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# A GRAND TRADITION

Principal E. L. Williams, M.A.

## *Truth and Tradition.*

An early Christian leader, Tertullian, has reminded us that our Lord claimed to be the Truth, not the tradition. We fully recognise the possible opposition of truth and tradition. Truth is of God; tradition is of man. Man can be bound and blinded by tradition, which may be nothing more than superficial, unexamined, conservative custom.

On the other hand, tradition may be something tried and tested by time, the channel in which truth is preserved. Truth is something given, but it has to be understood, applied, and practised. There is need for human thought and judgment. So opinions and practices crystallise in society, and are handed down from one generation to another. The ancient landmarks, which we are advised not to remove, may be symbols of traditions in which truth is preserved. Quite

simply and strictly, tradition is a body of opinions and practices handed down in an unwritten form.

Churches of Christ have *traditionally* set truth against tradition. Truth is of God and unites; tradition is of men and divides. Let us build on the firm foundations of truth and throw off human traditions. None would wish to repudiate the soundness of the principle and emphasis involved here. However, we cannot escape a healthy tradition in the sense of our understanding and application of truth, our working out of the practicalities of principles, our emphases, our methods and habits, and our development of expedients.

## *Central Elements in Our Tradition.*

Christianity is the response of persons to a Person. Let us have no creed but Christ.

The Church is committed to a warm-hearted evangelism.

Division among Christians is a contradiction.

Unity is the will of God. It is a must from above, not an option from below.

Restoration of the plain, simple, essential Christianity to which the New Testament bears witness is the true way to unity.

The necessity of human judgment means that there will be differences of opinion. If unity is to be preserved, the principle of liberty must be observed in relation to all matters beyond commonly recognised essentials. We must learn to live together in spiritual maturity.

It is our tradition not to be bound by tradition, but to combine deep-rooted and fixed convictions with an open-minded, humble search for further truth.

In many respects ours is an intellectual movement, calling for original thought and qualified judgment. Without this we would be a queer and insignificant sect. We have emphasised hard-headed thinking, as well as warm-hearted evangelism.

## *True to Tradition.*

Tradition is a matter of growth. Like the ivy and the "atmosphere" of historical buildings it takes time.

With a service record of fifty-two years, the College of the Bible, Glen Iris, has something of a tradition in itself, but, more important, it stands within the true tradition of the whole Church, and is true to the tradition of Churches of Christ.



Principal E. L. Williams, M.A.

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# Do We Really Care?

Well, *do we?* Are we really concerned? Sometimes I wonder . . . After all, many of them are *very* nice people — living exemplary lives, so far as we can see — surely God will lovingly forgive their apparent disregard for the saving power of his Son?

A. D. Pyne, President,  
Federal Conference.



Then there are some who . . . well, it is easy to feel that they deserve punishment, and somehow we rather hope they get it! Do we really *care* enough to show them the way of escape? To show them the eternal life that comes through our Saviour? After all, *we* are alright! And those unfortunate heathen overseas . . . maybe something *should* be done by somebody . . . oh, I guess they'll be alright. God will look after them.

Do *you* ever think like that? Maybe not. But sometimes our actions (or lack of them) could very easily give the impression that we do. Probably the greatest sin of the professing Christian is that of complacency. Oh, my brethren and sisters — *God* cared! Way back in the beginning when man sinned, *he* cared and prepared to send his Son.

*Jesus* cared! He went willingly to the cross. "Not my will, but thine be done." It was only a brief ministry, in a very small part of the world,

to an almost microscopic proportion of the souls that have inhabited the earth. But how he changed things! How he changed the disciples!

*They* cared! Chased from one end of the country to the other, beaten and imprisoned, persecuted and tortured and martyred — gladly they endured it all — for *him!* To carry his message of salvation! Through the centuries, countless saints have cared. Preachers and missionaries everywhere have cared.

