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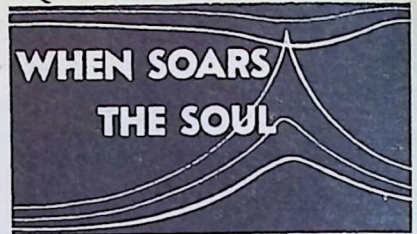
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We know that the true child of God does not sin, he is in the charge of God's own Son and the evil one must keep his distance. We know that we ourselves are children of God, and we also know that the world around us is under the power of the evil one. We know too that the Son of God has actually come to this world, and has shown us the way to know the One Who is True. We know that our real life is in the True One, and in his Son, Jesus Christ. This is the Real God and this is Real, Eternal Life. But be on your guard, my dear children, against every false god!—1 John 5: 18-21 (Phillips).

"We know . . ." (18); "And we know . . ." (19); "And we know . . ." (20). This is a characteristic word of the apostle's—seven times over it comes within the brief space of verses 13 to 20 of 1 John 5. Indeed, he states that, while he wrote the Gospel that "ye might have life" (John 20: 31), he penned the Epistle "that ye may know that ye have eternal life" (1 John 5: 13). You see, there are certain fundamental things about which, like Paul, we may say, "I am persuaded . . ." (Rom. 8: 38). We need not be afraid, nor ashamed, of such blessed dogmatism, when it is based, not on our opinion, but on the specific Word of God. Let the believer, then, rest his case, take his stand, upon such rock-like foundations. In the world in which he is situated, he will experience much opposition and many perplexities; theories and problems will engage his attention, and sometimes even question his Christian belief. There is a fundamental principle which should always keep him steady: don't let what you know be upset by what you don't know.—Guy H. King.

O God, lift us above the unstable currents of our self-will, and establish us on the rock of thy purposes. Be to each of us the secret stay and the inner guide of life. If the way be rough, may we put our hand in thine and cast away all fear. If the shadows deepen, may our trust grow deeper still. When we are tired and troubled, comfort us as thou alone knowest. May thy Spirit dwell in us more and more, that thy peace, O God, which passeth all understanding, may keep our hearts and minds. Amen.—John Hunter.

MISSIONARY NEWS

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

Record Giving Insufficient

The General giving of the brotherhood to the end of February (seven months of financial year) shows an increase of £1,600, in comparison with the same period last year. Nevertheless, because of many unbudgeted items of expenditure our income is not keeping pace with expanding costs.

The Board, and in particular the Finance Sub-Committee, who carefully examine financial matters from time to time, are concerned with the situation, but in most cases the extra costs relate to work already sanctioned in budget, but because of new factors entering in, the budget allocation is totally inadequate to meet the situation.

Whilst every department in our work shows increases, the following should be noted as additions already paid out, or to be met in near future.

1. **Furloughs.** To help Field placings, it was necessary for some workers to return early, allowing them to return to Fields to allow others to come out. Whilst these expenses would have to be met at some period, they have come into this year's expenditure. Extra total cost involved — approximately £700.

2. **New Workers.** Whilst anticipated, nevertheless the additional cost this year for portion of salary, travel, etc., £450.

3. **Education Missionaries' Children.** To retain key workers on the Field, it is sometimes found necessary to give additional financial help to retain the parents on the Field—estimated £50.

4. **Medical Expenses.** Board meets all medical expenses for missionaries and their families. Some of these have not been listed, but known ones amount to £150. These are over and above the ordinary treatment given by our medical officers on Field.

5. **Supplementary Grant.** To meet extra costs of grain and other food and clothing in our orphan homes, India, and to keep the salaries of teachers up to standard rates, the Committee of Management has appealed for an extra grant to meet these expenses during the current year. Cost involved, £620.

It should be stated that many worthy projects and splendid oppor-

tunities have to be either deferred or rejected because there are no available funds.

These mounting costs are giving the Board great concern, and we ask the brotherhood to co-operate with us in our problems.

THE TIME TO HELP IS NOW!

NEW BUDGET.

Consideration is now being given to the new budget (July 1, 1955 to June 30, 1956). This budget has already been examined by a sub-committee and it seems difficult to make any cuts in the estimates. No extras have been included, and the grand total amounts to just under £24,000. The average general giving for the past two years amounted to £22,423.

Keep in mind that this is our year of Jubilee, and as a gesture of our concern for overseas work, let us aim at the target of £25,000 for general

giving, 500 for every year during the year of Jubilee.

FOOD CONSIGNMENTS.

Because of the problems caused after the arrival of bulk consignments to India, and the heavy costs involved for customs, transport, etc., the Committee of Management has reluctantly forwarded the following resolution to the Home Board: "That we recommend that no further consignments of food provisions be sent to our personnel in India. Though we appreciate the exceeding generosity of the brotherhood, the ever increasing difficulties and costs encountered force this decision upon us." They desire to thank all who have so splendidly helped in this direction and regret the problems caused by such shipments.

FOOD PARCELS.

Please do not confuse the issue. The resolution above concerning bulk consignments does NOT apply to **FOOD PARCELS.** These may be sent forward as usual. When sent by parcel post no great difficulty is experienced and usually they are received in quick time.

Note: Food parcels can also be sent to our Island workers — and these should be remembered as well as Indian ones.

News of British Churches

Nearly 200 women from churches in many parts of the country met at Swanwick, Derbyshire, to take part in the annual Women's Convention. Wintry conditions outside were forgotten in the warmth of fellowship within.

Two interesting visitors from overseas were present. Miss Senkataka, formerly an educational adviser to the government of Uganda, now a member of the Faculty at the Selly Oak Colleges, spoke of the education of women in her own country.

Mrs. Mae Y. Ward, of the United Christian Missionary Society, spoke at one of the sessions and also gave the closing address.

Miss Jean Tinto, nearing the end of her furlough, gave glimpses of mission work in Nyassaland, where the need for teachers and schools is urgent.

The Sunday Communion service was conducted by Mrs. Ibbotson of Oldham.

Four Overdale students have conducted a mission at Tunbridge Wells. In previous years such missions have been for the recruiting of prospective students. This year the emphasis of the mission is evangelistic.

A fund has been opened with a view

to making a presentation to James Gray in recognition of the 28 years of service he has given to the churches, first as S.S. organiser, then as tutor and, later, as Principal of Overdale College. It is hoped to make the presentation during the Men's Easter Convention.

D. J. Rudkin has returned to Britain after spending some time in America. He has conducted a mission at Evington-rd., Leicester, in association with W. Mander, minister of the church.

The Billy Graham Crusade has begun in Scotland, as I write. A number of churches of Christ in different parts of the country are sharing in broadcast services relayed from Scotland.

—G. J. Hammond.



After being without a preacher for some considerable time, the church at Broken Hill looks forward to the coming of N. Kingston, who will shortly commence a ministry there. Mr. Kingston, a Glen Iris graduate, has previously led in helpful ministries in Victoria and New South Wales, and volunteered to help Broken Hill, following E. P. C. Hollard's "Australian Christian" article concerning the need in that city.

JESSE M. BADER, World Convention Secretary, outlines

Toronto Programme Highlights

Many within our brotherhood have been waiting to hear about the Toronto World Convention programme. While it has not been fully completed, yet it has been developed sufficiently for some of the highlights to be given at this time.

How is a World Convention programme brought into being? The answer to this question is that the Executive Committee of the World Convention appointed thirty to serve on the Committee on Programme and Arrangements, with Theo. O. Fisher, pastor of the Northwood Christian Church, Indianapolis, as the chairman. This splendid committee has held a number of meetings, the last of which will be held on May 3. In addition to these thirty members, there are five additional members living in Australia, four in Great Britain and four in New Zealand. Other countries have had representation on the Committee through the officers and members of the Executive Committee.

Opening Day

The first major item on the Toronto programme is the Christian Women's World Fellowship Luncheon, to be held at the Royal York Hotel at 12.30 on Tuesday, Aug. 16. The chairman in charge of this luncheon, when 800 women are expected to attend from all parts of the world, is Miss Jessie Trout, of Indianapolis. Already 500 women have sent in their requests from across the world for reservations for this inter-racial and inter-national luncheon.

The first evening session which will begin at 7.45 on Tuesday, Aug. 16, will be held in the Maple Leaf Gardens. This is the finest and largest auditorium in Canada. Its acoustics are excellent; the seating capacity is 12,000 and it is located near the down-town area. According to our former custom, the Pageant of the Flags will take place at this first evening session. There will be 32 flags carried by High School boys and girls and a representative of each country will walk beside his flag. Preceding the flags will be a young person carrying an open Bible and another young person carrying the Christian flag. These will all march down the long centre aisle, accompanied by the music of four trumpeters.

