My school teacher is Irish, but he is very strict. Whenever he is supposed to give us geography, he gives us maths. Our grammar teacher is quite nice, but is also strict sometimes. We were very glad to receive No. 12 Good Company." (*Amanda Holm, Pt. Elizabeth, Sth. Africa.*)

### WITH THE LIONS

"Recently our S.S. went to the Lion Park. Before that we had to write a story on one of the following subjects: Daniel in the Lion's Den; Samson and the Lion; The Lion of the cherubim; The Lion of the tribe of Judah." Then we went to the park to see the lions (in the cars, of course!). It was interesting seeing the lions being fed with a huge piece of food. One time a lion got onto the car bonnet, but a nearby Jeep soon got it off. I have sent a photo of the lions for our readers." (*James Mansfield, Campsie, N.S.W.*) (10 marks for the photo in the Pictorial Supplement — Ed.)

### FINISHED SCHOOL!

"I was very pleased to receive Issue No. 13, and to know you are going to put the photo of our Sunday School in the next one. This year (Dec. 1971) I finish school for good, as I am going to attend a business college in the New Year. I was able to answer the competition questions, and although some were hard, they were also interesting." (*Yvonne Brewer, 14 yrs., Coburg, Vic.*)

(You will notice the photo in this issue. Yvonne. Of course, schooling doesn't finish at the end of secondary education, but continues throughout our life. The greatest school-teacher of all, is "experience" aided by the divine wisdom of the scriptures — Ed.)

### TO ATTEND AT ADAMSTOWN

"This will probably be the last time we will be sending our competitions as members of the Yagoona S.S., as we are moving to Newcastle in 1972, and will be attending the Adamstown Sunday School. One of the articles I liked best in this issue was 'The Wisdom of the Honey Bee'." (*Deborah Pogson, Yagoona, N.S.W.*)

### ENCOURAGING A FRIEND

"When my friend, Heather, asked her parents if she could go to our Sunday School, they said 'You can go to any one you want to'. The first time she attended, she wanted to do a quote and question just as we do. So now, on Monday nights she learns her quote, and on Tuesday studies the story we had, and on Wednesday she answers her questions. I am enjoying bringing her along." (*Judy Strempe, Mt. Hawthorn, W.A.*)

(We hope Heather also enjoys reading "Good Company" — Ed.)

### WOODVILLE'S OUTING

"In November, our S.S. outing was held exploring old trams and buses at the Australian Electric Transport Museum, where is displayed many relics from the first tram in Australia to the last trolley bus. I am sure the whole School enjoyed it, especially when the ice-creams were brought out! During our tea, essays were read by scholars of the past outings held, and this brought back many memories. Afterwards our night program included many color slides on the Creation of the Animal Kingdom." (*Maureen McAllister, Woodville, SA.*)

### ONE MARK TO EACH!

Whilst it is not possible to publish every letter received, we are always very encouraged to read comments from our readers — and the following are awarded 1 mark for their letters: *Greg Hagen* (Coorparoo), *Michael Edgecombe* (Enfield), *Susan Strempe* (Mt. Hawthorn), *Dean Kitto* (L'ton), *Adele Ullman* (Perth), *Philip Niejalke* (L'ton), *Bruce Cook* (Yagoona), *Carmel John* (Mt. Hawthorn), *Timothy Mansfield* (Campsie).

# PICTORIAL SUPPLEMENT

## ***Around the Sunday Schools***

Let's visit some of the Sunday Schools in three States of Australia, to meet groups of avid readers of Good Company! The first comes from RIVERWOOD Sunday School, in Sydney, N.S.W. They are pictured outside the front of their Ecclesial Hall, located in Bonds Road, Riverwood -- and would love to welcome you should you visit Sydney at any time.



Notice the happy, smiling faces! Perhaps they have just heard their excellent examination results! Congratulations to all.

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We go next to the GRANVILLE Sunday School, also in Sydney, to introduce the boys and girls of that School, who are shown with their teachers in the above illustration. The Superintendent, Bro. G. Darke, is on the right, standing on the entrance steps of the Ecclesial Hall.



Now south to the State of Victoria, and the Sunday School at Coburg, in Melbourne, where the following enthusiastic group study the Word of Truth. Photo by Yvonne Brewer (10 marks).





During the Editor's visit to Perth recently, he was privileged to meet the young people at the PERTH CENTRAL Sunday School at Canning Highway (just south of the city). This photo was taken on the morning of his visit, and shows the many members of the school in the West!



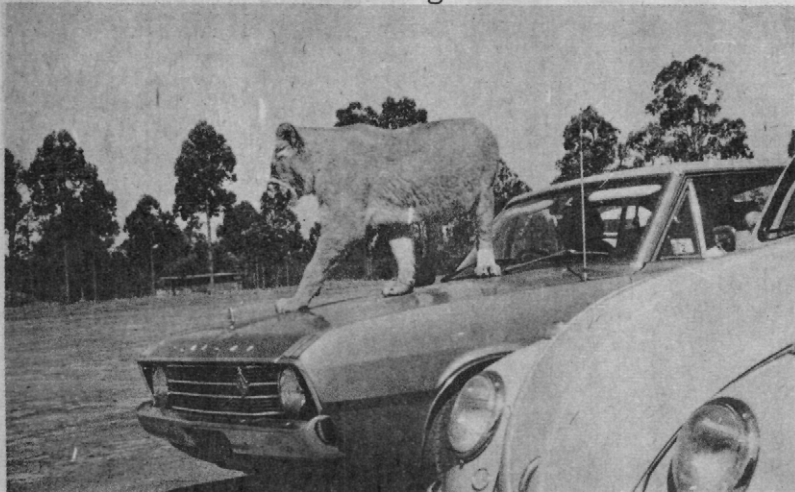
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Now back to Sydney for the garden setting of the Yagoona Ecclesial Hall with some of the Staff & scholars in front.

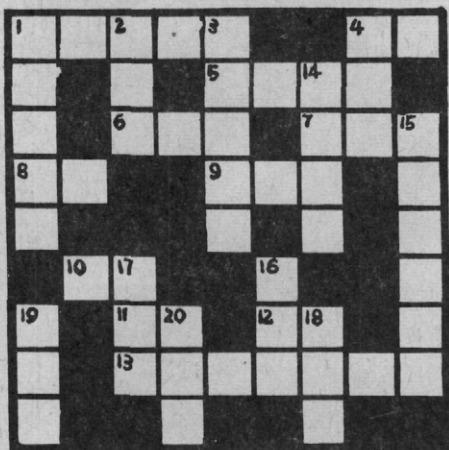
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How would you like to have a real live lion for a car mascot! This dramatic photo was taken during a visit to the Sydney Lion Park by the CAMPSIE Sunday School. See further details under "From Our Mailbag" in this issue.



Finally, try this Crossword designed by Gregory Pogson (Bossley Pk). Clues are found in the "Competition and Quizzes" section.



# Sunday School ACTIVITIES

## THE IMPRESSIONS OF YOUTH

Would you like to learn what other young people think of their Sunday School and activities? A special book was compiled by the *Woodville Sunday School*, collating many of the comments of the Woodville scholars concerning the events in 1971. If you would like a free copy of this book, write to the Editor and enclose 12c for postage.

## 1971 ASSOCIATION EXAMINATION RESULTS

Following a very interesting year of studies around the Life of the Lord Jesus Christ, the results of the Annual Examination and Project Competition on these lessons are now to hand. Over 700 young people entered the examination, and the average mark attained was a commendable 75 per cent. The examiners have expressed appreciation for the high standard of papers submitted.

**Div. 5** — 1. Lisa John (Perth), 2. Kathryn John (Mt. Hawthorn) and John Evans (Enfield). **Div. 6** — 1. Ruth Duperouzel (Perth) and Philip Mansfield (Woodville), 2. James Berry (Woodville). **Div. 7** — Donald Scott (Woodville), 2. Heather Valkenburg (Enfield), 3. Richard Ullman (Perth). **Div. 8** — 1. David Carroll (Yagoona), 2. Robyn McKinlay (Yagoona), 3. Ian Roulstone (Ballina). **Div. 9** — 1. Erin Ihde (Enfield), 2. Lindsay Kersting (Perth), 3. Margaret Horgan (Enfield). **Div. 10** — 1. Sharon John (Mt. Hawthorn), 2. Catherine Duncan (Woodville), 3. Patricia Hubbard (Woodville) and Benjamin Newton (Perth). **Div. 11** — 1. Mark Dennes (Riverwood), 2. Noia Haustorfer (Perth), 3. Julie Ullman (Perth). **Div. 12** — 1. Rhonda Gurd (Cumberland), 2. Timothy Mansfield (Campsie), 3. Lynette Mansfield (Campsie). **Div. 13** —

## SENIOR ESSAY COMPETITION

This competition is advertised in the Senior Stage 5 Study Notes, and details are to be found under the Table of Contents. Senior scholars 14 yrs. and over in 1972 should submit essays to reach the Secretary, Christadelphian Sunday School Association, P.O. Box 110, Kingsgrove, NSW 2208, not later than 30th April, 1972.

The essay concerns the significance of the front cover symbols on the Stage 5 lesson notes, and scholars will be able to occupy many useful hours in researching the matter. Valuable and helpful prizes are awarded the winners of the competition in each senior division.

1. Susanne O'Connor (Enfield), 2. Valerie Martin (Enfield), 3. Adele Ullman (Perth) and Michael Steele (Woodville). **Div. 14** — 1. Julianne King (Woodville), 2. Faye Haustorfer (Perth), 3. Beverly Martin (Enfield). **Div. 15** — 1. Julie Stone (Ballina), 2. Virginia Thiele (Cumberland), 3. Anthony King (Mt. Hawthorn). **Div. 16** — 1. Fay Perry (Enfield), 2. Judith Horgan (Enfield), 3. Anne Haustorfer (Perth). **Div. 17** — 1. Paul Gurd (Cumberland), 2. Craig Smith (Granville), 3. Andrew Nolan (Enfield). **Bapt. Div.** — 1. Helen Gurd (Cumberland), 2. Colin Story (Cumberland), 3. Jennifer Hermann (Ballina). **Correspondence School Prizes:** Jnr. — 1. Shelley Finlay, 2. Elizabeth Digney. Int. — 1. Joanne Finlay, 2. Mary Stewart. Snr. — 1. Jonathan Carder, 2. Dennice Finlay.

## 1971 ASSOCIATION PROJECT COMPETITION RESULTS

Over 400 entries were submitted from all States of Australia, and the standard was outstanding, revealing a considerable understanding by scholars of the principles the lessons were designed to teach.

**Div. 5** — 1. Kathryn John (Mt. Hawthorn), 2. Mark Mansfield (Granville), 3. Karen Warner (Riverwood). **Div. 6** — 1. Danielle Mansfield (Cumberland), 2. Allison Niejalke (Launceston), 3. Ruth Mansfield (Enfield). **Div. 7** — 1. Richard Ullman (Perth), 2. Kylie Arnold (Enfield), 3. Daryl Pitt (Woodville). **Div. 8** — 1. Carmel John (Mt. Hawthorn), 2. Paul Mansfield (Woodville), 3. Desley Townsend (Redcliffe) and Glenys Dawson (Coorparoo). **Div. 9** — 1. Erin Ihde (Enfield), 2. Janet McColl (Enfield), 3. Coralie Martin (Enfield). **Div. 10** — 1. Sharon John (Mt. Hawthorn), 2. Christine O'Connor (Enfield), 3. Brett Arnold (Enfield). **Div. 11** — 1. Mark Dennes (Riverwood), 2. Paul Grainger (Enfield) and Wendy King

(Woodville), 3. Julie Ullman (Perth) and Elizabeth West (Mt. Hawthorn). **Div. 12** — 1. Timothy Mansfield (Campsie), 2. Rosemary Beacham (Enfield), 3. Jocelyn Coombe (Launceston). **Div. 13** — 1. Susan O'Connor (Enfield), 2. Adele Ullman (Perth), 3. Deborah Pogson (Yagoona) and Debra West (Mt. Hawthorn). **Div. 14** — 1. Julianne King (Woodville), 2. Deborah Pogson (Yagoona), 3. Margaret Richards (Adamstown). **Div. 15** — 1. Rosemary Clothier (Enfield), 2. Bruce Gurd (Cumberland), 3. Shirley Martin (Enfield). **Div. 16** — 1. Judith Horgan (Enfield), 2. Gail Stagg (Perth), 3. Helen Papowski (Enfield). **Div. 18** — 1. Gabriella Mednianszky (Woodville), 2. Judith Hadley (Granville).

## WHEN GOOD COMPANY ARRIVES AT MT. HAWTHORN

"The magazine arrives at our address, and when the delivery van came the other day I said to myself, That must be Good Company! For once small ears heard me, and Sharon and Carmel raced out the front door only to be beaten by Kathryn, speeding up the drive! Not being at school yet she had seen it arrive before and knew what the van meant! In fairness to the other children they have to wait until Sunday for their copies.

"When classes reassemble before the School hour closes, teachers often have to do some 'shushing' of scholars. This Sunday when I looked about almost all heads were buried in *Good Company* copies and up on the platform was our Supt. likewise engaged!! It would have made a very encouraging photo for the editor and his helpers."

(*Sis. Doreen John, Sec.*)

## RIVERWOOD, N.S.W.

(*Supt.: Bro. R. Jenkin. Sec.: Sis. B. Dennes*)

"Recently, two of our scholars, *Kevin Casey* and *Carol Greenshields*, were baptised — and we extend our best wishes as they walk towards the Kingdom. Each month we have a games afternoon, followed by a workshop class, where we learn how to study the Bible, how to use reference books such as concordances and lexicons. There is also a S.S. Young peoples class, studying the Vials and Trumpets in Revelation, having just finished 'The last 6 days in the life of Christ'."

## TEA TREE GULLY, SA

(*Supt: Bro. J. Pitcher*)

"Our School has grown from 29 at the commencement of 1970 to 42 this year. We are pleased to welcome the *Pitts*, from Bunbury, and the *Smithers*, from Enfield. As 'our' hall is not yet readily usable to conduct all classes therein, we are using the home of Bro. R. Wearne for the upper school, and it is now named 'Sunday School House'."

## EVENTS AT GRANVILLE, N.S.W.

Granville S.S. has sixty scholars divided into 14 classes, plus the adult study group. The adult group is undertaking a study of Acts of the Apostles this year. School membership is about evenly divided between those from Christadelphian and non-Christadelphian homes. All Youth Circle activities are organised by a small committee directly responsible to the S.S. Staff. Regular monthly outings and social evenings are also conducted, followed by an evening for the young people in the home of an ecclesial member. We also have 2 major S.S. picnics during the year: in autumn and spring.

Visitors are always welcome at Granville to study the Word of Truth. We rejoice at the opportunity to impart unto the children the rich treasures that Yahweh has planted in His Word, and to maintain a fortnightly '1st principle' and 'Bible marking' class for the benefit of teenagers. A photograph of the Sunday School is included in the *Pictorial Supplement* this issue.

— *Sis. M. Darke (Sec.)*

## PENNANT HILLS, NSW

(*Supt: Bro. A. Wolstencroft. Sec: Sis. J. Granter.*)

"Our school has increased over the past year, and now has 23 scholars. We are anxious to promote a more active interest in the magazine amongst our pupils, and also feel that the teaching staff greatly benefits by the interchange of ideas for S.S. work provided in the magazine. Please increase our magazine order to 30 copies."

## YOUNG PEOPLES ACTIVITIES AT MT. HAWTHORN, W.A.

Activities have been varied over the past weeks, with emphasis on outdoor life, now that the summer months are about. In November, a combined group from Perth and Mt. Hawthorn Ecclesias went for a hike in John Forest National Park, and later met at a nearby home for barbecue tea. Bro. Greg Hurn spoke

on 2 Chron.35, and the example of Josiah in his zealously for God.

The following Saturdays included horseriding, and a boat trip to Garden Island, a small, well-wooded island about 5 miles off the coast of W.A. Talks on the daily readings were given by Brethren Ron Burke and Gary Fergusson.

Our prize-giving night commenced eventfully. Having learnt that our normal hall had been double-booked, we made a rapid transfer to the Perth Central hall! Various items were presented by scholars upon their past studies; and a dramatic highlight of the evening was a play depicting the conversion of Saul on the road to Damascus.

We are delighted to report the baptism of a senior scholar, *Miss Gwen Marold*, and to welcome to the School *Heather Williams*, a friend of one of our students.

— C.P.

## Competitions & Quizzes ?

### TOO HARD?

"Could you please make some of the competitions easier. I am only 6, and find them very hard, and I want to get more marks" (*Alison Niejalke*, Launceston, Tas.).

(We will bear in mind your request, Alison, and perhaps introduce a special 'Junior Section' if other readers would like this — Ed.).

### AUSTRALIAN SECTION

Now that you are back at Sunday School after the summer break, I hope to hear from many more readers. In this issue, I have listed some competitions which have been submitted by young people, and I hope that you will enjoy solving them. Remember that this will also help you increase in your understanding of the Scriptures. I look forward to your entries and letters.

