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Tamworth celebrates Official Opening, New Church Hall

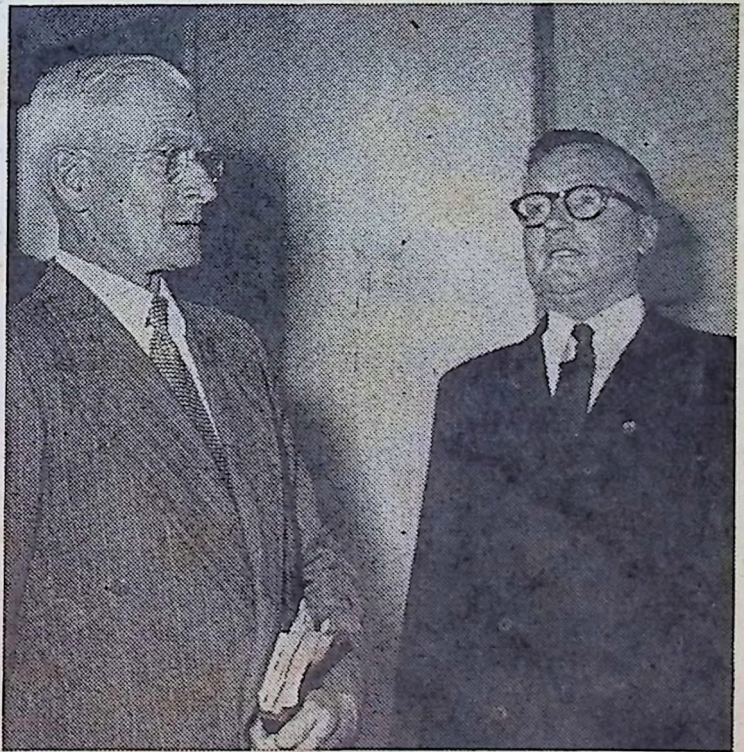
Representatives from other centres together with local members and friends enjoyed a wonderful afternoon and evening at the official opening of the first Church of Christ building in Tamworth, N.S.W.

Conference President, Stan Laney, after a brief ceremony, handed the key of the building to Mrs. Love to admit the congregation.

H. Walmsley, minister at Tamworth, as chairman welcomed the visitors, who responded, expressing pleasure with the building, its appointments and lovely pastel tonings. E. F. G. McIlhagger, minister at Inverell, brought greetings from that centre, which originated the move to establish a church at Tamworth.

Mr. Laney delivered the dedication address in a 'most inspiring atmosphere of fellowship and good will. The dedication service was followed at 6 p.m. by a fellowship tea provided by the ladies of the Tamworth church. Some 75 sat down to a most enjoyable repast. During the session, opportunity was taken to make a presentation to E. F. G. McIlhagger on account of the unstinted service he rendered the infant church from its inception.

Following the tea, a lantern session was conducted by Mr. Walmsley, when slides showing the various stages in the erection of the building and the many personalities involved were shown. These were much appreciated as the building, 84 ft. by 30 ft., was wholly erected by voluntary labor (except for minor skilled and technical works).



S. Laney (N.S.W. Conf. Pres.) and H. I. Walmsley (Tamworth minister) at official opening.

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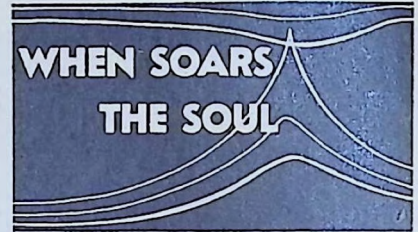
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When soars the soul earth's
clamoring voices cease,
Stilled in the wonder of God's
power and peace.



It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness. The Lord is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him. The Lord is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him. It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord.—Lam. 3: 22-26.

It sometimes takes a jolt in our lives to make us truly thankful for the mercies of God. I remember going to France in 1939, and during that winter of the phoney war food was plentiful on a scale we have not known since. Night after night we sat down to delightful meals, and were apt to complain if the standard fell short of the best. Then, not many weeks later, I found myself one day after three weeks' march in a transit camp in Germany, and during these three weeks our standard of values had undergone a radical change. My recollection this time is of walking round behind the wire with two friends. All thoughts of rich meals vanished: our one thought was bread. Up on his machine-gun box above the wire a German sentry was finishing his breakfast. As he came to the end he carelessly flung away the crust of his bread. Quick as lightning I flung myself on that crust, and as we divided it into three equal pieces it was like manna from heaven. I think we all have some experience of that kind. We take health for granted till one day we find ourselves in hospital. We take our dearest friends for granted till one day we lose them. We take our liberties for granted until we find that they are threatened. It is these sudden jolts that make us realise that "it is of the Lord's mercy that we are not consumed."—David Read.

Why should this anxious load
Press down your weary mind?
Haste to your heavenly Father's
throne,
And sweet refreshment find.
—Phillip Doddridge.

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Federal Conference Reflections

The Twenty-Fifth Federal Conference has by now quietly slipped into place in the history of our Australian churches — and there are those who think that its place will soon prove to be really significant. Large and enthusiastic meetings ensured its apparent success. Not once was there any sign of a sag in interest or attendance, and Queenslanders and visitors alike rejoiced in the spirit of the gatherings.

There was

FELLOWSHIP

of unforgettable quality. One Queensland woman was deeply moved when she commented, "It makes me feel what heaven will be like." Many have returned home, talking not only of the fellowship of the crowded meetings, but of the fellowship they found in travelling, rooming, eating, touring together. All that was splendid, but not to be compared with what Conference meant to those Queensland churches and workers who reached out and found the pulse of that Australia-wide brotherhood to which they were made to feel they really belonged. The churches of the Far North will not lightly forget what it meant when they communed with more than two hundred fellow-Christians in the after-Conference tour.

It was a fellowship of *concern*. Delegates were quick to respond to the story of what is being done in Canberra, and what it is hoped will yet be done in the churches of the Far North. Preachers noted a swift and intelligent concern on their behalf shown by Christian business men when the subject of preachers' superannuation was being discussed — a spirit in happy contrast to that shown in the not-so-distant past. There were expressions of concern that the churches should do their best for our missionaries, both in overseas' and aborigines' missions.

Moreover, it was a fellowship that emphasised *commitment* to Christ and his Church. That theme was repeatedly emphasised in the public addresses, and often came through in general discussions. There was a strongly felt conviction that we could not, in truth, be the "Church Resurgent" without much more definite personal commitment, with lives completely given over to the Master's service. The Conference Sermon from Gordon Stirling especially stressed this theme. He said that there are no "free seats" in the Church; every member must work his own way, with a keen sense of his responsibility.

Encouragingly enough, this fellowship was expressed in a

FEDERAL AWARENESS

This was a *Federal* Conference in more than name. We sensed that we were beginning to reap the fruits of the wise decision to have a continuing Federal Executive which could develop and implement long-range plans. Federal Home Missions is becoming a reality. There was a ready acceptance of the principle that churches throughout the Commonwealth should be encouraged to give for Federal Home Missions on a quota basis of 1/6 per member yearly. The proposal to initiate a Federal Men's Movement in Australia had enthusiastic backing. Our church women, already well established on a Federal basis, rejoiced in becoming linked with world-wide Christian Women's Fellowships.

These were encouraging signs that our horizons are widening, at the same time as we bend our backs together to the tasks of our homeland. But we have a long way to go yet. There are still far too many among us whose interests range little wider than our own district or State or department. The future demands that we dig broad as well as deep.

We were challenged to a

FORWARD LOOK

in this Conference. We acknowledged our debt to the past, symbolised in the pilgrimage to the grave of Stephen Cheek. But in that same district, on that same day, delegates joined in "capping the stumps" of the new Warwick chapel with their gifts for an on-going work. Big tasks lie ahead of us. Our Federal departments showed us that they were well aware of that in their respective spheres. Mark Rutherford bluntly told us not to get excited over some of the minor numerical gains we were able to report. "Wait till you get more and more in each local church working at the job of evangelism," he said, "and then see what gains you'll be able to report."