There will be a greeting brought to the Convention by Leslie Frost, Prime Minister of Ontario, on this first evening. A choir of 500 voices will sing a special number under the direction

of Ernest Lawrence of Texas Christian University, of Ft. Worth, Texas.

The President of the Fifth World Convention, elected by the Melbourne Convention, is Edgar G. Burton of Toronto. He will give an address on this first evening. Mr. Burton is one of the leading business men of Canada and a member of our Hillcrest church of Christ in the Convention city.



GAINES M. COOK,
one of the Convention speakers.

Breakfasts and Sermons

Twelve Study Group Breakfasts will be held on each of two mornings (Wednesday and Thursday) in the Royal York Hotel. Each breakfast group will have a chairman, two resource persons, a secretary and a host and a hostess. These groups will be limited to 100 each, in order to have a special discussion on the six subjects, which have been selected by the Study Committee of which Dean O. L. Shelton is the chairman.

Each morning session closes with a sermon. The Wednesday morning preacher is John Paul Pack, pastor of the University Christian Church, Seattle, Washington. The preacher for Thursday morning is G. Hayden Stewart, pastor of the church of Christ (Disciples), Vancouver, B.C., and the Friday morning preacher is W. K. Fox, pastor of the Centennial Christian Church, St. Louis, Missouri.

Wednesday, August 16

The theme of the Toronto Convention is Our Commitment — A Christian World. Each session will consider some part of this significant theme. The Wednesday morning session theme is, A Christian World Through Individual Commitment. The messages of the morning will give consideration to the Good Confession, which for most of us was our initial commitment to Christ when we stated, "I believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God, and I accept him as my Lord and Saviour." The speaker who will bring a message on the first half of the Good Confession is J. R. Jenkins, Glasgow, Scotland; and the speaker for the second half is Aurelio de Castro, of the Philippines.

The Wednesday afternoon session theme is, "A Christian World Through Christian Education." The opening address will be given by Nelson Chappel, General Secretary of the World Council of Christian Education, New York City. Another speaker at this session will be Mrs. Charles Green, of Stockport, England, who will discuss, "The Home — the First and Best School."

Wednesday evening is for a consideration of World Missions. All Nationals and active missionaries at the Convention will be seated together on the platform. There will be about 65 present at Toronto. The evening message will be brought by R. S. Garfield Todd, Premier of Southern Rhodesia. Prior to his election as Premier one year ago, he was a missionary for 22 years in Southern Rhodesia, serving under the Foreign Missions Committee of our New Zealand churches. After the evening session, a reception will be held in honor of the missionaries and Nationals at the Royal York Hotel, to which everyone is invited.

Thursday Topics

The Thursday morning theme is, "A Christian World Through Evangelism." One of the five speakers at this session is Gaines M. Cook, Executive Secretary of the International Convention of Disciples of Christ, Indianapolis, Indiana.

The Thursday afternoon theme is: "A Christian World Through World Evangelisation." The first address will be given by George Earl Owen, of the Philippines, on the subject, "The Present Struggle for the Souls of Men." The next message will be by Virgil Sly, of Indianapolis, Indiana,

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and the third by Albert Anderson, of Adelaide, Australia.

There is only one evening banquet scheduled by the Programme Committee. It is the All-College Banquet, to be held at 5.30 in the Arcadian Court of the Robert Simpson Store, which seats 600. The speaker is William Moore, President of Victoria University, Toronto. The programme for Thursday evening has on it two very prominent speakers. One of these is Lester B. Pearson, Canadian Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Ottawa, Canada, and O. Frederick Nolde, Director of the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs, New York City.

Friday Features

The World Convention's Preachers' Breakfast will take place at the Royal York Hotel on Friday morning at 7.30. The preachers are the guests of Oron E. Scott and the Pension Fund. The speaker is Robert J. McCracken, minister of the Riverside Church, New York City. At the same hour, the Preachers' Wives' Breakfast will be held at the King Edward Hotel. Their speaker is to be selected soon.

The Friday morning session theme is, "A Christian World Through Christian Citizenship." The three speakers are Basil Holt, of Johannesburg, South Africa; Irvin Miller, of Columbus, Indiana, and Albert Whitehouse, of Cincinnati, Ohio.

This is the Silver Jubilee Year of the World Convention. This event will be celebrated at a luncheon on Friday noon at the Royal York Hotel. There will be a special table at which all those will sit, who have attended all four Conventions — Washington, Leicester, Buffalo and Melbourne.

Friday afternoon's theme will be "A Christian World Through a United Christian Witness." The speakers at this session are: Dean O. L. Shelton, of Indianapolis, James G. Clague of

Toronto, Canada; and Stephen J. England of Enid, Oklahoma. These messages will be a follow-through on the two years' work of the Study Committee of the World Convention which was authorised at Melbourne.



F. N. LEE,
one of Australia's World Convention
Delegation.

The Friday evening session will continue the afternoon theme on Unity. The two speakers will be: Mrs. James Wyker, Mount Vernon, Ohio, and C. G. Taylor, Melbourne, Australia. Mrs. Wyker, one of our own ordained ministers, is President of the Council of Church Women of the National Council of Churches; and Mr. Taylor is editor of the weekly, The Australian Christian.

Saturday Sessions

On Saturday morning, there are three simultaneous sessions, beginning at 10 a.m. The women will meet in the Maple Leaf Gardens. The men will

meet in the Metropolitan United Church and the young people will hold their session in the Carlton-st. Church, just across the street from the Gardens.

Saturday afternoon has been set aside for a conducted tour of Toronto in buses, beginning at 2.15 and concluding at 4.15 at Hart House, located on the attractive campus of Toronto University. Here at Hart House all those attending the Convention will be given a Municipal Tea. This will be an afternoon of fun, food and fellowship.

The youth of the World Convention are providing the programme for the Saturday evening session, which begins at 7.45 in the Maple Leaf Gardens. Some of our finest young people from a number of nations and races will speak.

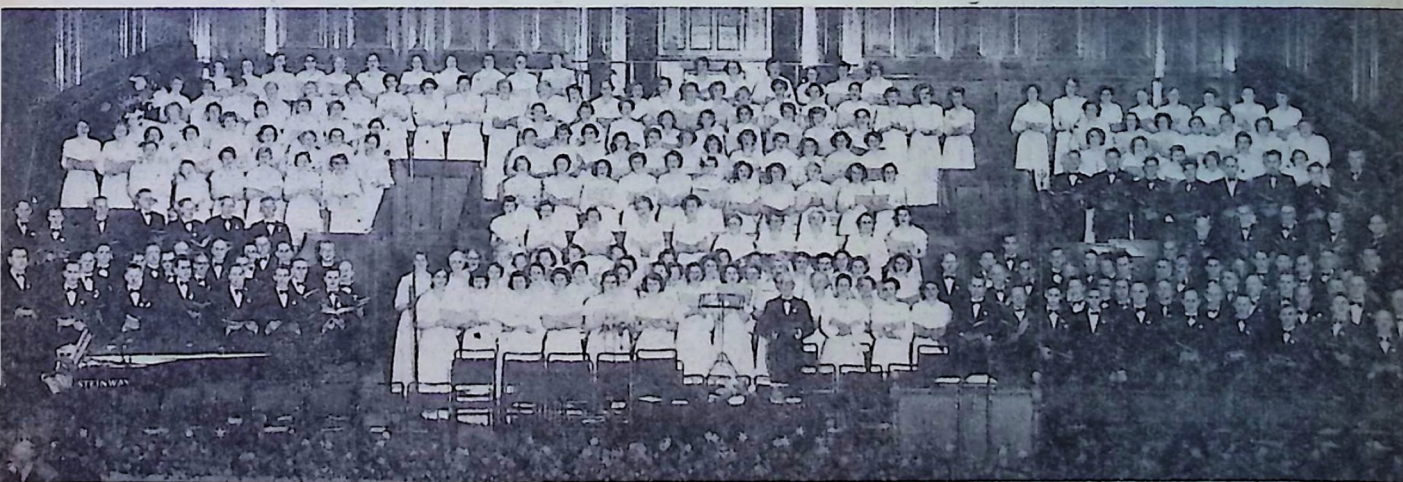
Sunday Services

Over 100 pulpits of Protestant communions in Toronto, will be filled by our ministers. Adequate announcements will be made during the Convention where each minister is to speak.

Through the courtesy of the C.B.C. radio network, one of our ministers will speak at 2.30 on August 14 and another minister at the same hour, on August 21.

There is not space at this time to give additional names of speakers, leaders of worship services, and those who are to provide special solos and quartets on the programme. A number of messages at this writing have not been assigned. The Programme Committee is trying to see that every country is represented.

The Fifth World Convention will close with an impressive Communion Service at 3.30 p.m. in the Maple Leaf Gardens. The doors will open at 3 o'clock. Over 400 elders and deacons will serve at the Communion Table.