*Auntie Judy*

### COMPETITION ENTRIES RECEIVED FOR ISSUE No. 13

**SOUTH AUSTRALIA** — From **Enfield**: Judith Horgan, Margaret Horgan, Ruth Horgan, Lynette Horgan, Michael Edgecombe, Robert Beecham, Rosemary Beecham, Beverley Martin, Coralie Martin, Valerie Martin, Shirley Martin, Joel Burney, Elizabeth Cheek, Jamie Arnold, Brett Arnold, David Burney, Erin Ihde. From **Cumberland**: Bruce Gurd. From **Woodville**: Brigetta Mednyanszky, Suzanne Goodwin, David Goodwin, David Duncan, Julianne King, Maureen McAllister, Wendy King, Gabriella Mednyanszky, Paul Mansfield, Sharon Mansfield. **VICTORIA** — From **Coburg**: Joanne Snow, Christine Mansfield, Yvonne Brewer. From **Ringwood**: Heather Lawson, Stephen Morgan. **WESTERN AUSTRALIA** — From **Perth**: Chris Carder, Donald Smith, Adele Ullman, Richard Ullman, Julie Ullman, Jonathan Carder, Pamela Higgs, Maureen Stagg, Veronica Van Der Meulen, Renay Van Der Meulen (prev. entries). From **Mt. Hawthorn**: Susan Stempel, Debra West, Elizabeth West. **TASMANIA** — From **Hobart**: Timothy Harrington. From **Launceston**: Philip Niejalke, Alison Niejalke, Benito Kitto, Dean Kitto, Gail Case. **NEW SOUTH WALES** — From **Cabramatta**: Gregory Pogson. From **Campsie**: James Mansfield, Timothy Mansfield, Lynette Mansfield. From **Pennant Hills**: Peter Halpin. From **Ballina**: Ian Roulstone. From **Yagoona**: Robyn McKinley, Bruce Cook, Wendy Cook, Samuel Pogson, Daniel Pogson, Deborah Pogson. **QUEENSLAND** — From **Coorparoo**: Valerie Johnson, Janelle Dawson, Greg Hagen, Helen Hagen.

### SOUTH AFRICAN REPORT

I was very pleased to receive a number of entries from the readers in this country. Most of these came from the Port Elizabeth Ecclesia, which is one of the smallest in Sth. Africa, but the Sunday School, encouraged by Bro. John Westraadt the Superintendent, is really keen and energetic. I hope that many more will enter for this issue's competitions, and write to me this month.

*Auntie Rosemary*

### COMPETITION ENTRIES FROM OVERSEAS FOR ISSUE No. 12

**SOUTH AFRICA** — From **Port Elizabeth**: Stephen Westraadt, Amanda Holm, Raymond Westraadt, Sonja Westraadt, Mark Holm, Karen Holm.

## ANSWERS TO COMPETITION No. 13

**WHO AM I?** — Abraham. **ACROSTIC** — 1. Purse (Lk.10:4), 2. Absalom (2 Sam.3:3), 3. Throne (Lk.1:32), 4. Iron (Dan.2:33), 5. Eli (1 Sam.1:9), 6. Neighbor (Mk.12:31), 7. Capernaum (Mt.4:13), 8. East (Mt.2:1). Paul advised Timothy to reveal Patience (1 Tim.6:11). **NAME THE INCIDENT** — It describes the prophet Elijah under the juniper tree in the wilderness (1 Kings 19). **ARITHMOGRAPH** — The Macedonian city was Amphipolis.

## COMPETITION

## NUMBER FOURTEEN

Send your entry (however many are answered) with your Name, Sunday School and Age to: Mrs. Judith Jeffress, Good Company, P.O., West Beach, South Australia 5024 — before MARCH 10th.

Readers in SOUTH AFRICA should post their entries to: Mrs. Rosemary Michell, 8 Scott Road, Pinetown, Natal — before APRIL 25th.

All entries receive marks for the special Good Company Award.

**WHO AM I?** (2 marks for correct answer) — Submitted by *Samuel Pogson*, Yagoona.

The first letter of each answer, when put into the right order, will be the name of an apostle.

1. I baptised a man who had been reading in a chariot.
2. I am a seller of purple.
3. I touched the ark which was on a horse and cart.
4. I am a son of David, yet I tried to kill him.

**CROSSWORD** (10 marks for correct answer) — Submitted by *Gregory Pogson*, Boscley Park.

The following clues will help you answer the crossword found in the Pictorial Supplement of this issue. If you desire to keep your magazine intact, you can draw the crossword on another sheet of paper.

**ACROSS** — 1. He led the children out of Egypt. 4. 'And he went — into the child.' 5. We can make sport an —. 6. Short for grandma. 7. Last 3 letters in Bible. 8. Though David desired to build a Temple, God said —. 9. 'I — no pleasant bread' (Dan. 10). 10. 'He gave — ox to him.' 11. 'Let — go into Judea again (Jn. 11). 12. 'When — had thus spoken' (Jn. 9). 13. A city given 40 days to repent.

**DOWN** — 1. Ascended by Moses. 2. The cause of all our troubles. 3. Where the Law was given. 4. It happened to Lazarus. 14. Son of Boaz. 15. He was fed by ravens. 16. '— Lord is my shepherd.' 17. Joshua's father. 18. Adam's wife. 19. He suffered much pain. 20. Goliath's brother had — toes and fingers.

**MIXED NATIONS** (1 mark each correct answer) — Submitted by *Adele Ullman*, Perth.

Unjumble these words to reveal Bible nations:

1. earlis;
2. ysasair;
3. dome;
4. nobbaly;
5. tgepy.

**CRYPTOGRAPH** (3 marks for answer) — Submitted by *Wendy King*, Woodville.

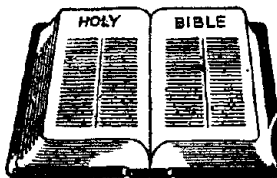
To work out the hidden passage, use a 'reversed alphabet' (i.e. Z equals A, Y equals B, etc.). Where is the passage found?

GSV-OLIW-RH-NB-HSVKSVIWR-R-HSZOO-MLG-CZMG.

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## **The Young Man Who Served**

*"I have no man likeminded, who will naturally care for your state . . . as a son with the father, he hath served with me in the gospel!" (Said Paul to the Philippians, concerning Timothy—ch.2:22).*

The pleasant company of young Timothy was greatly encouraging to the apostle Paul amidst the stress and trials of his various journeys. Leaving the comforts of his home in Lystra, Timothy gave himself to the work of the Truth, acting as Paul's assistant. His courageous faith enabled him to surmount his natural timidity and manifest sterling service to the preaching of the Gospel. Paul loved his "son in the faith". No companion of Paul is mentioned so frequently and was with him so constantly as was Timothy. Paul knew that he could depend on him. In spite of his youth (1 Tim. 4:12), his reserve and timidity (1 Cor. 6:10, 2 Tim. 1:7), and his frequent ailments (1 Tim. 5:23), Timothy was willing to leave his home to accompany the apostle on dangerous journeys, to be sent on different errands, and to remain to the very end, Paul's (and Christ's) faithful servant.

Sometimes we might be tempted to use our natural characteristics and weaknesses as an excuse to avoid some service for the Truth, and our Sunday School. In a small School we might lack companionship; in a large School we might be overshadowed by others. But whatever our circumstances may be, we should remember that life can test us and strengthen us as we approach maturity. Young Timothy was prepared to assist Paul, his teacher, whether life was kind or difficult. Perhaps if we remembered the wonderful and appealing example of Timothy, the young man who served, we will be encouraged to support our "teachers in the faith", our Sunday School, and our companions.

Then, it may also be said of us: "they worketh the work of the Lord, as I (Paul) also do" (2 Cor. 16:10).

## The Lessons In Rhyme

## CORNELIUS, THE GENTILE

A centurion, Cornelius, a devout man  
they say,

Who feared his God, and always did  
pray.

He saw in a vision, about the ninth  
hour,

An angel of God who declared with  
great power:

"Go to Simon the Tanner, who lives  
by the sea,

For what thou must do, he will de-  
clare unto thee."

And telling these things, when the  
angel departed,

To his servants and soldiers, who to  
Joppa started.

Peter went up to the housetop to  
pray,

About the sixth hour of the very  
next day

Being quite hungry, he prepared to  
eat,

When he fell in a trance, and  
saw in a sheet

All kinds of beasts and fowls of the  
air.

"Rise, Peter, kill and eat," God did  
declare.

And while puzzling the vision, three  
men did appear,

God said, He had sent them, so "do  
not fear."

To Caesarea they took Peter, for  
Cornelius did seek

Someone from God who to him  
would speak.

Then Peter remembered the beasts in  
the vision.

And perceived that now it was God's  
decision:

To cleanse the Gentile from every  
nation

For those that fear Him receive God's  
acceptation.

—Ben Newton (Perth) 10 marks.

## DO YOU ENJOY STAMPS?

Sis. Christine Hornhardt (Wood-  
ville) has prepared quite a number  
of special postage stamp sets, and  
would be very happy to send you a  
set for your collection.

# Sunday School ACTIVITIES

We invite reports and items of interest  
from all Sunday Schools, and general com-  
ments from readers.

## ADAMSTOWN, N.S.W. (Supt.: Bro. G. Alchin. Sec.: Sis. B. Richards.)

Two of our pupils, Gary and Scott  
Clarke, told their cousin, **Amanda  
Bridges**, about Sunday School, and  
she has been a very regular at-  
tender since early November, 1971.

*(We are delighted to welcome  
Amanda to our growing list of read-  
ers, and have also sent our special  
prize of an Antique Globe to Gary  
and Scott for introducing her to the  
Sunday School—Ed.)*

## PT. ELIZABETH, Sth. Africa (Supt.: Bro. J. Westraadt.)

"The children have taken a great  
liking to their own S.S. booklet, **Good  
Company**, and some of them have  
already received certificates for  
entering the competitions."

## A SPECIAL WEEK IN PERTH

It started on the 8th January, with  
the lovely wedding of Bro. Bruce  
Gore and Sis. Joan Fergusson. It was  
a most enjoyable and happy occasion,  
although unfortunately clouded a  
little by irresponsibles carrying "high  
jinks" too far. Perhaps, in view of  
the fact that we are called to be the  
prospective Bride of Christ, some  
thought on the solemnity and sanctity  
of marriage would not go astray.  
(Joan was lovely, of course, as all  
brides are!)

On Monday, 10th, we had an out-  
ing on the Swan River, which, for-  
tunately, that night wasn't too  
pungently odiferous. We stopped at  
Point Walter for a barbecue, then  
loaded back onto the boat and  
headed for home. Bro. Jeff Berry  
spoke on "The Revelation of the  
Glory of God", and it was terrific  
to be able to look straight out of  
the boat to see the firmament of



heaven, the moon and the stars, as he was speaking of them from the scripture.

On Wednesday, 12th, and Friday, 14th, Bro. Garnet Alchin delivered exciting talks at Mt. Hawthorn Ecclesia, entitled: "The faith that turned the world upside down."

Then on the Saturday, a stirring talk by Bro. Jeff Berry on "Triumphs and Tragedies of the Truth in the First Century," which brought me to the edge of the seat with my mouth open — I don't know about anyone else! All I could see was Paul and Stephen, Peter and the ecclesias of old streaming around the arena of faith, running hard and long to win the prize of eternal life. There was Paul in his sufferings, shipwreck and stoning, beatings and scourgings; hunger and weariness; striving, helping, caring, pleading, reproving, arguing, strengthening and finally, dying — with the knowledge, however, that he had fought a good fight, and finished the race.

In all, an exciting and helpful week at Perth.

—Journalist Sue Burke.

## From our MAILBAG



We love to hear from you! Each letter received, earns for the sender 1 mark towards the **Good Company** 100 Award, and an additional mark if published.

### ANTICIPATION

"The lessons this year are going to be terrific." **Stephen Pogson**, N.S.W.)

### "BE THOU AN EXAMPLE . . ."

"I want to tell you that I have enjoyed going through the **G.C. Magazine** to read of the activities of the Australian Sunday Schools. I also enjoy reading the articles that young people send into the Magazine. It really gives me a thrill to see the depth of knowledge that some of our youngsters demonstrate, and to see that they are interested in writing

about the Bible." (Bro. **Julio B. Scaramastro**, Illinois, U.S.A.).

### TO THE PROMISED LAND

"Every 2nd Friday, the older children of our S.S. have a CYC night. We open with prayer and a Bible reading, after which the principles of the passage read are discussed. Then we have a 'Tribe competition' in which three teams, under the names of the tribes of Israel, are quizzed, each correct answer moving one space in the wilderness journey. The first tribe to reach Canaan wins! After this, we have a 10 minute talk on a Bible subject, and, after a few games, the night ends with a written quiz to keep us quiet while the washing up is done!"

—Peter Halpin, Pennant Hills.

### ENJOYMENT

"I looked forward to receiving this month's **Good Company** very much. I was pleased to see our Sunday School photo published, and I enjoyed the puzzles, especially the crossword; it was quite fun working it out." (Joanne Snow, 13 years, Coburg, Vic.)

### FIRST TIME

"I am sending in the competition this month for the first time. Our Superintendent, Uncle John Kershaw, gives us our copies of **G.C.** and tells us to write to you and to do the competitions."

(Katrina Wright, Launceston.)

(Nice to have you as a regular contributor, Katrina! — Ed.)

### FROM OUT ON THE FARM!

"I live on my grandfather's farm near Coonabarabran, N.S.W., 200 miles from the nearest ecclesia at Adamstown. I enjoy reading **Good Company**, and attending two Bible Schools at Rathmines very much." (Rosalie Brederbeck, N.S.W.).

**COME AND SEE US SOMETIME!**

We are always pleased to see our readers when they visit West Beach, and show them how the magazine is printed. Recently the Richards family of Adamstown came in to see us — and have since written notes of appreciation:

"Thank you very much for showing us how the magazine is printed. It is very interesting to see what work does go into this as it gives us a lot of encouragement in these last days. Thank you also for the sheets of paper you gave us. They really come in handy." (Margaret Richards, Adamstown, N.S.W.).

**OTHER CORRESPONDENTS**

It's impossible to publish every letter we receive, of course; although we would love to be able to do so. However, every one receives 1 mark for the G.C. Award. We were very glad to hear from the following readers:

Allison Niejalke, Philip Niejalke, Dean Kitto, Benito Kitto, Andrew Taylor, Isaac Newton, Yvonne Brewer (very pleased to read about the singing activity at Coburg!), Adrian Maycock, Stephen Wright, Ruth Duperrouzel (a lovely sketch, Ruth), Julie Wright (thanks for your interesting comments about Launceston, Julie).

We were also pleased to receive a number of poems, and have held them over for our next issue (God willing).

**HAVE YOU ATTENDED BIBLE SCHOOL?**

It's a wonderful opportunity to meet many other young people from all over the country. Special classes are held for teenagers and the younger ones, and, whatever your age, you will find it very enjoyable. The next school is being held (God willing) from May 6th to 14th. Full cost of accommodation is \$11 (up to 14 years), and \$18 (15 years and over in S.A., Vic., Qld.); \$20 (15 years and over in N.S.W.). Write to the Editor today if you would like further details. We will send you a special book on the scenic spots of the Lake Macquarie district, around the Bible School, if you mention this when sending your application to attend.

**PAUL: THE DEDICATED**

This year we are studying the book of Acts,  
One which contains many interesting facts.  
In it we learn of the journeys of Paul,  
Who was at first known by name of Saul.

Because he was zealous to do God's will—  
He went to Damascus, the Christians to kill.  
But, stopped on the way by a blinding light,  
He found to amazement he had lost his sight!

Then, trembling and fearful, unable to flee  
He heard the voice: "Why persecute me!"  
Jesus then told him what he must do—  
To preach the Gospel, though workers were few.

—Isaac Newton (Perth), 10 marks.

**BEGONE DULL SLOTH!**

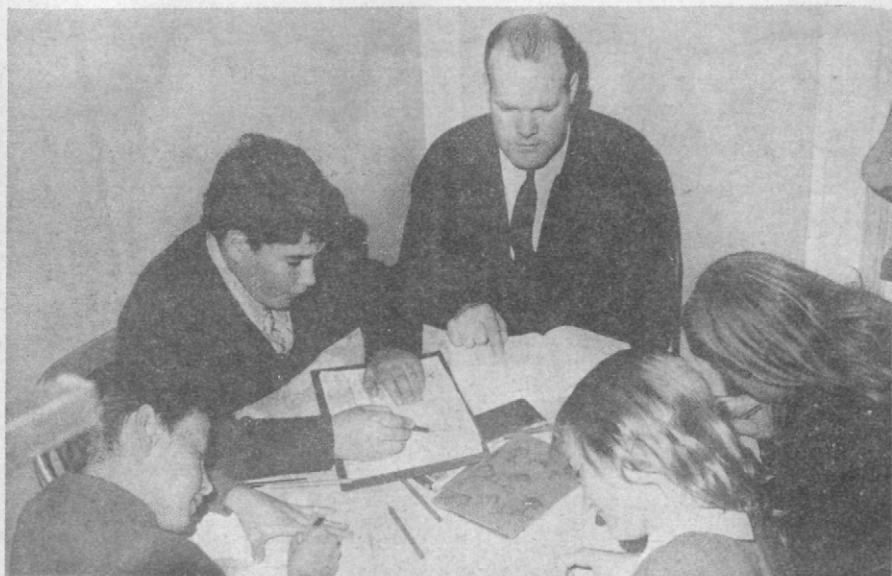
This is an evil age, yet we are privileged to live in the times so very close to the coming of Christ. Men like Paul and Peter would surely have been at the pitch of excitement and activity at a time like this with the certainty of the return of the Master—yet we have to struggle to shake off the apathy which dangerously drifts about us, ready to envelop our minds and dull our interest the second we let ourselves take a "rest." This gives us an idea of the very real struggle and effort which should be involved in our walk to the Kingdom. Although it might be taking words slightly out of context, I believe it still applies, that the minute we say to ourselves "Peace and Safety," as it were, sudden destruction shall come upon us, because we have given up the "agonizing" for the kingdom. Let us beware, and prepare! —S.B. (W.A.)