No one who listened to his impassioned address on the closing night of Conference could escape the thrust of his concern that we should all know the thrill of doing this work in the spirit of love. *But are we doing it?* Therein lies the real test of what the 25th Federal Conference meant to us.

In Praise of Church Officers

This article presupposes that attention has been given to the spiritual qualifications of elders and deacons and their respective duties as set forth in the pages of the New Testament. It is concerned about the practical outworking of their combined effort.

The Church in Miniature

A board of officers may view itself as the church in miniature. As the board thinks and acts so the congregation. Indifference in the board of officers quickly reflects itself in the life of the congregation. Hasty impromptu meetings and actions prompt like activity in the congregation. Officers that bungle along will produce a congregation that muddles along. Mistrust, disloyalty, disunity in the board room seep through to the life of the church. First things first must be the code of officers. Those who allow outside claims to jostle the church into a second-place interest have lost their sense of values and betrayed a divine trust.

Each officer has a right to view his position as a special call to service by Christ. It demands responsibility, dependability and an increasing fitness. A good officer is not the creation of a business meeting. Most good officers have served an apprenticeship, studied their task, and profited by experience. Every officer should accept definite responsibility and exercise initiative in applying himself to his work according to his own special gifts and temperament.

The Church in Action

A dictionary meaning of the word "organisation" is an arrangement of inter-dependent parts. When this meaning is applied to a church board it is obvious that the work extends far beyond the attention to routine business. The inter-dependent parts of a congregation must be co-ordinated into a whole. Too few officers appreciate the fact that a board is as responsible for the Bible school, young people's auxiliaries, prayer meetings, missionary programme, as it is for the budget, the bills and the building.

Activities co-ordinated in the board-room to prove fruitful require the creation of a whole-church consciousness. Groups within the church naturally have their loyalties, but above all and through all there should be a feeling of church loyalty, and an

appreciation of their contribution to the total church programme. Infrequently officers make no contribution to the whole church consciousness. Some boards think to achieve it entirely by slogans and propaganda. The more excellent way is for officers to win for themselves the confidence of individuals and groups so that there is willingness to go forward together. Anticipation is good organisation. Problems will arise, but many can be outwitted by wise plans, purposeful programmes, co-ordination of auxiliaries and inspiring leaders to be good team workers. Officers do not fully discharge responsibilities when they attend to the business that accrues from one meeting to another. It is their duty to anticipate the future with an all-year programme. The aim and objective is always the same, but there is special work to prosecute in spring, summer, autumn and winter. Office boards have evangelistic, missionary, educational, home and school responsibilities. The church must be organised into an allied force to serve on the wide front to which discipleship commits all. "Workers together with God" must be the relationship of officers and congregation.

Safeguards

A spiritual ministry is always liable to be marred by human tendencies. Let it suffice to mention a few ways in which good men sometimes destroy their own work.

(1). Officers' meetings are not the place to air pet ideas, win one's way by political methods, or to be a party tool.

(2). Side-lines may become main lines, and incidentals magnified will obscure fundamentals.

(3). When business requires officers to be money-minded, take time off in the meeting to be church-minded, and Christ-minded.

(4). Major questions should be introduced with sufficient facts to give all minds a clear understanding of the question in order to safeguard against loss of time on vague discussions.

(5). It is not necessary for the chairman to be expert in parliamentary rules, but it is necessary that he has sufficient knowledge of good procedure to keep meetings orderly and democratic, and deal impartially and sympathetically with all matters.

(6). It should be an unpardonable sin for an officer to press for a given project at a meeting and then forget to play his part in translating it into action.

(7). An officer may be a clever business man, or an expert in a given line, but a different technique often operates in church affairs, therefore he may need to pay the cost of first hand experience of the problem, or aim to get a close-up view.

(8). A preacher of wide experience complained that some of his best men were only second best at officers' meetings. He attributed it to the fact that they came to meetings tired, and in that state they were not tolerant in spirit or clear-headed.

(9). It should be a rare occasion when things are argued out. There is a more excellent way. The right atmosphere and mental attitude will yield spiritual insight. A chairman should give studied attention to this. He may employ such means as (a) Opening meeting with appropriate reading and prayer-period. (b) Arrange for a brief interlude in the business and request all to lift the mind off the question and concentrate on the resources of God, or focus the mind on such words of Scripture as "not by might nor by power but by my spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts."



News of Dr. Graham

The World's Evangelical Alliance announces that the invitation extended to Mr. Graham to return to Britain for further evangelistic crusades next year has been accepted. The Evangelical Alliance in London, which sponsored the invitation, is awaiting more detailed information, but as far as is at present known the visit is likely to cover the period March to June.

As has already been announced, Glasgow is almost certain to be one of the cities in which the evangelist will conduct a crusade. It is understood that Mr. Graham also hopes to include a Midland city in his itinerary before undertaking another campaign in London.

The next London crusade is likely to be of shorter duration than the last. It is improbable that Harringay Arena will be used again.—*British Weekly*.

Churches of Christ Bible College, N.S.W.

Presented on behalf of the Board of Management

Among the new preachers who will go into the full-time ministry of our brotherhood at the end of this year, nine will come from the N.S.W. Bible College. They will join the ranks of the ever-growing army of graduates from this College, who are now to be found in churches in every State of Australia, in New Zealand, and in India.

The College this year has a record enrolment of twenty-two students. They come from all States (except Tasmania) and from New Zealand. Additional accommodation has had to be found for the extra students, as the original premises have been inadequate to meet the growing needs of the churches. Fortunately, since the first property was acquired, the N.S.W. brotherhood has been able to secure an adjacent property, and recently to make additions to the number of rooms in the original main building.

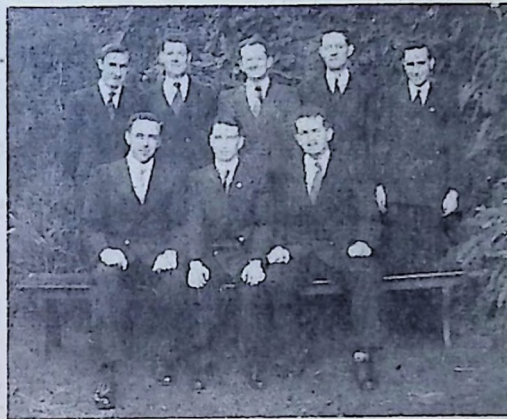
The N.S.W. Bible College, while it is the special care of the N.S.W. brotherhood, is now rendering a service to our cause which extends far beyond the limits of that State. The College Board of Management is proud to acknowledge the leadership of our elder sister College at Glen Iris, and proud to think that the students from Woolwich can take their places side by side with graduates from the older College, both serving the common purpose of maintaining and strengthening the witness of our movement in this Commonwealth.

It is, of course, in New South Wales that the College gives most immediate help and strengthens the local churches. Seventeen of our churches are at present being regularly assisted by student preachers in Sunday services throughout the year. Each month the Woolwich Evangelistic Party, comprising a group of students from the College, conducts a rally in some centre. From time to time, students have assisted churches temporarily without their regular preachers.

On the part of the brotherhood there are encouraging signs of the vigorous interest and pride which the College evokes. The churches assisted by students regularly make contributions to College funds, often in excess of the amounts paid to the students for their services. These contributions are put to the purpose

of keeping as low as possible the amount of the students' board. Students pay £1/15/- a week for board. While serving a church, they receive from £2/10/- to £3 a week.

Other evidences of the strong and growing interest of the churches in the College have been seen in the two main brotherhood functions of the College year. Attendances at the opening session of the year have steadily been increasing, and, to enable all interested friends to attend, have lately been held on a Saturday. The number of visitors and the spirit of these gatherings have been



Woolwich Exit Students, 1954

an inspiration to the students, the faculty and the Board. Large attendances at the College graduation service have also demonstrated the high place which the College has won in the regard of our brotherhood.

