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World Convention Sidelights

The children, 14 years of age and under, had their own "convention." The registration was 435. These children had a daily programme consisting of a Daily Vacation Bible School, trips to the museum, zoo and on a ferry to the Island; also motion pictures. Not a child was injured or lost during the week. Forty teachers and supervisors were each paid a salary for their services. When the children travelled together on their afternoon trips, they held fast to a rope with one hand, while one teacher held the rope at the head of the line and another teacher brought up the rear.

The Hillcrest church of Christ (Disciples) in Toronto, furnished the leadership and staffed 15 committees. The chairman was Herman A. Stephens, and the honorary chairman was Charles L. Burton. This congregation of less than 500 members, of which Herbert Simpson is the minister, did the seemingly impossible. On the last Sunday of the Convention, this congregation held services at 9 and 11 a.m., and at 7.30 p.m., with every seat taken in the sanctuary, while many listened over the loud speaker downstairs.

Four Toronto papers gave generous space to the World Convention. Much time was given by the radio and television stations to the Convention speakers. Through these means of communication, our Canadian churches are more widely and favorably known than ever before.

It was hot in Toronto—very hot—during the entire Convention week. In spite of the heat, the delegates attended every session faithfully. The programme was of such a high order and the speakers so splendid, that no one wanted to miss a single session.

Over 40 agencies and organisations of our world brotherhood displayed exhibits in the Maple Leaf Gardens. The Gardens were not built for church conventions, but rather as a place to play and watch great hockey games. Even so, everyone who set up their exhibits made the best possible use of the space.

The decorations of the Gardens for the World Convention were most attractive. The Robert Simpson Store in Toronto, of which Edgar Burton is President, and Allan Burton is Manager, worked out the decorative scheme. The store's staff worked for weeks on these decorations. Who of the Convention can ever forget the large map of the world; the huge cross in front of the map, casting its shadow across the world; the motto of the Convention, "Our Commitment — A Christian World" displayed in three-foot high letters; and the flags, the pulpit and the platform flowers? Our grateful thanks to Simpsons!—Jesse M. Bader.

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THOUGHTS ON TORONTO

Sitting at my desk again, on a cool Melbourne evening, I find it hard to realise that less than a month ago I was one of the sweltering thousands living through the packed days and nights of the Fifth World Convention of Churches of Christ in Toronto, Canada. Yet it was real, and an unforgettable experience. I gladly seize this opportunity of thanking once again all who made it possible for me, financially and in other ways, to attend the Convention as a representative of our Australian brotherhood. I am grateful, too, for all the courtesies extended to me in Britain, U.S.A. and Canada, especially by the World Convention Secretary, Dr. Jesse M. Bader, who arranged a preaching and lecturing tour for me which was both an excellent and exacting preparation for the Convention itself.

For world travel among our churches does give a glimpse of that

FELLOWSHIP

which was so vividly revealed in the actual Convention meetings. We looked for fellowship and found it, despite the diversity of accents and viewpoints. It was understandable that reunions with Australian preachers and others, now resident overseas, should prove one of the happiest aspects of that fellowship, but in some ways it was even more moving to share a service, as I did on World Convention Sunday morning, with a Filipino, or to hear in the Convention meetings the Scripture read or the benediction pronounced by an Indian or a Puerto Rican in his own tongue. These glimpses of the Younger Churches in our brotherhood made some of us eager for the not-so-distant day when it will be possible for our World Convention to be held at a place like Puerto Rico or Honolulu, both of whom extended unsuccessful invitations for the 1960 Convention.

But even more eloquent than speech, with its many accents, was the fellowship in worship. At times it seemed as if that would elude us, as the heat mounted in that barn-like building, designed for ice-hockey, not Christian worship. Yet the peak point of worship came on the hottest day, at the memorable united communion service on World Convention Sunday afternoon. More than seven thousand worshippers entered and later left the meeting with a reverent hush which had to be shared to be understood. The wording of the service had been beautifully prepared by Principal James Clague, of Canada, and one of the most moving moments came in Rosa Page Welch's singing of "Let us break bread together on our knees." Yet it was not words but worship, in the simple act of remembrance, which knit us closest

together in that final service of the World Convention.

Fellowship like that is not to be despised or easily forgotten, and in twenty-five years the World Convention has served the brotherhood well in helping to build such bridges of understanding and fellowship across any barriers that divide the 32 nations represented in our brotherhood.

Yet we need more than a growing appreciation of fellowship. We need a stronger hold on those deep matters of the

FAITH

we hold in common. The Melbourne Convention of 1952 showed a right awareness of this when it decided to set up a Study Committee, which in time challenged more than 200 people in fifteen countries to discuss and analyse their views on such important matters as "The Nature of the Church," "The Place of Theology in the Church," "Christian Baptism," "The Lord's Supper," "The Christian Ministry," and "The Christian Hope." Their findings were discussed by the central committee, and referred back with questions or suggestions, until eventual statements were prepared, representing the considered thinking of some of our finest men. These became the basis for discussion at the Study Breakfasts, held on two mornings of the Convention, in eleven separate groups. The attendance of about 1,100 each morning almost took the organisers by surprise. That, and the eagerness with which men and women entered into general discussions, proved that the World Convention has taken a vital step forward — it provides a channel for constructive thinking together. This may well prove to be the most significant feature of the Toronto Convention.

Yet there were other preparations for the

FUTURE

which are full of possibility. The women rightly hailed the official launching of the World Christian Women's Fellowship as marking a new day for their co-operative effort, and it is obvious that both men's and youth work will also have growing significance.

Those of us who were sent by the Australian brotherhood will seek, in various ways, to pass on the inspiration and stimulus received through the Convention and other overseas contacts. Personally, I hope that the brotherhood will plan now to send other representatives to Edinburgh in 1960. Such an experience could prove of incalculable benefit to some of our younger promising men. One of the happiest features of this year's Australian delegation was the number of young people present.

THESE THINGS WERE SAID AT THE WORLD CONVENTION

Hon. Lester B. Pearson, Secty. of State for External Affairs, Canada.

It is hard not to be impatient as we watch man's relatively slow progress towards reason and morality in the political, social and economic relations between peoples and states. We must somehow — and soon — eliminate or bridge the chasm between our moral, social and political development, on the one hand, and our scientific advance on the other, or we will perish in that chasm!

In this great convention of churchmen it is appropriate to ask ourselves what is the Christian religion doing to bridge this chasm; to what extent is it a unifying factor in the international confusions of the present age?

There are certain stern facts we must face. One is that after nearly 2,000 years, Christianity still remains the religion of a relatively small minority of the world's peoples. Within Christianity itself there are three great divisions, the Roman Catholic, the Greek Orthodox and the Protestant—Christians have often contended against each other, not only in theological discussions, but on some of the most terrible battlefields of all time.

The record of the past—or some aspects of it—gives us cause to doubt whether the organised Christian religion, as such, is likely to play an important and constructive part in driving home the recognition of that interdependence of peoples which will lead to greater unification than has been achieved before and which is now indispensable for man's future.

Nevertheless, . . . there has remained shining in the darkness, occasionally almost obscured but never quite extinguished by it, the guiding light of Christian faith. . . . The application of Christian charity and tolerance; of the belief in the worth and in the immortal soul of every individual, of grace and mercy and the forgiveness of sins, is needed more than ever before. Surely it is the first duty of Churches of Christ, and all other Christian Churches, to teach and preach these principles and deepen the awareness of their necessity. Without their acceptance as the basis of policy and conduct, we will never secure real peace on earth . . .

It is the mission of Christianity to bring men to tolerance and charity in their closest relationships and fill them with a passionate desire to extend these principles between peoples and so bring peace on earth to all men.

This is no plea for the abandonment of doctrine or the conversion of Christianity, in the name of universality, into a flabby mishmash of indis-

criminate brotherly love. It is a time for Christian Churches to strengthen, not to weaken their convictions . . . But arrogance and assumption of superior virtue are today among the main obstacles to friendship between peoples. It is these un-Christian attitudes on the part of the individual, reflected in national policies, that so often stand in the way of world co-operation. And until they are rooted out, there can be no assurance of lasting peace . . .

The desirability of the greatest unity possible consistent with free choice does not mean that there cannot be many varieties of religious experience and many different ways of approaching religious truth. The world is richer for the efforts of many men to find God in their own ways, nor do these efforts have to be all directed into one narrow channel. The important thing is that they should co-operate and not conflict with each other . . .