Our PICTORIAL SUPPLEMENT  
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# Meet the Sunday School at Tea Tree Gully



We would like to introduce you to the youngest Sunday School in Sth. Australia. It is held at Tea Tree Gully, a suburb about nine miles north-east from Adelaide. The school commenced in October 1970, with 31 scholars who transferred from Adelaide, Enfield and Woodville schools. Most of the students are in the kindergarten section, and therefore the school can look forward to a great future (God willing)! The surrounding area is a new and progressive district, and it is hoped that the young Sunday school and Ecclesia will also develop - not only in numbers, for they are really unimportant - but also in spiritual values and a knowledge of the Truth. Come and meet some of the classes:



Bro. Alan Wigzell is pictured above with his class (Division 11-13). Whilst below, Sis. Bev. McGeorge is seen with the young people in Div. 8.





A serious group of young faces, with teacher, Sis. Anne Pearce, constitute Div. 4 grade at Tea Tree Gully School. And, below, our final photo in this series shows Sis. Beth Goodwin instructing the attentive students in Div. 7.



And now a short visit to Adamstown Prizegiving to see the final scene in the play of 'The Sower and the Seed' . . . .



. . . . and a quick look at the Sunday School singing 'We plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the land.' We hope to feature more photos in our next issue (God willing) and invite further illustrations from readers and Sunday Schools.



# THE MIRACLES OF CREATION

**"Lift up your eyes on high and behold Who hath created these things"  
(Isa. 40:26).**

## **How The Ocean Breathes!**

In our Nov./Dec. issue (p. 5) we posed the problem as to why there is an average set distance between waves throughout the world.

The answer reveals the wonderful wisdom of Almighty God!

Waves have been described as the "breath of the ocean." Yes, the ocean breathes! If it did not, then most marine life would die from suffocation! The ocean breathes by having oxygen dissolved into it, providing life to the creatures of the deep. But, you may ask, how can this be so, seeing that oxygen is in the air, and the fish are in the sea. Actually, the oxygen is dissolved from the air by the spray which is flung up when waves burst upon the shore. Thus, the rate at which waves tumble onto the shore determines how much oxygen is taken from the air—and by God's provision, the average distance throughout the world, between waves, is **exactly** right to supply the needs of all marine creatures. Isn't that miraculous! How foolish to think that "evolution" could be true: for how is it possible for the waves to know just how much oxygen they need to sustain marine life? But God does know. Next time you look at the majestic progression of proud waves surging towards the beach, think of the miracle: that you are witnessing the ocean breathe. So the prophet has said:

**"Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of His hand."**

(Isa. 40:12).

## **The "Weight" of Water**

Water is known as the most uncommon of the common substances. It is miraculously versatile. Its molecules lock into **ice**; and they store water as **snow**; it falls as **rain** to quench the dry earth; it rises as

**vapour** to form **clouds**; as **steam** it drives powerful machinery.

Ice is heaviest at 4 degrees centigrade, just **above** freezing. Because of this ice floats. If it didn't, lakes would freeze from the bottom up, killing everything therein.

Water is the best air conditioner, absorbing heat in summer, and giving it out in winter.

It is the best universal solvent. It absorbs a huge variety of minerals, yet it does not dissolve rock—which is very fortunate for us, for otherwise we would have been drowned long ago. In a cubic mile of water there are 64 elements in solution; and a random sample shows 3 billion tons of oxygen, 12 tons each of lead, tin, copper (and arsenic!) with 38 lbs of gold. Did you know that **gold** will dissolve in sea water?

Sea water is 800 times heavier than air, yet as vapor it **rises into the air** to form clouds. In one hour, a square mile of ocean loses 5,400 tons of water into the atmosphere. However, during cyclonic conditions the wind can evaporate 4,000 tons of water from the sea every **minute**. Although this is only a **RECENTLY DISCOVERED** fact as far as man is concerned, the Bible records that:

**"God made a WIND to pass over the earth, and the waters asswaged."**  
(Gen. 8:1).

He who ordered the laws of the universe knew exactly what was needed to evaporate the floodwaters from the earth!

## **The Moist Canopy Above**

Consider the miracle of the rain cycle. Despite the huge weight of water in rain clouds, they continue to float through the air until the right size for raindrops is achieved. The water in clouds is held aloft by updraught of air until a **balance**

point is reached — and then the rain falls. Again, this is only a relatively recent meteorological discovery, yet these facts were revealed to Job:

**"Dost thou know the BALANCINGS of the clouds, the wondrous works of Him which is perfect in knowledge?"** (ch. 37:16).

The Psalmist recognized the wonder of God's providing:

**"Thou waterest the ridges thereof abundantly: Thou settlest the furrows thereof: Thou makest it soft with showers: Thou blessest the springing thereof."** (Psa. 65:10).

Let us never be complacent about the miraculous nature of God's providing. Every minute of the day can be filled with encouragement and joy if we will only lift up our eyes and behold Who hath created these things.

Bro. Shane Kingsbury.

### ONE HUNDRED AWARDS

Congratulations to readers who have reached their ONE HUNDRED this month. A special award has been posted to them. Remember, EVERY HUNDRED marks earned will bring you a lovely volume — so keep your entries, letters, articles and original poems coming in!

Award winners this month are:

**Yvonne Brewer** (Coburg, Vic.), **James Mansfield** (Campsie, N.S.W.), **Ruth Shekell** (Auckland, N.Z.), **Gabriela Mednyanszky** (Woodville, S.A.), **Beverley Martin**, **Coralie Martin**, **Ruth Horgan**, **Judith Horgan**, **Joel Burney** and **Margaret Horgan** (all from Enfield, S.A. — and in keen competition)!

**Ruth** wrote: "I enclose my Certificates which add up to one hundred. I have enjoyed obtaining these marks for the puzzles, etc., but more so reading and increasing my knowledge in the Truth. I think it is a wonderful magazine for young people, and wish to continue receiving **Good Company**."

### THE IMPRESSIONS OF YOUTH

Quite a number of these booklets were posted out since last issue. They were produced by the **Woodville Sunday School** and contain a number of articles by the scholars. A few copies still remain, and can be yours for 12c postage.

### THE PURPOSE IN LIFE

Is our personal salvation the main reason we embrace the Truth? Is it all selfish desire? This should not be so. We should take the example of Christ at his death — for he died, not for his salvation only, but that he might show forth the righteousness of God. Through his life he manifested the character of God, and, as a result, the apostles were able to declare that they beheld the glory of God in his face, of grace and truth (Jn.1). We must strive earnestly to reveal the Divine character in our lives, and manifest His Name. How can we do this? By looking daily into the mirror of the Word, and reflecting the face seen therein: even Christ's. 2 Cor. 3 reveals how we should look into this mirror, the Word of God, and this will help us to obtain the grace of God, and direct us along the pathway to life eternal.

—**Sis. Virginia Thiele** (Cumberland).

### Three Long Chapters

Only three chapters of the Bible contain as many as 80 verses each. They are: Numbers 7 (89), 1 Chronicles 6 (81), Luke 1 (80).

### SUPPORT DEEPLY APPRECIATED

We gratefully acknowledge the liberal support rendered this magazine by Sunday Schools and readers that enables us to continue this service to young people everywhere. Amongst such we have received donations from **Pennant Hills Ecclesia**, the **Adamstown Ecclesia**, the **Cumberland Ecclesia**, and **Enfield Ecclesia**.



## THE TWO ROADS

Life provides us with two paths —  
The wrong way and the right.  
We cannot follow these paths in  
halves.

For we are in God's sight.  
We should follow the RIGHT way.  
And leave the wrong deserted;  
So that for the Kingdom we may  
As angels be converted!  
—Maureen McAllister (5 marks).

# Competitions & Quizzes ?

## A SPECIAL SECTION FOR OUR YOUNG READERS

I received quite a few letters from younger readers asking for a **JUNIOR SECTION** in our Competition Page, and intend to introduce this next issue (God willing). Meanwhile, as a **SPECIAL PROJECT** for those **8 years and under**, I am offering the following:

**ILLUSTRATE** by a map, the first missionary journey of the Apostle Paul.

This competition is for young people up to 8 years old. I will give a special prize for the best entry, and every entry will receive 5 marks.

I hope you all enjoy this issue's competition, and look forward to your entries. I am always thrilled when the Editor tells me another reader has attained 100 marks, and I hope to see YOUR name in that list soon!

Overseas readers can air mail their answers to me by June 25th (those in South Africa, of course, should post theirs direct to Auntie Rosemary).

Best wishes to you all.

*Auntie Judy*

## The Longest Chapter

The longest chapter in the Bible, is 119th Psalm, consisting of 176 verses. It is divided into 22 sections of 8 verses each. The letters of the Hebrew alphabet form the captions, or titles, of the several sections. The entire composition contains, including the titles mentioned, 2,445 words, numbering 10,146 letters.

## COMPETITION ENTRIES RECEIVED FOR ISSUE No. 14

**NEW SOUTH WALES** — From Adamstown: Deborah Pogson, Samuel Pogson, Daniel Pogson, Margaret Richards, Sandra Richards, Lois Richards, Meredith Richards. From Ballina: Neroli Wassell, Peter Wassell, Ian Roulstone. From Cabramatta: Timothy Mumby, Roderick Sawell, Ian Sawell, Gregory Pogson. From Campsie: Lynette Mansfield, Tim Mansfield, James Mansfield. From Granville: Leonie Darke. From Lakemba: Kerrie McKinlay (4 yrs.; helped by a clever sister!), Suzanne McKinlay. From Pennant Hills: Peter Halpin, James Adams, Phillip Wolstencroft, Peter Wolstencroft. From Riverwood: Mark Dennes. From Yagoona: Stephen Pogson, Robyn McKinlay, Bruce Cook, Wendy Cook. **TASMANIA** — From Hobart: Timothy Harrington, Andrew Taylor. From Launceston: Gail Case, Marian Case, Geoffrey Case, Alison Niejake, Philip Niejake, Dean Kitto, Julie Wright, Benito Kitto, Katrina Crocker, Katrina Wright, Stephen Wright. **VICTORIA** — From Canterbury: Stephen Morgan. From Coburg: Joanne Snow, Yvonne Brewer. **QUEENSLAND** — From Isolation: Joy Fotheringham (Laves), Valerie Johnson (Tingalpa). From Coorparoo: Helen Hagen, Greg Hagen. **WESTERN AUSTRALIA** — From Mt. Hawthorn: Judy Stempel, Sharon John, Carmel John, Inka Marold, Geoff Stempel. From Perth: Julie Ullman, Adele Ullman, Janet Gross, Adrian Maycock, Faye Haustorfer, Donald Smith, Robin Smith, Anne Haustorfer, Jonathan Carder (Isol), Isaac Newton, Benjamin Newton, Chris Carder (Isol), Brian Hurn, Pam Higgs, Richard Ullman, Maureen Stagg. (One paper received from Perth without a name! — Perhaps the missing name will contact us.) **SOUTH AUSTRALIA** — From Cumberland: Virginia Thiele, Bruce Gurd, Rhonda Gurd. From Enfield: Elisabeth Wyns, Paul Wyns, Valerie Martin, Richard Cheek, Elizabeth Cheek, Shirley Martin, Coralie Martin, Ruth Horgan, Lynette Horgan, Erin Ihde, Margaret Horgan, Judith Clothier, Kerrin Martin, Helen Papowski, Kathleen Anderson, Peter Anderson, Joel Burney, Barry Burney, Rosemary Clothier, David Burney, Kenneth Pitcher. From Woodville: Gabriela Mednyanszky, Sharon Mansfield, Paul Mansfield, Maureen McAllister, Brigitta Mednyanszky. **NEW ZEALAND**: Ruth Shekell (Auckland).

**BEST ENTRIES** — I have awarded an extra point to the following attractive entries: Maureen McAllister (Woodville), and in the Junior Section: Adrian Maycock (Perth). Well done, both of you!

## ANSWERS TO COMPETITION No. 14

**WHO AM I?** — 1. Philip; 2. Lydia; 3. Uzza; 4. Absalom: The apostle was Paul.  
**CROSSWORD (Across):** — 1. Moses; 4. In; 5. Idol; 6. Nan; 7. Ble; 8. No; 9. Ate; 10. An; 11. Us; 12. He; 13. Nineveh. (Down) — 1. Mount; 2. Sin; 3. Sinai; 4. Ill; 14. Obed; 15. Elijah; 16. The; 17. Nun; 18. Eve; 19. Job; 20. Six.  
**MIXED NATIONS** — Israel, Assyria, Edom, Babylon, Egypt. **CRYPTOGRAPH** — "The Lord is My Shepherd, I shall not want" (Psa. 23.1).

## COMPETITION NUMBER FIFTEEN

Send your entry (however many are answered) with your Name, Sunday School and Age, to: Mrs. Judith Jeffress, Good Company, P.O., West Beach, South Australia 5024 — before MAY 10th.

Readers in SOUTH AFRICA should post their entries to: Mrs. Rosemary Michell, 8 Scott Road, Pinetown, Natal — before JUNE 25th.

All entries receive marks for the special Good Company Award.

**WHO AM I?** (2 marks for correct answers) — Submitted by **Andrew Taylor**, Hobart.

My first is in Gentile, but not in Jew;  
 My second is in old, and not in new;  
 My third is in spirit, but not in gift;  
 My fourth is in shop, but not in lift;  
 My fifth is in Athens, but not in Mar's Hill;  
 My sixth is in Lydia and Paul as well;  
 My whole is a message of Hope and Goodwill.

**DOUBLE ACROSTIC** (2 marks for correct answers).

If you work out the answers you will find that the initial and final letters of each word spell out two principles. A clue: If the former is offered in faith, it will surely receive the latter!

1. The kingdom over which Cyrus ruled.
2. What God sends on the just and unjust.
3. An animal which reproved a prophet.
4. What Paul told the Thessalonians they should not be in well-doing (reversed).
5. The mother of Timothy.
6. The profession of Barabbas.

**JUMBLD PLACES** (1 mark for each correct answer) — Submitted by **Wendy King**, Adelaide.

Unjumble these words to reveal places Paul visited:

1. tiacnoh, 2. paerg, 3. psuryc, 4. alytsr, 5. ebred, 6. miucion.

**HIDDEN PASSAGE** (3 marks for correct answer) — Submitted by **Brigitte Mednyanszky**, Woodville.

This passage describes a part of us that is rather small, but very dangerous. Find it out by going back one letter in the alphabet (the letter "A" separates the words), and say where the passage comes from.

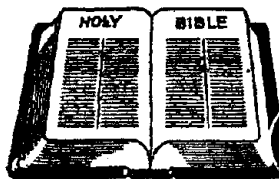
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## Look Ahead!

The apostle John experienced an exciting, though rather difficult, life. In his early years, he associated with the Lord Jesus in the wonderful ministry of 3½ years. It was a tremendous experience for young John, and he learned many important lessons that helped him in his later life. He learned to temper his impetuous zeal and intolerance of other's failings and oppositions, with a deeper, more mature understanding. And because he so willingly responded to the Lord's instruction, endeavouring to do his will, he was the disciple "whom Jesus loved." He endeared himself to the Lord by his spontaneous desire to please him. Later, after Christ ascended into heaven, and the burden of ecclesial responsibility rested upon John, he realised even more what was required of a disciple. He saw, in the troublous experiences of the times, that it was needful to encourage and assist the brethren and sisters to overcome their own problems and trials. When he wrote his epistles, he gave wise and mature advice to all sections of the ecclesia, urging them to co-operate together so that they could help one another towards the Kingdom.

But there were problems to be faced. During his later years, he witnessed many distressing features in ecclesial life; and his sorrow was increased by the deaths of his fellow-apostles and co-labourers. These must have been sore trials for John, although he had been told that his life would continue into the period after the destruction of Jerusalem, which occurred in AD70 (see Jn. 21: 20-22). John suffered many hardships and indignities perpetrated by the Roman authorities, and many disappointments through the apostasy of his contemporaries.