In the long run, of course, the prestige of the College depends upon the effectiveness of the ministry of its graduates. The College has been fortunate in having had as Principals three men who have been worthy representatives of the highest scholarship and most devoted consecration among our brotherhood. Principal A. R. Main, M.A., came to the College in 1942, to inaugurate the work, with a long experience of the standards and administrative problems of Glen Iris. He was succeeded in 1944 by H. J. Patterson, M.A. Both Mr. Patterson, and the present Principal, A. W. Stephenson, M.A., have worked successfully to maintain the standards which are essential to an effective ministry in the modern

world. The course of training, originally of three years' duration, has been extended to four. It has been a matter of gratification to the Board that, through the years, there have been, under the Lord's guidance, men and women of ability and consecration who have come forward seeking admission to the College. Tribute must be paid to them and to the devoted and scholarly work of the senior lecturer and the rest of the faculty, as well as to all those who have assisted the College in other ways.

To continue and enrich its work, the College needs the sympathy and understanding, the prayers and the practical help of all who have at heart the welfare of the Lord's work in this country.

It takes about £3000 a year to run the College, including the payment of allowances to students serving churches. About one third of this money comes from duplex offerings and the annual offering received in October each year. About one third is received from students' payments for board. The remaining third comes from sundry sources, especially the contributions of assisted churches. Although the Board is enabled to balance its budget, not sufficient is being received to provide for the extensions

which must surely be faced as the work expands, nor to lay in store for major expenses that will be incurred from time to time in keeping the property and its contents in good repair. The Board has commenced an endowment fund to which over £200 has now been donated; it is hoped that this fund will grow and that its investment will bring a further stable source of income. The financial side of this venture has been wonderfully guided by God in the past; we feel confident that he will put it into the hearts of our brothers and sisters to give generously in the future to sustain and develop the work of the College in accordance with his will.

We know, too, that he will continue to guide and bless us in the recruitment of future students. For the extensions of his work, young men and women are needed who, with a good standard of education, with ability to study intensively, are willing to devote their talents to the full-time ministry of the gospel.

We are indebted to Principal E. L. WILLIAMS, who has air-mailed this report

All Roads Lead to Evanston

Situated on the shore of Lake Michigan, twelve miles from the centre of Chicago, Evanston is made famous as the city of Northwestern University, a privately supported institution which was founded by men of the Methodist tradition in the middle of last century. The university campus stretches for nearly a mile along the shores of the lake. Approximately 6500 students are enrolled in the undergraduate division. Besides this, there is a graduate school which was established in 1910, and the various professional schools which were established in Chicago in 1926.

To this centre have come something like sixteen hundred representatives of 163 various Christian denominations from 48 different countries. The major race groups are blended here in Christian fellowship. These 1600 consist of delegates, accredited visitors, consultants, fraternal delegates, delegates' wives or husbands, and staff. Some delegates come from "Iron Curtain" countries.

Peoples and Tongues

World figures of concentration camp fame, of social work, of prophetic stand and of scholastic attainment are among the assembly. This is no place to expect to be the centre of attention or to imagine that one has the only contribution of truth. In addition to all these there are many visitors who may attend the plenary sessions if they are fortunate enough to receive seats. Some 400 press representatives feed out to the world news of proceedings.

Plenary sessions are held in the McGaw Hall which seats approximately 11,000. Many visitors cannot obtain seats. Most speakers use the English language. Interpreters translate into French and German and into English in isolated cases, the desired translation being heard through earphones which are supplied to all delegates. Each address is typed in all three languages and one has a typescript before him in his own language in addition to hearing the speaker or the interpreter.

Two Presidents

Eighteen thousand gathered on Deering Meadow to see and hear President Eisenhower when he gave a fine address to the assembly. It

was striking to hear this President of Presbyterian affiliation and Mennonite (a peace church) background call the people to pray for peace.

On Friday, August 20, Edgar Burton, President of the World Convention of Churches of Christ, presided over a dinner arranged by Dr. Jesse M. Bader, World Convention Secretary. These fellowship meetings between official sessions are quite a feature. We were happy to be guests among the 247 who gathered. Short, interesting commentaries on the assembly were given by William Robinson and Robert Tobias.

Discussions and Leaders

In addition to the plenary sessions, delegates and consultants are engaged in group discussions of both the main theme, **Christ, the Hope of the World**, and the subsidiary subjects, as well as in the working committees. I have already had several sittings in the working committee which deals with Inter-Church Aid. Next week there will be group discussion on the subsidiary subjects. I am in the group which discusses international affairs.

Accredited visitors and others are not caught up in the group discussions and committees, but are treated to a separate programme, which, according to reports of Mr. Clark and Mrs. Williams is most interesting.

On the opening Sunday we participated in a Festival of Faith which was presented in Soldiers' Field, Chicago. 110,000 got into the stadium, but something like 30,000 were unable to gain admission. Ten 200-voice choirs, a 200-piece band, and 400 people in action chorus presented three biblical themes, Creation, Incarnation, and the coming of the Spirit. It was magnificent.

In the earlier business sessions there was the usual discussion on matters of constitution. The point most keenly debated was a recommendation from the Central Committee that the six presidents should not be eligible for re-election. By a large majority the recommendation was adopted. This will ensure rotation and wider representation and prevent the danger of a "permanent" presidium.

The Main Theme

On the first day two addresses were given on the main theme, **Christ, the Hope of the World**. These brought out the two points of view which are presented with varying emphases and qualifications. One stressed the point that there is really no hope for the world as such. The hope of the world is the end of the world. The only hope is for Christians who, at the coming of Christ, are lifted out of this world. Hope lies in the future. The other address laid more emphasis on the possibilities of the present and the hope of a new earth as well as a new heaven through the power of the gospel and the presence of the Holy Spirit. It should be recognised that such brief statements do not do justice to all the qualifications contained in the addresses.

Following the group discussions a final report on the main theme will be presented at a later stage.

Outstanding Addresses

Among the main addresses, five so far, have been outstanding—four of these by colored speakers.

Dr. Nolde, an American Lutheran, secretary of the Churches' Commission on International Affairs gave a balanced, forthright statement on the work of his commission.

D. T. Niles, a Methodist of Ceylon, won a moving response in his address on Evangelism. We hope the editor may be able to find room to publish it.

"Africa Asks Questions of the Western World," was treated in a forceful, frank way by P. K. Dagadu, an African Methodist from the Gold Coast.

Fervency and frankness characterised an address by a Negro, Dr. Benjamin Mays, a Baptist, as he spoke on "Racial Tensions."

Dr. Charles Malik of Lebanon, a bishop of an Eastern Orthodox Church and a representative of his country on the United Nations, spoke with power on the subject, "Asia and Africa Ask Searching Questions."

A plea for mutual recognition of ministries and inter-communion delivered by V. E. Denadutt, an Indian Baptist, cut clean across exclusive ideas of the ministry and the Lord's Table.

Ferment of Ideas

It is impossible to give extracts at this stage, but this will serve to show the variety of witness. There is a frankness which is possible only within such a fellowship, and in which it can be creative. In spite of all the problems there is a ferment—something is going on—and in this there is encouragement.

With the exception of the subsidiary subject of the Faith and Order Commission, "Our Unity in Christ and Disunity as Churches," there is no presentation of denominational (confessional) witnesses in this assembly. On the whole the subjects call forth our common Christian witness. The attempt is to express the

unity which we now have and to foster the spirit of unity through fellowship.

A few quotations from the report of the Central Committee are significant. "The W.C.C. is an instrument and must therefore never be considered as an aim in itself. . . . It is a sign of confused thinking to speak of the World Council itself as the World Church. And it is completely erroneous to suggest that the World Council is or has any ambition to become a Super-Church, that is a centre of administrative power. . . . The World Council does not stand for a general relativism, but for an honest and respectful confrontation with the ultimate issues

of the faith, and refuses therefore to promote the cause of unity at the expense of the cause of truth. . . . The Council stands for manifest unity, unity which is not merely invisible, but tangible and concrete. . . . But that does not mean that the Council has accepted a specific conception of church unity. . . . the Council cannot and must not negotiate unions between churches. If it did, it would automatically go beyond the limits which are defined in its constitution. At the same time it would necessarily identify itself with a particular, concept of unity and the churches which have another conception of unity would cease to feel at home in its midst."