In international affairs, we can take satisfaction and hope from some easing of international tensions, but it would

Race Issues in South Africa

Basil Holt, South Africa.

South Africa has attained notoriety in the world of today as the focal point of segregationist policies. Yet year after year in the annual assemblies and synods of the Anglican, Methodist and Congregational Churches, white and colored ministers and delegates sit side by side, discuss their problems together, drink tea together, and plan their work for the Kingdom of God. These churches reject segregation altogether as a policy to be enforced. Even the Dutch Reformed Church, which accepts segregation as in accordance with Divine purposes, carries on an enormous missionary activity and welcomes delegates of all colors to joint conferences.

In our Linden Christian church we have adopted a policy that none shall be excluded from our services on the grounds of color. It is true that the regular services are not attended by many Africans owing to difficulties of language and modes of worship which make our type of service less popular with them . . . Nor did this open policy occasion any great difficulty. Except that one family left the church, and that we received some attention from one or two policemen, who, like the Israelites of old, had a zeal, but not according to knowledge, the

be dangerous and unrealistic to assume that real peace has been achieved, merely because four men have smiled into 40—or 400—cameras at Geneva. It is, therefore, no time to weaken our defences, physical or moral. But it is a time for imagination, as well as caution; for seizing and making the most of every opportunity that may lead to a better state of affairs than this poor world has known since 1914.

Steadiness and balance, the maintenance of a sense of proportion, will be essential in the months ahead; months that will be full of movement and manoeuvre. In the long run, however, there is only one answer to the challenge of interdependence in the hydrogen age. It is the answer of Christian charity and understanding; and in showing by our actions—not merely by our words—that we are in all truth our brother's keepers.

situation has been accepted and we continue to pursue the course we feel to be right. . . .

Yet we must be on our guard against over-simplification on this issue, for much of the suffering of underprivileged peoples is their own fault, brought on by their own stubbornness and folly. . . . The white man in Africa, God help him, is not giving the black man all he deserves; but the black man, God help him, does not deserve all that for which he clamors. In the great African temple of God, white and black need to stand side by side, and smite their breasts, and cry individually, "God be merciful to me, a sinner!" . . . Somehow we must reach these people—not with palliatives; we must reach the people themselves, and stimulate them to discover themselves and their potentialities, and to value them and realise them. This is the challenge to an intelligent and discerning love. . . . The love which we Christians proffer to those who are downtrodden and oppressed, will seem to them like hypocrisy, unless they discern in us genuine humility and penitence for our own involvement in the causes of their frustration and oppression.

The Missionary Challenge

Hon. Dr. S. Garfield Todd, P.M. Southern Rhodesia.

In the ever-changing scene around us, one symbol of warning, of encouragement, and of hope, stands immovable. Almost 2,000 years ago it was placed there by wicked men and stood as a symbol of their sinfulness and shame. On it was crucified the Son of God, but from it, for almost 20 centuries, has flowed the abounding love of God.

In the changing and imperfect world around us, we labor that we may make progress for ourselves and our children. Towering above our labors, our weakness and our sin, stands this symbol of God's love. If we raise our eyes to it, our whole life is put into true perspective, for in the cross of Christ we have perfection; we see the love of God for men proved triumphant and eternal.

In the light of the fact that we have changed the face of the earth, that we have raised living standards, that we are making our world bring forth abundantly for the needs of men, do you not find it amazing that the cross of Jesus Christ should be so topical, so attuned to our modern need? Like every age that has preceded us since the dawn of Christianity we find that the cross of Jesus Christ is especially topical, especially challenging to our own age. "What will it profit a man," said Jesus, "if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?"

We have netted the seas, we have scaled the highest mountain; we have conquered the air, we have dug up the treasures of the earth, and we have fashioned from God's material gifts, useful and beautiful things for the delight of ourselves and our children. Have we not come very near to gaining the whole world and, as a race of men, do we not stand in danger of losing our own souls?

This is the real war—the only significant battle—and it has been waged throughout all generations since the fall of man. . . . I do not fear the materialists, I do not fear the Communists, so much as I fear the materialism which has crept into the Christian Church, which infiltrates into our own lives.

What is the challenge that faces our churches? I believe it can be stated in two quotations from Christ himself.

The first is a portion of Christ's prayer as given in John 17, "that they all may be one, as thou Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me." Here we have stated the necessity for unity

between God and ourselves, and also the same need for unity between Christian and brother Christian. Such unity is required as a basis for our Christian life, for our very existence.

The second part of the challenge is given in the last chapter of Matthew when Jesus said, "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." There we have the challenge. On one side the need for that strength which comes from unity with God and unity with one another, and, on the other, our duty to the outside world—our programme of action. This is the purpose of our being, this is our timeless heritage.

This is only a brief summary of the main message. There followed missionary experiences in Africa.

Down Come the Fences

Dr. Theo Fisher at Jubilee Luncheon, August 19.

The Church is busy breaking down the barriers of race and nationality that divide the Church and weaken her witness. The Church has a way of penetrating these barriers, and even an Iron Curtain cannot stand—for behind the Iron Curtain on this day there are groups of Christians breaking bread and maintaining the fellowship. Every agency which breaks down the fences that separate Christian from Christian is worthy of our support.

The World Convention has been that kind of agency in the life of our brotherhood. It has been a good instrument of God in levelling any fences of misunderstanding and difference. It has established communication, and

strengthened and encouraged the Church in the land where it meets.

There are those who seem to fear that the building up of our brotherhood life will be a threat to our ecumenical spirit. But I believe that the stronger and more vital our brotherhood life, the richer the contribution we will make to ecumenicity. . . . Only after we have fulfilled our mission and made our rightful contribution, have we a right to lose ourselves in the larger witness.

I believe because the World Convention stimulates us to study, to wrestle with our ideas, to share our insights and to unite our service, it will enable us to make a richer and better contribution to the ecumenical Church.

Albert Anderson visualises . . .

A CHRISTIAN WORLD

The Fifth World Convention theme "Our Commitment — A Christian World" and the way in which the theme fitted into the whole programme, demonstrated to the full that the gospel of Jesus Christ is universal and therefore inescapably missionary.

Right from the first meeting, the World Mission of the Church was in evidence.

The second evening's programme was definitely missionary in character — the sub-theme being "A Christian World through our Christian Witness." This

session was high-lighted by a procession of Nationals and missionaries marching through the hall to the platform, where eventually they were introduced by Dr. Virgil Sly, the Chairman of the Foreign Division of the United Christian Missionary Society. To see these scores of people and to realise that they represented but a fraction of the whole, gave evidence of the ramifications of this splendid missionary society.

Dr. Garfield Todd, recently a missionary of the New Zealand Churches

of Christ (Africa), but now Prime Minister of Southern Rhodesia, gave an address on "Our Timeless Missionary Mandate." Surrounded as he was with "the great cloud of witnesses" from the mission lands of the world, he was in the right atmosphere and effectively made us realise that we have a message that lives through time and eternity.

The climax of this great meeting came when the audience rose to sing "An Endless Line of Splendor" whilst the Nationals and missionaries left the platform in order and marched once again through the hall. We sensed the splendid line of men and women who through the ages have marched along the highways of the world.

Aborigines Missions News

Notes by Federal Secretary, J. K. Robinson.

Superintendent for Carnarvon. Without question, the whole Australian brotherhood will have confidence in the re-appointment of Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Hammer to the superintendency of Carnarvon Mission. Their pioneering work at Carnarvon will long be remembered, and we praise God that he has called them and is opening the way for them to return to this work. The Federal Board and all State Committees along with all others who are interested in the work have been praying that the right man would be called into the leadership of Carnarvon Mission. Rejoice that prayers have been so abundantly answered. The first approach was made from Mr. Hammer's side, so they come as volunteers for the work. Let us continue to pray that all arrangements for their coming to the field will be successfully completed. They hope to be ready by the end of the year.

Another Building Drive. Norseman Mission continues to grow in numbers and efficiency. The need for a new dining room and kitchen has been felt for a number of years, but now has become a necessity. Plans of an entirely new building are in the course of preparation and the gathering together of a suitable labor force has begun. It is being planned for a building team to leave Perth on Boxing Day, Dec. 26, to erect this building. It is hoped to have a great deal of foundation work completed before the actual drive commences, so that the building team may start straight in on the superstructure. The call goes out now for men to be ready to spend their Christmas holidays in this great piece of co-operative brotherhood service at Norseman Mission. It is thought that as Norseman is so much nearer the Eastern States than Carnarvon, men from those States may find it possible to be in the team. Any men who are able to stay beyond the normal holiday period would be particularly welcome, as there is always a lot of finishing off to do after the main drive is over. Any men who feel that they can help in this work are asked to get in touch as soon as possible with the Board Secretary, J. K. Robinson, 23 Coronation-st., North Perth, or the Chairman, A. M. Bell, 90 Guildford-rd., Mount Lawley, W.A. Any man handy with tools can do a good work but tradesmen are, of course, a major asset.