Those who are featured in these pages have offered their lives to the service of the Master, because *they also care!* The Board and the Faculty and the staff who operate the College — your College — *they* care. Do *we?* Let us show the measure of our concern for the souls of men, as we make a worthy offering to our College work. And pray for those who are fitting themselves to undertake a life-time ministry of reconciling men to God through Jesus Christ our Lord. They have committed their lives to him — they will go where he calls — because *they care!*

The *wholeness* of the tradition is emphasised. Commitment to Christ is central and involves body, mind, emotions, and will — the whole person.

Evangelism is the whole activity of the whole Church in relation to the whole of life.

Restoration of essential Christianity is the means to essential unity.

Without boasting of having achieved all, it keeps aloft the ideal of adequately trained leadership that can help our churches to fulfil the best in our tradition in the best way.

It aims to help students to put their roots down deeper in essential convictions, while leading them in an open-minded, humble search for further truth.

Glen Iris has ever striven to produce a spiritual maturity in which men and women, with all their differences and varying contributions, committed to Christ, learn to live together and to serve with understanding, vision and strength.

We rejoice in a grand tradition.

## If You Care — Share

YOUNG MEN ARE GIVING THEIR LIVES "FOR THE SAKE OF THE GOSPEL."

SUPPORT THE WORK OF THE COLLEGE LIBERALLY.

ANNUAL OFFERING,

Sunday, October 4

# It's Only Common Sense, Anyhow!

G. R. Stirling, B.A., Canberra, A.C.T.

When Walter Scott was appointed evangelist on the Western Reserve in the earliest days of our Movement, he won 1,000 people to Christ in the first year. Almost all of the young men in that number became preachers, mostly trained by Scott, who was a graduate of the University of Edinburgh, and a gifted teacher. Realising

tian education. He will need to be able to teach in schools, meet the needs and problems and doubts of his young people, train workers, lead Bible study, and generally do the varied work of the ministry. Churches that want preachers like that, and they all do, will have to support the best training programme that the brotherhood can devise. It's only common sense, anyhow!



Magazine Committee.

the pressing need for preachers, Scott and others set up Bacon College, the first Disciples of Christ College.

Alexander Campbell saw the need and commenced Bethany College, with the express desire of having young men equipped for the ministry of the gospel.

Wise, long-sighted men of faith were able to stimulate our Australian churches to found a Federal College of the Bible over half a century ago, to train young men for the ministry. It's only common sense, anyhow!

Every church in Australia wants the best preacher it can get. He has to be able to preach. He needs to be a good pastor. He must be an able counsellor. He must be able to give direction to the programmes of evangelism and Chris-

I suppose each church could "have a go" at training its own ministers, but it wouldn't work very well, would it? Each church could send out its own missionaries, but it would make our missionary enterprise a bit of a shambles, wouldn't it? Each church could prepare its own lesson materials if it wanted to. A few have tried at odd times, but "gave the game away" early in the piece. Of course, we realise that some things are better done together as a brotherhood of churches. We get together for the preparation of lesson materials by the Federal Board. We get together for missionary enterprise, and have splendid work in India, the New Hebrides, New Guinea, Carnarvon and Norseman, instead of a few sporadic little efforts, going off "half cocked."

In like manner we co-operate together for the training of young men for the ministry of the gospel. It's only common sense, anyhow!

Your church has a preacher . . . or it would like one. And it is going to need a lot more preachers in years to come. Inevitably, then, you must help to pay for the training of preachers. It's only common sense, anyhow!

The College of the Bible Offering will be taken up on October 4. Give *one* good, sane, Christian reason why you should not give a generous gift, and you can skip it! You'll be giving alright! It's only common sense, anyhow!