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

First Report on Indianisation

B. V. Coventry, Secretary of the Conference of Churches of Christ in Western India supplies the following comments and notes of the first Annual Conference Meetings (Aug. 4-9, 1954), under Indianisation.

"Once again it is my privilege, on behalf of our Church Conference here in India, to pass on to you the sincere greetings of all our brethren both Indian and Australian. We would like to express our deep appreciation of your continued keen interest in our work. We realise that it is only through such interest and the sustaining hand of our Lord and Saviour, that this work carries on. For this, therefore, we praise him. The further we progress, the more we feel the need of his leading and guidance.

"This was the first year under our Indianisation plan, and the first Annual Meeting. Considering everything, we were very pleased with the meetings. A splendid spirit was maintained throughout, and the attendance of delegates, except on the last day, was very good. Our guest speaker, Dr. F. Kline, from the Evangelical Union Biblical Seminary at Yeotmal, brought a series of inspiring studies from the letter to the Colossians. Dr. Kline is the Principal of this Seminary.

"Our Indian brethren, having before them the report of all depart-

ments of our work evinced a keen interest. Not so much was said in Conference, but several had good discussion outside the Conference. With the election of several non-Conference employees to the sub-committees the idea that these committees are reserved only for Conference employees received a death blow from the beginning. We go forward with a new air of expectancy, and feel confident that the future has in store further great advancements. We are not un-mindful, on the other hand, of the increasing pressure of anti-missionary propaganda, but with regard to this we feel that missionaries will remain in India just as long as God wants them to be here. Several Missions have spoken words of high commendation regarding our Indianisation scheme."

Brief Statistics.

Church Membership, 895 (Each year there are transfers of members to other areas); Additions for year, 95; Christian Community, 1475; Indian Co-workers, 110; Dhond Hospital: Inpatients, 1217; Outpatients, 21,318; Re-treatments, 40,952. Friendship Centres (Baramatl and Indapur): Male members, 1422; Women members, 1002; Youth groups, 262. Orphan Homes: Boys and girls, 275. Students: Training Institutions — Preachers, 3; Bible women, 4; Teachers, 10; Nurses, 2; Technical, 12. High School—Students, 66; Colleges, 5; Primary schools, 1035.

New Committee.

Committee elected for the next twelve months: Dr. L. J. Michael,

Chairman; Hariba Waghmodi, Vice-Chairman; B. V. Coventry, Secretary; E. D. Vawser, Treasurer; Kissen Alhart, Samuel Zadhev, C. V. Thomas, R. Dixon, W. M. Walker.

Owing to Study Leave being granted to John Bairagi, an additional missionary was elected this year. This was by vote of Conference.

Delegates to Conference.

Of 42 delegates elected to Conference, 25 were Indian and 17 Australian. This is a big advance on other years and is a step in the right direction.

ANNUAL OFFERING.

Amounts have been very slow in coming to hand, but to date (8/9/54) £8047 has been received. It will be a full month before an appraisal can be made. Meanwhile would churches please remit promptly to their State Departments. The Board thanks all for their part in the Offering.

INDIAN PROJECTS.

During Federal Conference, Brisbane, amounts totalling £75/10/- were handed to the Federal Secretary for the above projects. Promises which were made are anticipated to eventuate shortly. As this appeal has been before the brotherhood for some months, we would like to see the matter finalised. Of the £500 required for the hospital buildings, Dhond and Primary School, Baramatl, which enable us to collect the £500 on a pound for pound basis, £230 has been received. Not quite the half-way mark. Remember this additional £1000 will be necessary to complete these projects.

Dr. Michael reports new plans have been submitted for approval so the Hospital Projects could soon be getting under way.

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The Heavenly Way

PART II.

David J. A. Verco, M.A., of Chatswood church, N.S.W., wrote the material published in this issue in the interests of the Woolwich Bible College, N.S.W. The annual offering for Woolwich will be received in N.S.W. on Oct. 10.

Our Bible study feature, "The Living Word," planned to re-commence in this issue, has been deferred until next week.

A telegram from R. Banks, minister of Swan Hill church, Vic., tells of great meetings for the first week of the Lloyd Jones—Samuel mission. There were seven decisions, and an average attendance of 120.

Dr. G. H. Oldfield, immediate past President of the Vic-Tas. conference, was married to Alison May Shaw on Sept. 16. The ceremony took place in the home of Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Kemp, S. Neighbour, Vic.-Tas. Pres., officiated, assisted by Howard Earle. A reception followed at "The Chalet," Wattle Park, when S. Neighbour, proposed a toast, supported by R. Shaw, Reg. Enniss, W. R. Hibbert and H. Earle. Congratulatory telegrams were received from State and interstate friends including one from the Vic.-Tas. Overseas Mission Department.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Winter concluded their ministry at Harlaxton, Qld., on Aug. 29 when a service of recognition was held. Presentations were made by church and B.S. Lars Larsen is conducting an interim ministry for a few weeks. G. Gibson will commence his ministry at Dalby-Harlaxton in the new year.

The Victorian-Tasmanian Women's Conference Executive will meet at Swanston-st., on Friday, Oct. 1, at 2 p.m. Mrs. J. Cain will lead the devotions. Mrs. R. Oliver will speak on the work of Bible Women in India. All ladies are welcome.

On Sept. 11 about 140 people gathered around the door of the new chapel at Hurstbridge, Vic. R. Smith (elder) welcomed visitors and friends, and after turning the key invited all to enter. The dedication service was presided over by T. Fitzgerald (Fairfield) who outlined the church's beginning 3½ years ago and congratulated the members on now having

their new building. Mrs. Finches (Preston) and T. Smith (Hurstbridge) were soloists and K. Jones (C.O.B.) brought greetings. Mr. Dunston (Methodist minister) congratulated the church on its achievement. S. Neighbour (Conf. Pres.) gave the dedication address. At the close afternoon tea was served by the ladies, concluding a very happy day. The thank-offering amounted to £91/2/-.

The New Zealand Christian reports the death of Matthew Bell, who was a student in the beginning years of the Federal College of the Bible. After graduation he married Jessie Jennings of Lygon-st. church and together they labored with churches in both north and south islands of New Zealand. He had special gifts that enabled him to serve with distinction in rural outpost work and amongst isolated members. We offer our sympathy to his daughters Lorna, Ida and Jessie and his sons Matt, and Alan (who is at present laboring with the church at Bulawayo, South Africa).

Echuca church, Vic., is preparing for a tent mission to be conducted by F. Youens and C. Watson, commencing Oct. 3.

Baptist world membership has shown more than 300 per cent increase in less than fifty years to reach the present total of more than twenty million. In Germany, the number of Baptists has increased from 60,000 to 90,000 since the end of World War II, and according to an official report, "proportionately the largest part were baptised in the Eastern Zone where it was, and is, difficult to profess Christ and to live in his Church."

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Adcock accompanied by their son Peter and 10 weeks' old daughter, Ruth, passed through Sydney, Sept. 12, and Melbourne, Sept. 14, en route to Southern Rhodesia where Mr. Adcock will assist A. W. Ladbroke in the expanding educational work of the New Zealand mission station at Dadaya. Previous to this appointment he was located with the Nae Nae church, Wellington, N.Z.

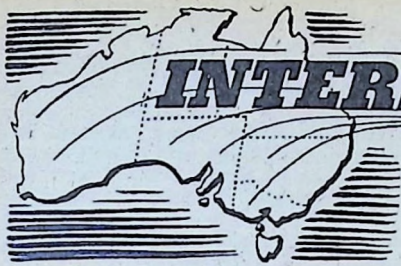
Wilkie J. Thomson, minister, Malvern-Caulfield church, Vic., is visiting relatives and friends in W.A.