To lift him above the problems which surrounded him on the isle of Patmos, Jesus, in vision, outlined an unfolding picture of future glory. He revealed to his servant John, that, notwithstanding the development of evil and apostacy that would even commence in his own time, God's purpose to establish His glory would not fail, but would eventually be culminated at the second appearing of the Lord Jesus Christ.

In this vision, which is recorded for us in the book of Revelation, there is an unfolding drama of the ages, which is of great encouragement to all those who seek to understand its message. It helps us to see what is in store for the world in which we live today.

Jesus included a personal note to John in this grand vision. Surrounded as he was by the difficulties and frustrations of his island-prison, John was told that his work was not then completed, but that he must yet, in the future, "prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings" (Rev. 10: 11). He would be liberated from death by resurrection, and would personally witness the fulfilment of the great prophecy that was given to him hundreds of years ago. What a thrilling vision of the future! How it must have encouraged John to look ahead. What could he see? Christ in power: all the world submitting to his divine counsels; peace and goodwill on all sides; truth and equity in the laws of the nations; righteousness manifested in all the earth! This is what the vision of God's kingdom meant to John, and he was told that he would see it himself!

The Bible holds out a glorious vision of the future to each one of us if we imitate the attitude and determination of the apostle John, and, ignoring the difficulties and troubles that may come our way today — keep our vision upon the future glory that will soon cover the earth, as the waters do the seas.

## ***Sunday School*** **ACTIVITIES**

### **PENNANT HILLS, N.S.W.**

We would like to receive copies of the publication, *The Impressions of Youth*, as we feel that an interchange of ideas and views from other Schools can be of great assistance particularly to small and inexperienced groups. The G.C. Magazine is providing a much needed service in this way.

Bro. J. Granter (Sec.).

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### **CORRECTIONS TO JUNIOR AND SENIOR PROJECTS — Stage 5**

All scholars should make the following alterations in the current projects:

*Junior Project:* Page 7 — In the "Dictionary" asking for a definition of the "Gospel" it should read Instructor Lesson No. 72 (not 172). On Page 8 — Box 3 should read Acts 8. 5, Acts 8. 14, Acts 8. 14 (and not Acts 9 in each case as it does now).

*Senior Project:* Section C 1 (a) — Peter's Ladder of Spiritual Progress should read 1 Peter 1/5-11 (not 2 Peter . . .). —S.S. Association.

# THE MIRACLES OF CREATION

"Lift up your eyes on high and behold Who hath created these things"  
(Isa. 40:26).

## THE MIRACLE OF CAMOUFLAGE

Let's pause and reflect upon the miraculous camouflage in the world of insects.

This evidence for creative design destroys the evolutionary arguments, because in the life and death world of the insect, there just isn't time for the supposed ages needed for development by evolution. These creatures reveal that they were endowed *at once* and in *perfect harmony* for their particular role in the world of nature.

### The Insect That Has False Eyes

Consider the Indian Horn Worm. When it is threatened by danger, it withdraws its head at one end of its body, and reveals scary false eyes on its tail. We pose the question: How could a worm figure out the design for these fearsome false eyes, and then place them on its tail, where least damage from attack would occur? And *then* pass on this ability to its offspring? Having false eyes is clever enough, but what about the ability to conceal them? The fact is: During creation, the elohim knew precisely what had to be done, and by the wisdom of God they created all things perfectly for us to be convinced and to admire. The Psalmist commented:

"O Yahweh, how manifold are Thy works! In wisdom Thou hast made them all: the earth is full of Thy riches" (Psa. 104. 24).

### The Insect That Disappears

The *Stick Insect* is another example of God's ability to provide the camouflage necessary. How logical it is, that He Who created trees and plants should also design the stick insect to fit into its leafy environment.

The amazing colouring of the *Stick Insect* is perfectly distributed over its body. It is both green and brown, and is astonishingly like the branch of a tree upon which it perches. Where the twig of a tree is green, the main body of the stick insect is coloured green; and where the twig of a tree is brown (at the joints), so the insect has brown markings at the junction of its legs and body. Such perfection to detail testifies to creation. How could the little insect know to "develop" such wonderful colour tonings?

### The Insect That Shakes

The best way to describe an *Indian Leaf Bug* is to depict a large autumn leaf with legs tucked underneath it. The *Indian Leaf Bug* gets its protection from its similarity to the leaves about it. But consider what it means to emulate a leaf! This requires six important features: (1) It requires the right colours; (2) Then it needs the right colours in the right places; (3) Then it needs the right length; (5) and the ability to change colours to those of other leaves; (6) and most importantly, the means to act like a leaf!

This last point is quite intriguing. Think of the *Indian Leaf Bug* sitting on a twig on a windy day. All the leaves are shaking in the wind. But is the old leaf bug sitting as firm as a rock? Not for a moment! Because God was aware of all these things, He gave the leaf bug the instinct to rock backwards and forwards with all the leaves, thus maintaining the perfection of its camouflage! Not even the birds can tell the difference. Consider, again, how this reveals a Supreme Intelligence in creation.

Job declared:

**"Ask now the beasts, and they shall teach thee; and the fowls of the air and they shall tell thee; Or speak to the earth, and it shall teach thee, and the fishes of the sea shall declare unto thee. Who knoweth not in all these that the hand of Yahweh hath wrought this?"**

Though it is silent concerning the Gospel message of salvation, all nature is eloquent in its testimony to the ability and faithfulness of God.

### **The Insect That Threatens!**

The *Tree Hopper* provides evolutionists with a very thorny problem. It is a very tiny insect which carries on its back an exact replica of a thorn, to instinctively guard against opponents!

But consider what is necessary to successfully imitate a thorn. Either you look exactly like a thorn, or you don't look anything like one. There is no such thing as looking "half like a thorn." And there is obviously no sense in trying to plead several million years to develop the art, because the birds that prey on such insects would finish them off in a matter of days! If you were given the task of building on your back without hands or feet, the exact replica of a thorn, I wonder how you would make out?

The Tree Hopper is unable to stand at arms length and consider his own camouflage, yet it knows exactly how a thorn looks on a tree, and is very careful to maintain the similitude when danger threatens.

In the Malaysian jungles there are many fascinating creatures.

One has the similitude of a dead leaf! Think of the perfect shape, colour and length of the camouflage. Consider what it means for an insect to know how a dead leaf looks on the jungle floor; how it must form its body to imitate the exact thing!

### **The Insect That Looks Like A Flower**

When the *Preying Mantis* (its technical name is *Hymenatus Core-*

*natus*) is first seen, one is tempted to ask incredulously whether it is an insect or an orchid. Its amazing similarities to the wild orchid bloom permit it to live in safety on the orchid. Its leg flanges are covered with perfect similitudes of orchid petals, and the green margin of its pro-thorax resembles the stem with brown markings as wilted areas.

As with some other insects, when the wind blows, it will rock backwards and forwards to retain its camouflage.

This is one of the most spectacular proofs of premeditated design, and throws the evolutionist into an agony of self-made problems. So we ask the question:

**"How could this creature design its own camouflage, and then pass on the skill to its offspring? How could it teach its offspring that although it is a preying mantis, it must act like a bloom from an orchid for the rest of its life?"**

This creature — and all others — silently testify to a Divine Creative Hand. It is the Great Creator that has granted us a wisdom of His plan and purpose that far transcends even the beauty of creation.

*Bro. Shane Kingsbury.*

### **THE JOY OF SONG**

I love our hymns, they tell me of  
my Lord, my God, my King.  
I love it when we meet with others  
For then our hymns we sing!

— Composed by *Stephen Westraadt*  
(12 years old, from Pt. Elizabeth,  
Sth. Africa, who gains 5 marks).

### **The Middle Chapter!**

Calling the Psalms chapters for the sake of convenience, the 117th Psalm is the middle chapter of the Bible. Before and after it there are 594 chapters. It is both the middle and shortest chapter in the Bible! It has 2 verses, which contain 33 words, numbering 133 letters. Separating it only by one number is the longest chapter in the Bible, the 119th Psalm.

**junior  
bible  
campaign**



**launceston 1972**

Last summer, an exciting time was experienced by 41 young people who spent 8 days at the Launceston Junior Campaign. In charge was 'Uncle' Bruce Philp, who commented to us that "all scholars co-operated splendidly and enjoyed their studies." He has sent us photos of the occasion, and we are sure that all our readers would like to see them. Firstly, meet the teachers and students assembled in the school grounds:

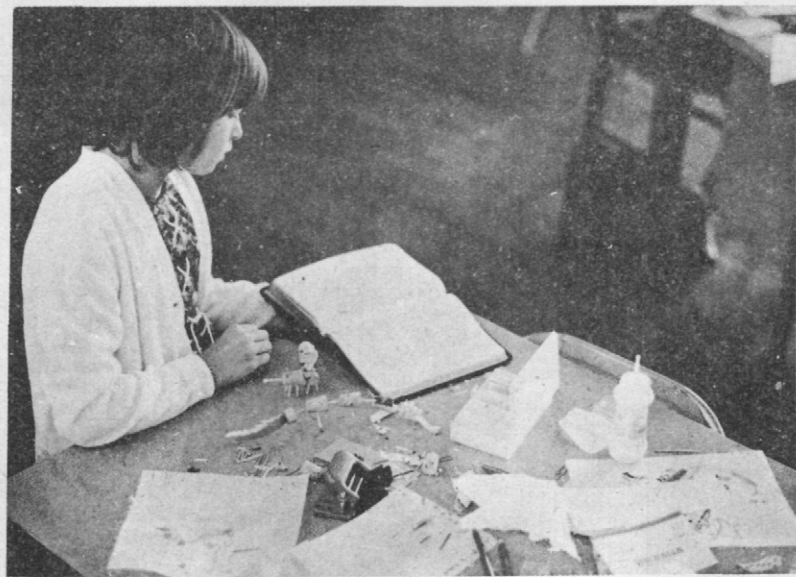


The senior group considered: 'An introduction to the Psalms' involving Bible marking. In our next

photo we show you some of the students engaged upon this valuable work.



In pensive mood! Debra Butler, of Hobart, is working on her project. Note the material that is available. The project work was well prepared by the children and attracted considerable interest





in the ecclesial hall where it was on display for the concert afternoon (part of the audience is seen below) with the projects in the background:



### COME AGAIN NEXT YEAR?

The next Campaign in Tasmania will be conducted in January 1973 (God willing) by the Hobart Ecclesia. 'Uncle' Bruce will again be present to arrange the activities for the Junior Section. He has especially appealed to all young people in Tasmania to make the 1973 Junior Campaign "the most happy and successful one yet, with every member in Tasmania present. . . Will you help me to that end?" Just to remind you of this next event Good Company hopes to have another pictorial supplement on the Tasmanian Junior Campaign in a later issue. If you are interested in attending would you like to write now to 'Uncle' Bruce Philp (c/- the Editor), and he will personally answer every letter received. Now to complete the series



## From our MAILBAG

We love to hear from you! Each letter received, earns for the sender 1 mark towards the Good Company 100 Award, and an additional mark if published.

### ON JOURNEYS OFT!

"Mum and Dad have just come back from the tour of the Middle East, and this week we have been listening to them describe many places to us. They visited places which the apostle Paul ministered in many years ago. At Athens they stood on Mars Hill, which is high above the city, and from whence they could look down at the old ruins of the market-place. In Paul's day the city was filled with idol worshippers — and it is much the same today!" (*Philip Niejalke, Launceston, Tas.*)

### EARLY BIRD GETS RESULTS

"I am especially looking forward to the junior section next issue. I have started my map and will send it when I have finished. I have been getting up a bit earlier in the mornings to do it, because I have a lot of work to do." (*Benito Kitto, 7 years, L'ton., Tas.*)

### A START AT SUNDAY SCHOOL

"About 2½ years ago, I came to see my aunt and uncle (now Bro. & Sis. Marold), who at that time were being instructed by 'Uncle' Don and 'Auntie' Una Stremple. 'Auntie' Una asked me if I would like to go to Sunday School, so I went to the next one. We were then living at Chidlow (some distance from Perth), so every second Friday Inka Marold, my auntie's daughter, and I would travel to Perth by bus and train, and stay at Strepfels, so that we could go to Sunday School. During this time my uncle and aunt became more interested, and about a year ago they were baptised. Now we live closer to Perth and can attend all study classes. I enjoy S.S. very much. At first I hardly ever got good marks for my work, but I

am gradually getting myself in place, and now receive better marks, and am glad I can do the work." (*Angela Liebming, Mt. Hawthorn.*)

### DRAMATIC LESSONS

"I've enjoyed our lessons about Paul because they are easily imagined in my mind. Our S.S. picnic is to be held on 20th May, and I am looking forward to it, especially as Wilston and Redcliffe young people will join with us for the occasion." (*Helen Hagen, Coorparoo, Qld.*)

### WELL-BREAD!

"I like reading other people's letters, and like to know what their S.S.'s do. Some weeks ago, our junior CYC went to 'Auntie' Joy Moore's house and made some bread ('Auntie' Sue Burke showed us how)" (*Sharon John, WA.*)

But was it tasty, Sharon! (Ed.)

### THE CITY THAT VANISHED!

"Recently we saw colour slides on Tyre, the city that vanished, and the Geography of the Holy lands. I am now in the middle class in S.S., and enjoy every moment. It is very interesting, the things one can find out of the Bible." (*Amanda Holm, Pt. Elizabeth, Sth. Africa.*)

### A POEM I LIKED

"While reading through a *Herald of the Coming Age* (Aug., 1956), I discovered the following poem, which is a translation of a Chaldean ode, sung in the Jewish synagogue during the service of the opening of the Feast of Pentecost. I think it is a very beautiful little 'poem' and if you were to print it, I'm sure many others would agree with me." (*Faye Haustorfer, 15 years, Perth.*)

We agree with you, Faye, so here is the poem:

Could we with ink the ocean fill  
And were the sky of parchment  
made;  
Were every stalk on earth a quill,  
And every man a scribe by trade;  
To write the love of God above,  
Would drain the ocean dry,  
Nor could the scroll contain the  
whole,  
Though stretched from sky to sky.

**GOOD COMPANY  
STAMP FAN**

"I would like to have some of your special postage stamp sets as I am a very keen stamp collector, and am trying to same stamps from all over the world in different categories." (Stephen Dawe, NSW.)

**PEN-PALS WANTED**

"I would like some pen friends. I am 11 years old, and my hobbies are reading and crocheting. I live in isolation" (Rosalie Brederick, P.O. Box 163, Coonabarabran, NSW 2857).

**LETTERS RECEIVED (1 mark each)**

Ruth Duperouzel (Mt. Hawthorn), Denese Smith (Perth; Nice to have your first entry—Ed.), Lynette Mansfield (Campsie; Sounds like exciting times at your monthly Friday Evenings—Ed.), Ian Roulstone (Ballina), Adrian Maycock (Perth; Glad to see you at the School, Adrian—Ed.), Max Evans (Perth; So you are now back in town, Max, and enjoying it too!—Ed.), Janet Russell (Ballina; Your effort with Uncle Bruce Philp and Uncle Kevin Dennis went well—Ed.), Alison Niejalke (L'ton), Lorrey Lawson (Adamstown; The Bible School was certainly enjoyed by all the teenagers there—Ed.), David Goodwin (Woodville; your papers finally found!—Ed.).

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

A large list of "100 Award Winners" is published this issue. I thank you all for your interest in the magazine, which is very encouraging to the Editorial Staff.

Maureen Stagg (Perth), Ian Roulstone (Ballina), Sharon John (Mt. Hawthorn), Timothy Harrington (Hobart), Benito Kitto (L'ton), Shirley Martin, Jamie Arnold, Lynette Horgan, Rosemary Clothier (all from Enfield), Adele Ullman (Perth; who has now attained her "second" — Ed.), Samuel Pogson, Debbie Pogson (Adamstown), Brigitte Mednyanszky (Woodville).

**MORE QUIZZES HELD OVER!**

I am pleased to receive competitions worked out by my readers. I can't put them all in this issue, so some are held over for our next. Don't forget, however, that you must include the answers to the competitions when you submit them, otherwise, I find some too difficult to work out!