Fourth World Convention Choir (leader, Valentine Woff), Melbourne, 1952.

E. P. C. HOLLARD, Pastor-Organiser, S.A., aims to provoke thought and action with his story of

The Elders at Homeville

The monthly meeting of the deacons of the church was well under way. Finances, cleaning, plans and a host of other things had been dealt with speedily, and it looked as though the men might get home early for a change. Usually these meetings had the habit of stringing out for too long, much to the amusement of the wives.

"Well," said John Bowers, the chairman, "Is there any other item of business?" His hopeful look suggested that an early night was in order.

"Yes, there is," said Clem Howes, "I've wondered for a long time why we do not live up to our claim for restoring the New Testament Church." Silent queries registered on about 15 faces. Clem continued, "We have a board of deacons, but we haven't any elders in this church. Isn't that a little un-Scriptural? Don't you think we ought to do something about it?"

John Bowers had a ready answer. "How many times have we sought to find men to fill the office, and every time we get the reply that the men who should fill the office are either too busy or else they say that they aren't good enough for the job. It's pretty disheartening to be knocked back time and time again. Anyway, some of you men in this meeting have been approached and have said 'No'."

"What has that to do with it?" queried Clem. "If we really got down to cases the brethren concerned really shouldn't have the last word on this question." A somewhat tense atmosphere came into the meeting, particularly as the men mentioned sensed that they were going to be faced with something they did not like.

"Explain yourself," said the chairman. "Your comment seems to be lacking in common sense."

Explaining a Conviction

Obviously Clem Howes had his matter well in hand, for unruffled, he sat forward in his chair with determination, ready to fight for a point. "I think we all agree that a church of this size needs elders to undertake the spiritual oversight, as the New Testament teaches us. That being the case we have a bounden duty to do something. Personally, I'm all against some of the methods used in selecting elders. Too often men have been chosen because they were older men, or because they could sell themselves by saying much in meetings. There is

another way, and I really think it fits the Scriptural spirit."

All eyes turned to the preacher who had sat quietly hugging himself at the turn of events. Expected to say something he felt that this was a truly great moment. "Clem, I couldn't agree more! How I've longed to hear this thing aired. However, as Clem has the floor I suggest that we hear him out and then make up our minds."

John turned to Clem again, "Well, Clem, you've started something! Say on, and we are all attention."

Clem then went on to place his proposition. "There are about 40 men in this congregation, all of varying capabilities and all held in high esteem by the congregation. Instead of this business of nominating someone and voting by show of hands, I suggest that the entire membership, excluding the very young, be given an opportunity to handle this matter. First, I suggest that the minister give a series of morning addresses on the eldership, its qualifications and high office. Then, we send to the membership a letter explaining what we have in mind. Include in this the names of every man in the church and ask the members to send in their list in order of preference for the men whom they feel are worthy for the office and its work. Stamped addressed envelopes will ensure a reasonable response. Then three scrutineers can go through the list and indicate who are the, say, four men whom the membership places in the first four positions of esteem and honor. These men then are the desire of the church."

"Sounds all right," said the chairman. "But what if some of the brethren do not want to have their names on that list?"

"It may sound a hard thing to say," replied Clem, "but unless they have some reason which is private, then by what right do they withhold their names?"

The minister now arose. "I believe that we have something here, and I'm going to move that we do this. It will test the spirit of the church, and at least will obviate some of the difficulties so often met in this matter of electing elders." The motion was carried unanimously.

How the Plan Worked

The ensuing weeks saw much activity. Special announcements were carried in the weekly notices, and

then the special addresses commenced. Carefully and simply the preacher gave the New Testament position on the question. At his last address he told the church what was proposed and indicated that the letters and lists would be sent out that week.

Naturally the jack of all jobs, the church secretary, had a busy few nights ahead of him. However, the rest of the deacons moved in to assist. A date was set and replies began to come in with each mail until the whole membership, with few exceptions, had responded to the call.

Again John presided at a special meeting of the deacons. "Brethren, there are some surprises here! The four names indicate that some among us have been held in higher esteem than we ever dreamed. The church has declared itself, and it would seem that there has been little in the way of personalities in the matter. As no one was being voted out the folk could not indulge in personal spleen. The names are as follows, James Smythe, Matthew Beukers, Peter Duffield and, unfortunately, myself. It is interesting to note that Peter and Matthew are not even deacons of the church! For myself I want to say, that if the church has decreed thus, then I will bow to their wishes. What do you say, James?"

Smythe rose and said, "I feel very humble about this, for it comes as a complete shock. I did not realise that the folk felt that way. And if it is their will, then I dare not refuse. I accept."

"What now?" asked the chairman. The preacher said, "As John and James have agreed we are duty bound to interview the other two and make known to them the wish of the church. Frankly, I feel that Peter will be a problem."

The Board then left it to the minister and the chairman to interview the two concerned.

The interview soon presented the difficulties which the minister had hinted at. Peter Duffield was a retiring type of man, nevertheless, an able business administrator of unquestioned personal character. His very nature was the problem, for as he explained, he did not seek office. As he saw it, the office of elder in the church was sacred and a man must be worthy.

John asked him the pertinent question, "Worthy in whose opinion?" If a man consider himself worthy then

obviously something is astray. But if those who stand off and look can see the worthiness then it is a different matter."

"Even so," Peter said, "I'm not convinced that I am your man."

"We are not here to force you into anything, but there is one aspect it would do well to think about," said the minister. "And it is this. Surely we still believe in the ministry of the Holy Spirit in the church, and if the Spirit, working through the informed minds of the members chooses you for the office, then how can you do otherwise? I would not suggest that your humble attitude is denying the call of the Spirit, but I do believe that your refusal can offset the work of the

Spirit in the church. This seems hard talk, brother, but it is wise thinking."

Peter sought time to pray about it. This he did for several days, and then signified his willingness to bow to the wish of his brethren.

The Plan in Action

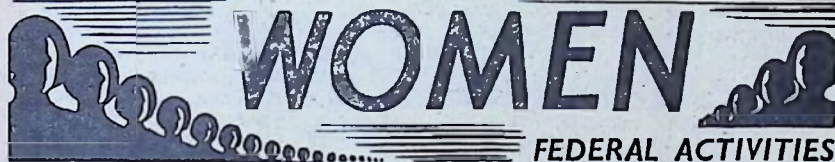
The next Sunday morning the announcement was made of the four men who had been chosen by the church, and extreme satisfaction was seen on all sides.

Two weeks later at a morning meeting the elders were set aside by the minister at a dignified service within the worship. The whole congregation felt the impact of the spiritual impli-

cations of the sacred moment when the four brethren, loved by them all, accepted the office and the tasks associated with it. The prayer offered for their dedication was a spiritual highlight, for the minister who led it, poured out his own thanksgiving that he was not alone any more in his spiritual oversight of the congregation.

The story of the church at Homeville continues. The four elders are real shepherds of the flock. They meet independently of the deacons, sharing with the preacher in his concerns and rejoicing in the victories. From the two groups of officers flows a constant liaison, deacons receiving the wise counsel of the elders, and the church honoring both groups of officers.

THE MINISTRIES OF OUR



A Treasurer's Thoughts

Miss Bell, N.S.W.

Sisters, mine!

Greetings to you all in our Saviour's name! May the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the patient waiting for Christ.

Excitedly, I phoned our N.S.W. State President to let her know our 1954 "Budget" figure had passed the total for 1953. During our conversation, Mrs. Amos asked me to write a message . . . "Write some thoughts from a treasurer," she said. As I hesitantly promised to try, my eyes caught the heading on the last page of *The Way to Power and Poise*, by E. Stanley Jones, which was lying open on my desk. It concisely expressed my thinking over the last year. Truly it was an apt leading for a treasurer's thoughts:

LITTLE POWER — ADEQUATE RESOURCES

Under this heading, Stanley Jones tells of being impatient and out of sorts with people in a meeting because they were so unresponsive. He went out and lay down under an apple tree, exhausted. He says: "The Lord seemed to come to me . . . Then he quietly said, 'Do you see this apple tree? How does it bring forth fruit? Does it work itself up into a stew trying to be fruitful? Or does it simply keep the channels open, taking in life from soil and sky and allowing life to flow through itself into the fruit? And is it not all unstrained? Then, if you'll not fret nor worry about results, but simply keep the channels open, letting

my life flow through you, then you will bear fruit naturally without strain or drain.' I arose relaxed and released. I didn't have to succeed—I only had to keep the channels open. God did the rest! . . . A door was open to me which no man could shut. My "little power" didn't matter — his resources did." What food for thought!