To save a day the "Churches of Christ Special" travelled from Cairns to Townsville by night. Before leaving Cairns everybody's baggage was labelled with colored paper according to the accommodation allotted on Magnetic Island. Breakfast at Townsville station, was followed by a bus outing to Castle Hill and The Strand. After lunch we embarked for Magnetic Island. There were 80 in the Presbyterian Youth Camp, 40 in the new Churches of Christ Youth Camp. The rest were distributed in guest houses.

On Thursday evening, Sept. 2, transparencies of Townsville and district were shown at a picture night. United devotions were held in the open air chapel at 7 a.m. Friday and Saturday. On Friday the whole party was taken by launch around Magnetic Island with a picnic at Horseshoe Bay. Another concert was held Friday evening. Saturday marked the official opening of the Churches of Christ Youth Camp, with youth representatives from all States taking part. N.S.W. Conference President, S. Laney, presided, and C. R. Burdeu officially opened the building. A Wilson, preacher at Townsville, gave the dedicatory prayer. On Saturday evening a grand social was given in the Townsville Presbyterian School Hall by our Townsville brethren. Cyril Beale presided. There were numerous items including a presentation to C. R. Burdeu for his work in organising the tour.

The train left Townsville at 11 p.m., arriving Sunday morning at Mackay for breakfast at 7.35. The tourists were taken by Mackay brethren in 5 buses to the Presbyterian church where J. E. Searle presided and H. Gross preached. It was a wonderful communion service with brethren from all States taking part. The train left for Rockhampton at 10.45 a.m. Several buses transported the party to our Rockhampton church for a song service led by J. C. Cheney (S.A.). S. E. Riches (S.A.) presided, S. G. Taylor (W.A.) led in prayer. Mrs. Turner sang a solo and John Turner (Vic.) preached. All the meetings were great, but this final service was full of power and inspiration. Crowds saw the train leave at 9 o'clock.

Everybody enjoyed the tour. There was almost a total absence of sickness. There were no difficulties, except very minor ones, to overcome. The weather was perfect.—C. R. Burdeu.



INTERSTATE CHURCH NEWS

Discipleship

Mrs. Marsh, Echuca, Vic.
Bruce Fisher, Blackburn, Vic.
Ian Miller, St. Kilda, Vic.
Denis Nutt, Marrickville, N.S.W.
Mrs. W. Pomeroy, Barry and Roger Francis, Naracoorte, S.A.
Mrs. W. Davie, Kybybolite, S.A.
Kay Geach, Warrnambool, Vic.
Margo Grinham, Keith Anderson, Malcolm, Thomas, Swan Hill, Vic.
Margaret Harrison, Woorinen, Vic.
Myra Hart, Reg. Downey, Robert Ruck, Ivor Smith, Richard Riedel, Leslie Hammett, Sunnybank, Qld.
Helen Cole, Wattle Park, Vic.

Membership

Miss D. Christenson, from Carnegie, Vic., to Mt. Evelyn, Vic.
Mrs. V. Burnham, from Doncaster, Vic., to Tootgarook, Vic.
Miss M. Gribble, from Lawson, N.S.W., to Marrickville, N.S.W.
Mr. and Mrs. McNicol, from Forestville, S.A., to Warrnambool, Vic.
Mrs. Slater, from Malvern, Vic., to Wattle Park, Vic.
Mrs. Cole, from South Richmond, Vic., to Wattle Park, Vic.

Fallen Asleep

Mrs. J. Sage, sen., Toowoomba, Qld.
Mrs. D. M. MacDonald, Preston, Vic.
Mrs. H. Perkins, Victor Harbour, S.A.

Marriage

Pam Tocknell to Derek Hosking, Blackburn, Vic.
Judith Gleeson to Walter Yonge, Toowoomba, Qld.

Western Australia

Geraldton (H. E. Greenwood). — Sickness and school holidays have interfered with recent attendances. New scholars have been gained for new

B.S. at Wonthella. Forty children enjoyed B.S. picnic recently and came home with armfuls of "everlastings." Visitors to recent services have been Mrs. Freeman (Blackburn), Mr. and Mrs. Cook (Lake-st.), Mrs. Evans (Cottesloe), Mr. Bourke (Subiaco). Plans are in hand to commence a Good Companions Club. Mr. Greenwood conducts fortnightly devotional session on 6GE. At annual meeting of local B. & F.B.S. Mr. Greenwood was elected president.

Queensland

Kedron (F. Langford). — Average for August, a.m., 78; p.m., 52; the best attendances for the last nine months or more. Which Will ye Have was screened to a large congregation. Membership committee have commenced extensive visitation drive for new B.S. scholars. Men's Fellowship speaker was H. R. Ballard, supt. of the Congregational Boys' Home. Y.P.F. is strong and three C.E. Societies enjoyed the State C.E. Convention. Church was inspired through Federal Conference. Recent speakers have been: V. C. Stafford, H. G. Gross, L. Crisp, Miss H. Skuce. Many interstate delegates stayed with church members.

Stafford (F. Langford).—B.S. has entered the Y.P.D. Efficiency Campaign and hope to retain the banner which they gained earlier this year. Interest toward the church in the community is growing. Assisting speakers have been R. Cardew and C. R. Burdeu. Cradle Roll Superintendent has been appointed and 25 names are now on the Cradle Roll. Mr. Handy has nearly completed painting interior of chapel.

Gympie-Monkland (R. Roberts). — Church celebrated 68th anniversary with one week's Mission led by Mr. Hilford (Ipswich). The series of meetings commenced on Sept. 4 with a fellowship evening when the film Talents was screened. Two young ladies from Mothar Mtn. confessed their faith in Christ during the mission and the church has been encouraged and challenged to greater service. Temple Day was held on Sept. 11 and offering so far exceeds £148. A brief dedicatory service was held followed by a homecoming tea when Mrs. Hilford cut the birthday cake. On the concluding Sunday, Gympie and Monkland members met in a combined communion service.

Toowoomba (E. T. Hart). — Meetings at which Mr. and Mrs. Rutherford were speakers were well attended

and many visitors were present. Youth Directors held their conference in Toowoomba and assisted at the services. During the last few weeks there were 6 decisions — two at Harlaxton and four at Central. Gospel service on Aug. 29 was conducted by members of the A.N.C.M. Recent visitors have included Mrs. Wyllie (Ann-st.), Miss Sinclair, Mrs. Smith, and Mr. and Mrs. Houghton (Vic.).

Boonah (A. B. Clark).—J.C.E. demonstration was held on July 27. Visual aids, sand tray and films were displayed. Attractive purple and gold shields enhanced the display. Mr. Clark has been elected pres. of the Fassifem District C.E. Union. L. G. Bennet (Nat. C.E. pres.) was present at induction service and combined tea on Aug. 23. C.M.S. held film night on 12th. Mr. Ament (B.&F.B.S.) spoke at morning meeting on 8th and showed films during week. Mrs. J. Raymond, E. Jenner and Mrs. I. Stubbin have assisted with solos. Church extends sympathy to relatives of June Green who was called Home on 27th. Excellent attendances marked first week of mission with D. R. Stirling. There were four decisions during the week.

Albion (C. H. J. Wright). — Attendances for August were 121, a.m., and 103, p.m. Guest speakers have been Dr. Kemp, M. Rutherford and Miss H. Skuce, who also showed films of work in India. At the annual sports day, Albion won all three shields. After evening service on Sept. 5, fathers were entertained at supper by the Y.P. The speaker at the Men's Fellowship was G. F. Spall of the Jewish Evangelical Society.

Sunnybank (K. D. Horne).—During recent weeks six young people have made their decisions. Church has celebrated 40th anniversary services. Speakers for the occasion were V. T. Parker, L. G. Crisp, R. W. Graham and C. J. Williams. Another guest speaker has been G. Whiting (S.A.). C. Woff has recovered from operation. E. C. Hart is in hospital. Youth groups are in healthy condition and attendances during winter months have been high.