J. W. Way, B.Sc., K. R. Bowes, M.A.  
The Day: OCT. 4 First Students from Canberra, A.C.T.

# What Kind of Preachers Do We Need?

*C. L. Fitzgerald, B.A., Dip.Ed., Past President, S.A. Conference.*

During the Billy Graham Crusade in Adelaide, Joseph Blinco spoke to the Commonwealth Club. He was good — naturally. At the conclusion, a leading architect turned to Sir Phillip Messent, and said, "Now, that was great preaching. Why don't we hear sermons like that in our churches?" Mildly, Sir Phillip replied, "Oh, I've often heard great preaching in our churches. The only reason you don't hear great preaching is that you never go to church" — which was a good point — and allied to the one I want to make.

I have been asked to write on the kind of preachers we need. We need preachers who can preach. They are trained in many fields — as advisers, as organisers, as pastors, etc. All are important, and the College of the Bible very competently provides training to fit our young men and women for the many-sided tasks they will face as ministers. But the most important is preaching.

When a church engages a minister it looks into many aspects of the man's work — his qualities as a youth worker, as a visitor, as a tenant of the manse and, sometimes lastly, as a preacher. Is it not true that many ministries have been great because the preaching has raised the tone of the Church and its auxiliaries, and set higher standards of service? Jesus never organised anything — except a few preachers — and he only organised them by teaching and preaching. They in turn relied on preaching. So did most of the great names in Church history.

Today we need powerful preaching to counteract the powerful propaganda in favor of pleasure as a god, indifference as a way of life and godlessness as an escape from reality. I write this to young preachers — and to the churches that engage preachers. Naturally we want all-round preachers, equipped with a normal variety of talents and capacities. But they should be able to preach. They have been carefully trained throughout their College life to that end. Let them continue to study, let them have plenty of time for study and preparation — and let us expect great things of them.

The powerful and persuasive preaching of the gospel is the time-tested, proven method of reaching the ears and the hearts of men. The architect expressed a genuine desire for that sort of preaching. Perhaps he missed out in his own church — perhaps he would miss out in other churches. Perhaps we need a revival in this as in other things. Let me conclude with two thoughts.



The Faculty.

Firstly — not one word have I written that is derogatory to the other tasks of a minister — they are all important. Secondly — not one word have I written in favor of wordiness. Great preaching comes from a fervent desire to teach the mind of man, to inspire the heart of man, and to exalt the life of man by communicating with sincerity, and enthusiasm, God's message for man. This sort of preaching comes from trained thinkers and preachers who can speak with assurance and understanding, based on dedication and training.

Let's have lots of it.

WE NEED PREACHERS AND MISSIONARIES.  
YOUR COLLEGE HELPS TO MEET THE NEED.  
GIVE GENEROUSLY THROUGH THE  
ANNUAL OFFERING, OCTOBER 4

# THE NORTHERN CALL

*G. V. Haigh, Conference President, Queensland.*

Big challenges face the Christian Church today. With the growth of population, members are moving into new areas, and this gives rise to the problem of conservation.

New housing projects have brought communities into being without adequate facilities for worship. Therein lies the challenge to evangelise.

Right at the heart of things is a need for members to be soundly grounded in the Word of God, in doctrine, in faith and in practice, to ward off the sinister attacks of "outside" influences. Herein lies the challenge for leadership.

Abroad, there are still fields of opportunity where men and women have yet to hear the gospel message.

Not only must laborers be sent, but they must be adequately trained. This age in which we live is one of specialisation and the sphere of the Church is no exception.

Jesus called humble fishermen to discipleship, but he spent three years leading, teaching and preparing them for the great commission.