Mr. and Mrs. Clapp Returning. Friends of the Mission will rejoice to know that Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Clapp, who gave three and a half years' service at Carnarvon some years ago have felt a call to return and will be pro-

ceeding to the field on Sept. 21. They will take up work amongst the boys once more, but this time with only half the number that they used to have. Mr. and Mrs. Clapp have had the work on their hearts ever since they left the Mission and now, stronger in health, and circumstances permitting them to return, they have once again offered themselves for service. The Mission truck will come to Perth for them and return with all their goods. Once again we praise God for answers to prayer.

Miss Nelson Retires. It is with great regret that we record the retirement for some time at least, of Miss Lillian Nelson. She had given devoted service in charge of the junior girls' dormitory at Carnarvon but ill health has compelled her retirement. She left W.A. on Aug. 24 for her home in New Zealand, and although medical care in W.A. has greatly restored her health, she is not fit to return to the field. Her bright personality and spiritual attitude have left a lasting impression on the children and amongst her fellow workers.

Norseman Needs Help. The outstanding need at Norseman is for someone to take charge of the kitchen and dining room, and someone to take charge of the kindergarten. Both of these, of course, are positions for the right type of lady missionary. Pray that God will send forth urgently the ones of his choosing into this work. Each is an important position and a creative field of service. The Board would be glad to hear from any worker interested in either of these two positions.

Spiritual Advance at Carnarvon. Following upon the resignation of Arthur Davis, Don Dewing went to Carnarvon to serve temporarily for a few months. Mr. Dewing is an expert in child and youth evangelism, and has been conducting most of the services at the Mission. Under his leadership and the prayers of the missionaries, a spirit of revival in spiritual things among the children is being noted. John Tiddums, who had previously made his decision for Christ and been baptised, has reconsecrated his life, and Valerie Darby, a born leader among the girls, has professed to find Christ afresh. A young man of 20, named Colin Jones, not in residence at the Mission, has also found the Saviour through his attendance at the services. He can neither read nor write and he wants to come and live at the Mission for a week or two, that he might learn more of the Saviour who has become so real to him.

Boys' Home,

PENDLE HILL, N.S.W.

They are in need of a mother!
Who will wash their smiling faces?
Who their saucy ears will box?
Who will dress them and caress them?
Who will darn their little sox?
Where are arms enough to hold them?
Hands to pat each shining head?
Who will praise them? Who will scold them?
Who will pack them off to bed?

Yes! This is what we are asking — who? Dunmore has been extremely fortunate in having Mrs. Purdem at the Home for several years, but she now finds she must resign at the end of the year. Mrs. Purdem has been mother and friend to scores of boys — has, in fact been, with our manager, the means of saving boys from indescribable futures. Many a boy in the years to come will say, "Thank God for a woman who knew the real meaning of stewardship."

Now, who will take up this avenue of service for the Lord? We believe the Lord will lead some suitable woman to Dunmore. Let us tell you something of the position, just in case you are to be God's instrument at Dunmore.

We have a capable and conscientious manager who does manage the Home. It is the job of the "house-mother" to "mother" these underprivileged boys in our care. She attends to their diet, their clothing and general welfare in conjunction with the manager and house staff. She has a spacious, comfortable private room in this lovely old Home, situated in picturesque surroundings on the main Western line. The Home is only two or three minutes' walk from Pendle Hill railway station and as the line is now electrified, is within easy reach of the City.

Positions these days are easily found; but this is more than a job — it could be the fulfilment of a lifetime. Jesus Christ spent 30 years in training for three years of service — perhaps you too, have spent as many or more years waiting to be called to service for him. Could the Lord want you to be the one to lead the Dunmore boys into the "paths of righteousness for his Name's sake"? You are the only one to know this.

If you are interested and would like more details, would you contact our Chairman or our Secretary at these addresses: Chairman, G. Knight, 19 Albert-st., Petersham; Secretary, W. Hill, 15 Canberra-st., Hurlstone Park.

To give one's life, on weary days
and hopeless,
To give one's life, hour after hour,
and be
Ready to give again, again — is
harder
Than to give in a moment gloriously.

THE AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN

In preparation for the annual offering in New South Wales for that State's college at Woolwich, A. G. ELLIOTT, M.A., B.Sc., Dip.Ed., stresses

N.S.W. BIBLE COLLEGE IDEALS

In our churches and Bible schools, in training classes and youth camps, and in our colleges, first at Glen Iris, and then more recently at Woolwich, the call of Christ has been heard and the challenge taken up, and in his Name many victories have been won.

The New South Wales Bible College, in preaching, teaching and reaching men for the Master, endeavors to re-echo the New Testament note of urgency in service and in sacrifice.

I. In Preaching

The heritage of Churches of Christ around the world, is more than encouraging. Wherever our churches have been planted, in their New Testament worship and witness they have sought to uplift the crucified Saviour. The intense missionary motive of the First Century Church has been preserved in the attitude and outlook of those who, in this day, as heralds of the gospel, are proclaiming the self-same message with the self-same zeal and in the power of the self-same Spirit.

No young man or young woman can hear the call of God to full-time service without counting the cost. Yet this has been ever so. All those who have responded to God's call—Abraham, Moses, Isaiah; Peter, Paul, Timothy; right down to our own generation—have been the better for it. No-one

has ever lost out by surrendering all to the Lord.

II. In Teaching

From its inception on the day of Pentecost, the New Testament community was a teaching fellowship. The chosen band, the Twelve, had sat at the feet of the greatest of all teachers. Before they could be apostles (those sent) it was necessary that they should be disciples (those learning).

Likewise in the College life it is common knowledge that those who would be "sent" must first be "learners," for all who would truly serve their Lord in the gospel must continually be learners; earnest, faithful disciples at the feet of the Master.

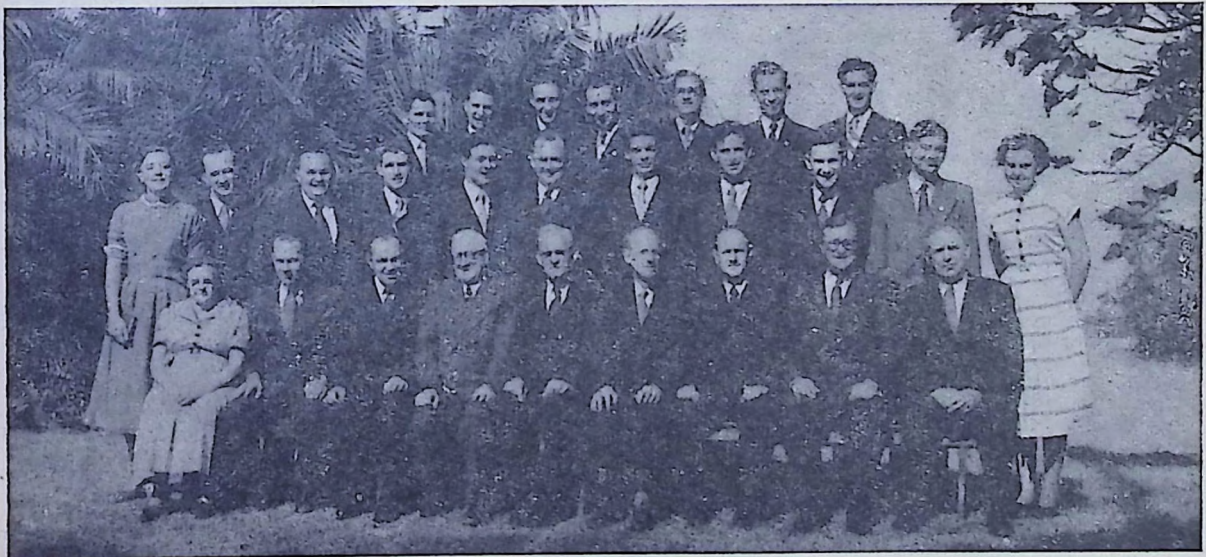
This is an era in which educational facilities are developing by leaps and bounds. Not only in the Western or Europeanised hemisphere, but also in the East, and in what were formerly the backward areas, in Africa, India, Indonesia and China, the percentage of literacy has been speedily stepped up. This constitutes a tremendous challenge to the Church. In teaching, both at home and abroad, we must seize every opportunity. Our young men and women need to be prepared for the vast teaching ministry which is so necessary if the masses are to be won for Christ.