LITTLE POWER — ADEQUATE RESOURCES

At our last State Conference, it was my privilege, on behalf of our Finance Committee, to try to challenge our N.S.W. Sisters to raise as much as they could in the "Budget" Account. (This is the amount which is distributed over the whole of our brotherhood work.) Reference was made to the fact that "God is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us," and we expressed the prayer that "the power that worketh in us" might be so led and guided by the Holy Spirit that the ultimate result of our year's work would be pleasing in his sight and in accordance with his will.

We have been behind last year's figures all the way. Some of our women's groups have had heavy "home" commitments and have not been able to give as much through our women's work, others have been able to give "a little more," whilst still others have become more conscious of the work our women are doing as a whole, and have contributed to the "Budget" Account for the first time. Yes! Our God is able! The Lord has supplied our needs according to his riches in Christ Jesus!

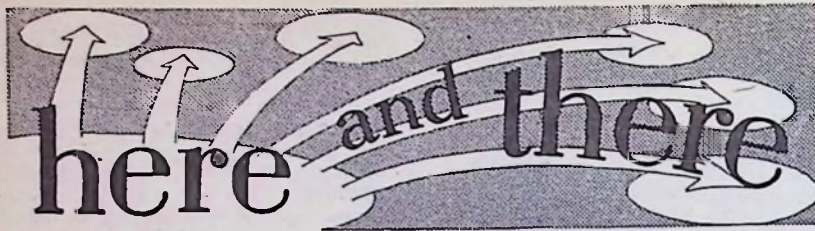
LITTLE POWER — ADEQUATE RESOURCES

In her devotional message at Federal Conference, Mrs. Larcombe spoke of abiding in Christ and fruit bearing. She pointed out that "Christ invites us to a union with himself as intimate, as workable and as natural as branches abide in a vine. By this union Christian character is developed, or fruit-bearing, as Jesus calls it. Only out of true union with Christ do we realise that Christian character (or fruit-bearing) is not brought about by self-effort — it is not of works lest any man should boast — it is the work of the Holy Spirit."

Surely, it is the work that God does through us that counts, not what we do for him, which brings me to my closing thought taken from *The Life that Wins*, by Dr. C. G. Trumbull: "Jesus Christ does not want to be our helper; he wants to be our Life. He does not want us to work for him; he wants us to let him do his work through us, using us as we use a pencil to write with . . . And remember that Christ himself is better than any of his blessings, better than the power, or the victory, or the service that he grants. Christ creates spiritual power, but Christ is better than that power. He is God's best; he is God; and we may have this best; we may have Christ, yielding to him in such completeness and abandonment of self, that it is no longer we that live, but Christ liveth in us."

May we keep the channels open so that he may perfect his strength in our weakness as we:

Bear the cup of loving service,
Listening for the Master's voice;
Ready always for his errands,
In the blessed work rejoice.
Yes, we know, for he hath told us—
And his word is still the same—
He will bless the cup of water
Humbly offered in his name.



Principals' Memorial

Owing to World Convention news, State Conference reports, and next week's special Youth Issue, our regular page, "The Living Word," will not appear during the month of April. The editor has been responsible for this feature, but, during his absence overseas, other brethren have agreed to prepare similar material on the Sunday morning readings. The first of these "guest" pages of "The Living Word" will appear in the issue of May 3.

On Monday, Mar. 28, Mrs. Mima McDonald passed away in the Will H. Clay Nursing Home, where she had been a patient for some weeks. Our sister was well known in the churches in Victoria and New Zealand, and from the beginning of the College of the Bible Ladies' Hostel, and for a number of years following, served as Matron. In recent years she had been living at the Emmaus Rest Home.

A telegram received at this office on Friday, April 1 reads: "Maryborough church, Qld., flooded depth five feet; damage to books, furniture; request brotherhood prayers.—Mortimer."

Border District Conference meetings were held at Naracoorte, S.A., on Mar. 6 and 9. Guest speaker at all services was H. G. Norris (Kilburn). A collection taken up at evening service for N.S.W. Flood Relief realised £27/17/-. Because of ill-health, Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Banks will be leaving Naracoorte after Easter. This is to be regretted as Mr. Banks had accepted an invitation to remain for a further three years. Mrs. Banks is still an inmate of Royal Adelaide Hospital. M. A. K. Crosby (Conf. Pres.) preached at the gospel service on Mar. 12, and afterwards showed films depicting the work among the newer churches.

E. L. Williams, M.A., Principal, Federal College of the Bible, will be visiting South Australian churches during the May vacation. Under arrangements made by the Committee for the Promotion of Christian Union he will deliver a series of messages to the churches under the general theme of "Fulfilling our Mission." District gatherings have been planned, as well as a great Brotherhood Rally and a broadcast service over 5AN. The visit will take place from May 18 to 27, and churches are asked to keep the

dates free, particularly for the Rally, which will be held at Grote-st. on Friday, May 27, at 7.45 p.m. Other details will be notified in these columns later.

Horace Kingsbury (Melbourne) writes: "My attention has been called to a paragraph from New York, which appeared in the Melbourne Herald on Friday, Mar. 25, announcing the death of Mark Collis, pastor emeritus of Broadway Christian Church, Lexington, Kentucky, aged 103. He was born

Acting Editor Appointed

The Austral Directors are happy to announce that Wilkie J. Thomson, minister of the church at Malvern-Caulfield, Vic., has accepted their invitation to serve as acting-editor during C. G. Taylor's absence overseas. Mr. Thomson will commence his duties as from the issue of April 26.

Mr. Taylor plans to visit brotherhood centres in India, Great Britain, U.S.A. and Canada, prior to the World Convention, returning home after that event. He is scheduled to leave Sydney by air on April 27.

in London, England, and spent his childhood in Adelaide, going to the United States in 1874. He was a true friend to the twenty or more Australian students of my generation in the College of the Bible at Lexington. After his retirement from active ministry with the churches, and following the death of his wife, he became Chaplain to the Spastic Children on the top floor of Lexington's Good Samaritan Hospital. He lived with them, befriended them, and loved them; and they loved him in return. Doubtless, because of his ripe age, his name will be unknown to most of your readers, but some of them will cherish his memory as long as they live. His name is written in the Lamb's Book of Life."

The church at Stirling, S.A., recently held a recognition service to honor E. Golding, who has been sec. for 25 years. Presentation was made of a chiming clock.

In perfect weather a great company of people joined in an historic event at the Federal College of the Bible on Saturday, Mar. 26. A memorial to past Principals (H. G. Harward, A. R. Main and T. H. Scambler) was proposed and approved at the Federal Conference in Adelaide in 1946, and gifts for the purpose approximating £650 were received. Building restrictions precluded an immediate commencement, but when freedom to build was granted, it was finally decided that the memorial should be a much-needed dormitory wing. The structure of seven rooms in cream brick is most pleasing in appearance with serviceable interior appointments.

Following a hymn of praise, W. F. Nankivell led in prayer, and R. Enniss read the Scriptures. The Chairman of the Board of Management presided and called on Principal E. L. Williams to present a welcome, apologies and greetings. After a general welcome had been extended, pleasure was expressed at the presence of the Federal Conference President, Ira A. Paternoster, who had journeyed from Sydney for the occasion; also to Mrs. T. H. Scambler and Miss Scambler, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Main (who had made a hurried trip from Wollongong, N.S.W. to be present); Mrs. Ethel Lacy (Jermyn), who had served as College Housekeeper for almost the entire periods of the three Past Principals, and to interstate visitors. Apology for absence was received from Mrs. H. G. Harward, her daughter, Mrs. N. D. Morris, and her son Athol, who could not come from Sydney. Many others expressed regret that they could not be present, and scores of greetings came from all parts of the Commonwealth.

Deserved commendation was made of the builder, F. R. Haycraft, who had worked with a sacrificial spirit throughout. The estimated cost of the completed building of 18½ squares will be approximately £3,600. Mr. Haycraft made a fitting response to the words of thanks. Then the Federal President in an intimate and heart-warming address spoke of the qualities of the three men we were honoring, and the great value of their individual service to the College and the brotherhood. He then unveiled the memorial tablet. R. T. Pittman led in a dedicatory prayer and the service closed with the Doxology.

Following the service, a Garden Party arranged by members of the Y.W.F. and C.M.S. was held in the College grounds and upwards of 700 people enjoyed an hour or two of informal fellowship, and thus closed, as many brethren expressed it, "one of the finest experiences of our brotherhood history."—K.A.J.



INTERSTATE CHURCH NEWS

Discipleship

Mrs. Hunt, Norma, Glen and Marion Camp, Gwen Baker, Marion Brown, Hamilton, Vic.

Neville Simmons, Bambra-rd., Caulfield, Vic.

Miss M. MacNamara, Mrs. J. L. Reid, Mrs. Gardiner, D. Price, Swanston-st., Melbourne, Vic.