Paul, an intellectual before his conversion, spent three years in Arabia before embarking

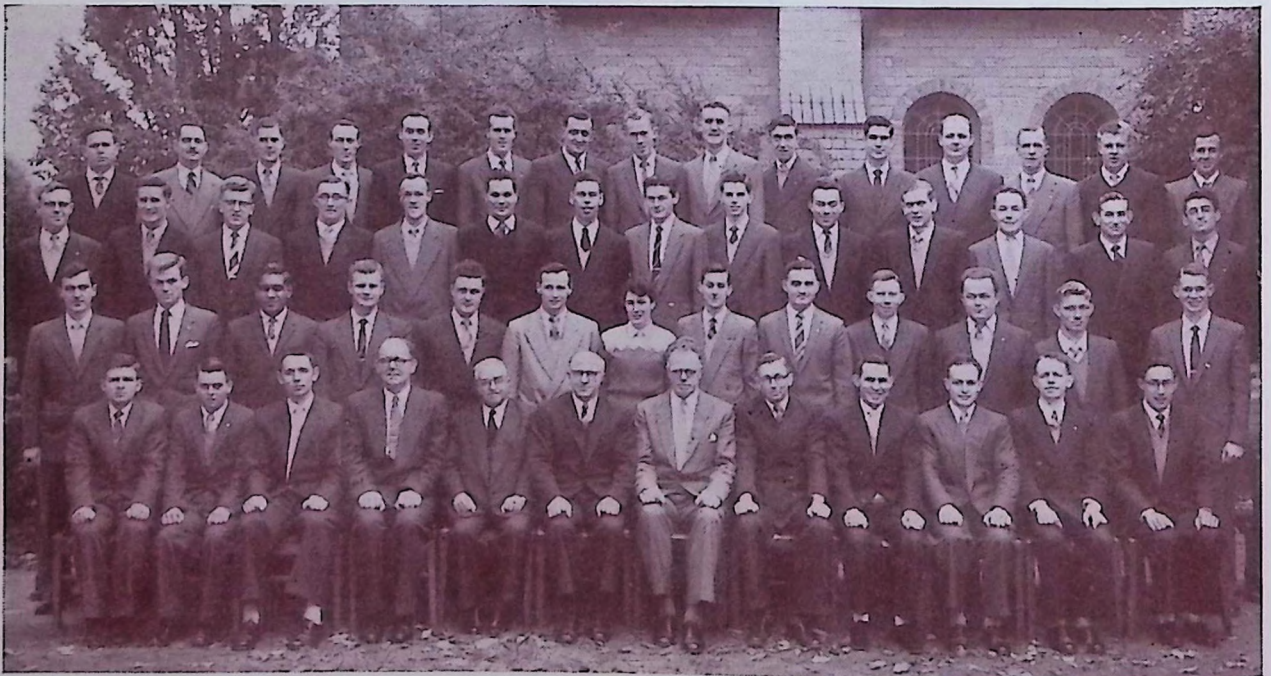
upon the Christian ministry. He it was who exhorted young Timothy to "Study to shew thyself approved unto God . . . rightly dividing the word of truth."

Here in Queensland, great distances between churches, isolation but unlimited opportunities, make us deeply conscious of the need for trained young men. We look to men who will give leadership, enduring the hardships which may be involved, even when easier and more lucrative calls may be obtained in other States.

It goes without saying that training costs the student much, and it also makes great demands upon those responsible for the training.

Fortunate indeed is the Australian brotherhood that it possesses the College of the Bible, and doubly so that it has a Faculty of self-sacrificing, competent men who resolutely face the great challenge of increasing demands.

It is our responsibility to see that those who strive to supply the need in trained men are adequately supplied themselves. This will be our test of stewardship as we consider the Annual Appeal of the College of the Bible.



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**Theme for the Week:**  
**"HOPE AND  
FORGIVENESS"**

**Sunday, September 27**

Romans 8: 18-27.

Thought Text: "We are saved by hope" (v. 24).

Modern translations prefer something like "In this hope we were saved" (R.S.V.), and it is true that Paul's dominant thought in this whole passage centres on the gift of hope as a joyous accompaniment of salvation. But experience teaches that there have also been times when men have been literally saved by hope — somehow finding new strength in daring to believe the impossible, "enduring as seeing him who is invisible."

In one of England's church buildings there is an inscription to the man who made it possible in 1643: "When all things sacred were either demolished or profaned, this church was built by one whose singular praise it is to have done the best things in the worst times, and to have helped them in the most calamitous."