*Auntie Judy*

June/July, 1972

**"OUR HEAVENLY FATHER,  
HEAR..."**

Loving Father; God all-wise,  
Before Thy throne we close our eyes.  
Father, help us when we stray  
From that true and living way.  
Put forth Thy protective arm,  
Keep us from evil and harm.  
Fill us daily with thy Truth,  
So that we may bring forth fruit;  
Help us to run a faithful race  
As chosen vessels for Thy grace;  
Yet, when through weakness we transgress,  
We are reminded of our sinful flesh.  
Unto Thee, our God, on high,  
We plead our cause, and draw nigh,  
As Thou did'st hear Thine only Son,  
"Father, not my will but Thine be done."  
So we do also seek Thy way,  
And strive to keep therein each day.  
*Adrian Maycock (Perth), 10 marks.*

**COMPETITION ENTRIES RECEIVED FOR  
ISSUE No. 15**

**WESTERN AUSTRALIA — Mt. Hawthorn:** Sharon John, Carmel John, Inka Marold, Angela Liebminher, Ruth Duperouzel, Susan Stempel; **Perth:** Benjamin Newton, Isaac Newton, Jenny Newton, Nola Haustorfer, Linda Danby, Max Evans, Maureen Stagg, Paul Smith, Adele Ullman, Julie Ullman, Robin Smith, Veronica van der Meulen, Renay van der Meulen, Denese Smith, Faye Haustorfer. **SOUTH AUSTRALIA — Cumberland:** Adrian Stewart; **Enfield:** Jamie Arnold, Brett Arnold, Mark Clothier, Judith Clothier, Erin Ihde, Beverley Martin, Valerie Martin, Coralie Martin, Catherine Stokes, Barry Burney, Joel Burney, Ruth Horgan, Margaret Horgan, Judith Horgan, Lynette Horgan, Sandra Beacham, Robert Beacham, Rosemary Beacham, Rosemary Clothier, David Burney, Ian Merrick, Linda Burney; **Tea Tree Gully:** Carol Scott; **Woodville:** Paul Mansfield, David Goodwin, Sharon Mansfield, Joylene Hackett, Gabriella Mednyanszky, Brigitte Mednyanszky, Suzanne Goodwin. **NEW SOUTH WALES — Adamstown:** Margaret Richards, Samuel Pogson, Debbie Pogson, Daniel Pogson; **Ballina:** Ian Roulstone, Janet Russell; **Campsie:** Lynette Mansfield, Tim Mansfield, James Mansfield; **Pennant Hills:** Peter Halpin; **Yagoona:** Bruce Cook, Wendy Cook, Robyn McKinlay. **TASMANIA — Hobart:** Timothy Harrington; **Launceston:** Katrina Wright, Philip Nie, aike, Julie Wright, Louise Thompson, Stephen Wright, Teresa Thompson, Dean Kitto, Benito Kitto. **VICTORIA — Coburg:** Joanne Snow, Yvonne Brewer; **Burwood:** Heather Lawson, Sharon Loveday; **Canterbury:** Stephen Morgan, David Morgan;

**Mt. Waverley:** Anne Fotheringham. **QUEENSLAND** — **Coorparoo:** Helen Hagen, Greg Hagen; **Booval:** Joy Fotheringham; **ISOLATION** — Rosalie Brederick. **NEW ZEALAND** — **New Lynn:** Grant Nightingale.

#### JUNIOR ENTRIES RECEIVED

Richard Ullman (Perth), Kylie Arnold (Enfield), Benito Kitto (L'ton), Ruth Mansfield (Woodville), Mark Mansfield (Granville), Paul Mansfield (Granville), Roderick Sawell (Cabramatta).

#### POSTAL DIFFICULTIES DELAY RESULTS

Unfortunately, we have had problems with our postal deliveries in Sth. Africa, and *Good Company* has arrived rather late, sometimes after the closing date for the competitions. However, several students still forwarded their entries to me, showing that they are really keen. Here in Sth. Africa quite a few members are in the 6-8 year old age group, and I think they will enjoy a special

Junior Section. I was pleased to receive some very interesting letters from my readers in this country, and have sent one to the Editor for publication. I hope many more will write to me this month!

Best wishes to you all,

*Auntie Rosemary*

#### COMPETITION RESULTS FROM OVERSEAS FOR ISSUE No. 13

**SOUTH AFRICA** — From **Pt. Elizabeth:** Stephen Westraadt, Raymond Westraadt, Sonja Westraadt, Karen Holm, Amanda Holm, Mark Holm. From **Pt. Shepstone:** Gwenneth, Melanie and Bronwyn Kaiser.

#### COMPETITION RESULTS FROM OVERSEAS FOR ISSUE No. 14

**SOUTH AFRICA** — From **Pt. Elizabeth:** Stephen, Sonja and Raymond Westraadt, Leslie Sletcher, David Bruggemann, Amanda, Mark and Karen Holm. From **East London:** Beverley Goldhill. From **Pt. Shepstone:** Bronwyn, Gwenneth and Melanie Kaiser.

#### ANSWERS TO COMPETITION No. 15

**WHO AM I?** — Gospel. **DOUBLE ACROSTIC** — 1. Persia, 2. Rain, 3. Ass, 4. Weary (reversed), 5. Eunice, 6. Robber. The initial letters spelt "Prayer", and the final ones "Answer". **JUMBLED PLACES** — 1. Antioch, 2. Perga, 3. Cyprus, 4. Lystra, 5. Derbe, 6. Iconium. **HIDDEN PASSAGE** — "Even so the tongue is a little member and boasteth great things. Behold how great a matter a little fire kindleth" (James 3:5).

## Competition Number Sixteen

#### INCREASE YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Send your competition entry (however many are answered) with your Name and Sunday School, to Mrs. Judith Jeffress, Good Company, P.O., West Beach, South Australia 5024 — before **JULY 10th**.

Readers in **SOUTH AFRICA** should post their entries to: Mrs. Rosemary Michell, 8 Scott Road, Pinetown, Natal — before **AUGUST 25th**.

All entries receive marks for the special Good Company Award.

#### OUR COMPETITION FOR JUNIOR READERS (Up to 8 years old)

Here is a "secret story" for you to work out. To help you, every missing word has its first letter. See how many you can discover, and send your answers to me.

"On Paul's second missionary journey he took B—. Leaving A— (in Syria), they went to I— and L—, and onto D—. Here they healed a crippled man, and because of this miracle, the people wanted to make g— of them, but Paul stopped them. Some Jews made the p— angry, and Paul was s—.

"They then visited several towns and came to Ph— where L— and her household believed and were b—. Paul also healed a girl with a sick m—. This was a miracle, but it made the men who had used her to make money, very angry. They turned the people a— Paul and B—, who were then put in stocks in the innermost p—. At midnight, there was an earth—, and the prisoners were freed of their bonds. Paul preached to the jailor, and his f—; and they also b— and were baptised."

**A PAULINE ACROSTIC** (3 marks for correct answer) — Submitted by *Faye Haustorfer*, Perth.

Each of the following answers is connected with Paul and his journeys. The first letters form a word, which describes what Paul offered to the Lord.

1. A city on the eastern end of Cyprus, visited by Paul, Barnabas and John.

2. A city in Asia where Paul stayed about 2 years. Here a certain silversmith stirred up trouble.

3. After Paul made an appeal to Caesar, he was sent to this great city where he was imprisoned.

4. Paul received this at Troas, in which he saw a man beckoning him.

5. A city in Galatia where the people were divided because of Paul's preaching.

6. Paul abode here with Aquila and Priscilla.

7. He fell out of a window, and was revived by Paul.

**DISCOVER MY IDENTITY** (3 marks for correct answer) — Submitted by *Lynette Mansfield*, Campsie.

My first is in Peter, but not in Saul;  
My second is in spirit and also in sword;

My third is in ink, but not in pen;  
My fourth is in school, but not in word;

My fifth is in chimes and also in chant;

My sixth is in smite, also in might;  
My seventh is in hall, but not in room;

My eighth is in plant, but not in pot;

My ninth is in man, and that's the lot!

My name is ..... and  
my husband's name is .....

We first met Paul the Apostle at .....

**MYSTERY STORY** (3 marks for correct answer) — Submitted by *Gail Case*, Launceston.

Unjumble the hidden words, to complete the story about a wonderful man, who is an example to all. You might find it a little hard, but try, anyway.

amaNan was a Syrian. He was captain over the siKng army. But he was a epler. amaNan had a few who was waited on by a titlle paticev imda. One day amaNan heard of a man called salEhi who could cure his poyersl. So amaNan went by roitahc to salEhi's house. When he arrived, salEhi said to amaNan (2 siKng 5: 10), that he should go down to the vierr dornaJ and dip himself evens times (v. 14). amaNan returned to salEhi and confessed that he now truly believed in waehYh.

**CROSSWORD ON THE APOSTLES' ACTIVITIES** (3 marks) — Submitted by *Sharon Mansfield*, Woodville. (see our Pictorial Supplement.)

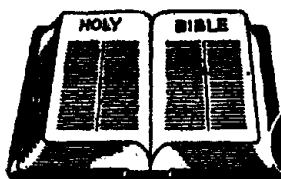
*Clues Across:* 1. Silver and gold have I . . . 4. One of the apostles present. 7. The other apostle with him. 8. The man healed from lameness held this. 9. He . . . lame. 11. "But . . . as I have give I thee." 12. What was called "Beautiful?" 13. Peter . . . the lame man. 15. Relating to part of the body in Acts 3: 7.

*Clues Down:* 1. The hour the lame man was healed. 2. Whose name was used in the healing? 3. Peter stayed here sometime after he left Jerusalem. 5. ". . . gave heed to Peter and John." 6. The lame man . . . God. 9. He leapt, stood and . . ." 12. Peter said he had none. 14. The lame man was healed through Divine Righteousness (initials).

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## **The Man Who Faced Examinations**

*The annual Sunday School examination is a valuable experience, for it helps develop our ability to clearly answer questions that may be put to us throughout our life. The apostle Paul was a man who underwent many examinations! In his youth he was brought up at the feet of the famed Jewish scholar, Gamaliel, and became learned in the principles of the Law. In those days he would often have had his developing knowledge "tested" by his teacher. But the most difficult question Paul ever had to answer was one that came later in life. On the road to Damascus, a heavenly voice enquired: "Why persecute me?" (Acts 9:4). He failed that examination for there was no reason that he could give. Instead, in true humility, he confessed his previous error and ignorance, and submitted to the instruction of a greater teacher than even Gamaliel — the Lord Jesus himself. His failure, however, led him to success, and he became a better man afterwards. When he came into contact with the people and rulers of the times, and submitted to their examination, he was able to "give an answer for the hope within him". Before Jew (Acts 13:15) and Gentile (ch.17) he answered the question: "May we know what this new doctrine, whereof thou speakest, is?" Further examinations came from Gallio Acts 18:12), the Jerusalemites (ch.22), the chief captain (v.24), the Sanhedrin (ch.23), Felix (ch.24:24), Festus (ch.25), Agrippa (ch.26) and Caesar (ch.28). All these experiences developed his character and gave him hope of the grand prize of a "crown of righteousness".*

We may not pass every examination in life. The thing that really counts is whether we can, as Paul did on the road to Damascus, learn from our mistakes, and set our feet firmly on the way to spiritual success.

Your friend,

*The Editor*

## WHY SO MANY PESTS?

Only those who have tried to grow flowers and vegetables will realise the constant warfare that has to be waged against pests of all kinds, from large four-legged ones to insects which can only be seen through a microscope. Some of my experiences will perhaps form the best illustration.

Soon after the winter ended, carnations in the garden began to grow nicely, but one morning the young shoots were all nibbled off — this was the work of rabbits. Then I planted several rows of garden peas. These commenced to sprout and then disappeared, so we went out one night with an electric torch to find out why. The explanation was soon obvious, for we caught over a hundred slugs. The apple trees blossomed very freely, but looking at them closely, I noticed many of the leaves were stuck together; on pulling two leaves apart, a little green caterpillar was revealed. And so I could go on for quite a long time telling of young plants destroyed by wireworms, seeds devoured by birds, rats and mice, young onions destroyed by the onion fly, turnips by the turnip fly, seedbeds rendered useless by the burrowing of moles, and later on, fruit spoiled by wasps, and so on.

In fact if constant warfare is not waged there will not be much to show in the way of a harvest.

It is only natural that you should wonder why there should be all these pests — why things cannot be planted and grown to perfection

without all the labour and worry involved in the daily routine of a fruit and vegetable grower. The explanation is to be found in the Bible.

When Adam and Eve were first created and placed in the garden of Eden, they did not experience the troubles that now exist because sin had not entered the world. It must have been delightful in that garden planted by God. But when our first parents disobeyed God, they were turned out of the garden, and told:

**"cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life . . . in the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return to the ground"** (Gen. 3: 17).

And so it has been ever since for we are all descended from Adam and Eve.

But the earth is not to remain for ever under the curse, for it is part of the mission of Christ to remove it. When Christ returns to reward the faithful with eternal life, and give them an everlasting inheritance in the earth, then paradise will be restored and the earth will bring forth abundantly as it did in the garden of Eden. That wonderful time is summed up in the words of scripture:

**"and there shall be no more curse"** (Rev. 22. 3).

This glorious consummation will soon be a reality, for Christ is about to return!

—A.J.



## Sunday School ACTIVITIES

We invite reports and items of interest from all Sunday Schools, and general comments from readers.

### NEWS WE ARE PLEASED TO HEAR

On May 25th, *Shirley Martin*, eldest daughter of Bro. and Sis. John Martin (Enfield), was baptised into Jesus Christ. We congratulate Shirley on this wonderful occasion, and are thrilled that one of our consistent readers has now embraced the Hope of Israel.

## From our MAILBAG



We love to hear from you! Each letter received, earns for the sender 1 mark towards the Good Company 100 Award, and an additional mark if published.

### FINDING FRIENDS

"I would like you to locate two friends I met at the last Bible School in the Senior Class. They are Chris Carder and Gilbert Pogson, and I would like to hear from them" (*Peter Wolstencroft*, Pennant Hills).

(Chris and Gilbert can write direct to Peter c/- A. Wolstencroft, 32 Albion St, Pennant Hills, NSW 2120.)

### PEN-FRIEND WITH STAMPS

"I would like a pen friend who is interested in collecting stamps. My hobbies are stamps and reading." (*Timothy Harrington*, 13 Barossa Rd, Glenorchy, Tas. 7010).

### IN PINEAPPLE COUNTRY

"This is my first entry I have submitted, although I have made several attempts before. I thoroughly enjoy G.C., and also meeting Uncle Graeham when he was in Brisbane. Next Saturday, members of Redcliffe, Wilston and Coorparoo will be going on a bus trip to the Big Pineapple, near Nambour, and I am really looking forward to it" (*Rodney Dawson*, Coorparoo, Qld.).

### INTERESTING ILLUSTRATIONS

"I particularly like the series of articles on *Miracles of Creation* in G.C. To help us remember our lessons on Paul, one of our teachers, 'Uncle' Arthur Russell, screens some colored slides on the apostle's journeys, which make the stories very interesting" (*Jennifer Harden*, Granville, NSW).

### PLAYMATES

"I like my Sunday School class because we read the Bible and draw pictures on the blackboards. The girls play with me after class, and I like it because I don't have any sisters" (*Elizabeth Wolstencroft*, 6 yrs, Pennant Hills, NSW).

### APPRECIATED PRIZE

"Thank you very much for the prize you sent me for my map (Junior Competition). It looks very nice on our mantlepiece, and I am very proud of it" (*Benita Kitto*, L'ton).

(We've got your name right at last, Benita!)

### A MISTAKE MADE!

"In the Junior Competition last issue I found a mistake! Barnabas was not with Paul at Philippi. We find this in Acts 15: 39-40 and ch. 16: 19—it was Silas! However, I did enjoy doing the story" (*Alison Niejalke*, L'ton).

(We noticed it also, Alison, but too late. Our face is still red!—Ed).

### COME TO TASMANIA!

"I was pleased to receive Issue 16 with very interesting photos of our last Bible Campaign. Our next one will be held in Hobart next January, God willing, and I'm sure you would find it enjoyable!" (*Gail Case*, L'ton).

### EDITOR IN BRISBANE

"In June, we were visited by 'Uncle' Graham Mansfield, who gave a study of the Epistles of John. The effort proved to be very successful, with more than 70 requests for literature from adverts in the *Courier Mail*." (*Greg Hagen*, Coorparoo, Qld)

(I found it particularly delightful to meet many of my readers in Brisbane area—Ed).

**PEN-FRIEND, PLEASE**

"I am 13 yrs old, and my hobbies are reading and music. I attend Adamstown Sunday School, near Newcastle, and would like a pen-pal" (*Leanne Darke, 28 Morton Pde, 5th Wallsend, NSW 2287.*)

**LETTERS WE ARE GLAD TO RECEIVE**

(1 Good Company Mark for each)

From Roderick Sawell (Cabramatta — We enjoyed your sketches), Lynette Seaman (L'ton — Birthday greetings for July 24!), Richard Ullman (Perth — Glad you liked the Junior Competition), Margaret Richards (Adamstown — Tells of her delightful experiences at May Bible School), Sharon Darke (Adamstown — Hope Rosalie enjoys corresponding with you), Alison Niejalke (L'ton — Your special Youth Aliyah night must have been exciting), Phillip Niejalke (L'ton — Bible prophecies are certainly coming to pass today, as you describe), Robyn Ann Hermann (Ballina — Thanks for your note).

**MAKING: THE BREAD OF LIFE**

On April 25th (Anzac day holiday), while thousands of people all over the world were commemorating the dead, a little group of children in Bassendean, WA, were creating a symbol of life! Sixteen junior CYC members gathered at the home of Bro. and Sis. Moore and learned how to make bread. Sixteen boys and girls aged 10-14 may not sound very many, but put them all in a kitchen and try to organize them, and you find it's harder than you think! Actually, the combined group from Central and Hawthorn S.S. were models of good behaviour, and their co-operation certainly saved a lot of harassment. Most parents dropped their children off and picked them up later, but a couple stayed and were able to make good contribution to the "class."