John Wyatt, Hampton, Vic.

Mrs. F. Handasyde, Angela and Ferne Thodey, Glen Waverley, Vic.

Mrs. M. Speck, Maraline Simmons, Moonta, S.A.

Hazel Ogley, Don Baxter, Inverell, N.S.W.

Jennifer Ball, Beulah-rd., S.A.

Beverley Byrett, Val. Sauer, Clive Germaine, Kedron, Qld.

Mrs. L. Carliss, Murray Bridge, S.A.
J. Jack, Nanette Seary, Dianne Hughes, Joy Abbot, Margot Hinde, Malcolm Hinde, South Perth, W.A.

Membership

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hibburt, from Moreland, Vic., to Boronia, Vic.

Beatrice Fennessy, Bambra-rd., Caulfield, Vic.

F. MacNamara, to Swanston-st., Melbourne, Vic.

Miss J. Sutherland, from Wollongong, N.S.W., to Swanston-st., Melbourne, Vic.

L. Daley, from Croydon, Vic., to Hampton, Vic.

Mrs. B. Brooks, from Ascot Vale, Vic., to Glen Waverley, Vic.

E. P. Eaborn, R. Eaborn, from Prospect, S.A., to Norwood, S.A.

Mrs. Molloy, from Norwood, S.A., to Beulah-rd., S.A.

Miss Wilkinson, from Unley, S.A., to Beulah-rd., S.A.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Thompson, from Cowandilla, S.A., to Enfield Heights, S.A.

Mrs. Lew Carter, from Nedlands, W.A., to Brighton, Vic.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Jones, jnr., from Rockhampton, Qld., to Kedron, Qld.

Mrs. McGuiness, from Shepparton-rd., W.A., to South Perth, W.A.

Marriage

Wilma Gole to Jeff. Sturrock, Hampton, Vic.

Margaret Dane to Ian Eddy, Bambra-rd., Caulfield, Vic.

Gloria Plucknett to Frederick Lack, Kedron, Qld.

Fallen Asleep

Mrs. S. Wilson, Swanston-st., Melbourne, Vic.

Western Australia

South Perth (S. H. Wilson).—Baptist service was held on Mar. 20, when eight were immersed, 140 being present. At conclusion, one young lady made her decision. Keen interest is being maintained. Good Neighbours held mystery social on 25th, to raise funds for church furnishings; £6 resulted. Girls' club attended dedication service at Lake-st. on 18th. Church parade of Tennis Club on 27th was well attended. Church's oldest member, Mrs. Rhoades, is now in Christian Guest Home at Joondana. Men's Society met for tea on 14th; Mr. Wilson was speaker. Miss D. Birch commences nursing at R.P.H. in April. Girls' Basket Ball team is being organised by Betty James. I.C.E. attendances are encouraging. Lieut. Pilley (Salvation Army) addressed Y.P. on origin and work of the Army, also showing film to illustrate. Prayer meetings on Thursday evenings are creating much interest; valuable teaching is given, with help of blackboard, by preacher. F. Jefferies had short time in hospital but is now recovered. A. J. Fisher (Lake-st.) addressed morning meeting on Mar. 20.

Queensland

Stafford (F. Langford). — B.S. continues to grow, and now has 19 teachers, 17 coming from Kedron church each Sunday morning. Girls' Club has now become Girls' Life Brigade, 8th Brisbane Company. Ladies' Guild started year well with 18 present, Mrs. Langford as pres., Mrs. Jones vice-pres., Mrs. Jenyes sec., Mrs. Pound, treas. Preacher now takes all evening services, commencing at 6.45, and then returns to Kedron for service there. Interest continues to grow in this rapidly expanding area.

Kedron (F. Langford). — At recent church business meeting, A. Taylor resigned as sec., after 23 years, and R. Russell after 19 years. Each was recently presented with book as appreciation. Auxiliary reports were good.

Church has commenced year of Christian stewardship, and members are working with talent money, aiming at £250 by June. G. Cane is back in fellowship after some twelve months confined to hospital. The development committee did some alterations to interior of the Stafford building, and repairs to manse and Kedron building. Morning attendances have averaged more than 76 for last two months, and evening services have improved considerably.

Boonah (A. B. Clark). — Annual business meeting of church was held on Mar. 18. Splendid reports showed good progress. Ladies' Guild raised £146. Deacons elected are: C. Stubbin, F. Warwick, W. Vogler, F. Miller, R. Warren, J. Carroll, A. Ruhland, W. Gibson and B. Jenner. Ladies' Guild pres. is Mrs. A. B. Clark; sec., Mrs. W. Freiberg; treas., Mrs. W. Bryant. B.S. supt. is H. Jenner; kinder supt., Mrs. A. B. Clark. 70 were present at evening run by Boonah Y.P.S.C.E. on 11th. Harvest Thanksgiving was observed on 13th. Church was suitably decorated with fruits of the harvest, followed by social evening on 15th, at which there was record attendance, £23 being raised from sale of goods. C.M.S. conducted evening service on 20th; J. Carroll presided and A. B. Clark spoke. Soloists for month were Mrs. B. Jenner, Miss M. Gibson and E. Jenner.

New South Wales

Broken Hill. — Speakers during last month have been Messrs. Dixon, Olary, Taylor and Holland (Adelaide). Attendances at all services are well maintained. Mr. Creeper (Cockburn) has had fellowship with church. Annual business meeting was held Mar. 17. Officers re-elected are J. Cremer, N. Rough and A. Hoskings. T. Garner and G. Lee, acting officers temporarily during last few months have been added to Board, and new officers elected are W. Palmer, and J. Dean. Treasurer reported church to be in sound financial position. All departments of church and B.S. have reported progress. C. Ball was elected B.S. supt. in place of M. Rough, now in Adelaide. Miss D. Garner replaces Mrs. T. Garner as supt. of kinder. Y.W.L. is to be re-started with Miss J. Hoskings in charge. Mrs. Clark was re-elected church organiste with Mrs. J. Schorn as asst. Agent for Fellowship News is Miss J. Hoskings, for Australian Christian, Mrs. Clark, and reporter for both papers, Mrs. E. Griffiths. J.C.E. held short song service at home of Mrs. Thurgood. They plan to bring cheer in this way to elder members of church.

Inverell (E. F. G. McIlhagger, B.A.).—At annual meeting of church encouraging reports were given. There were seven additions to membership during year and treasurer reported that £2,282 had been raised for all purposes—an all-time record. It was decided to aim to have church hall built in time for Jubilee services in September. Following deacons were appointed: L. Barry, Mr. Boland, G. Bulmer (sec.), W. Dick, Allan Mackie (treas.), Angus Mackie, John Stone; elders: G. Brighty, Alfred Winter, Bert Winter, Thos Young. W. Bagley (Bexley) and Mrs. Thorrogood (Ballina) have been visitors. Mrs. Angus Mackie is home from Sydney after operation, much improved in health.

Hornsby (K. R. Fennell).—Memento was presented to Miss L. Cardwell at prayer meeting on Mar. 16, as she leaves to continue training as nurse at Paddington. During Jan. to Mar., B.S. contributed £6/4/- in Mission Box for India. Fine weather and happy day marked B.S. picnic at Eden Park on 20th. Mr. Hicken conducted and spoke at gospel service on 21st. He was assisted by Mr. Welsh with guitar and Miss Anthony as soloist, he also helped with piano accordion. Monthly fellowship tea was held on 28th. Principal Stephenson was guest speaker, and also conducted gospel service, when Mr. and Mrs. M. Gray assisted in song. Boys' Home annual offering has reached £18. Messrs. McArthur and Sloman have spoken at morning services. Mrs. Bishop, Miss E. Tewksbury and Mr. Ellerby are delegates to Conference.

Dubbo-Gilgandra (V. S. Dallinger).—Meetings have become more normal since flood damage has been cleared from wrecked homes and farms. Members are considerably heartened by messages of practical help from all over the Commonwealth. During the process of cleaning up in Dubbo, meetings for breaking of bread were held in home of Mr. and Mrs. Ball. At gospel meetings on Mar. 13 and 20, two elderly gentlemen made their confession of faith. B.S. work in Dubbo is not up to usual numbers, as some children are still on evacuation list, but all meetings are encouraging. Gilgandra B.S. is practising for anniversary, and Eumungerie school is pleased with help of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bunell. New scholars have been added since school commenced new year. Visitors to Gilgandra have been D. Quayle and family, Lorna Risson, Alice Mitchison and Margaret Appleby. A. R. Bunell took both services on Mar. 20, whilst preacher visited Dubbo.