"Doing the best things in the worst times" is the mark of men who are not only saved by hope themselves, but whose hopefulness is the means of saving others. How much of the joyous hope of our faith is seen in us?

For Christ our Hope; for the hope that brightens the present and lightens the future, we give thee thanks, O God. Amen.

**Monday, September 28**

Colossians 1: 3-6, 21-23.

Thought Text: "Not shifting from the hope of the gospel" (v. 23).

Christian hope is no dreamer's phantasy, swept away by the first cold blast of reality. For the man who is "grounded and settled" in the faith, hope is vital — a hope which, as G. P. MacLeod has said, "is not man-made, but God-given . . . resting on what God is eternally, on what he has done in Christ, and on what he will yet do."

No wonder that the writer to the

# WHEN SOARS the SOUL

## A Week of Daily Devotions, Based on Readings Suggested by the "Book of Family Worship"

Hebrews called such a hope "an anchor of the soul." Is your anchor holding?

Lord, help thy servants to rejoice in hope, even when the pressures are all against them. May we all lay hold anew on the hope set before us.

**Tuesday, September 29**

1 Peter 1: 3, 4, 13-21.

Thought Text: "Born again into a life full of hope" (v. 3, Phillips).

This is an amazing opening to a letter written to people who were facing persecution for their faith with phrases like "abundant mercy," "living hope," "inheritance incorruptible" and "joy unspeakable" vying with one another to portray what it means to be a Christian in a time like that.

Once it had been different for Peter, the man who denied his Lord and who (as Matthew tells us) "followed afar off to see the end." But the resurrection had changed all that — "born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ!" Is such a hope at the centre of all our living?

Father, we thank thee for what that living hope, centred in a living Lord, means to many of our brethren facing trial of their faith today. Amen.

**Wednesday, September 30**

1 John 3: 1-3, 10, 11.

Thought Text: "Every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself even as he is pure" (v. 3).

What a hope this is! — "we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is." But John meant his words as much more than a fillip to fainting souls. Every day (he was saying in effect) we must be preparing for that moment, daily growing more like him, letting his Spirit take fuller control, cleansing, guiding.

Peter looked at the other side of the picture — the doom facing the world — and cried, "What sort of persons ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness!" (2 Pet. 3: 11). Whatever the situation, we must keep our standards high.

Help us, O Lord, to keep ourselves pure, upheld by so great a hope. Amen.

**Thursday, October 1**

Psalms 78: 32-39.

Thought Text: "Their life no better than a passing breeze" (v. 39, Moffatt).

"A passing breeze" — is that all that human life is? Surely not! The New Testament shows us clearly that

human life, frail as it is, has eternal meaning and can "do all things," when linked with the power and purposes of God.

But the Psalmist makes a moving contrast between the people's remembrance of "God their rock and redeemer" (v. 35), and God's merciful remembrance, when they dared to defy him, that "they were but flesh" (v. 39). Compared with the Eternal God our lives surely are only like "a passing breeze," but let "the rushing, mighty wind" of God's Spirit fill our lives, and there's no limit to what they can mean.

O God, save us from futile living. May we work out thy purposes with thee. Amen.

**Friday, October 2**

I Kings 8: 37-40.

Thought Text: "Hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place, and forgive" (v. 39).

For this writer these words will always bring back a memory of a tall, thin, aging man, painfully pulling himself up into the pulpit of Scots Church, Melbourne at the Wednesday lunch-hour. When he spoke, all physical limitations seemed to fall away, and when he prayed he seemed to gather up all our needs and draw us together in such real devotion, that when, at the end of his prayer, he would say, "Hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place, and when thou hearest, forgive," the words sent a thrill through at least one worshipper.

Dr. Frank Boreham preached and prayed as one who rejoiced in the forgiveness of God. He knew what it meant. Do we?