New South Wales

Hornsby (K. R. Fennell). — On Sept. 3 Mr. Frost (Auburn South) showed slides at evening conducted by Boys' and Girls' Clubs. Messrs. Barker and Ellerby have been recent speakers. Sisters' Fellowship conducted gospel service on Sept. 12 in connection with their forthcoming anniversary. Sis. R. Bartholomew led

the service, Sis. Eason and Germon read the Scriptures, and ladies rendered an item and Sis. E. R. Bishop and H. Tewksbury sang a duet. Mr. Blankley was speaker. A number of B.S. scholars passed in the annual B.S. examination. Some men of the church are attending H.M. Training Classes at North Sydney chapel.

Inverell (E. F. G. McIlhagger, B.A.).—During preacher's absence at Fed. Conf., services were taken by C. Stone and A. Mackie. Recent concert at Gum Flat resulted in £37 being raised towards Temple Day effort. Church appreciates work put into this concert by the McFettridge family. Mrs. R. Amos (Women's Conf. Pres.), spoke at Guild meeting on Sept. 1, and R. Amos at prayer meeting, on their way home from Fed. Conf. Recent visitors include Sis. G. Mackie (Sydney), and P. Goode (Murwillumbah).

Rockdale (G. J. Andrews).—A lad was received into fellowship on Sept. 12. At evening service A. Baker was speaker and Miss I. Green, soloist. Several members have returned from Qld. Church was pleased to welcome back Garth Maxwell after a long illness.

Bankstown (B. F. Goldsteen).—Preacher and wife were received into fellowship on July 4. Mr. and Mrs. Budgen (foundation members) were farewelled and presented with a reading lamp on July 28 prior to their transfer to Burwood. Girls' Life Brigade and British Empire Boys' Brigade are functioning well. D. Young has been appointed B.S. supt., and the school has begun anniversary practice. Publication of church paper *The Evangel* has commenced. G. Mathieson (Conf. Pres.) was morning speaker on Aug. 29. H. Parsons is serving with Missionary Aviation Fellowship. Men's Fellowship has been formed. Missionary social was held on Sept. 3, when Mr. Knight gave talk and showed pictures of our aboriginal mission work.

Marrickville (P. E. Thomas, B.A.).—Church rejoices in additions to membership during month. B.S. organised "door to door" visitation campaign in a small area. Two new scholars have been enrolled to date. "House" competition still maintains interest in school. A "college of fun" evening was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rugendyke. Forty-nine attended and enjoyed a night of good fun and fellowship. Men's Fellowship invited ladies of church to their Aug. meeting when guest speaker was sec. of St. John's Ambulance. Church membership gathered to honor Mr. and Mrs. W. J. E. Lewis at the close of 38 years' association with the church at Marrickville. Mrs. Lewis

has been president of Women's Fellowship for 26 years and will continue in this avenue of service until the end of year. After appropriate presentation, they both responded. Their new home will be at Beverly Hills. Recent visiting speakers have been W. French, Dr. A. C. Crisp and G. Mathieson (Pres. S.A. Conf.).

Bowral (B. A. Roberts).—New church and school hall brick work is almost completed. This work is being done by Mr. Mansell (Wiley Park). Voluntary workers have laid the floor and are now cutting the roof ready for erection. Preacher's return from Fed. Conf. was keenly awaited by members, who benefited from his experience. Recent services were conducted by the secretary, Frank Roberts. On Sept. 12 a married woman and young lady made their decisions.

Burwood (J. Henderson).—A large number of members attended Fed. Conf., but meetings were well maintained. S. Laney (Conf. Pres., N.S.W.), visited North Coast churches en route to Conference. An excellent combined evening was held at Ashfield church on Sept. 4. Help is being continued each Sunday at Ashfield. Recent visitors included Mr. and Mrs. Wickham, of Hartwell (Vic.). Messages were appreciated from W. Crossman (Wiley Park) and A. Norling (Hurstville).

Epping (R. W. Beadle).—Meetings have been well attended. Morning service was broadcast on Sept. 19. Interest shown in weekday meetings is gratifying and speakers have included I. A. Paternoster, representatives from Unevangelised Fields Mission and Christian Literature Crusade. Members journeyed to Chatswood for meetings at which M. Rutherford and J. K. Robinson (Fed. Abor. Board) were speakers. A new feature in the B.S. work is the introduction of a Teachers' Training Class. A project which has been planned for many years will be realised on Oct. 24 when the opening of new church hall will take place.

South Australia

Kilburn (H. G. Norris).—Church elders, L. Milne and R. Peacock conducted service at Lenswood on Sept. 5. B. Barrett was morning speaker on 12th. Large delegation journeyed to Adelaide to hear Mr. Norris deliver Conference Sermon. Recent visitors have been Mrs. and Miss Hawkesworth (Vic.), Mr. and Mrs. Rowley (Wudinna), Misses E. and M. Mann (Milang), Mr. and Mrs. J. Roberts (Lenswood).

Naracoorte (F. G. Banks).—C. P. Hughes (Gen. Sec. Temperance Alliance), preached at morning ser-

vice on Aug. 22. A fellowship meeting was held after gospel service. On Sept. 1 the Bordertown Y.P. presented a Biblical play, *For He Had Great Possessions*. Baptismal service was held on Sept. 5 when four were immersed, and there were two further decisions.

Victoria

Peel-st., Ballarat.—85th anniversary services were conducted by The King's Messengers on Sept. 5, K. Fordham being speaker at the three meetings. Buninyong Masonic choir provided music for the afternoon programme. A men's tea was held when members of the Youth Centre Eagle's Club including their pres. and supt. were present. D. Beasy and D. Dowling (League footballers) spoke at the tea. H. Betts (pianist), Miss D. Blakeley and G. Ogden (soloists) assisted in the evening service at which there was one decision. Girls' and Boys' Clubs combined in a fancy dress social held on Aug. 30.

Blackburn (S. Neighbour, B.A.).—A kitchen tea was held in honor of Pam Tocknell and Derek Hosking. At special meetings on Sundays and week nights, church has enjoyed inspiring messages, with C. Smith (Boronia) as missionary. Song leaders were J. Smith and H. Williams. Delegations from other churches were greatly appreciated, also those who helped with messages in song. Four members enjoyed fellowship at Fed. Conf.

Cheltenham (R. C. Bolduan).—During absence of preacher at Fed. Conf., services were conducted by local brethren and G. Barnett. An illustrated talk on aborigine mission work was given by Mr. Barnett at evening service on Aug. 29. Men's Fellowship have made a start on toys for Christmas tree. Mr. Horsfall (L.O.A.) gave the address on morning of Sept. 5. At morning service on 12th highlights of Fed. Conf. were given by Mr. Bolduan. Miss L. Griffiths has been appointed reporter to A.C. in place of W. White who previously held the position for a number of years.

Echuca (H. Hargreaves).—Preparations are well in hand for tent mission during October. Some members are visiting homes in town with personal invitations to attend mission. A married woman was recently baptised. B.S. has commenced anniversary practice. Ladies have forwarded clothing for aborigines' mission. Mrs. Rosendale and Reg have returned from holiday in Newcastle.

East Preston (H. R. Coventry).—Average attendances for August were 51, a.m., and 60, p.m., with 58 breaking bread. B.S. average attendance was

198. J.C.E. is active and now have 20 at their meetings. Five Y.P. attended Hall's Gap camp. Sympathy is extended to the parents of Ian Baxter, a B.S. scholar aged 4½, who passed away suddenly during school vacation. W. W. Saunders and H. R. Coventry conducted the funeral service in the church. Auxiliaries are active on preparations for forthcoming fete.

Gardiner (F. A. Youens).—During August seven members gave fourteen addresses at other churches, at which seven decisions were made. There was one decision at the local church. Chapel alterations at the platform end are almost completed. The Fasham family have presented a new hexagonal pulpit 5 ft. 6 in. across and 3 ft. 6 in. deep in memory of their parents, Thomas and Margaret Fasham. Thirty members of the family attended on Sept. 12 when Mr. Youens dedicated the pulpit to the service of preaching. Progressive total of Temple Day giving is £460. We regret to report that Will Thompson (brother of first missionary Mary Thompson), fell on Sept. 10, and is in Alfred Hospital with a broken hip.