III. In Reaching

Finally, it may truly be said that the Restoration Movement, in America, in Great Britain, and in Australia, from its early pioneering days has continued to make a prominent contribution to the advancement of the Kingdom, not only in its grand programme of preaching and teaching, but also in its insistence, in the personal sphere, of reaching men and women for Christ.

Training for the ministry of the Word is not confined to the classroom or to the precepts of the College, nor even to the sphere of ministry in the student-churches—it is a continual process whereby the Spirit of the Living God becomes more real and vital in the life and witness of every member of the student body. Every legitimate method of reaching men for Christ should be employed. In public proclamation, in preaching and teaching in mission tent, in the open air, in chapels and halls—and also in the more direct personal contact, in home evangelism, in school evangelism—the same power of Christ may be manifest.

This is the ideal set before each student at Woolwich. We invite you to share in this task, in your prayers and practical interest, that Christ may be magnified and souls saved.



Woolwich College, N.S.W. — 1955.

Back Row (left to right): G. Chislett, K. Beadle, P. Kavanagh, G. Wladysluk, G. Owins, G. Davis, L. Barker
Centre Row: Miss E. Bunn, C. Terry, B. Nowitzke, D. Willis, B. Roberts, P. Woolford, D. Creeper, J. Blankley, K. Crawford, F. Reynolds, Miss P. Jones. Front Row: Mrs. Agnew (Housekeeper), C. Bowser, E. Roffey, E. Davis, I. Paternoster, A. W. Stephenson (Principal), A. G. Elliott (Vice-Principal), R. Amos, E. C. Hinrichsen.



J. Lewis, minister of the church at Oakleigh, Vic., who has been ill, has been ordered a month's rest, followed by a holiday. E. C. Hinrichsen, following his serious illness, is at present with his brother on a cattle station in Qld., and a long period of rest seems indicated. We hope for both these brethren a successful period of convalescence and commend them to the brotherhood's prayers.

On Sunday, Oct. 2, at 11 a.m., the morning service from the church at Footscray will be broadcast through 3LO. A. E. Hurren will be the preacher.

The Jones-Philp mission at Mile End, S.A., concluded on Sept. 11, when four decisions brought the mission total to fifteen. There were splendid attendances throughout the campaign, with many delegations from sister churches, and the church has received a spiritual uplift. On Sept. 13, at the meeting of the Western District churches, E. P. C. Hollard spoke, and the chairman handed a donation of £200 to a representative of the new cause at Warradale Park. The gift was received with appreciation.

H. E. Paddick, preacher at Roma, Qld., will complete his ministry there in December, having accepted a call to again become organiser of the S.A. Temperance Alliance.

Saturday, Aug. 27, marked the official opening and dedication of the new chapel erected for Penhurst church, N.S.W., on land situated on the corner of Forest-rd. and St. Georges-rd. G. E. Knight, acting N.S.W. President, gave the dedicatory address, and P. E. Thomas the prayer. Mrs. M. Goode, a Churches of Christ member of 48 years' standing, performed the turning of the key ceremony. R. Greenhalgh chaired the afternoon service, at which greetings were conveyed from all Conference committees, as well as from Hurstville Municipality, sister and local churches, and individual brethren. I. A. Paternoster, Fed. Conf. President, gave the afternoon address, and R. Greenhalgh conducted the evening service. A large number enjoyed hospitality provided by the ladies of the church. The builders were highly commended for their work, many favorable comments being received.

W. Wakefield, who has completed seven years of ministry with the church at Warracknabeal, Vic., has announced his resignation from the work there.

L. A. Trezise, Vic. Youth Director, recently attended at Green Lake, Wisconsin, the 12th Annual International Workshop of the Department of Audio-Visual and Broadcast Education, of the National Council of Churches, U.S.A. Three hundred specialists in modern media of religious education gathered at the American Baptist Assembly Grounds to keep abreast of the latest materials and techniques in this fast-growing field. The central theme this year was "Using Audio-Visuals for

In returning to my editorial duties, I wish to express my sincere appreciation of the work of the Acting Editor, Wilkie J. Thomson, and all who co-operated with him in the production of our brotherhood weekly.

Some contributors accepted special assignments in my absence, and I am grateful for the way in which these were carried out.

In the past four months Mr. Thomson and his helpers have performed a valued ministry, which merits the thanks of us all.—C. G. Taylor.

Enlisting and Training Church Workers," and nearly 700 new motion pictures, filmstrips, slide sets and other audio-visual aids were assembled for review, study and discussion during the seven-day meeting, which began Sept. 6. This was the tenth such gathering held at Green Lake.

We regret to learn of the death at the Will H. Clay Nursing Home on Sept. 8, of Mrs. F. N. Illingworth, widow of A. E. Illingworth, a former well-loved minister among our churches. Mrs. Illingworth had been, in recent years, in membership with the church at Parkdale, Vic. We extend Christian sympathies to her three sons, Harold, Fred and Arthur.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Kingston commenced their ministry at Broken Hill on Sept. 4, after arriving from Queensland a few days before. G. Cox (Adelaide) conducted an impressive induction service in the morning, when 54 adults and 16 Young Worshipers were present. The Bible school was visited in the afternoon, and Mr. Cox led the song service at night, prior to the gospel meeting, conducted by Mr. Kingston. Greetings were read from E. P. C. Hollard (Adelaide) and J.

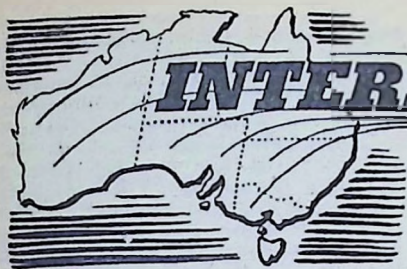
Cremer, unable to attend owing to illness, while visitors were present from Mt. Gambier, Mildura, Nailsworth and Norwood. The ladies welcomed Mrs. Kingston at a drawing room afternoon on Sept. 7, and a public welcome was extended to Mr. and Mrs. Kingston and family on the evening of the 10th. Mr. Rough presided, and speakers included the Mayor (Alderman Riddiford), Capt. Matthews (Ministerial Association), C. Ball (B.S.), Mrs. H. Garner (Guild), and N. Rough (church). Musical items and supper were other features of an enjoyable evening.

The Church Location Council of our Vic.-Tas. Conference desires to know of church members living in the West Heidelberg area. Names and addresses may be sent to the sec., B. J. Combridge, Churches of Christ Office, Room 413, Fourth Floor, T. & G. Building 147 Collins-st., Melb., C.1.

In spite of muddy ground and extremely bad weather, the working bee held at Glen Waverley chapel, Vic., on Sept. 3 accomplished much in a short time, and the spirit of the workers was grand. Workers, and the ladies of Oakleigh, Jordanville and Glen Waverley under the leadership of Mrs. McGregor (Oakleigh), who did a marvellous job providing dinner as well as morning and afternoon tea, numbered 100. During the week, Mr. Haycraft, assisted by Glen Waverley ladies, continued the work. Sept. 10 was a perfect day, and workers and ladies, who again provided for material needs, numbered 104. Some helpers came from as far away as Geelong, and some local men were on the job for fifteen hours on the Saturday. As a result, the roof was put on, the flooring down, and lots of other jobs well on the way. Services were held in the chapel on the 11th, B.S. had its best attendance ever, and 31 were present at the Lord's Table. Work is still being done, prior to opening on Sept. 24, followed by special meetings.

We have received a number of reports of the World Convention, duplicating material already printed in these pages. Nevertheless, we appreciate the thoughtfulness of our contributors. Principal A. W. Stephenson closes his review with the comments: "One of the Australian delegates said, 'I may be biased, but I think the Australians who took part made as good a contribution as any.' Toronto was a great experience and worthwhile. What a great aim it would be to work toward sharing in the 1960 Convention in Edinburgh. We should like to see more of our young people given opportunity to share in such an experience."

In its recently released annual report, the Council of Churches in Victoria mentions that Dr. Edwin Orr, at his own cost, expects to come to Australia in 1956 for special missions amongst college and university students. Many will recall earlier visits of this evangelist.



INTERSTATE CHURCH NEWS

expresses sympathy to Waldron family in passing of their father, also their uncle.