Cleanse us, O merciful Lord, of any unforgiving spirit to others. Amen.

**Saturday, October 3**

Luke 15: 11-24.

Thought Text: "His father saw him and had compassion and ran" (v. 20).

A daring, wonderful picture, this! For this is what God is like, Jesus was saying; let a penitent turn towards him and he finds, not a cold reluctance to forgive, but an eager rush of forgiving love.

But let us not forget that Divine forgiveness is no easy thing. As someone has said, "Forgiveness is not a smoothing of the surface to make life easy; it is reconciliation at the depths to make life right."

O thou whose love didst take the initiative, coming in Christ to reconcile the world to thyself, we thank thee for forgiveness of sin, for a love that will not let us go. Amen.

# HERE AND THERE

Keith A. Jones, Secretary of the Federal College of the Bible, supplied the special College material and pictures used in this issue. A liberal offering on Sunday, Oct. 4 is imperative for the ongoing of the College's vital ministry.

A. L. Jackel, an honored member of Wangaratta church, Vic., has been appointed Mayor of the City, following his re-election to the Council.

The church at Preston, Vic., held an evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Searle, on Sept. 5, when members and many visitors came together to express their appreciation of the long and faithful service rendered by them over a period of some forty years in the full-time ministry (of which more than one quarter was spent at Preston). Various speakers paid tribute to the leadership, helpful teaching and fine pastoral work of Mr. Searle during his term at Preston, and presentations of a sheaf of flowers and a wallet of notes were made on behalf of members and friends. Mr. Searle delivered his final messages to the church on the 6th, when capacity meetings were a fitting tribute to one who has served the Lord so faithfully. The church wishes Mr. and Mrs. Searle every blessing of health and happiness, as they enjoy the respite from the strain and responsibilities of the full-time ministry, in their approaching sojourn with their son Bruce and his wife, at Buxton.—A. Quaife, Sec.

As a "curtain-raiser" to Unity Month at Maryborough, Vic, a combined Men's Fellowship was held in the Presbyterian Sunday School Hall, where the men of the Church of Christ, Presbyterian, Congregational and Methodist churches met for fellowship and worship. Thirty-eight of the leading men of the four churches were present, and were addressed by J. E. Brooke, minister of our Balwyn church, on the subject, *The Groundswell of Our Times*, which, of course, was Christian Union. Mr. Brooke was most warmly applauded.—J. J. Alderson.

Following discussion groups in many homes, the church at Moreland, Vic., held a church family dinner, arranged to introduce a programme for church families to worship together, and learn together. 160 attended the dinner, when a challenge was made to all to give the programme a trial for one month. The scheme commenced at the beginning of August,

with families attending together for morning communion at 10 a.m. This was followed by a cup of tea and fellowship break, before all went into classes for Christian Education. The average attendance for morning communion was 152. The average number of adults staying on for classes was 75, as well as 25 other adults staying as teachers and creche helpers, etc. After three weeks' trial, 120 adults filled in evaluation forms, when an overwhelming majority favored the continuation of this new programme. Some of the replies showed that people liked the family worshipping together; the early communion produced a readiness for teaching and study; they noted a deeper unity in the church, more Bible reading in the home, and a closer relationship with God. The church, at a special meeting, accepted a recommendation from the Board of Deacons and Elders that the Church Family Programme now operating continue until the end of 1959, subject to revision by the Board, if deemed necessary. The church is pleased to see parents of scholars attending the communion service for the first time, and others on the outer being drawn in. L. A. Trezise



Miss M. Russell and Miss J. E. Holt  
Federal College Housekeepers.

(Dept. Christian Education) has given appreciated leadership in this venture.

The N.S.W. Department of Christian Education, in conjunction with the Overseas Mission Committee, has just completed a Missionary Adventure scholar and efficiency drive. Forty-five schools competed in the contest, and over 350 new scholars or scholars rejoining have been reported. The contest centred around our Overseas Mission work, as schools "visited" the various Mission centres week by week on a large map, and learnt something of the work being done from suitably prepared scripts. By way of special project work, the children learnt the names of the missionaries and their work, collected postage stamps and contributed towards mite boxes. Provisional winner is Tempe school, which reports 36 new scholars.