**Cooks in Control**

Sis. Lal Stag declared she knew nothing whatsoever about breadmaking, but her ability to keep law and order during the exciting moments prevented some depressing results! Sis. Ruby Kersting, having worked in a bakery, stepped into the breach when we couldn't work out how to make lumpy rolls smooth. Sis. Joy Moore generally organized the

Junior Baking Company, while Sis. Gwen Marold and Sis. Sue Burke, acted as Head Cooking Teachers.

**Bread that Wore on Teeth!**

After the strictly-supervised Scrubbing Up, four groups of four set to work. Each group made one batch of dough, taking turns to sift, stir and knead. While the dough was rising in the sun, and everyone had washed their sticky hands, we all sat on the lawn outside with Bibles, and 'Uncle' Tony Newton talked about the significance of what we had just been doing. The talk turned into a discussion, and we learned how the Egyptians of old ground their wheat with stones, so that their bread had little lumps of grit in it which eventually wore out their teeth!

The Israelites used wooden troughs, as we read in Exodus. So lessons were brought out about the grinding of flour (learning for ourselves the Word of God), about using the yeast (allowing the power of God to work in us), about kneading the dough (working for the Truth), about baking it in the oven (the Trials which make our character), so that in the end there is seen a perfect loaf (as the Lord Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life).

After a third handwashing session, the dough was shaped into many imaginative rolls, twists and buns, glazed and decorated with whole wheat grains. While it was rising for the last time, some of the children found bricks and ground up wheat into crude flour—the results made it very easy to believe how the Egyptian's teeth wore down quickly!

Finally, the baking was finished and a glorious aroma wafted through the neighborhood. The bread was perfect. It was laid out on a table with each child's batch labelled. It was a mouthwatering sight, and a credit to everyone's diligence. It seemed a pity to wrap it up and spoil the look of that attractive table—but after the admiring was done, it was time to finish. The bread was taken home to many incredulous parents, and the day was declared a success.

—Reporter Sue Burke (WA).

## On the move



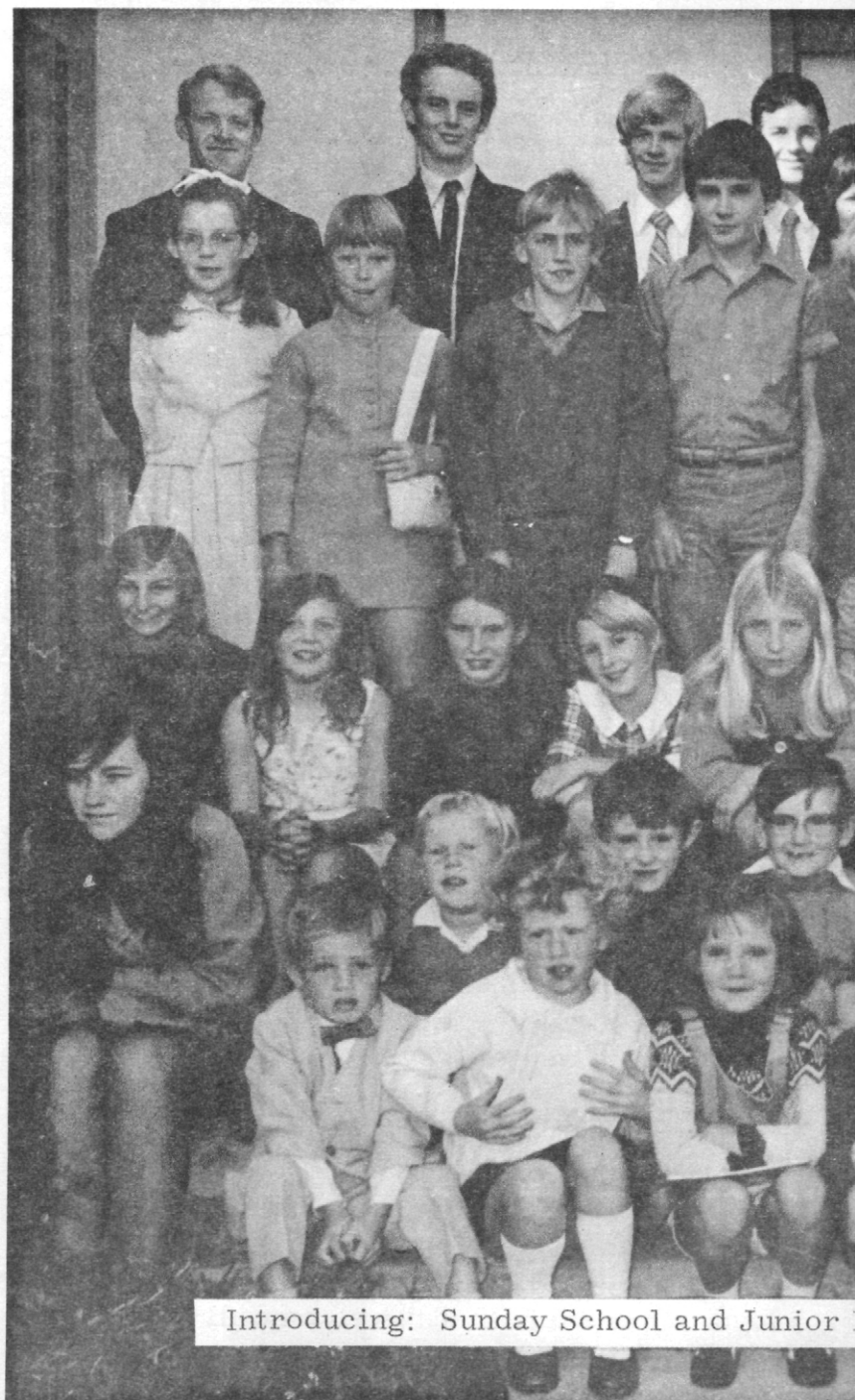
We commence our illustrations this issue with one that reminds us of the words of Daniel, who prophesied

that in these times there would be much travelling (ch. 12:4)! Pictured in front of the giant jet is: "uncle Ken and auntie Pauline Niejalke, just before they started their journey to Israel... Auntie Pauline is my teacher, and on her return home brought me a bookmark and some Israel coins" (10 mks to Dean Kitto, Launceston). Dean's sister, Benita, sent this next photo (10 mks) to show that there are other forms of travel as well! Benita is on the right, with Jocelyn Coombe pedalling fast on the left. Looks like the hard way to travel, Benita!




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Next Page: Some of our readers at Christchurch, New Zealand, sent to us by superintendent, Bro. Norm. Lloyd. We are delighted to welcome all to our pages.

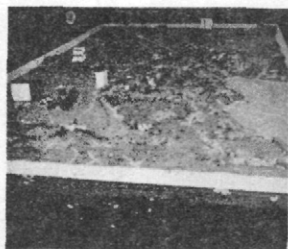


Introducing: Sunday School and Junior



Class, at Christchurch, New Zealand.

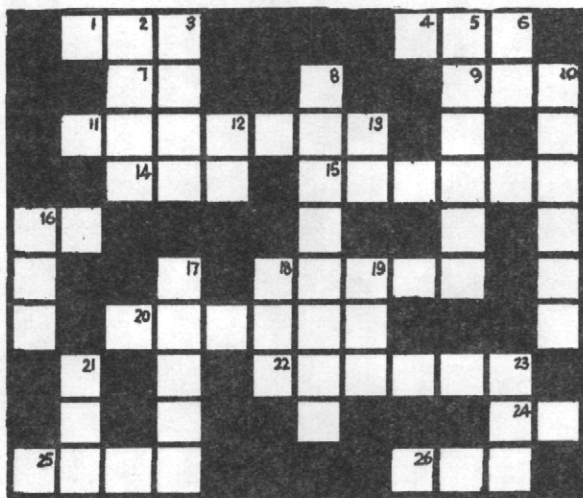
Speaking of travel! . . . Our lessons on Paul's journeys remind us that travel was once a very hazardous affair. Such is portrayed in these photos of projects on the journeys of Paul, constructed by the Tea Tree Gully Sunday School during a special visit of Bro. Vic Hocking. The photos were sent by Jacquie Wearne (10 mks), whose class made a very good model of the shipwreck; whilst the senior class produced a lovely relief map of the Mediterranean area highlighting Paul's activities, and travels. Other classes modelled different features of the Sunday School lessons.



### OUR CURRENT CROSSWORD (see details on the last page)

If you would like to keep your magazine intact

copy this diagram onto a sheet of paper to submit your answer. Don't forget to color the special words, so that you can discover the hidden message!



# THE MIRACLES OF CREATION

"Lift up your eyes on high and behold Who hath created these things"  
(Isa. 40:26).

Our last discussion considered the miracle of insect camouflage — how the Creator has endowed His creatures with a self-protective appearance. This issue we discover the miracle of "balance" in nature, which keeps all creation in control.

## THE AMAZING "CONTROL SYSTEM" OF NATURE

### Nature's Balance

The wonderful way by which nature continues, without being over-run by any particular species is testified by "experts." All acknowledge the existence of a "balance of nature." Birds keep insects in check; large fish eat the small ones; worms are eaten by frogs; frogs are consumed by snakes; snakes are enjoyed by hawks . . .

### Plague of Flies!

This fine balance is maintained in the insect world in a remarkable way. Insects multiply at an unbelievable rate. A female house fly can lay 500 eggs in one season. Within a week, each egg develops into an adult fly, each of which can again lay 500 eggs of its own! If all the eggs hatch and if all the newly-hatched survive, the original fly would have some 200,000,000,000,000,000,000 descendants at the end of the season. And the earth would be covered beneath a layer of flies nearly fifty feet deep!

But we are saved from such a catastrophe by the little spider! It is the great enemy of the insect. One female spider is reported to have destroyed 250 house flies and 33 fruit flies in its life; and it has been calculated in England that there are some 50,000 spiders per acre.

### An Attack from the Air and Surface!

Birds and small animals are pitted against insects, too. One toad will eat as many as 30 flies an hour. In fact, a giant toad was observed snapping up mosquitoes at the rate of 50 per minute! That's nearly one every second! A swallow (aptly named) will swallow as many as 2,000 mosquitoes per day.

The Great Architect of nature has provided birds to control insects everywhere. *High in the air*, there are swallows, swifts and martins catching high-altitude insects. These birds have wide mouths so they can steam-shovel the insects as they fly. *In the tree-tops* there are warblers and starlings to take care of the insects there. *In the bushes* are sparrows and starlings as well. *On the ground* insects are devoured by quail and meadowlark. Down by the *lake shore* and *river banks* are storks, herons and sandpipers busily engaged in insect-catching. And on the *waters' surface*, the area is guarded by ducks, geese and similar fowl.

Such birds play a most important part in maintaining the balance of nature. It has been estimated that if the birds were taken from the earth, all plant life would be destroyed by insects in less than one year!

These facts throw evolutionists into a quandary. Isn't it obvious that insects COULD NOT have preceded birds on this planet by anything more than one year?

### Saving The Oceans From Choking

It is not only the land that feels the benefit of God's controlling laws.

Notice the expression of Gen. 1: 20 — "Let the waters bring forth ABUNDANTLY." This is exactly what happens. The basic form of life in the sea is the *diatom*, a little single-celled creature. Every cubic yard of sea water carries 400 million diatoms. But what keeps the oceans from becoming clogged with millions and millions of diatoms? Well, a slightly *bigger-celled* creature called a *copepod* eats 120,000 diatoms in a

single sitting! But what keeps the copepods under control? The herring eats 6,000 of them at a time!

The Hand of God is abundantly evident in all these things.

Consider the need for nature's control. The codfish releases 4 million eggs in one season; the oyster releases 100 million eggs; and the sunfish produces a staggering 300 million! Yet all the ocean is under perfect control despite these and other vast growths. And day by day, week by week, month after month—the "control system" of nature keeps on working to provide a healthy environment for all life. This is the power and wisdom of the Great God, Who has called us to understand and worship Him: to "lift up our eyes on high and behold Who hath created these things."

*Bro. Shane Kingsbury.*

### More Poetry

#### GUIDANCE

*This poem was written by Susan Stempel (Mt. Hawthorn), and recited by her at a recent "Family night." (5 mks).*

Heavenly Father, O Thou doth hear,  
Our prayers to you Whom we do  
fear!

For day and night we always pray,  
To keep within Thy Bible's way.

And Thou, with Thine almighty hand,  
Will hold us as a little band;

Although we're nothing in Thy sight,  
Please "guide" us through this long  
dark night.

#### ON A MISSION

*Catherine Knowles (9 yrs, Enfield) describes the grand excursion of two great men (5 mks):*

Two good men,  
Which God did call,  
Set upon a journey:  
Barnabas and Paul

The gospel they did preach  
Through lands both large and  
small,

Then home again they went:  
Barnabas and Paul.

#### PEN-PALS WANTED

If you have written before, and not yet obtained a pen friend, please send another appeal to the Editor, and we will attempt to arrange this for you.

This month we have a request from *David Miles*, 30 Bowen St., Cambridge West, East London, South Africa, who would like to correspond with a boy penfriend in the 10-12 yr. age group in Australia or New Zealand. David is very keen on Sunday School, and likes to attend the morning meeting with his mother. He is also fond of swimming.

## Competitions? & Quizzes ?

#### SWAMPED!

The postman struggled into the office this month with one hundred and twenty-two entries from avid readers. Poor man! But he cheered up under the weight, when he saw my delighted smile at having received so many. Thanks to you all. I am always glad to receive poems and quizzes for our pages, and have some held over for our next issue. Don't just send your entries in for Competition 17 — try to get your friends to enter as well.

Looking forward to hearing from you again,

*Auntie Judy*

#### COMPETITION ENTRIES RECEIVED FOR ISSUE No. 16

**SOUTH AUSTRALIA** — **Enfield:** Valerie Martin, Richard Cheek, Elizabeth Cheek, Rosemary Clothier, Barry Burney, Joel Burney, Linda Burney, David Burney, Hans Petiet, Angela Petiet, Nico Petiet, Erin Ihde, Andrew Knowles, Mark Horgan, Ruth Horgan, Robert Beacham, Rosemary Beacham, Sandra Beacham, Coralie Martin, Shirley Martin, Beverley Martin, Ian Merrick, Carol Merrick, Kylie Arnold, Jamie Arnold, Brett Arnold, Catherine Knowles, Margaret Horgan, Lynette Horgan, Judith Horgan. **Tea Tree Gully:** Carol Scott, John Scott. **Woodville:** Daryl Pitt, Sharon Mansfield, Patricia Hubbard, Paul Mansfield, Suzanne Goodwin, David Goodwin, Brigitte Mednyanszky. **NEW SOUTH WALES** — **Adamstown:** Meredith Richards,



Sharon Drake, Lois Richards, Margaret Richards, Leanne Darke, Debbie Pogson, Samuel Pogson. **Ballina:** Timothy Wassell, Peter Wassell, Neroli Wassell, Robyn Hermann, Janet Russell, Ian Roulstone. **Cabramatta:** Timothy Mumby, Gregory Pogson, Ian Sawell, Roderick Sawell. **Campsie:** Lynette Mansfield, James Mansfield, Julia Mansfield, Tim Mansfield. **Granville:** Paul Mansfield, Wendy Forsdike, Mark Mansfield, Jennifer Harden. **Pennant Hills:** Peter Halpin, Sharon Granter, Elisabeth Wolstencroft, Peter Wolstencroft. **Punchbowl:** Kennie McKinlay, Suzanne McKinlay. **Riverwood:** Colin Warner, Mark Dennes. **Yagoona:** Robyn McKinlay, Jonathan Pogson, Samuel (?) Pogson. **Isolation:** Rosalie Brederick. **TASMANIA — Hobart:** Timothy Harrington. **Launceston:** Katrina Crocker, Marian Case, Jocelyn Coombe, Philip Niejalke, Benita Kitto, Dean Kitto, Alison Niejalke, Lynette Seaman, Katrina Wright, Gail Case, Julie Wright, Stephen Wright. **VICTORIA — Burwood:** John Finnis, Yvonne Brewer. **Canterbury:** Stephen Morgan, David Morgan. **Coburg:** Joanne Snow. **QUEENSLAND — Cooparoo:** Helen Hagen, Greg Hagen, Rodney Dawson. **Ipawich:** Alison Fotheringham, Joy Fotheringham. **Isolation:** Valerie Johnson. **WESTERN AUSTRALIA — Mt. Hawthorn:** Deborah Kerr, Steven Kerr, Susan Stempel, Carmel John, Angela Liebinger, Inka Marold, Sharon John, Kathryn John, (?) Stempel. **Perth:** Benjamin Newton, Isaac Newton, Adrian Maycock, Denise Smith, Renay van der Meulen, Anita Smith, Veronica van der Meulen, Richard Ullman, Adele Ullman, Paul Smith, Janet Gross, Chris Carder, Jonathan Carder.

From South Africa:

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW READERS

I am delighted to welcome, through the pages of *Good Company*, the four children of Brother Tshawe, of Bloemfontein, to our growing list of readers. I hope they really enjoy the visits of our magazine.