Townsville (G. Beale).—Y.P. returned from August camp at Nellie Bay, full of appreciation. Two were baptised in sea. Six others announced their intention of following their example at a later date. C.Y.F. at Hermit Park and Armstrong now numbers about 12, and has arranged interesting fortnightly programme. This includes a working week-end at Magnetic Island Youth Camp to which they are inviting Y.P. of Charters Towers. Two were received into fellowship following their baptism at youth camp. 42 delegates from C.E. Convention Tour will spend three days at Nellie Bay Youth Centre in early October. Members are planning to sink a well in near future, also instal electricity. Armstrong B.S. held its anniversary on Sept. 17. Visitors recently have been Mr. and Mrs. Button (Hurstville), P. Ward-Smith (Lane Cove), and Miss Patsy Scott. Mrs. Cox has been visited in hospital by several members.

Western Australia

Inglewood (R. W. Marshall).—Church held 29th anniversary in July, with large attendances at both services. Youth tea also had large attendance. R. W. Marshall was speaker. North Perth ladies combined with Inglewood ladies for prayer committee visit. Mr. Wright (Maylands Baptist) was guest speaker, and visiting soloiste was Mrs. C. G. Taylor (Melbourne). Ladies held social "Trip to Mars," in aid of manse fund. C.E. visited Royal Perth Hospital on Orange and Flower Day, also visited sick members of church. Endeavorers have been helped in their meetings with talks from Mrs. Cockerton and Mrs. K. Eaton, also visit from Cottesloe C.E. W. Paget conducted gospel service during absence of preacher at Claremont Jubilee. Much sickness prevails. We regret illness of Sis. Merle Peacock.

South Perth (S. H. Wilson). — On Sept. 4, three reconsecrated their lives and one made good confession. Pre gospel prayer meetings are receiving greater support. Following were appointed deaconesses for two years: Mesdames P. Jefferies, F. Cooper, E. Collins, R. Richards. Y.P. activity group meet on Friday evenings, and membership is increasing. Y.P. recently made adjustable table tennis table. Good Neighbors' club has sent parcel of new clothing to their adopted native boy and girl at Carnarvon Mission. Church library will be in use in near future. £18 will be spent for erection of shelves and glass doors in one of front vestries to receive books. Ladies'

Fellowship donated £2 toward library. B.S., under leadership of H. Short, now has 303. Anniversary practice is continuing. Men's Society met for tea on Sept. 11. J. K. Bond (Wembley) spoke on "Tent Missions." Well supported weekly offerings have increased, also building fund offerings. This follows stewardship campaign. Plans are in hand for extension of building on south side to include store-room to house increasing equipment. Boys' club continues to hold interest of boys in many activities. Overseas Missions offering, £40, a record. Ladies' Fellowship entertained Dorcas Society of Northam church on 14th. Recent visitor was A. Fergeus (Gardiner, Vic.).

Subiaco (R. Raymond). — J. W. Gordon's morning address on Aug. 28, was much appreciated, as also W. Paget's gospel message. C. G. Taylor presided at broadcast morning service, Sept. 4, and also addressed church. R. Vincent spoke at night. Officers' board has voted £20 to North Perth church for re-roofing costs. On 11th, G. Smith (Cottesloe) addressed church, and W. Paget conducted gospel service. Mrs. J. W. Gordon spoke to C.E. on overseas mission work. Mrs. Lee is back from Sydney. Mrs. Larcombe (Kingsford) is home on holiday visit. Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Vawser, returned from overseas, are visiting parents in S.A. Thursday prayer meetings were cancelled on Sept. 1 and 8, to allow members to attend Shenton Park mission. Temperance Sunday lessons were illustrated, and pledges were taken. Matron and Sister Taylor are on holiday visit to S.A.

New South Wales

Bexley North (J. G. Shaw). — Interest is being shown in sermon topics for September. Successful evening was recently held when parents of scholars were entertained by B.S. teachers. Film was screened and supper served. Woolwich Evangelistic Party witnessed in open air meeting and later conducted a gospel service on Sept. 3. Mr. Woolford was speaker. Men of church conducted Father's Day service on 4th, and later provided supper. Mr. Southcombe is in hospital as result of an accident.

Hornsby (K. R. Fennell). — Monthly fellowship tea was held on Aug. 28, at which Mr. Lawlor showed movie films on work of Bush Missionary Society. Gospel service on Sept. 4, was conducted by Hayward family. Mr. Hayward, senr., led praise service, Bruce conducted service, and Harold was speaker. Mr. Hayward and Lorraine contributed in song. G. Glazier and Endeavorers brought messages in song at gospel service on Aug. 21, E. Germon on 28th, Mr. and Mrs. Max Gray on Sept. 11.

Discipleship

Graeme Kerr, South Melbourne, Vic.
Rodney Gunter, Fullarton, S.A.
Dianne Verity, Caulfield, Vic.
Yvonne Smith, Bordertown, S.A.
Robert Hill, Mr. and Mrs. F. Lewis,
Peter Mackley, Horsham, Vic.
Lyn Irwin, Rhonda Geizendanner,
Townsville, Qld.
Carol Huntley, Robert Wilkin, North
Richmond, Vic.

Membership

Miss V. Munnerley, from Marrickville Baptist to Rockdale, N.S.W.
Miss D. Lunn, from Gardenvale to Caulfield, Vic.
Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Fitzgerald, and John, from Port Lincoln to Blackwood, S.A.
Mrs. A. Jones, Ian and Allan, from Port Lincoln to Clovelly Park, S.A.
Mr. and Mrs. Thorne, from Boronia to Glen Waverley, Vic.
Mr. and Mrs. Smith and Margaret, from Caulfield to Surrey Hills, Vic.
Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Hannah, from Reservoir to Cheltenham, Vic.

Marriage

Lenice Peers to Graham Gilmour, Surrey Hills, Vic.

Fallen Asleep

Albert Waldron, Roma, Qld.
Arch. Waldron, Roma, Qld.
Mr. Smith, Maryborough, Vic.
Mrs. Duncombe, Maryborough, Vic.
Mrs. E. M. Hateley, Horsham, Vic.

Queensland

Roma (H. E. Paddick). — Attendances during Aug. have been maintained. Messages have been centred around coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Visitors recently have included Mrs. Anderson and Mr. Berthelsen (Toowoomba), Mrs. Neil (Albion). Church

Recent speakers have been R. Beadle, J. Ellerby, K. Fennell, R. Bartholomew and R. Surtees. Improvements to outside of chapel have commenced and also an arbor drive in grounds is under way. J. Bishop received 85 per cent. in recent B.S. examination.

Inverell (E. F. G. McIlhagger, B.A.). — Preacher at morning service on Sept. 4 was C. G. Love (Tamworth). Special men's gospel meeting at night was addressed by A. Mackie. Newly formed C.M.S. had tea at manse, twenty-one being present, C. G. Love was speaker. Officers elected were B. Boland (pres.), and John Stone (sec.). Visitors over recent weeks have been Mrs. Whitwell (N.Z.), Mr. and Mrs. Bull (Belrose), Miss Grace Mackie (Belrose), Cecil and Fred Love (Tamworth). C. Curtis is back from Sydney after serious operation. Keith Hamilton has entered Brisbane General Hospital where he will undergo extended medical treatment.

Rockdale (A. B. Clark). — I.C.E. held fellowship on Aug. 21. Mr. and Mrs. Webb (Hobart), Mrs. Willmet (Goolwa) and W. Howard (Mere-wether) were visitors on Sept. 4. There were good attendances at both services on 11th. E. Baker was soloist at evening meeting. Preacher and family have settled into the work.

Taree (M. H. A. Pieper). — Church was greatly helped by visit from Woolwich Bible College Evangelistic Party during week-end Sept. 10-11. Members of party were B. Roberts, D. Willis, J. Blankley and B. Nowitzke, and they conducted all services at week-end. Meetings commenced with open air rally in business section of town on Saturday evening, with special rally in church building following. Services on the Sunday at Taree and Wingham were well attended and appropriate messages given by all four speakers during their stay, each being responsible for one main address. Evening meeting commenced with baptismal service, and at conclusion of message a young lady made her decision. B. Nowitzke was soloist on four occasions. His help, as well as that of whole team was appreciated by church. Six C.E. members from Sydney en route to the National Convention in Brisbane, were welcomed.