Lygon-st, Carlton (L. G. Burgin).—W. W. Saunders presided on Sept. 12. Visitors included Nurse Anderson (Wangaratta) and Miss Pryor (Geelong). Members who returned from Conference were welcomed. Sympathy goes out to R. McColl on death of his sister Rose. Miss F. Haines gave an account of the Qld. Conference trip at W.M.B. on 15th. N. Haddow, his two daughters and son-in-law rendered a quartet on Father's day. Miss Pettifer has returned from the country.

Mitcham (R. C. Bust).—B.S. completed Redex Trial campaign with a tea on Sept 5, when 35 scholars attended. Afterwards a chorus and quiz session was held. At gospel service the film *Dust or Destiny* was screened to a capacity congregation. Church mourns the loss of Mr. Howgate who passed away after long illness. B.S. has commenced anniversary practice. Ladies' Guild is preparing articles for sale of works to be held shortly.

Mt. Evelyn (A. H. Pratt).—Recent assisting speakers have been R. G. McPherson, R. Lumsden and B. Thurrowgood. Soloists were A. H. and Mrs. Pratt, H. Graham, Joan Plane and Mrs. Cox. B.S. commenced an aeroplane around Australia rally on Sept. 5 and three new scholars have been gained. Mrs. Lumsden's assistance at the organ is appreciated. Sister P. Matthews is nursing in Wodonga Hospital.

Oakleigh (J. W. Lewis).—During absence of preacher at Fed. Conf.,

services on Aug. 22 were conducted by K. Masterton and H. Miller, and on 29th by S. Fordham and H. Farmer when there was one decision. Y.W.F. celebrated 7th birthday on Sept. 8. B. Donnan was speaker at worship service on 12th, when preacher and party of 20 Y.P. attended South-Eastern District Camp at Monbulk.

South Yarra (V. Longthorp).—On Sept. 6 pleasant evening was had by all who attended the Y.W.F. 1st birthday. Mrs. Downing was speaker, Mrs. Coe and Mrs. Wright assisting artists, and Mrs. Cheal cut the cake. B.S. attendances are being maintained in all departments, practice for anniversary has commenced. Y.P.S.C.E. are making new kinder chairs. Basketball team won premiership shield and B Grade tennis won semi-finals. Lydia Russell has passed her nursing exams and is now a Sister. Miss Roberts was welcomed back from visit to Qld.

St. Kilda.—Church is grateful to C.M.S. for arranging speakers. R. Sumpton, L. Chapman and H. Earle have assisted. On Aug. 29 L. Finger was speaker at both services. A young man made his decision at gospel service. Mr. Sumpton was speaker on Sept. 5 and 12 and conducted a baptismal service on 12th. J.C.E., by a special drive raised £6 for New Hebrides' lighting plant.

Wangaratta (R. J. Anderson).—B.S. anniversary was held on Sept. 12 and 19. A number of visitors, passing through Wangaratta have attended services. Fellowship has been enjoyed with the Anderson family (Essendon) and Benson family (Tas.). Five members have returned from Fed. Conference, also others from holidays. Mrs. Trippett and Miss G. Ashmead have returned home from hospital. Men's Training Class continues to be of good service.

Warragul.—C.M.S. held monthly tea in R.S.L. hall on Sept. 5 when E. Sherman (Morwell) was guest speaker. He later addressed gospel service. W.M.B. met on Sept. 8 and commenced work on knitted garments for infants with wool provided by Mrs. Broderick. £12 was collected from members to send tinned foods and dried fruits to India. Y.P.F. meets weekly in homes of church members. B.S. has commenced anniversary practice under leadership of Mr. Broderick. J. Austin was speaker at worship service on Sept. 12. New hall is slowly taking shape but will not be ready for anniversary services. Messrs. Byard and McDowell are still sharing majority of preaching and broadcasting.

Warrnambool (K. W. Barton, L.Th.).—Social evening at home of Mr. and Mrs. Pearce netted £7 for Hall Fund

which now stands at £175. An afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Loader for the Manse Fund realised £4. These functions have developed from the increased interest being displayed in the W.M.B. C.E. is another auxiliary taking a practical interest in the church work; in addition to a donation of £2 to Overseas Mission, local activities have benefited to the extent of £2/10/-. The ordination of W. Pearce as a deacon was an impressive part of the morning service on Aug. 22, and the address was a challenge to the church on its individual responsibilities and obligations. There was a baptismal service on Aug. 29. A narrow escape from electrocution was experienced by Alan Papworth.

Bentleigh (J. Wiltshire).—Monthly teas are vital link in young people's work. At Sept. tea Mrs. F. Manning returned missionary from the Congo was speaker and later testified at gospel service. There was one decision. Sister Braden of City Mission spoke at social afternoon of W.M.B. Preparations are complete for two weeks' mission with Mr. Mansell as missionary. Mrs. Morrison after surgical treatment is still far from well. Growing work is indicative of preacher's leadership.

Croydon (R. K. Brittain).—Visiting speakers have been L. Williams, K. A. Jones (who showed C.O.B. slides), J. Western, B. Richards, B. McIntosh, (all C.O.B.), and W. W. Saunders. Men's Fellowship has been addressed by Mr. Nimmo, Q.C., and R. Davis (Mayne Nickless). C.E. visited Mr. Lacy in his home, Mrs. Courting, local Hospital and Oakleigh Guest Home. Visits were greatly appreciated. At C.Y.F. tea held on last Saturday in month, speakers have been H. Gross (Ascot Vale) and Christian Union Committee, whom other local Prot. churches were invited to hear. Girls' Club for 8-12 year olds, meeting on Sat. afternoon has been formed.

Kaniva (M. T. Lawrie).—Mr. Horne (Unevangelised Fields Mission) spoke at Yearling B.S. in morning and at Men's Fellowship tea and gospel service at Kaniva on Aug. 8. Visit of Mrs. Hodges on Aug. 15 was greatly enjoyed by women of the churches. She spoke at women's tea and gospel service. Offering for Social Service amounted to £140. Members of Y.P.S.C.E. visited Bordertown on Aug. 25 and took part in Bible quiz. Eight boys accompanied Mr. Lawrie to Hall's Gap Explorer camp. Cooking was done by Wilma Hawker, Lois Macdonald and Gwenneth Williams.

Maryborough (M. A. Coombs).—Average attendances for August were morning, 72; evening, 72; with 52 communicants. On Aug. 15, a choral evening service was conducted with

the girls' choir rendering special anthems. Men's Society also held their meeting and tea on that day.

Northcote.—B.S. anniversary was held on Sept. 12. Conductor was L. Miers. Visiting speakers were W. R. Hibbert and R. Brooker. Cradle Roll cards were presented at the afternoon service. W. Turner has been added to the board of officers. Visiting of absent members is being done by church officers. W. Gale is still assisting with an interim ministry.

North Essendon (A. E. White, B.A.).—Church is glad to welcome back preacher and wife after annual vacation and visit to Fed. Conf. Also several other members who went to Qld. Church is grateful to L. Brooker, J. Burns, W. Cawdron, F. Funston and R. Tippett for their assistance during preacher's absence. On Sept. 12, a young man made the good confession. Attendances have been affected through sickness. Sympathy is extended to L. Dugay in loss of his sister, after long suffering. G.C. club is active with average attendance of 30 girls. Kappa's had combined sports' night with Coburg K.S.P., and final scores were to credit of North Essendon. Ladies' Guild visited Mitchell's brush factory and after interesting tour of works were entertained with afternoon tea by the management and each member was the recipient of a gift brush. At annual meeting of Cricket Club. A. Graham was elected pres., R. Wilson, sec., and A. Marshall, treas. Three teams are to be fielded. Volunteers are still active on finishing touches to new youth Memorial Hall, preparing for official opening on Oct. 2. Church is being renovated, and grounds improved. On Sept. 7, K.S.P. and P.B.P. held successful combined social evening when basket ball trophies were presented. On 12th, youth clubs wearing their regalia, attended gospel services.