Mosman.—On Mar. 20, B.S., kinder and church combined in Harvest Festival. The good things brought were given to Woolwich Bible College. At morning service J. V. Ellerby (Hornsby) exhorted church, and at evening

meeting, John Blankley (Woolwich student assisting work at Mosman and Seaforth) gave gospel address. On 23rd, combined prayer meeting was held at Seaforth. On 27th, K. Hunter gave the morning address, while the gospel service was taken by the Mosman Y.P.S.C.E. Visitors were Mrs. Lindquist and her son.

Chatswood (R. V. Amos).—Meetings are being well attended, especially at morning service. All addresses recently have been given by Mr. Amos. The speaker at March meeting of the W.M.B. was Mrs. R. H. Wakeley (Burwood). At annual meeting on Mar. 24, following deacons were elected: L. M. Bills, A. W. Cust, G. Hore, Y. M. Middleton, E. F. Morris, Richard Pentelow, Robert Pentelow, A. McK. Surtees, D. J. A. Verco, and P. G. Verco. The church is also well served by its elders: Dr. C. A. Verco, Dr. A. C. Crisp, H. W. Cust, and the preacher.

Bexley North (J. G. Shaw).—On Mar. 17, Girls' Life Brigade held annual demonstration, various items showing talent. Three of the girls had decided for Christ during year. On 20th, Harvest Festival service was held at night after which presentation was made to Padre and Mrs. B. Cavill on their departure for Brisbane. A social was held to honor G. Saunders on his 21st birthday. R. Beadle was speaker on 27th. Visitors included Mr. and Mrs. Hart (Qld.) and Mrs. Stone (Vic.). Church expresses sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler and family in the loss of their daughter, Bernice.

South Australia

Wampony (B. Crowden).—B.S. scholars are practising for anniversary. Recently formed Mundalla-Wampony Women's Fellowship met on Mar. 1, and welcomed Mr. Fax (Adelaide) who gave address on women's work in the churches. Harvest Thanksgiving service was held on Mar. 6, and offering taken for New Building Fund. After service, gifts were sent to local hospital and Rest Home in Adelaide. A. Worden (who has been on sick list in Adelaide) and R. Hunt (recently spent several days in hospital) have been welcomed back.

Norwood (D. G. Hammer).—Attendances are improving, and interest keen. There were good meetings for Harvest Thanksgiving and also for church anniversary. Girls' Life Brigade is active, and Boys' Brigade has commenced for year. New scholars are being added to B.S. Mid-week Bible study-prayer group has been recommenced, and numbers are growing.

Moonta-Wallaroo (B. W. Manning).—J. Clothier (church sec.), who has moved to Adelaide, will be greatly missed by church at Wallaroo. B.S. girl at Moonta made her decision, and

married lady school teacher indicated her desire for baptism.

Kilburn (H. G. Norris).—Morning attendance on Mar. 27 achieved record number present, when 115 communed. B.S. roll of 311 is a record. Additions to staff are Mrs. J. Edwards (teacher), N. Page, S. Mann, S. Norris, M. Kelly and J. Pritchard (trainee teachers). Recent soloists have been Mrs. Kelly and B. Barrett. Visitors have included R. Mathews and Rae, Helen McLaren, and Norton family (Lenswood). B. J. Lawrance, sr., and Joan Sandercock are in hospital. Mrs. Peacock and Mrs. Hayter are assisting in school religious instruction. Church is earnestly praying for very necessary chapel building.

Gawler (A. R. Pigdon).—Services have been well attended and a young lady made her decision on Mar. 27. Mid-week prayer meetings are increasing in attendance. Men's tea was held on 12th, when E. Hollard was guest speaker. Girls' Brigade held first meeting under leadership of Miss E. Busbridge. B.S. picnic held at Sandy Creek on 26th proved most successful.

Fullarton (A. Anderson).—Monthly B.S. rally on Mar. 26 took form of film night when C. Patrick screened variety of films. Special Hymns we Love gospel service was held on 27th. Preacher gave brief outline of each hymn. A special choir, supported by orchestra, organ and piano, assisted. Solos, etc., were rendered by Jennifer Outlaw, Margaret Patrick, Judith and Enid Overland. Annual Building Extension Fund offering was £20.

Enfield Heights.—Services have improved and are well attended. Membership is now 30, with several non-members attending services. Appreciation is expressed to visiting speakers and presidents. Fellowship with Mrs. Hardy and family (Bentleigh, Vic.), was enjoyed. Mrs. Sands, Mr. Bunyan and Douglas Wallage have been in hospital, but all are doing well now. Fine display of goods for Harvest Thanksgiving was divided between Christian Rest Home and Mordialta Children's Homes. At an after-church business meeting, M. Thompson was elected to Officers' Board. Ladies have formed C.W.F. with Mrs. Kemp (pres.). Mrs. Crosby (Prospect) was guest speaker. Men are forming Men's Fellowship in conjunction with Prospect men.

Beulah-rd. (G. Wood).—Harvest Thanksgiving services were held on Feb. 27, with fine display of goods, later sent to the Christian Rest Home. First monthly picture evening for year was held on Mar. 11, when Mr. Braddock showed pictures of his recent trip abroad. These evenings are sponsored by Ladies' Guild and are in aid of Manse Fund. Cadets and members of J.C.E. held a combined

social on 18th. Mid-week prayer meetings continue to be great blessing to all who attend.

Aldgate Valley-Stirling (R. Graham).—L. Walters, D. Kilpatrick, H. Ackland, J. Hoyle and R. Knight, were speakers during preacher's absence at Goolwa. Valley B.S. social attracted an attendance of 80. H. Middleton has been appointed supt. Stirling B.S. is improving in attendances with over 50 present on past two Sundays. Harvest Thanksgiving service on Mar. 20 realised a fine display of produce for Morialta Children's Home. Offering for Building Extension Fund was £6. Fellowship held an enjoyable night on 18th, when G. Knight showed colored slides of his trip to Eastern States.

Croydon (W. N. Bartlett).—Harvest Thanksgiving services were held on Feb. 27. They were well attended, and wonderful display of goods was brought. Conf. Pres., M. A. K. Crosby, spoke in the morning. On Mar. 6, the State Scribe F. Baker, installed officers for 1955 of the K.S.P. and P.B.P. A new order of church service was begun on 13th. Youth tea was held in evening and fellowship hour was held after church, when sec. of B.&F.B.S. spoke. On 20th one man made his confession. Successful concert was presented by the Clubs on 26th, and, combined with popular Baby Competition, a profit of £136 was made to help top-dress tennis courts. It was rewarding to see three young men make their decision on 27th. Service was followed by another fellowship hour at which hymns and choruses were sung, and happy time enjoyed by all.

Unley (I. J. Chivell).—Two splendid services marked Harvest Thanksgiving day, speakers being A. A. McRoberts and I. J. Chivell. Goods displayed were divided between Rest Home, Morialta Children's Home, and food parcel for Indian mission fields. Temple Day was observed same day, when £132 was given towards liquidating debt on new hall, which is proving such an asset, especially for B.S. and club purposes. Both Mission Band and prayer meeting were delighted to have visit from Miss Elsie Caldicott. A "special" is held one Sunday evening each month, and on Mar. 27, preacher effectively answered five questions which had been handed in, large congregation being present. At after-church song fellowship, opportunity was taken to wish "bon voyage" to our representatives to World Convention—Sir Philip and Lady Messent, and C. L. Johnston (church sec.). Offering for Building Extension Fund so far amounts to £24. H. Barratt has been appointed asst. sec. to B.S. in place of Phil. Messent, who is going overseas for further studies. At church Family

Night, Ivan Hull spoke and showed pictures on Inter-Church Aid.

Murray Bridge (P. R. Whitmore).—Work continues in good heart. Excellent Harvest Thanksgiving services, nine large crates of goods being forwarded and divided between Christian Rest Home, Morialta Children's Home, Colebrook Aborigines' Home, and Social Service Dept. B.S. and kinder scholars played annual part with bringing of large quantity of gifts as part of afternoon programme. Thanksgiving offering for various brotherhood causes totalled £63 in all, highest yet for this particular offering. Roofing of hall is practically completed, and plasterer is due to commence; electrical wiring of hall is under way through generosity of brethren qualified in this direction. Individual promises have been received of all cupboards for new kitchen, and also kinder cupboards in ante-room off hall. Annual united Easter services have been arranged with other churches. Preacher shared communion service in home of aged sister Mrs. W. A. Downing, faithful worker through years. Number of Y.P. recently journeyed to Nairne for half-yearly District C.E. rally. B.S. has entered Efficiency Campaign, and also plans local monthly competitions and House system. Sis. Beryl Lehman and Joan Page have been welcomed as additions to kinder staff, and Ivan Roberts commences as B.S. organist. A. C. Page, church sec. has been indisposed, but news of improvement in his health is pleasing.