Broken Hill (N. Kingston). — Church is grateful to R. Baker and G. Lee for installation of new lighting in chapel. Hobby groups in both Junior and Senior Clubs are creating interest. Sis. I. Evans and father have left for Brisbane to attend National C.E. Convention. Fellowship hour around piano was enjoyed by several members after church on 11th, at home of Mr. and Mrs. Dean. At welcomes to minister and his wife, appreciated items were given by Mesdames Dulfer, Yuill, Mellett, Schorn, Griffiths and Thomas, and Misses Sandercock, Dulfer, J. Hosking and P. Harris.

Burwood (J. Henderson). — On July 10, church raised £280 to be used for building of Youth Hut at Lake Illawarra Youth Centre. The hut will be erected by a working bee in September. During August, emphasis was placed on prayer. Special Wednesday night studies were conducted, and prayer month concluded with special tea. B.S. is growing steadily, and school obtained A class shield in recent examinations. Life Boys' Club has been started and it is hoped to create an interest for younger group of boys attending B.S.

Kingsford (A. G. Elliott, M.A., B.Sc., Dip.Ed.) — On Aug. 17, cottage gathering was held at home of Mr. and Mrs. Smith. D. McElvenny and Miss B. Wyndham were honored at after-church fellowship social on eve of marriage, and presentation made. At Red Cross service, Miss W. Whale read Scripture and Miss M. Forby (S.A.) was soloist. On Aug. 28, *Sword of the Spirit*, was screened, and reference made to work of B.&F.B.S. Father's Day service, on Sept. 4, was featured by singing of school choir, led by Mr. Larcombe. Recent visitors have been Mr. and Mrs. Murray, Mr. Billingham, junr., and Miss D. Gardner (all of Taree), and Mr. Bowser (Belmore) who brought helpful message to church.

South Australia

Benlah Road (G. W. Wood). — Ladies' Guild held annual meeting at which there was a large attendance with many visiting artists supplying items. Ladies have been collecting clothes for Carnarvon Mission. Working bees are continuing around church property and Messrs. Crowhurst and Wilkinson have been appointed property stewards. Great improvements are noticeable, especially in addition of new gas stove and stainless steel sink in kitchen. Fellowship tea was held on Aug. 21, with R. Deane (C.O.B.) as visitor. Afterwards Mr. Deane was speaker at gospel service. Many members have been sick. We are glad to welcome Miss Lindquist back after long illness. On Aug. 14, young married woman was baptised and received into fellowship following Sunday. At gospel service on Sept. 4, young married woman confessed her faith in Christ.

Grote-st., Adelaide (A. W. C. Candy). — On Sept. 4, B.S. had tea, afterwards taking part in gospel service, Barbara Moyse and John Teusney reading Scriptures. There was one decision and four reconsecrations. C.E. visited home of Mrs. Mortimer, who has been sick for some time. Monthly "Question Night" was held on 12th, these services are creating interest. Miss M. Leedham is attending C.E. National Convention, Brisbane. All auxiliaries are functioning satisfactorily.

Bordertown (C. E. Curtis). — Old chapel building is in use again after being repaired and repainted inside. R. Menzies talked to Men's Society on

Aug. 25, about Social Credit System. On Sept. 2, Naracoorte Men's Society paid a visit, with E. Hollard speaker. Building was full for variety film evening on 3rd. Explorer Club boys were on parade at evening service on 4th, and had a part in programme. A young lady made her decision. Y.P. have been enthusiastic about manse study groups after evening service. W. E. Fisher spoke at morning service on Aug. 28, and the film, *Call of Matthew*, was screened at night. Local branch of W.C.C. conducted special series of meeting and studies for Y.P. on "What can we do to help the movement towards Christian Unity?" Series concluded with combined public candlelight service in Methodist church. Leader of studies was Barbara Welch.

Fullarton (A. W. Morris). — Mr. Morris presided at worship service on Sept. 11, and speaker was Mr. Sanders (S.A. Temperance Alliance). Baptismal service was held in evening. At after-church fellowship, Mr. Swincer showed slides in interest of Roodepoort Mission. An offering was received toward that work.

Kilburn (H. G. Norris). — Splendid programme was enjoyed on Sept. 10, arranged by Unley church, at Unley, when Domine Singers presented concert conducted by Mr. Penrose. Mr. Chivell (Unley) handed £37 to Mr. Norris as concert proceeds to be used for Kilburn Building Fund. Mr. Norris complimented artists and thanked Unley church for generous action. Church officers met Extension Committee on 12th, and way is now clear for early commencement of new chapel building operations. Work generally is in splendid heart.

Victoria

Balwyn (J. E. Brooke). — On Sept. 11, both services were well attended. Church was delighted to renew fellowship with Mrs. Berg and C. Berg, who have returned from world tour, culminating in World Convention. At evening service, H. Turnham gave address.

Black Rock (A. Avery). — As result of fortnight's mission, three brothers made their stand for Christ. Mr. Brooke's messages were an inspiration to all. Mr. Hince was capable song leader. C.Y.F.'s recent activities included seeing film, *Wine of Morning*, visit to main Telephone Exchange, and an outing to City Baths. Y.W.F. commenced another year of service by holding a stall, from which approx. £18 was realised. After period of visitations preceding mission, mid-week prayer meetings have recommenced.

Lygon-st., Carlton (L. G. Burgin). — Father's Day service was conducted by Messrs. Swain, McKean, Atkinson and Burgin. Eighty were present at morning service. Many members are ill, Mrs. Pettifer, Miss M. Pettifer, Miss

E. Dickens, Miss Curtis. Mrs. Page is in Heidelberg Hospital, and R. Foote is a patient at Prince Henry's Hospital. A number of members have returned from holidays. Mesdames McDonald and Smith (Mosman, N.S.W.) were recent visitors. Conductor for B.S. anniversary is L. McClean.

Essendon (M. Roberts). — Explorers presented successful concert on Aug. 20. B.S. teachers were addressed by D. Hibburt (Newmarket) at training class on 26th. Mr. Ball (Melb. City Mission) was speaker at morning service on 28th. Youth tea was held and Messrs. Kennard and O'Brien (Campaigners for Christ) were guest speakers. Ladies' Guild held "Bring a Gift and Buy a Gift," on Sept. 1. An excellent programme was enjoyed by all. Mr. Tippett presided at morning service on 4th. Film service on work of Melb. City Mission was given by Mr. Ball on 5th. Y.W.F. held interesting evening on 6th, when floral art was demonstrated by Mrs. Burnett. Cricket club held opening meeting and will again field three teams for coming season.

Gardiner (F. A. Youens). — Retiring offering for Protestant chapel at Puckapunyal reached £22. At 41st anniversary of church, Dr. Oldfield was speaker. On K.S.P. 25th birthday, 260 broke bread for day. Sick visitation is keeping minister very busy. On Sept. 11, W. W. Saunders and F. Manning were speakers in preacher's absence at Stawell. Mr. Manning showed film of work among lepers at Youth Fellowship, and £16 was contributed to that work. K. Jones told Men's Fellowship story of his trip abroad.

Glen Waverley (D. D. Stewart). — Anniversary services held in Mechanics Hall on Sept. 4 were well attended. J. Lewis (Oakleigh) was morning speaker. Miss F. Cowper (Gardiner) and K. Hall (Balwyn) were soloists. Annual meeting was held and excellent reports presented. B.S. has increased 100 per cent. and church membership is now 28. Sec. announced anonymous gift of £75 towards open baptistery. Officers elected were: elder, Mr. Symes; deacons, Messrs. Handasyde, Winkler, Whittaker, Wickham (treas.), Thodey (sec.); deaconesses, Sis. Thodey and Dunk; organists, Sis. Watson; B.S. supt., M. Whittaker and Sis. Watson. Services were held in new chapel on Sept. 11, 31 being present. Prayers were offered on behalf of a number of members who are ill. L. Chapman (Hampton) spoke at gospel service. Mr. and Mrs. Thorne have loaned church their organ. Plans are completed for special week of meetings.

Maryborough (M. A. Coombs). — Average attendances for Aug. were as follows: morning 71, evening 37, with 63 communicants. Men's Society held monthly meeting and tea on 21st, when Mr. Coombs was guest speaker. Milton

Drake was selected to attend Explorer Leaders' Camp. Sympathy of church is expressed to Mrs. Shepherd, and Mrs. Smith, in their recent bereavements; also to family of Mrs. Duncombe, foundation member of church.