### Junior Section

The maps done by the 3 entries in this section were absolutely beautifully sketched; I was really surprised at the detail and patience that went into them. Amanda Holm wrote out the 1st Psalm, and did it very nicely. I look forward to hearing from my widening circle of friends this month!

*Auntie Rosemary*

### COMPETITION ENTRIES RECEIVED FROM OVERSEAS FOR ISSUE No. 15

**SOUTH AFRICA — Pt. Shepstone:** Bronwyn Kaiser, Gwenneth Kaiser, Melanie Kaiser. **Pt. Elizabeth:** Mark Holm, Karen Holm, Amanda Holm, Leslie Sletcher, Stephen Westraadt, Sonja Westraadt, Raymond Westraadt. **Under 8 Section:** Amanda Law, Christopher Wilcox, Wayne Larsen.

### ANSWERS TO COMPETITION No. 16

**PAULINE ACROSTIC** — 1. Salamis; 2. Ephesus; 3. Rome; 4. Vision; 5. Iconium; 6. Corinth; 7. Eutychus. First letters: Service. **DISCOVER IDENTITY** — Priscilla, whose husband was Aquilla, and who met Paul at Corinth. **MYSTERY STORY** — Hidden words: Naaman, King's leper, Naaman, wife, little captive maid, Naaman, Elisha, leprosy, Naaman, chariot, Elisha's, Elisha, Naaman, Kings, river Jordan, seven, Naaman, Elisha, Yahweh. **CROSSWORD** — Across: 1. None; 4. John; 7. Peter; 8. Alms; 9. was; 11. such; 12. Gate; 13. healed; 15. right. Down: 1. ninth; 2. Jesus Christ; 3. Joppa; 5. he; 6. praised; 9. walked; 12. gold; 14. DR.

## Competition Seventeen

Send your competition entry (however many are answered) with your Name and Sunday School to Mrs. Judith Jeffress, Good Company, P.O., West Beach, South Australia 5024 — before **SEPTEMBER 10th**.

### INCREASE YOUR KNOWLEDGE!

Readers in **SOUTH AFRICA** should post their entries to: Mrs. Rosemary Michell, 8 Scott Road, Pinetown, Natal — before **OCTOBER 25th**.

### OUR COMPETITION FOR JUNIOR READERS (Up to 8 years old)

The second part of our "secret story" is continued below. To help you, every missing word has its first letter. See how many you can discover, and send your answers to me. (P.S. there was a mistake in the last issue. Did you find it? Quite a number of our readers did, and one of their letters is printed in this magazine).

"P— then travelled on to A— alone. The people worshipped i— there, so he preached the T— to them and some bel— him. He then continued to E—. The E— also worshipped i— and were known for the great Temple of D— in their city. However, through Paul, G— performed special mir— and the people were cured of many different ills, so that they were convinced that P— preached the Go—. But an idol-maker named D— turned the people against Paul, and he de— from them, continuing on his return journey to C—, then J—, until he arrived back in A—."

**SQUARE PUZZLE** (3 marks for correct answer)—Submitted by *Valerie Johnson, Qld.* The answer will read the same across and down.

1. Her name was changed. 2. He was created on the sixth day. 3. Where water was made sweet. 4. A city in the south of Judah.

**INVERTED ACROSTIC** (3 marks for correct answer)—Submitted by *Rosalie Bredereck, N.S.W.* The first letters of each answer form a word describing a very important person. The last letters spell the same word backwards! 1. Dionysius was described as this (Acts 17:34). 2. Converted on the way to Damascus. 3. The unclean spirits came "... of many (Acts 8:7). 4. Paul preached in many of these. 5. How Paul described their superstition — a three-letter word in Acts 17:22. 6. Christ told his disciples to do this (Luke 6:23). 7. He cured Naaman.

**CROSSWORD WITH HIDDEN MESSAGE** (5 marks for correct answer)—Submitted by *Peter Halpin Pennant Hills.* The plan is in our Pictorial Section; but in solving it write the answers to the clues marked (\*) in a different colour—and this will reveal the hidden message!

*Clues Across:* 1. By one man . . . entered into the world (Rom. 5:12). 4. There is . . . God, the Father (1 Cor. 8). 7 (\*) Acts records all that Jesus began to . . . (ch. 1). 9. (\*) Go ye into . . . the world (Mark 16). 11. Pilate's first name. 14. They . . . him by the hand (Acts 9:8). 15. The apostle who didn't believe in the resurrection. 16 (\*) Restore the kingdom . . . Israel (Acts 1). 18. He stole from Jericho (Josh. 7). 20. He succeeded Elijah. 22. The hottest season. 24. (\*) The baptism . . . repentance (Acts 19). 25. The mother of Jesus. 26. (\*) The Father of Jesus.

*Clues Down:* 2. Offered sacrifice unto the . . . (Acts 7). 3. Amount of Peter's silver and gold (Acts 3). 5. An Assyrian with leprosy. 6. Hebrew word for strength. 8. He fell from a window while Paul was talking (Acts 20). 10. The people of this city thought Paul and Barnabas were gods. 13. First and last letters of a city in 1 Chron. 4:29. 13. A noise that means "be quiet"! 16. (\*) Paul spoke of . . . unknown god (Acts 17). 17. (\*) This will be given to God (Luke 2). 18. Christ rode this into Jerusalem. 19. Father of Canaan (Gen. 9). 21. A small ocean. 23. Christ will rule the nations with one (Psa. 2:9).

**JUMBLED CITIES** (1 mark each correct answer)—Submitted by *Robin Smith, Perth.* These are all towns of Israel, where the Lord Jesus ministered. 1. hhelmebte; 2. zntahear; 3. leiegla; 4. msairaa; 5. ejraelmus; 6. behrno.

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## 100 AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to the following eager readers who have attained the Special Award:

*Valerie Martin (Enfield), Paul Mansfield (Woodville), Adrian Maycock (Perth), Phillip Niejalke (Launceston).*

We hope that you enjoy your Award, which you will receive through the Sunday School, and look forward to you striving for your "next".

### Age Please

When sending in your Certificates for the 100 Award, please indicate your age, so that we can select the most suitable book for presentation to you.

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**Our Cover:**

## The Planet We Live On

*"Revolving upon its own axis," wrote Dr. Thomas in Elpis Israel, "and describing an ample circuit through the boundless fields of space, is a planet of the solar system bearing upon its surface a population of over a thousand millions subject to sin, disease and death. This orb of the starry heavens shines with a glory similar to that of its kindred spheres. Viewed from them, it is seen sparkling 'like a diamond in the sky'; and with the rest of the heavens, declares the glory of God, and shows forth the handiwork of Him that did create it. This celestial orb, which is a world or system of itself, is styled THE EARTH."*

The early earth, viewed from outer space before the great Flood, was quite different from its present appearance. There would have been no white polar caps or reddish-brown desert regions, for thick green vegetation covered almost all of the land areas, even in polar regions (thick coal deposits have been recently discovered in the mountains of Antarctica). And the continents were probably quite different in shape and location. Some regions that are now high above sea level were once under the oceans. Many Bible scholars believe that there was only one great land mass surrounded by seas before the Flood, because two each of all kinds of air-breathing animals walked to Noah's Ark (Gen. 6:20, 7:9). It is also possible, however, that if there were more than one continent, representatives of all the kinds of animals were living on each continent. The idea that continents have "drifted" into their present locations faces serious geophysical objections and is not really supported by Scripture.

Soon, however, the earth will again be covered in glory such as is prophesied in Numbers 14:21.

### IN THE OUTBACK

*Some months ago, Sue Burke visited different country areas about 700 miles north-west in W.A. Here is her description:*

The country up here is absolutely fabulous! Everywhere around here is bursting with hematite — huge rocky outbursts of up to 80% iron. There are sparsely vegetated, almost desert stretches of land that make you think, with a shudder, of the tales of people lost in such country; then all of a sudden come lovely bursts of green

trees and shrubs. The colours up here you may have seen in photos; but don't think that such photos are over-coloured, because they are not! The skies are deep vibrant cloudless blue; there are purple-grey swelling hills, red-black outcrops of rock carved by time into slabs and chunks to give a stark, strong line to the scenery, instead of smooth boulders found in many other places. The spinifex is a harsh yellow, though from a distance it looks deceptively soft! Just a brush from one of its horrid little spikes and you think you've been bitten by a spider! It is very hard to describe the

scenery here, really. My favourite sight is where you can see a rich red earthy scar in a khaki-coloured hill riddled with fascinatingly-shaped caves where kangaroos leap with amazing agility over the rocks; with the yellow clumps of spinifex, green little bushes, and then the loveliest of all, slender gum trees with white-white trunk and creamy branches clouded with dusky emerald leaves; and over all, the incredibly blue sky.

It's just beautiful. The hand of the Great Creator has painted here with great strength in bold colours; and the words of Moses come to remembrance: *Stand Still, and see the glory of God.*

## From our MAILBAG



We love to hear from you! Each letter received, earns for the sender 1 mark towards the **Good Company 100 Award**, and an additional mark if published.

### PEN-FRIENDS PLEASE

The following readers are very anxious to obtain pen-pals, and would love to hear from you:

● *Lois Snellman*, 914 Wynnum Rd., Cannon Hill, Brisbane, Qld. 4170. (16 yrs. old, enjoys writing letters, and meeting new and different people — hopes a girl or boy 16 yrs. or older will write).

● *Renay Van der Meulen*, 21 Cecil St., Glen Forest, W.A. 6071. (9 yrs.—wants penfriend interested in stamps and reading).

● *Gail Gatley*, c/- Mrs. R. Michell, 8 Scott Rd., Pinetown, Natal, South Africa. (15 yrs. old, attends Pt. Elizabeth S/School and is interested in stamp collecting, music, reading).

### SAID IT WITH PICTURES

"I have been wanting to write you a letter, but I do not know what to write about, so on the back I have drawn the story about Ananias and Sapphira" (*Roderick Sawell*, 7 yrs., Cabramatta, NSW).

(We enjoyed your cartoons, Rode-

*rick*, which depicted the result when people try to deceive God—Ed.)

### TOO OLD??

"I thoroughly enjoy reading the magazine and doing the competitions. Although I am getting a bit old for this, it does stimulate my thinking on the Word of God, and exercises my mind for greater things to come. Although I haven't sent in any entries lately, I was told to send one in so that I could prove that older young people can do them as well as the young!" (*Bro. Rob Edgecombe*, Enfield, SA).

(You're never too old for this magazine! Even the Editor finds a pleasure in trying to work out the quizzes sent in by readers, and sometimes has to look at the answers to help him remember! We hope all older young people, and younger old people, continue to enjoy and participate in *Good Company*—Ed.)

### A WORTHY EXAMPLE

"Recently, the Northern CYC attended a weekend of study at Katanning, WA, 170 miles from Perth. With CYC members from Perth Ecclesias, we enjoyed studying Jeremiah's ministry. An interesting discovery was that Jeremiah was called to speak for God when he was only about 17 years old, and he did so faithfully" (*Jonathan Carder*, WA).

### ALMOST AS GOOD!

"A few weeks ago I received my gift for 100 marks. I was really delighted with the book, *The Bible Today*. I was almost as thrilled to get it as I am to get the *Good Company*. We went to the studies at the Spring Bible School, and found them very interesting. In the teenage section we marked up Rev. 2, 3. It was very helpful, especially as we are studying the Seven Ecclesias in our S/School lessons".

— *Debbie Pogson*, Adamstown, NSW

### HOW TO BUILD A LIBRARY

"Thank you for the book-prize I received. It will become part of my library. I have two small Bible atlases, and *Life in O.T. Times*, which will be

very good for my next year's lessons. I won this book for a S/School project, when I did a map of Paul's journeys."

— Philip Niejalke, Tas.

### LETTERS WE ARE GLAD TO RECEIVE

(One Good Company Mark for each)  
From Sharon John, Mt. Hawthorn, WA (You enjoyed your prize; we enjoy your interest!); Katrina Wright, L'ton, Tas. (Quite an adventurous holiday on the east coast; I'm glad you didn't get lost, like the wandering Israelites!); Timothy Simmons, Campsie, NSW (Never mind if you cannot always hear well; Jesus can cure such afflictions. Meanwhile, keep reading!); Alison Niejalke, L'ton Tas. (Lovely colour picture and comments. Watching the family of swallows can teach many lessons about the Creation); Ruth Shekell, New Zealand (We are pleased you enjoyed the prize-book); Vicki Baum, Ringwood, Vic. (The "flu" is sometimes helpful, when it gives opportunity to work on your competition!); Sharon Mansfield, Woodville, SA (It must have been an interesting lecture describing "Around the world with Bible in Hand." How encouraging to see so many people attend).

### HOW TRUTH CAN BE DESTROYED

#### Thoughts From Our Sunday School Lessons

Christ's letters to the Asian Ecclesiast (Rev. 2, 3) reveal the decline of the Truth because of the prevalence of false teaching.

Paul had warned the Ephesus Ecclesia:

**"of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them" (Acts 20:30).**

And it sadly came to pass. Because of "wolves" entering into the ecclesia, the flock was weakened. Its members lost their brotherly love, and began to forsake the green pastures of truth and righteousness. Eventually, Jesus wrote to warn them to repent, for they had taken the first step towards spiritual destruction. He urged the Ephesian Ecclesia to regain their "first love". — the zeal and devotion to the Truth.

In Smyrna, men claiming to be "spiritual Israelites" had left the ecclesia and formed a rival meeting, styled: "the synagogue of Satan"

(Rev. 2:9). In this city there existed two antagonistic groups, representing Truth and Error (cp. Gen. 3:15).

The Pergamos Ecclesia had allowed false doctrine to be freely expressed. They were tolerating the Nicolaitanes and the Balaamites, who Christ hated.

In Thyatira, the followers of the apostate Jezebel were even allowed to teach, speaking perverse things to seduce the disciples to follow them. Jesus warned them, that this would eventually destroy the ecclesia (Rev. 2:23).

The Christians of Sardis were also discouraged by the advance of error. They left their pursuit after righteousness, and sought worldly glory. The ecclesia died while its members

The small group of faithful in Philadelphia were weak (Rev. 3:8), whilst the adherents of the apostacy grew strong. The followers of antichrist persecuted those few who held the Truth, and eventually wore them down.

Apostacy was victorious in Laodicea! The ecclesia had reached a state of spiritual poverty and worldliness, so that it had become useless, fit only to "spue out of the mouth" (ch. 3:16).

What has happened?

Fear of persecution had undermined confidence in the Truth of God. Love of the world overcame the love of Christ. Error was not opposed strongly enough, so that it grew and warred against the Truth, prevailing over it. But the exhortation of Jesus remains to this day, reminding us of our obligations, to heed the lessons of the past, and to strive in our times for better things:

**"To him that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment, and his name declared before the Father and before His angels."**

—Jonathan Carder, W.A.

#### Middle Chapters

Job 29 is the middle chapter of the Old Testament. Before and after it are 464 chapters. In the New Testament, the middle chapter is Romans 13, with 129 chapters before it and 130 after it.

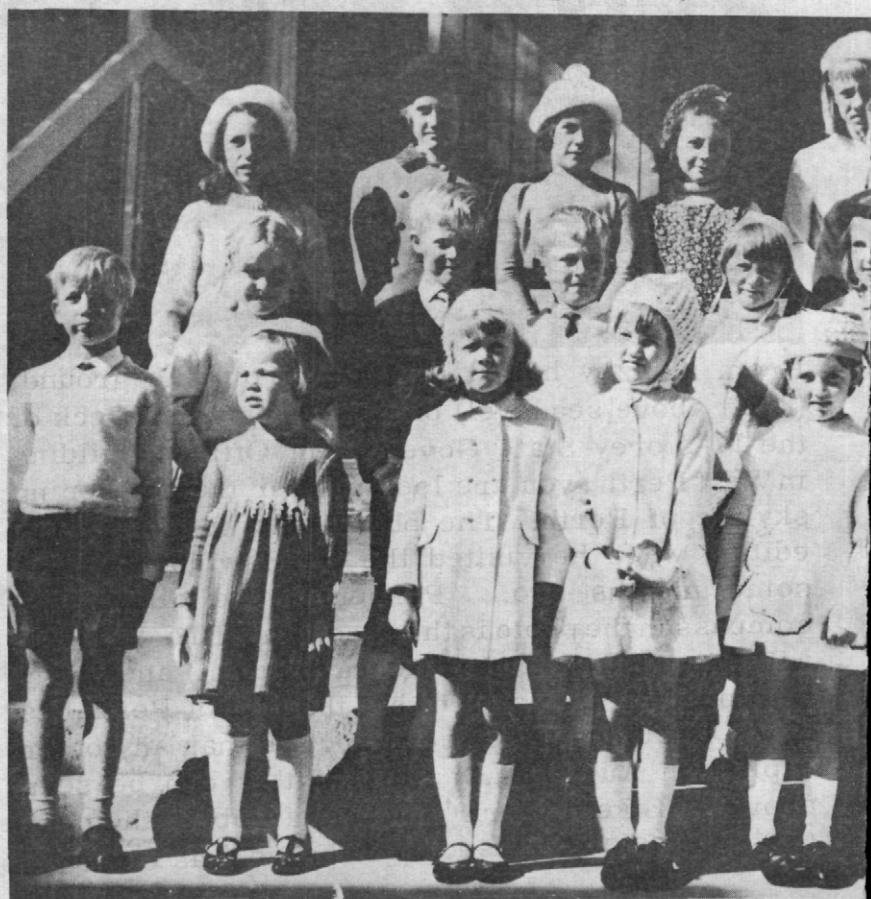
# Modern Towers



From a dizzy height of 198 ft from the ground, (352ft above sea level) on the Observation Deck of the 17-storey State Government Offices Building in West Perth, you are looking over the developing skyline of Perth. The photo was taken by the editor, when he visited the Mt. Hawthorn school some months ago. Pondering the directional compass in the photo is the recorder, Bro. H. West, with his elder daughter Debra (on right) and Jenny Newton. It is claimed that the city of Perth has more buildings under construction than any other capital in Australia. Part of this can be seen above. Like modern "towers of Babel" the concrete cities are "raised up to heaven" as evidence

of man's achievement - but will soon be replaced by rural settlements throughout the earth, as God's Word indicates.