Victoria

Ormond (F. E. Buckingham).—A new member was received into fellowship on Mar. 20. A B.S. lad made his decision at gospel service. Ladies are actively engaged in aim of furnishing new memorial chapel. A. Gairns has undergone an operation. B.S. attendances are well maintained and school is arranging a concert. P.B.P. was successful at sports held on Labor Day. This is three years in succession. K.S.P. gained third place. All youth work is progressing strongly and Y.P. are proving active church workers. Brickwork of new chapel is now in an advanced stage.

Warrnambool (K. W. Barton, L.Th.).—Good delegation travelled to Portland on Mar. 5 to district conference. Inspiring and challenging messages by Keith Jones and happy fellowship with representatives from churches at Hamilton, Port Fairy and Portland were much enjoyed. First of monthly after-service fellowship meetings was held on Mar. 6, and gives promise of proving popular and fulfilling helpful ministry. W.M.B. monthly meeting had good attendance, definite aims for year, including target of £100 for the Manse Fund. An interesting syllabus has been arranged. C.M.S. has likewise formulated interest in a set pro-

gramme and has adopted B.S. as its chief concern. C.E. enjoyed social gathering on 18th. Church regrets returning to S.A. of Mr. and Mrs. M. McNicol, after residence of about 12 months. Church appreciated platform assistance and practical help in other ways. Church mourns loss of Miss Sanders, and extends sympathy to Mrs. Barton in the death of her father, Mr. Greaves, in Launceston. Sympathy with N.S.W. flood victims was expressed in an offering of £25.

Camberwell (J. H. Cain, L.Th.).—There were two confessions last month, and one young man was received into membership after having been baptised at Dunolly. Y.P.F. has been commenced, with B. Huntsman, jr., as pres., and Graham Kirkwood, sec. B.S. picnic was held at Mt. Waverley on Mar. 14. Flood Relief Appeal amounted to £67. Church appreciated presence of Principal and Mrs. Williams for whole day recently, when two helpful addresses were given.

Swan Hill (R. A. Banks).—Harvest Thanksgiving services were conducted on Mar. 20, and both services were well attended, 86 being at evening meeting. Sale of produce on 21st, brought in £18, which was given to New Building Fund. A. Staley, who has been in hospital in Melbourne, has returned home. Men and Y.P. of church have sent away over 100 bags of pumpkins, which were grown on property of A. Seales in aid of New Building Fund.

North Essendon (A. E. White, B.A.).—Annual business meeting reports on Mar. 17 showed all departments and auxiliaries in healthy condition. Deacons elected were: J. Alves, G. Conning, R. Conning, R. Drayton, F. Funston, F. Mason, J. Pemberton, D. Ploog, W. W. Saunders and R. Thompson. Retiring officers, Mrs. Ploog, snr., and A. McNicol, did not seek reelection. Treas. is R. Conning, and sec., F. Mason. D. Ploog, retiring sec., did not desire to continue in that post. Meeting was well attended, and larger number of members than formerly, took part in elections. Mrs. Dugay was elected organiste; Joy Hillbrick, associate organiste. There were good meetings on 20th; 111 in evening, when teenage girl made her decision.

Middle Park (J. Plummer).—At close of gospel service on Feb. 27, B.S. lad made good confession. On Mar. 13, Mr. Maginnis (Reservoir) presided. Visitors included Mr. and Mrs. Benson (Wangarata), Sis. S. Annear (Mornington), Mr. and Mrs. Trickey (Maryborough). Baptismal service was held at night and an enjoyable solo was rendered by Mrs. George. Following have been elected deacons: H. A. Annetts, A. Hartvigsen, W. Harrison; deaconesses: Mrs. Dockery, Mrs. Fawken, Mrs. W. Harrison.

Malvern-Caulfield (W. J. Thomson). —All auxiliaries have entered into year's work. Boronia Dramatic Society gave well presented play in hall under auspices of Ladies' Dept. Thos. Jackson, who has been church treas. for 14 years, was re-elected, and Alan Gray, asst. treas. At this meeting Miss Perry, on behalf of Ladies' Dept. presented cheque for £75 toward Manse Fund. Choir rendered item at B.&F.B.S. annual meeting held in church building. Jeanette Smith and Samlyn Hattam represented Good Companions at Vice-regal Garden Party. All sympathise with Mrs. G. Mitchell, who broke her arm. Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Lane, in loss of her sister Pearl. Painting of exterior of manse has been almost completed by voluntary labor, under direction of J. Holloway.

Gardiner (F. A. Youens). — For Mar. 27, temporary wall of masonite had been removed, and church was able to use full space of extended chapel. Much work remains to be done. Older members greatly enjoyed visit and address of D. Main, who had come over for opening of Principals' Memorial at C.O.B. It is 25 years since he transferred to N.S.W. B.S. has undertaken support of an Indian orphan boy at cost of £15 a year, also an aborigine one-year-old boy at £5. They learned that in New Hebrides orphans are automatically adopted by other near families.

Echuca (H. Hargreaves — interim). —Annual meeting has been held with encouraging reports presented. Harvest Thanksgiving was held on Mar. 27. Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Saunders were visitors for day and Mr. Saunders spoke at both services. A number of members attended Central Northern District's Conference at Harcourt. Plans are being made to build new manse. Recent visitors have been Misses Glenice and Marion Campbell (Wangaratta), Mrs. Hartvigsen, snr. (Melbourne), Miss Day is in hospital. Attendances at services have improved lately.

Lygon-st., Carlton (L. G. Burgin). —Flood relief appeal is now £33. Attendances have improved, 73 communing on Mar. 20. Preacher on 27th was J. Wiltshire (Bentleigh). Recent visitors were Mrs. Tilbey (Perth), Mr. and Mrs. Blackburn (Sydney), Misses Prior and Lilley (Drumcondra).

Further Victorian news has been necessarily held over until our next issue.

SILVER WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. Geo Miller have pleasure in announcing the twenty-fifth anniversary of their wedding, celebrated at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Harrop (deceased), French Island, by the late R. Gebbie, on April 3, 1930. Present address "Long View," Myrtle-cres., Lower Ferntree Gully.

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ANNUAL MEETING, VIC.

The annual meeting of the Fellowship was held on Feb. 18, when a representative gathering was present. Report was given of the previous year's activity and plans were discussed for the coming year.

J. A. Wilkie (Ballarat) gave an address on "Harmony at Evanston," in which he gave a fair but stimulating talk on the various opinions expressed at the recent Assembly of the W.C.C. This address is being printed for distribution.

Plans are being made for a Gospel Broadcast Session, and the services of E. C. Hinrichsen have been secured as missionary.

The approximate cost for a weekly, half-hour programme would be £1,000 for the year. At the meeting £175 was promised and £76 underwritten. —D. W. Mansell, publicity officer.

Southern Conference, S.A.

The Annual Southern District Conference, S.A., was held at Strathalbyn, on Tuesday, Feb. 22.

A good representative gathering of delegates and members came from Victor Harbour, Goolwa, Mt. Compass, Aldgate Valley, Stirling, Murray Bridge, Point Sturt, Milang, and also from the city.

W. Greenwood presided over all sessions throughout the day.

G. T. Fitzgerald's address on "The Eldership," and G. M. Mathieson's address on "The Christian Men's Society," were challenging and thought-provoking, and stimulated a good discussion.

Devotional periods were led by P. Whitmore and S. L. Patching.

Miss G. Jackling rendered a delightful solo.

Church reports were encouraging and the State General Conference reports informative and interesting.

Meals for Conference were provided by the ladies of the Strathalbyn church.

A United Youth Rally in the Town Hall in the evening was well attended.

This session was arranged by the Youth Director, G. Whiting, B.A., and the programme was similar to that presented at the State Conference, proving most interesting.

The Koongarra Male Quartet party sang a number of times, and made a big contribution to the meeting.

The following were elected for the year: pres., P. Whitmore; vice-pres., A. Neighbour; sec., J. Yelland; treas., C. Grundy. Committee for two years: P. Shipway, T. Butler, A. Coote, E. Golding. Committee for one year: R. Long, G. Wilson, A. Page, L. Jacobs. H.M. representative, P. R. Whitmore.

Missionary Welcome and Farewell

It is not often that as large a number of missionaries can be welcomed or farewelled on the one occasion as was so at Swanston-st., Melbourne, on March 22. Five were welcomed: Mr. and Mrs. Heard, Mr. and Mrs. Dixon and Sister Gwen Batterham; and two farewelled: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Beale.

The Chairman of the Victorian and Tasmanian Overseas Missions Committee, Mr. Bolduan, presided over the meeting, and as well as his expressions of good-will to the returned or outgoing missionaries, there were those of the Conference Presidents (S. Neighbour and Mrs. Ward), Ira A. Pateroster (Federal President and Secretary of the Overseas Committee in N.S.W.) and Principal E. L. Williams.