South Melbourne (S. Bannon). — Miss B. Bates visited recently and told of her recent trip to England and U.S.A., and explained modern methods of B.S. teaching. Mr. Featherstone (Richmond Technical) gave a few hints on Sept. 8 on how to keep children interested in B.S. work. Kindergarten has already started to improve its teaching methods by building up large picture poster library. Church choir has been formed under leadership of Mr. Legg, and takes part in evening service every three weeks. Y.P. spent day at Donna Buang with other churches of C.S.Y.F. K.S.P. combined with P.B.P. in mock wedding on Aug. 10. C. Young was visiting speaker at worship service on Aug. 21. P.B.P. took evening service on Sept. 11, Miss B. Wilson presided, Bible reading was presented by Miss B. Benning and solo rendered by Miss A. Barnes.

Swan Hill (R. A. Banks). — District was saddened by Home call of D. A. Cockroft who passed away on Sept. 2. Mr. Cockroft was a member of the church at Woorinen and a past-President of the Victorian and Tasmanian Conference. Feature of the work at Swan Hill is growing attendances at fellowship meetings which are held each month. There were 30 present at last meeting, held on Sept. 3. Mr. Banks conducted gospel service at Woorinen on 4th, and G. Chislett was speaker at Swan Hill.

Warracknabeal (W. Wakefield). — B.S. recently held Pie Night to augment their funds. Ladies' Aid is preparing for special effort. A young lady was recently baptised. Mr. and Mrs. Wakefield will be shortly leaving the district.

West Preston (A. B. Withers). — On Sept. 11, three young women from W.A. en route to C.E. Convention at Brisbane were visitors. Two Y.P. were received into fellowship. Y.P.S.C.E. had slides of aborigine work on 12th. On 14th, S.C.E. visited East Preston Mission. Good Companions entertained three other clubs with sports evening on 12th.

Horsham (H. M. Long). — Attendances at mid-week meeting have been in forties since study has been on Revelation. An average of 12 young men have attended training classes. C.E. has begun monthly film night. Two of this society have gone to National Convention in Brisbane. Good Companions and Christian Women's Fellowship combined for social in aid of New Organ Fund. Adelphian tennis club held annual meeting. Both Horsham and Dimboola churches have decided to conduct film services once a month over spring-summer period. Dimboola is

reverting once again to alternate morning and evening services in place of morning only as at present. At Dimboola's annual business meeting, following officers were elected: Messrs. Holland, Ward, Werner and Potter; sec., J. Haeblich; treas., E. Potter. Same deaconesses were re-elected with power to add. H. M. Long chaired the meeting. G. Wigney acted as minute sec. At combined churches' rally on Sept. 10, when Horsham Endeavorers acted as hosts; it was decided to re-establish a Wimmera District Union after long years of inactivity.

Cheltenham (R. C. Bolduan). — Good Companions' Club presented display of activities on Aug. 17. Martinaires Male Choristers gave concert in school hall on 26th. Members of church attended screening of Children of Hiroshima, in C. of E. hall on Aug. 16. Choir conducted service on 21st. C.M.S. conducted evening service on Sept. 11. B.S. attendances continue to be over 200. Tenders have been called for alterations and additions to church building. J. Barrow has entered on N.S.T. Social Service offering reached £30.

Portland (V. Quayle). — J. Turner and S. Davey, of Aborigines Committee, recently discussed district native problems with local officers. B. J. Combridge visited church during August. Owing to ill health, Bert Rivett has asked to be relieved of duties as sec. for a time; Doug. Griffiths will act for him. Sis. Rivett is about again, after period in hospital.

Oakleigh (J. W. Lewis). — Preacher is indisposed and prayer is offered for his recovery. During his absence, elders Messrs. Miller and Farmer, have conducted mid-week and Lord's day services. Speaker at junior youth tea on 11th was K. Masterton. W.C.T.U. (Oakleigh) group were responsible for evening service on 11th. Pres. Mrs. J. Masterton, senr., presided and Mrs. Edgecombe was soloist. Men of church assisted with building project and ladies with catering arrangements at Glen Waverley on Sept. 3 and 10. Y.W.F. held birthday meeting in chapel on 14th, with an attendance of over 60. Mrs. A. R. Lloyd (Conf. Pres.) led devotions and Matron Button (Will H. Clay Nursing Home) was speaker. Guest artistes were Mesdames Grenville, Mills and Miss Lois Keenan.

North Richmond (R. McKenzie, B.A.). — Three boys made their decision on Aug. 14, and were baptised on 28th. Ladies' Lunctime Circle held Australian Tea at home of Mrs. McDougall on 23rd. Y.P. attended C.S.Y.F. social at Pahrn on 18th. Six Explorer boys and preacher attended camp at Monbulk. J. Styles (C.O.B.) spoke at morning service on 21st. Senior girls' club held church parade on 28th, and theatre night on 29th, when £4/10/- was raised for Manse Fund. New spouting and downpipe have been put round chapel and hall; and walls of chapel have

been washed down prior to laying of new carpet.

Surrey Hills (H. Earle).—65th church anniversary was celebrated on Sept. 11, when a very happy day of fellowship was enjoyed with many former members. 103 broke bread for day. Musical items from Miss L. Somers, S. Corlett and Good Companions Choir were much appreciated. Very fine messages were given by B. F. Huntsman, E. L. Williams and E. Heard. On Aug. 31, social evening was held to honor Lenice Peers and Graham Gilmour who have given much faithful service in all branches of church activity. Mr. Baird has been missed from services over past weeks because of illness. Church enjoyed fellowship with group of Endeavorers from W.A.

Castlemaine (G. W. Barnett).—Members of B.S. Committee recently joined in fellowship tea, at home of Mr. and Mrs. N. Reed, with Harcourt and Castlemaine teachers. Two of the party, Misses B. Bates and E. Williams, remained until the Sunday and helped with school. Mrs. Barnett and Mrs. Grigg have joined teaching staff. All are pleased that Mrs. Barnett and Mrs. Flowers, senr., are able to attend meetings after illness. Mr. and Mrs. O. Clipstone (past members) were present on 7th. On 6th, a barbecue was held with Harcourt at C. Rice's home, and an enjoyable time was spent, proceeds being divided between the two schools.

Open Forum

"ANY OTHER GOSPEL?"

Recently there came to my notice knowledge of some tendencies that could be a cause for concern to the more conservative among us. The occasion of the first was during the visit to Inverell of a preacher representing O.A.C. (Open Air Campaigners). He was preaching to a combined after-church gathering, and he mentioned in his sermon that the New Testament does not teach that baptism is necessary in salvation. His statement was challenged later by one of our deacons, and in the course of the conversation he said that although he had conducted several missions for Churches of Christ in Sydney nothing he had said had ever been called in question.

The second disturbing thing appeared in the recent N.S.W. Newsletter in the A.C. in which your correspondent reported the H.M. Committee of this State as having arranged some meetings, "in an attempt to stimulate gospel preaching." Two of the lecturers were listed as being from Open Air Campaigners [A.C., 30/8/55].

The third cause for concern is the frequent use made of Billy Graham films at the gospel services of some of the churches reported in your columns. I have no doubt that many

of these films stress certain aspects of the gospel. But there is one which was screened here recently, in which Dr. Graham advised that if you like infant sprinkling go to the church that practises it, or if you like baptism by immersion (the tautology is not mine), go to the church where it is taught. It doesn't matter where you go so long as you go.

Now I do not claim that none of these things these people teach is in accordance with N.T. gospel preaching. Nor do I call in question the sincerity of churches arranging missions with interdenominational preachers as missionaries or of the action of the H.M. Committee in getting a point of view which may well be a healthy stimulus in the proclamation of the gospel. What some of us are concerned about is the silence these so-called "faith alone" preachers maintain so far as such matters as Christian baptism are concerned. In most cases if they break the silence at all it is to belittle an ordinance for which we have ample Scriptural injunction. If that is the sort of thing that our congregations have to hear, and student preachers of the gospel receive in special coaching, then it is time that we as a brotherhood give greater attention to what we mean by the gospel.—E. F. G. McIlhagger (Inverell, N.S.W.).

OPENING OF ORMOND NEW MEMORIAL CHAPEL

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by B. F. HUNTSMAN,
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, at 4 p.m.

4.15 p.m.,

Dedication Service conducted by
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Soloists: Mrs. C. G. Taylor

5.30 p.m.,

Fellowship Tea

7.45 p.m.,

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DEATHS

COCKROFT. — At Swan Hill on Sept. 3, David Arthur, dearly loved husband of Stella Cockroft, and loving father of Wallace, Stella (Mrs. Gee), Peggy (Mrs. McEwan), Bruce, Murray and Joy (deceased). Age 66 years.