RIGHT: Many zoos have cages with lions inside - but here is a snap of a cage with the lions outside! (Sent by Tim Mansfield: 10mks). Actually the man in the cage was feeding the lions at the Warra-gamba Lion Park, as the animals hungrily patrolled around him. Today it is not safe to play with lions (for they might feel a little hungry!), but in the coming age, when nature will gradually return







to the conditions of the garden in Eden, the "lion will eat straw like the ox" and "a little child shall lead them" (Isaiah ch. 11).

LEFT: LET'S MEET THE  
SUNDAY SCHOOL

This portrait comes from the young section of the Launceston S/School in Tasmania. We are pleased to see such a bright, and happy group of kiddies. Some might be a little young to read these comments about themselves but no doubt, they will recognize their picture! (Next issue: The Adamstown Sunday School, NSW)

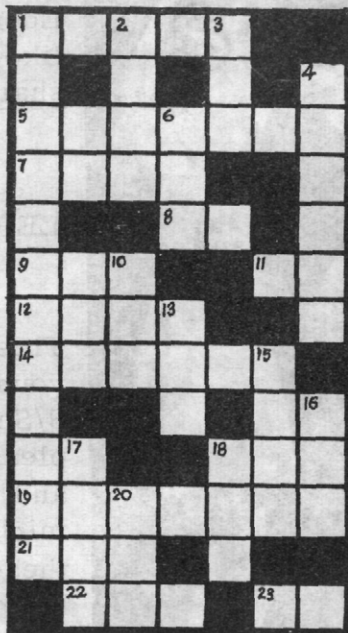
## YOUNG IN HEART!

During the hot summer months some of the outings of the Woodville S/School are held at the seaside home of Bro. Alf Rankin. The surroundings of his home are ideal for activities such as swimming and sports, whilst the spacious lawns provide delightful setting for outdoor meals and evening gatherings. Bro. Rankin is the oldest member at Woodville Ecclesia, and yet is always willing to help and support the activities of the young people in the Sunday School. (Photo by Sue Steele)



## OUR CROSSWORD

Details are in the Competition Section. If you would like to keep your magazine intact, copy this diagram onto a sheet of paper to submit your answer. This Crossword was designed and sent by Isaac Newton (Perth: 10 mks), and we hope that you have an exciting time working out the answers!



## The Miracles Of Creation

Our last article discussed the magnificent balance that is maintained by God throughout the world. It is a balance that can be seen wherever we look. There is even a balance in the sky! So Job says: "Does't thou know the balancings of the clouds, the wondrous works of Him which is perfect in knowledge?" So there is a perfect balance maintained with the droplets of rain in a cloud between the pull of gravity and wind updrafts. For this reason the clouds can float unimpeded to release water at the right moment. ● The theme of our discussions is aptly summarized in v. 14: "Hearken unto this, O Job; stand still, and consider the wondrous works of God." Did you pause last week to do that? If you didn't, try it today — you will be surprised how rewarding it is to consider the Miracles of Creation.

In this issue we would like to talk about an often overlooked feature of God's wonderful world; that of . . .

# Nature's Undertakers

Plants and animals live and die. This state of things is a direct consequence of the events recorded in Genesis 3; death is the universal fate for every biological structure. If there were not some means of clearing the earth of lifeless tissue, life on earth would soon become impossible due to the accumulation of undecayed leaves, branches and corpses of animals.

God has, in His wisdom, created a number of "undertakers" who take care of the dead. In this duty are involved such basic (yet complex) organisms as bacteria, fungi (moulds) and beetles. Higher up the scale come vultures, hyenas and others.

Bacteria and fungi are great agents of decay. They reduce anything that dies, to simple chemical substances that can then be used by green plants. Their work is a miracle of powerful efficiency. Many moulds are equipped with a power arsenal of enzymes (chemical solvents) which bring about the rapid decomposition of woody plant materials. Fungi rot leaves, dead branches and tree trunks. In so doing, they build up the humus layer and enrich the soil for future generations of trees.

Yet (and note this point well) bacteria and fungi depend, for their food, on dead tissues of plants and animals. This is yet another example of the "interdependance" of nature.

### The Burial

The *Necrophorus Beetle*, popularly called "the sexton," is invaluable as one of God's undertakers. Working mostly at night, it will bury a small dead animal, such as a rabbit — then use it for food for itself and its offspring. It clears the surface of the ground of what would soon become a foul-smelling, unsightly corpse.

### The Dissolvers

The *Blue Bottle Fly* is a qualified undertaker. They, and their grubs, help dissolve the meat of corpses such as dead horses and cows that would very quickly pile up into an unimaginable mountain of flesh. Blue-bottle grubs by the thousand exude a very potent liquid that can dissolve meat because they subsist solely on liquid meat. Imagine the evolutionary problem of these little grubs trying furiously to evolve a meat-dissolving plant in the few hours they would have available before starving to death!

### How Evolution Would Destroy Them

Consider this! If these "undertaker" creatures were "evolving," surely it's about time they moved up the evolutionary scale to something higher, and forgot about dissolving meat all day long? But no! Science and biology testify that these creatures are not evolving but are absolutely static and

fixed. What a crisis we should face if evolution were feasible. Dead bodies everywhere, and not a grub to drink!

We can have boundless confidence in God and the balance of nature.

### The Cleaners

The *vulture*, flying high in the sky, also plays an important part. It has an extraordinary sense of smell and telescopic vision, and can detect the smallest dead mouse or snake — to whisk it away on powerful wings for destruction. So the earth is cleansed in this truly wonderful scheme of things.

Nothing is forgotten; nothing is

neglected in this vast panorama of life that God created!

### Let's Look To Life

Did you notice that these creatures spend their lives engaged in "dead" works. God has called you to something better: to *turn* from dead works and serve the *living* God. By this way, man, His noblest creation, will regain the "likeness" as well as the "image" of the Elohim. Let us learn the lessons of nature, and combine this with a study of His Word, the Bible, and so "lift up our eyes on high, and behold Who hath created these things."

— Bro. Shane Kingsbury.

## POET'S PARLEY

### A MAN I "MET"

I go to Sunday School each week,  
And many men of old I meet.  
I learn the things they did and taught.  
So I can grow up as I ought.

Among the men I met this year,  
Was Timothy, to Paul so dear;  
He grew in love and wisdom too,  
Because the scriptures well he knew.

This faithful man I too can follow,  
Reading the Bible today and to-morrow;

Then I will wisely obey God's way,  
And walk to the Kingdom, day by day.

— A thoughtful poem by *Philip Niejalke* (5 marks) of Launceston.

### VALUABLE LESSONS

We go to Sunday School each week,  
God's promises to seek  
From the lessons of His Word,  
Which have been seen and done  
and heard.

The names of faithful ones are there,  
Contained within His Word,  
One day we hope that we can share,  
A joy and hope beyond compare.

When Christ returns to earth and shares

God's Kingdom with his saints and heirs.

— By *Mark Dennes* (5 marks) of Riverwood.

## Sunday School ACTIVITIES

We invite reports and items of interest from all Sunday Schools, and general comments from readers.

### ENFIELD, S.A.

We joyfully report the baptism of *Miss Judith Horgan* on 27th July, hoping that Yahweh will bless and guide her in the days ahead. The Outings have afforded relaxation each month, and a bitumized area next to the ecclesial hall has been marked out with a basketball court for further activities. We are now awaiting the results of the annual Examinations, that we might determine how much of the Word, our students have absorbed from the year's lessons.

— Bro. Neil Arnold, Secretary.

### LAUNCESTON, Tas. (Supt.: Bro. J. Kershaw. Sec.: Sis. J. Blanch)

On Saturday, 29th July, we enjoyed a happy occasion at a special Sunday School evening in our ecclesial hall. Photos were taken of this evening, and of our classes at work, which we hope will be of general interest.

— Sis. Blanch

(These interesting illustrations and comments will be included in our next Pictorial section, God willing — Ed.)

# Competitions & Quizzes ?

## 100 AWARD WINNERS

We are very pleased to award *Benjamin Newton* (Perth) and *Valerie Johnson* (Qld.) a valuable book on attaining the Award. We congratulate Valerie on her "Second 100"!

● Please indicate your age when sending in Certificates, so that we can select a suitable book for you.

### COMPETITION ENTRIES RECEIVED FOR ISSUE SEVENTEEN

**NEW SOUTH WALES**—**Adamstown**: Loreley Lawson, Debbie Pogson, Margaret Richards, Lois Richards. **Ballina**: Robyn Hermann, Ian Roulstone. **Campsie**: Lynette Mansfield, Sharon Simmons, Timothy Simmons. **Granville**: Mark Mansfield. **Pennant Hills**: Peter Halpin. **Punchbowl**: Kerrie McKinlay, Suzanne McKinlay. **Yagoona**: Robyn McKinlay. **TASMANIA**—**Hobart**: Timothy Harrington. **Launceston**: Stephen Wright, Alison Niejalke, Julie Wright, Phillip Niejalke, Katrina Wright. **VICTORIA**—Julie Gaine (SS?). **Burwood**: Vicki Baum. **Canterbury**: David Morgan. **Coburg**: Joanne Snow. **QUEENSLAND**—**Isolation**: Valerie Johnson. **Coorparoo**: Rodney Dawson. **WESTERN AUSTRALIA**—**Mt. Hawthorn**: Sharon John, Carmel John, Kathryn John. **Perth**: Jonathan Carder, Isaac Newton, Benjamin Newton, Linda Danby, Maureen Slagg, Adrian Maycock, Richard Ullman, Julie Ullman, Adele Ullman, Renay van der Meulen, Veronica van der Meulen. **SOUTH AUSTRALIA**—**Cumberland**: J. Lofis. **Enfield**: Kylie Arnold, Jamie Arnold, Robert Edgecombe, Coralie Martin, Lynette Horgan, Brett Arnold, Valerie Martin, Elizabeth Cheek, Margaret Horgan, Richard Cheek, Mark Horgan, Judith Clothier, Ruth Horgan, Judith Horgan, Deborah Zwar, Yvonne Stokes, Catherine Stokes, Erin Ihde, Annette Stokes, Helen Gibson. **Woodville**: Suzanne Goodwin, David Goodwin. **NEW ZEALAND**—**New Lynn**: Ruth Shekell (No. 15, 16). **Christchurch**: Gail Harding, Susan Harding.

### ANSWERS TO COMPETITION SEVENTEEN

**SQUARE PUZZLE**—1. Sara; 2. Adam; 3. Rama; 4. Amam. **INVERTED ACROSTIC**—1. AreopagitE; 2. Paul; 3. OuT; 4. SynagogueS; 5. ToP; 6. LeaP; 7. ElishA. **Word**: Apostle. **CROSSWORD**—Across: 1. Sin; 4. One; 7. Do; 9. All; 11. Pontius; 14. Led; 15. Thomas; 16. To; 18. Achan; 20. Elisha; 22. Summer; 24. Of; 25. Mary; 26. God. Down: 2. Idol; 3. None; 5. Naaman; 6. El; 8. Eutyclus; 10. Lystra; 12. Td; 13. Sh; 16. The; 17. Glory; 18. Aas; 19. Ham; 21. Sea; 23. Rod. **JUMBLED CITIES**—1. Bethlehem; 2. Nazareth; 3. Galilee; 4. Samaria; 5. Jerusalem; 6. Hebron.

## Competition Eighteen

Send your competition entry (however many are answered with your Name and **Sunday School** to Mrs. Judith Jeffress, Good Company, P.O. West Beach, South Australia 5024—before **NOVEMBER 10th**.

## DO YOU ENJOY THEM?

I was glad to hear again this month from my many young (and older) friends. I hope that you enjoy doing the competitions, for I really am delighted to receive the entries. I now have quite a few competitions on hand, which a number of readers have submitted, and will publish these as soon as possible. Some of them are really clever! If you have any ideas to make your magazine more interesting and attractive, I hope that you will write and tell me.

*Auntie Judy*

### FROM SOUTH AFRICA

#### TWO AWARDS ACHIEVED!

I have great news this month! Two of our South African readers have obtained 100 points. I am as thrilled as they are! Congratulations to *Stephen* and *Raymond Westraadt*, both of the Port Elizabeth S/School. Now, of course, all our other readers in this country are encouraged to "keep up the good work". I'm looking forward to receiving your entries for this issue's competitions very shortly.

### COMPETITION ENTRIES RECEIVED FROM OVERSEAS FOR ISSUE SIXTEEN

**SOUTH AFRICA**—**East London**: Beverley Goldhill, E. Thorvaldsen. **Port Elizabeth**: Gail Gately, Amanda Holm, Karen Holm, Mark Holm, Stephen Westraadt, Sonja Westraadt, Raymond Westraadt, David Bruggemann.

*Auntie Rosemary*

Entries are invited from overseas readers. Readers in **SOUTH AFRICA** should post their entries to Mrs. Rosemary Michell, 8 Scott Road, Pinetown, Natal—before **DECEMBER 25th**.

**JUMBLED NAMES**

(1 mark each correct answer) —  
Submitted by *Meredith Richards*  
(Adamstown).

1. baindbaa (one of Jesse's sons).
2. aarkb (companion of Deborah).
3. keul.
4. diayl.
5. nhaneaatl.

**CROSSWORD**

(5 marks for correct answer) —  
Submitted by *Isaac Newton* (Perth).  
The plan is in our Pictorial Section.

*Clues Across:* 1. We must be this and not "hearers" only. 5. The coast near Tyre. 7. We must — God's Word. 8. The country in which Job lived (v. 1). 9. "If thine — be single". 11. Word related to commandments in Deut. 28:1. 12. "Word" jumbled. 14. Jacob's name changed. 19. The centurion had — over 100 soldiers. 21. Mother of all living. 22. Death is this for most. 23. We must say this when tempted.

*Clues Down:* 1. We suffer because of this. 2. Christ is the — of the woman (jumbled). 3. What God hates. 4. Christ is this to us (modern spelling). 6. "You" (jumbled). 10. "Ye do — not knowing the scripture." 13. Christ is also this, to those seeking it.

15. If we — on — (16), He will not forsake us. 17. This is the fulfilment of 18 Down. 18. Given to Israel through Moses. 20. It is not wise to put our trust in them.

**WHO AM I?**

(3 marks for correct answer) —  
Submitted by *Timothy Harrington*  
(L'ton). The first letter of each answer will spell the name of an old man. Find him, and discover his age.

1. The meekest man in all the earth.
2. My God won the contest and sent rain.
3. My other name is Dorcas.
4. I am the son of Beeri.
5. Short name for Azariah.
6. I am a strong man.
7. Adam was put here.
8. I sold purple.
9. Eve's husband.
10. Sung at meetings.

**IT ALL BEGINS WITH "A"**

(½ mark each correct answer) —  
Submitted by *Sharon Mansfield*  
(Woodville, SA). Each answer begins with the letter "A".

1. A New Test. book.
2. A man with a large "family".
3. The first man on earth.
4. First Jewish month.
5. A disciple.
6. A city in Greece.
7. A tribe of Israel.
8. The first Shepherd.
9. Where Joseph, the friend of Nicodemus, came from.
10. Where disciples were first called Christians.

**OUR COMPETITION FOR JUNIOR READERS (Up to 8 years old)**

This story is about the beginning of the world. The Bible tells us that "In the beginning, God created heaven and earth. And the earth was without form and void. And darkness was upon the face of the deep; and the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters." What happened then? You will find out as you solve this interesting quiz.

Put the following words in their correct places in the story, and send me your completed entry: *fish, birds, firmament, sun, moon, stars, very good, rested, Eden, man, animals, Eve, Adam, day, night, seas, trees, flowers.*

"On the first day, God created — and —. The next day, He created the —. On the third day God created the —, —, and —. The fourth day, God made the —, —, and —. The fifth day, He made the — in the sea, and the — in the sky. On the sixth day, God created the —. That same day, He also made — in His own image. The man He called — and his wife was named —. They were put in the wonderful garden of —. On the last day of the week, God —. He looked upon everything He had created, and saw that it was — —."

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