Swan Hill (R. A. Banks).—Mission with Lloyd Jones commenced on Sept. 5 and there have been four decisions. A feature of the mission is the large attendances at all meetings. On Sept. 12 the tent was packed out when Mr. Jones preached on "Will Russia rule the World?" The messages are challenging and full of inspiration. W.M.B. talent fund raised £100 towards furniture for new building. Mr. Banks conducted morning service at the Presbyterian church on Sept. 12. Song leader for the mission is I. Samuel (Wollongong, N.S.W.).

Harcourt.—On Sept. 5 presentation of fountain pen was made to R. Wilson in recognition of his services during his ministry. B.S. anniversary was held on Sept. 12. The chapel could not hold the large congregation and for the first time in many years

people were standing in doorways. Former preacher K. J. Clinton and family (Hampton) were welcomed. Mr. Barnett was morning speaker and Mr. Clinton spoke at afternoon and evening services. Musical items were rendered by scholars under leadership of Mrs. Methven, Mrs. Normington was organist. Prizes were distributed to the scholars.

Doncaster (F. B. Burt).—91st anniversary services were held on Sept. 12, when 130 were present at morning service, and 90, evening. Anniversary concert was held on 14th when a splendid programme was presented. During F. B. Burt's absence on Aug. 29, at Point Lonsdale with Boys' Club, G. T. Black spoke at morning service and Mr. Horsefall (Local Option) at evening. Church is very happy to have Mr. Smedley back after long illness. Ladies are planning for annual fete to be held in the Athenaeum Hall in October.

Lismore 70th Anniversary

The Lismore church of Christ observed its 70th anniversary, Aug. 27-31, with a special Homecoming Programme. Speakers who appeared



on the programme were G. Mathieson (S.A. Conf. Pres.), R. Amos (Chatswood), Principal A. W. Stephenson, M.A. (Woolwich), Lloyd E. Jones, Hon. C. F. Adermann, M.H.R., E. C. Hinrichsen, and the Woolwich Evangelistic Party.

The Homecoming Tea saw 260 guests, seated at magnificent tables, served by the women's auxiliary. A two-tier cake made by Mrs. G. M. Davis, and iced by Mr. Gray, was cut by Mrs. W. Oakes. The top tier was sent to Woolwich.

Visitors came from most States, some travelling 360 miles for services on the Sunday. Broadcast services on Sunday 29th were excellent. Temple was overwhelmingly crowded at the E. C. Hinrichsen session when two adults decided for Christ. Aggregate attendance for Sunday was more than 800. E. Davis and W. T. Atkin presided.

Principal A. W. Stephenson, M.A., and several Woolwich students made

Anniversaries and Homecomings

ORMOND BIBLE SCHOOL ANNI-VERSARY.—Oct. 3 and 10 at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sankey's hymns sung by scholars. C. Gadge, conductor.

LATROBE-TERR., GEELONG. 97th CHURCH ANNIVERSARY. — October 30 and 31. Saturday, 30th: 6 p.m., Tea Meeting; 8 p.m., Concert. Sunday, 31st: 11 a.m., Broadcast Service (3GL); 3 p.m., Special Items by Bible School and Kinders; 7 p.m., Gospel Meeting, Special speaker, B. J. Combridge. Come Home for the weekend. A welcome to all.

BOX HILL BIBLE SCHOOL ANNI-VERSARY (Town Hall). Sept. 26. Speakers: 3 p.m., S. Davey; 7 p.m., V. Longthorp. Oct. 3. 3 p.m., R. McKenzie; 7 p.m., W. Wigney.

COMING EVENTS.

Memorial Youth Hall, North Essendon, Vic. Opening, Saturday, Oct. 2. 3 p.m.

Melbourne Bible Institute, Annual meeting, Collins-st., Baptist church, October 4, at 8 p.m. Special singing by Institute choir. Conductor, C. Gadge.

This is Life Rally.—5th Birthday. Melbourne Town Hall, Saturday, October 2, at 7.45 p.m. Singing by Melbourne Bible Institute choir of 90 voices. Conductor: C. Gadge.

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a grand contribution to the celebrations. The students acquitted themselves well in the open-air meeting. N.S.W. Conference Women's President, Mrs. R. Amos, and Miss E. M. Caldicott, missionary, challenged a large gathering of women. The C.E. Richmond District Rally saw another capacity house addressed in a most stirring manner by Lloyd E. Jones. The Mayor and Mayoress of Lismore attended sessions. Gift furnishings, valued at £500, were greatly admired.

The Lismore church began in the year 1884 with but two members, J. P. F. Walker and Miss E. Cottee. They met with evangelist G. Day for the breaking of bread, G. Davis being the first convert (father of Ethelbert Davis).

The church has since been served by many ministers including T. B. Fischer, Fred T. Saunders, Thomas Hagger, Stuart Stevens, W. J. Taylor, T. J. Jones, Phillip J. Pond, B.A., W. J. Way, N. G. Noble, S. E. Riches, G. J. Andrews, A. Baker, J. Cunningham, S. Vanham and now A. C. Caldicott.

In all, eleven young men have volunteered for the ministry including E. Davis, W. Atkin, A. B. Withers, and Bruce Munro. Two young men have entered Woolwich during ministry of present preacher.

DEATH.

POTTER. — Ernest, dearly loved husband of Esther, suddenly, at Malvern (Vic), on Sept. 10, 1954.

IN MEMORIAM.

HALLIDAY.—Margaret Jane, called home, Sept. 24, 1952.

—Lovingly remembered by son Fred, grand-daughter Rose and sister (Mrs. Potter).

COUNSEL.—In memory of Jessie, who passed away Sept. 19, 1953, dearly loved mother of Alice and Fred, grandma of Mavis and Gerald and great grandma of Ken.
"Till we meet again."

McKINNON.—Loving memories of our dear aunt, called home Sept. 24, 1953.

—Ever remembered by her nieces, Irene, Edna and Dorothy.

McKINNON. — A tribute to the memory of our beloved friend Annie, called home Sept. 24, 1953.

—Flora and Arthur Haskell.

SAUNDERS.—A. G., passed away Sept. 26, 1944.

—Lovingly remembered by his wife, Adelaide and daughter, St. Clair.

SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

ELLIOTT-ARTHUR. — Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Elliott of 22 Belford-ave., East Kew, announce with pleasure and gratitude the 25th anniversary of their wedding, celebrated at East Kew Church of Christ on Sept. 21, 1929 by pastors F. A. Youens and A. Baker.

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- Oct. 3, 7 p.m.: Families' Service.
- Oct. 10, 7 p.m.: Friends' Service.
- Oct. 17, 7 p.m.: Youth Service.
- Oct. 24, 7 p.m.: Hospital Sunday. Featuring Nurses' Service.
- Oct. 31, 7 p.m.: Questions Night. Minister, Les. G. Burgin.

NOV. 7, HOMECOMING DAY.

Guest speaker at all services
Alan G. Elliott, M.A., B.Sc., Dip.Ed.
(Sydney).

11 a.m.: "The Message of The Church—A Priceless Possession."

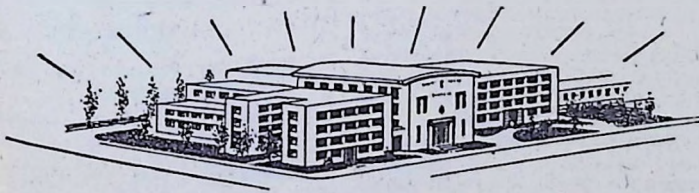
3 p.m.: "The Message of the Church—A Pre-eminent Person."

7 p.m.: "The Message of the Church—A Prevailing Power."

MEMORABLE CENTENARY BROTHERHOOD RALLY.

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