COCKROFT. — At Swan Hill on Sept. 3, David Arthur, loving brother of Annie (Mrs. Shelton), Charlie, Lily (Mrs. G. A. Mott), Lettie (deceased), and Violet (Mrs. Harvey).

IN MEMORIAM

BAKER. — In memory of Emrys, my beloved husband, who passed to higher service, Sept. 19, 1953.

"Some time we will understand."
—Inserted by his loving wife, Fay.

HALLIDAY. — Margaret Jane, called Home, Sept. 24, 1952. Lovingly remembered by son Fred, grand-daughter Rose and sister (Mrs. Potter).

HUMPHRYS. — Treasured memories of Charles, dear husband and father, who passed away in S.A., Sept. 19, 1954.

—Inserted by Clarissa, Elma, Reo, Joffre, Ian, in-laws and grandchildren.

HUMPHRYS. — Loving memories of Pop, who passed away, Sept. 19, 1954. husband of Clarissa, and father of Elma, Reo, Joffre and Ian.

SAUNDERS, A. G. — In ever loving memory of one whose life was spent in Christ's service, and who fell asleep Sept. 26, 1944.

—Inserted by his wife and daughter, Adelaide and St. Clair.

MARRIAGE

EARL—POWELL. — The marriage of Glenda, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Powell, Phillips-st., Warracknabeal, to John Edward, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Earl, 14 Kelsall-st., Warracknabeal, will be celebrated at the church of Christ, Warracknabeal, Saturday, Oct. 1, at 3 p.m.

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Jesu, Rex Admirabilis

(A Hymn for September — No. 743,
Sept. 25.)

The first of forty-eight four-line verses of a Latin hymn of about the eleventh century began with the words, "Jesu, dulcis memoria." They are most safely attributed to Bernard of Clairvaux, and because they are so rich in meaning and devotion as to merit the adjective "untranslatable," they have engaged the attention of many translators. The most famous of these are Neale, who began with "Jesu! — the very thought is sweet! In that dear name all heart-joys meet," and Caswall with "Jesus, the very thought of thee with sweetness fills my breast."

A later section of Bernard's poem beginning at verse 9: "Jesu, Rex admirabilis" affords an instance of the endless variety translators can impart into the work. Three forms of the first two lines are Caswall's (which lives on after 106 years of use): "O Jesus, King most wonderful, thou conqueror renowned"; Neale's (usually less literal, but at least equally graphic and melodious): "O Jesus! King of wondrous night! O Victor, glorious from the fight!"; and what seems to be a less fortunate version by Mrs. Charles: "O Jesus! King unspeakable, Victor whose triumphs none can tell."

Latin scholars (with whom the present writer has no common ground)

will recognise the four rhyming words of the second verse — *visitas, veritas, vanitas, caritas*. It is interesting and significant to note that the Caswall version (our No. 743) has been easy to find, not only in Roman Catholic hymnals, but also in those used amongst British, American and our own Churches of Christ as well as Anglican, Methodist, Presbyterian, Baptist and Congregational communions — the only minute variation noted being for a slightly smoother flow of the wording in one place. What a heritage we share in when we sing the hymn on Sept. 25! — F.J.F.

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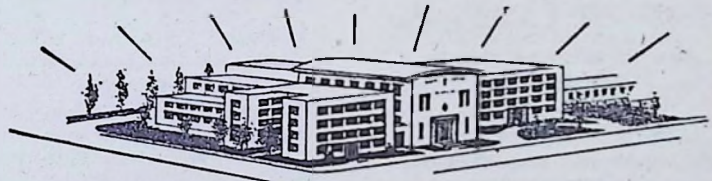
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OBITUARY

Archibald Waldron.

At the age of 78 years, Archibald Waldron, passed away on Aug. 11, at the Salvation Army Home in Brisbane. For many years he was a member of the Roma church of Christ, living with his brother Albert Waldron at Yngerbay, west of Roma, and latterly for some years with his niece, Mrs. R. Richardson, in Roma. While living in Roma his self-imposed responsibility was the meticulous care of the church property. At the funeral conducted by Captain Hunter of the Salvation Army, tribute was paid to his faithfulness to his Master, with whom he is now at rest.—H.E.P.

Albert Waldron.

Born in Victoria, Albert Waldron migrated to Western Queensland as a child with his parents. The earlier days of his married life were spent at Yngerbay, where he and his wife joined the Roma church of Christ. Nearly 60 years of his life were spent for the Master. In 1912, he started an un-denominational Bible school at Yngerbay, and continued this, travelling many miles to and fro, for some time after moving to Spring Hill, Eumina. Later he commenced a Bible school in the Eumina Hall, nine miles from his home, and also conducted Bible school in his own home each Sunday. For the last eight years he lived with his daughter, Mrs. Richardson, in Roma. As a member and deacon of the church he has always witnessed faithfully for his Lord; fearless in his witness to others, generous in support of every activity of the brotherhood, our brother maintained a loyal consistent witness to the last. The long awaited call came on Sunday, Aug. 28, and the final testimony to his life was given by a large gathering, first at the Roma church and then at the graveside, on Aug. 29, the 83rd anniversary of his birth. Both services were conducted by the writer. His family of five daughters and six sons survive him, to whom we express our sympathy and with whom we rejoice in the life of our brother.—H.E.P.

Margaret Elizabeth Dall.

The church at St. Kilda, Vic., was saddened by the Home call of Mrs. Dall, who passed peacefully away on the morning of Aug. 8, at the age of 95. Our sister gave her life to Christ at the age of 15, under the preaching of Stephen Cheek at Specimen Gully, near Bendigo. Four years later she went to Brighton and later to North Fitzroy. Around 1892, the family left for South Africa. The church of Christ in Capetown was commenced in her home, where for a whole year morning meetings were held, there being twelve members. After 16 years, our sister returned to Australia, and on Oct. 10, 1910, became associated with the church at St. Kilda, where she has been a faithful member for 45 years. She was rarely absent from the Lord's Table

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prayers. Her deep faith and zeal were
an example to all. We commend her
loved ones to the God of all comfort.
We know that they sorrow "not with-
out hope." Her body was laid to rest
in Melbourne Cemetery, the service was
conducted by A. B. Withers. Her spirit
will be "forever with the Lord."
—A.L.F.

Don Hannam.

Following a weary six years of suffer-
ing from a heart complaint, bravely
and courageously borne, Don Hannam
at the age of fifty-two years, was
called to higher service. He married
Alma Tomkins, and much of their mar-
ried life was spent at Hindmarsh. In
those days he was keenly interested in
the church's sporting activities. In his
later days the cross was very heavy to
bear, but with great Christian fortitude,
and the assistance of a wonderful little
wife, he carried that cross victoriously
to the end. Following attacks, and in
conversation with the preacher, he often
expressed the wish for the heavenly call
to come. It came at last quite suddenly
to him, but found him ready to go. He
was laid to rest among relatives gone
before, in the Hindmarsh Cemetery. To
Mrs. Hannam, and other loved ones we
extend our deepest sympathy in our
Saviour's name.—J.E.S.

Emily Woods.

Recently at the age of 88 years, sister
Emily Woods received the Home call.
All of her years with Churches of Christ
were spent at Hindmarsh. For many
years she was closely associated with
the Brooker family, but her later days
were spent in Port Pirie. She passed
quietly to rest in the Port Pirie Hos-
pital. She was one of God's lovely
saints, with a beautiful and kindly dis-
position. To hold conversation with
her was to realise how closely she
walked with God. She has gone to be
with Christ, which is far better. She
was laid to rest in the Peterborough
Cemetery, in sure and certain hope of
the glorious resurrection of the saints
in Christ.—J.E.S.

Mrs. Marion May.

On the night of Aug. 19, at the
Balaklava Memorial Hospital, S.A., our
beloved sister, the wife of George May,
mother of Frank, Richard and Jessie
(Mrs. Burford), was called Home. Our
sister joined the church at the turn
of the century as Miss Laurie at Long
Plains, since which she has been ex-
ceedingly faithful in her work and wit-
ness. On transference to Balaklava, our
sister won her way into the high esteem
of the church and the community. For
a number of years she fulfilled the
office of secretary of deaconesses, and
assisted in the organising of the
women's work. The crowded chapel and
large attendance of relatives and friends

at the graveside, as well as floral
tributes, letters and expressions of sym-
pathy, spoke of the respect in which
our sister was held. The church ex-
presses its Christian sympathy and
love to husband, sons, daughters, and
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