George Smith, preacher at Epping, N.S.W., has been invited by the Epping Baptist Church to be guest speaker at the 11 a.m. service on Sept. 20. This service will be televised in Sydney over Channel 2 on that date, and in Melbourne on the same Channel on Sept. 27.



## A Centenary Project

This is the Centenary Year of Queensland. Next year Toowoomba will celebrate its Centenary (Toowoomba Churches of Christ were established 77 years ago.)

In this connection, the Committee of the Mylo Home for the Aged, Toowoomba, is seeking the help of all ex-members and friends of Toowoomba Churches of Christ.

The Home at present accommodates 15 old people, but proposed renovations will double the number. It is hoped to start the extensions before the end of the year.

We are asking ex-members and friends to help us furnish the new dining-room. A suitable plaque will be erected.

Are there 500 people who would give £1 (or more) to this project?

All monies can be sent to the Treasurer, R. Draney, 26 Rome-st., Toowoomba, and gifts of £1 or over are exempt from taxation. (Receipts will be sent.)

Many ex-residents will remember the Mylo Private Hospital (corner of Arthur and Mackenzie-sts.). Now it is a Home for the Aged, and we believe it is the most delightful garden setting of any Old People's Home in Australia (1½ acres)!

Remember the happy times you had in Toowoomba and send a gift to the "Centenary Fund" to help those in the eventide of life.—R. C. McKenzie.





# MISSIONARY NEWS

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

## Jubilee Services, Aoba

Great preparations had been made by the people to make the Jubilee services successful. For weeks beforehand, choirs had practised, and the musical items had been rehearsed, and preparations made for the final afternoon when a Jubilee feast was to be held.

The services were held on July 15 and 16.

The morning service set the tempo for the whole series. Long before the time set for the commencement of the service, people were making their way from various directions to the Ndui Ndui church.

When all was in readiness, the Federal Secretary was halted at the door, and upon entry, the great congregation sang, "He is come." The hymn had reference to the coming of the Holy Spirit! However, the people saw nothing inappropriate in making this their welcome hymn.

The first service took the form of Remembrance. All speakers dwelt on the coming of the first missionaries — F. Purdy, A. T. Waters, and others — and how, through them, Christ was made known and then "light shown in the darkness." Keeping to the theme of remembrance, as guest speaker, I chose the text "Remember all the way the Lord thy God hath led thee these forty (fifty) years," stressing what God had done through Christ; what the old teachers (the Kanakas from Queensland) had done; what the early missionaries had done, and from what they had come.

The afternoon service was for women only — except for the one lone male representative from Australia. The way these Aoban Christian women conducted the meeting was most impressive. Several of the sisters spoke, and items were given by village groups. It was a well represented meeting, and the singing was very fine. These Aoban women certainly were able to uphold the general tradition that "women can talk." Commencing in the middle of the afternoon, it was too dark to read the concluding hymn. The meeting could not have been of less than two and a half hours' duration.

The theme for the evening service was **Looking to the Future**. Representatives from various groups spoke briefly; the choir items were excel-

lent, and so was the congregational singing. The address given as guest speaker was based on the command to Moses, "Why callest thou unto Me? speak to the children of Israel that they go forward."

The final united service was held on the morning of the next day. There was evident a note of rejoicing, with praise and thanksgiving the keynote. The final opportunity as representative from Australia to speak to "all-together" was taken at this service, the theme being **Thy First Love**. The people were challenged, as were the Ephesians (Rev. 2: 1ff.), to search their own hearts, to see whether they had lost something of the glow they once had.

