

## In the Churches

### Choral Service

A combined youth and choral service was held at Banool-road Presbyterian Church, Balwyn, last night. Nearly 100 members of the girls' and boys' brigades, representing six denominations, paraded in uniform and took part in the service, and the choral work was undertaken by the Meistersingers Choir.

In his address on Praising God, Rev. J. Marshall Young said the truest praise of God was living the life God had planned for them. This was best seen in the life of His Son, Jesus Christ. The praise of God was necessary because it was helpful to them. By it they acknowledged God and the things of God, and grew more into His nature day by day. He challenged the young people to praise God by living the true Christian life at home, at school, at work and in the community at large.

### FEAST OF ST. IGNATIUS

The feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Jesuit order, was commemorated with Solemn High Mass at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Hawthorn, yesterday, the officiating priests being Rev. Fathers R. Peterson, J. Fitzgerald and P. McCarthy, S.J.

The preacher was Rev. Father Gilmore, S.J., who said St. Ignatius was born against the most troubled background in the long and varied history of the church. It was a time when the fire of divine love was withering in the hearts of men by the blasts of paganism and heresy, and the church was in dire need of a champion, whose ardent spirit would be a match for the spirit of his time. Such a champion was St. Ignatius, who was trained in the arts of warfare, and regarded military glory as of outstanding importance. Wounded in battle, St. Ignatius determined to relinquish a military career and devote himself to the service of God.

The present darkness over the face of the earth, said the preacher, was the direct result of the neglect and abandonment of God. They should learn their philosophy from the mind of Christ and take to heart that a mind divorced and separated from God could never be at peace.

### MOVEMENT IN INDIA

The most striking and significant movement of Christian life anywhere in the world to-day was the Mass movement working in India. This was asserted by Rev. G. B. Ogden, American missionary from California, en route to India, in an address at Scots Church last night. It would have the most telling effects on the future development of India, he said. By the Mass movement was meant the coming to Christ of whole groups of peoples in one or more villages, rather than individuals. Although the move-

ment was predominantly connected with outcastes, it was having a marked effect on the thinking of the higher castes, resulting in the formation of groups by them and requesting Christian leaders to send them teachers.

Every year over 200,000 outcastes and 10,000 of the higher castes were being taught and prepared and taken into full communion in the Christian church. Bishop Azariah, himself an outstanding Indian Christian worker, was in charge of the Mass movement work in one whole area.