Each of the welcomed and farewelled was given opportunity to speak and each characteristically did so.

The Committee is grateful to Mrs. Turner for her solos, Rex Barber and C. Lyster for instrumental assistance, and also appreciates the gesture of the Women's Conference through Mrs. Ward in floral gifts to Mrs. Heard, Mrs. Dixon, Miss Batterham and Mrs. Beale.

E. J. Miles read the Scripture, and K. A. Jones led in the dedicatory prayer.

Thus affectionately and thankfully were these servants of Christ received among us, and those leaving us trustfully committed to God.—A. B. Withers.

IN MEMORIAM

BALLOCH. — Alexander. In loving memory of my dear husband, Alec, and our father, passed away April 9, 1952.

"In God's care."

—Inserted by his wife and family.

GIBSON. — In loving memory of my dear ones who were called home, mother, Aug. 1, 1945, and sister (Jessie Oldfield) April 10, 1951.

"Time passes on but memory stays As near and dear as yesterday."

—Inserted by Dorrie Gibson.

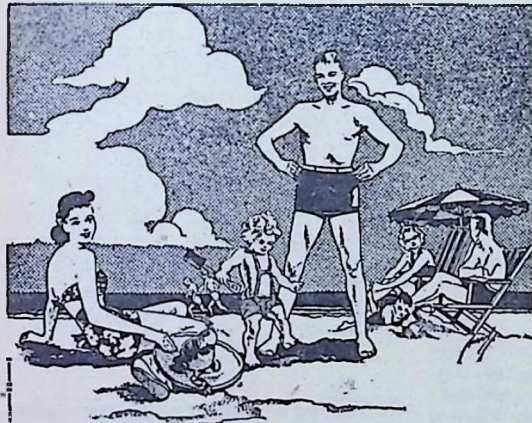
McDONALD. — In loving memory of our dear father, James McDonald, who went to sleep on March 31, 1948.

"Until the day dawns."

—Mary and Ted, Quantong, Horsham.

Drumcondra (R. Wilson). — On Mar. 15, C.E. met with Teachers' Training Class to see films on **The Learning Process** and **The Teaching Process**. On 18th, Ladies' Fellowship held picture, song and story night. R. Tattersall took both services on 20th, owing to illness of preacher. Ron Grazeles was soloist at evening service. Ten members attended S.W. District Conference at Colac on 19th. Visitors have included Mrs. Preston (Lygon-st.) and Ron Simmons (Sunshine). Church extended sympathy to Miss K. Hughes in loss of her mother, and Mrs. Culliver in loss of husband.

Dandenong (L. G. Read).—W.M.B. held a meeting on Mar. 16, at which Mrs. Manning was speaker. On 19th, Youth Fellowship meeting was addressed by Mr. Horn (missionary from New Guinea). R. McCue (Local Option Alliance) gave morning address on 20th, and Mr. Berthelsen on 27th. Good Companions held church parade in evening. All auxiliaries are doing well, with good attendances.



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STEVENSON—LAIRD. — The engagement is announced of Alwynne Ida, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Stevenson, 6 Seaview-ave., Bentleigh, to Raymond Francis, second son of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Laird, Lower Ferntree Gully.

APPROACHING MARRIAGE

STOKES—REITHER. — The marriage of Christina Joan, youngest daughter of Mrs. A. Stokes, Walker-st., Stawell, and the late Mr. A. Stokes, to Charles Stuart, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Reither, Seaby-st., Stawell, will be celebrated at the church of Christ, Stawell, on Saturday, April 9, at 11 a.m.

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- Thurs., Apl. 7.**
2.00—All women invited Emmaus Home, Murrumbena.
3.00—Preachers' Session.
5.45—Fellowship Tea and Discussion, for Preachers and Secretaries only.
7.45—Opening Session General Conference, President's welcome and address. Reports.
- Fri., Apl. 8.**
9.30—Conference contd. Notices of Motion. Reports. Address by Incoming President.
2.00—Reports, Devotional Address.
7.30—Melbourne Town Hall. Home Mission Rally.
- Sat., Apl. 9.**
9.30 and 2.00—Conference contd. Notices of Motion. Reports.
7.30—Overseas Mission Demonstration.
- Sun., Apl. 10.**
2.45—Melbourne Town Hall. Sermon Session.
- Mon., Apl. 11.**
All Day Picnic at Wattle Park.
7.45—Aborigines' Mission Demonstration.
- Tues., Apl. 12.**
10.00—Preachers' Outing.
5.45—College of the Bible Old Boys' Club Reunion.
7.45—Social Service Evening.
- Wed., Apl. 13.**
7.45—Melbourne Town Hall, Great Youth Demonstration.
- Thurs., Apl. 14.**
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OBITUARY

Hubert William Houston.

The death occurred of Hubert William Houston at his home in Warrnambool, Vic., on Feb. 15, after an illness of several months. He was born at Coleraine in the Western District '71 years ago, and engaged in farming work in several places in the Western District until he retired in 1949 and came to live in Warrnambool. In the following years, to the time of his death, he gave loyal and faithful service to the church and attended both services on the Sunday preceding his passing. He leaves a widow and three children of his first wife (Cecil, Bendigo; Errett, Dennington; and Hazel, Warragamba Dam, N.S.W.) to mourn his death; also one sister (Mrs. E. Anderson, Collic, W.A.) and one brother (Donald, Birchlip). He was the youngest son of a large pioneering family and at an early age accepted Christ as Saviour. He was associated with the early cause at Polkemmett, later at Horsham and Pimpinio. The cause at Lower Heytesbury had its beginning in his home. Appropriate words of tribute, comfort and hope were spoken at services at the church and by the graveside. Large congregations and numerous floral tributes were evidence of the high esteem in which our late brother was held.—K.W.B.

Laurel Ida Redman.

It was the writer's privilege, while studying at Glen Iris, to visit, as week-end preacher at Blackburn, Vic., the Redman family. Laurel Redman was one of the active workers there, who later dedicated her life as a missionary in India. Born in Adelaide, 1892, she accepted Christ at Blackburn during a mission conducted by P. J. Pond in 1907. She sailed for India in 1920, taking charge of the Baramati Primary School and re-organising it up to the standard required for registration. The Govt. inspectors gave good reports of her as a leader and teacher. In 1925, she returned for her first furlough, some of which was spent in a Teacher Training College. Reaching Perth on her way back to India in 1926, she attended Federal Conference there, when a sad breakdown in health necessitated her admittance to a hospital, in which she remained till her death on March 19, 1955. Occasionally some from Perth visited her, and it was my privilege, since coming to the West, to see her a few times, finding her calm and resigned, though evidently sadly afflicted. Her mortal remains were laid to rest at Karrakatta on March 22, in the presence of a representative gathering, C. Hunt assisting the writer. To her brother, Ralph, and other

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Vivian and our brother (lovingly
known as "Andy") were baptised at
the same hour in October, 1935, while
still in their early teens, by E. Martin,
and have been devoted workers for
their Lord ever since. Besides having
a home and four children to care for,
our sister found time for such duties
as organist, B.S. sec. and teacher.
She was a courageous office-bearer and
speaker in connection with such
worthy movements as the Edithvale
Pre-School Centre and Kindergarten,
the Kindergarten Parents' Association,
the State School Mothers' Club,
Women's Day of Prayer, and the
W.C.T.U. The place of love and
affection which she held in the dis-
trict was demonstrated by the crowded
and over-flowing service in the Chel-
sea chapel, conducted by former
preacher, Murray Williams, of S.A.,
and student preacher, R. Bust, and
the hundreds of beautiful floral
tributes; also by the fact that a public
meeting has been called by prominent
citizens to establish suitable memorial
to her unselfish service to others. The
Lord's comfort and peace for those
that mourn is our sincere prayer.
—W.D.

Mrs. E. M. Duff.

On March 4, at Launceston, Tas.,
our beloved Mrs. Duff passed to be with
her Lord after several years of sick-
ness, and the church at Launceston
has sustained a great loss. During
the early years of the work at Laun-
ceston, our sister became associated
with the church, then meeting in the
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the late Peter Duff (for many years
an elder of the church) her life was
bound up in the work and worship of
the church. Given to hospitality her
home was ever open to visitors. She
was very active in the women's work,
was keenly interested in the tem-
perance movement, and in the work of
overseas missions, and very active in
prayer. During years of ill-health, she
exercised a gracious ministry in cor-
respondence, bringing cheer to many
sick and sorrowing folk. Funeral ser-
vices were conducted at the funeral
parlor and at Carr Villa cemetery by
C. H. J. Wright, and the large num-
ber attending and the many beautiful
floral tributes were an eloquent testi-
mony to a long and useful life. To her
sorrowing son Douglas Duff; daugh-
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—J.F.F.

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