Abel Barney, the leading teacher, in a final word expressed the thanks of the New Hebridean Christians to the Australian churches for all that had been done for them, and particularly at this time, for the coming of the Federal Secretary as the Australian representative. Abel concluded by saying, "Often we are like the blind man of the Bible before the completion of the miracle, when he saw men as trees walking; but Mr. Anderson came and put eye salve on our eyes, and we see clearly."

The same afternoon, a "free for all" kai (feast) was held on the sports arena. It was a moving sight to see the crowds who came. It was estimated that 1,500 people were there. Many people from neighboring Missions were present, and were made welcome. There were also visiting missionaries, and friendly white traders from the area. It was a fitting climax for the Jubilee celebrations, and whilst the weather had not been too favorable on several occasions during the festivities, this open air picnic was held in glorious sunshine. It seemed that heaven itself was rejoicing with the people of God.

## SPECIAL EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS, INDIA.

We are having a visit to our area of one of India's much used Indian evangelists, Paul Sudhakar, M.A. He is a South Indian, and in the first place will hold four days of meetings at Dhond, Sept. 29 to Oct. 2. Then in January he will return to hold meetings at all of our stations, five to six days at each station. In October, youth camps will be held, and later on we are to have a Preachers' Retreat. We do hope that this will be

a time of much fellowship and inspiration for all who attend. —Bruce V. Coventry.

## NOTES FROM THE READINGS

as Suggested for

### Sunday, Sept. 27

#### PSALM 34: 1-10.

In this opening section of an acrostic Psalm, the Psalmist calls on all to join him in giving thanks to the Lord, who had delivered him in a time of great need.

"They looked unto him" (v. 5). — "Look to him and be radiant" (R.S.V.). "He himself is an example of what God can do. 'If filled with a sense of shame,' he says, 'look at me, and remember God can do as much for you'" (Leslie).

"This poor man cried" (v. 6). — "The word to stress is poor. Not simply in respect of material goods, though it covers that, but as a description of anybody who is finding life too much for him" (Sclater).

"The young lions" (v. 10). — This is regarded by many as a mistake for "deniers of God." "While those who deny God suffer want, is his thought, the righteous are provided life's necessities" (Leslie).

#### MATTHEW 6: 19-34.

"Jesus gives his answer to the all-important question of how a man can live a life free from distracting care and worry" (Davies).

"single . . . evil" (vv. 22, 23). — "The Greek word translated single, according to Souter, means directing the eye to one definite object, and is a symbolic expression for singleness of purpose; others conjecture that since the word single is contrasted with evil eye, and as the latter is used in Proverbs for niggardliness, so the single eye is a metaphorical expression for generosity. In Mk. 7: 22, the expression evil eye means envy, so possibly the single eye is one that is trustful and entirely free from envy" (Davies).

"mammon" (v. 24). — Money, property, worldliness.

"Take no thought" (v. 25). — "Do not be anxious" (R.S.V.).

"add one cubit unto his stature" (v. 27). — "Add one cubit (18 inches) to his span of life" (R.S.V.) "Jesus shows the futility of anxious care concerning one's physical size or the span of one's years" (Davies).





# INTERSTATE CHURCH NEWS

## AUST. CAPITAL TERRITORY

Canberra (G. R. Stirling, B.A.).—Good meetings on Sept. 6 marked opening of week of special services conducted by C. G. Flood (Ann-st., Brisbane). Attendances were 190 a.m.; 143 p.m.; communed 174. Youth organisations paraded at morning service, and in evening 5 people were baptised, bringing to 20 total of those baptised over past three weeks.

## TASMANIA

Ulverstone. — On afternoon of Aug. 23, E. W. Taylor (Devonport) officiated at baptismal service of a married man who had previously confessed Christ as Saviour, at the conclusion of a gospel service conducted by N. J. Warmbrunn. Three new B.S. scholars were enrolled on Sept. 6. C. Orr (Launceston) has consented to supervise remodelling and enlarging of kinder room.

Collins-st., Hobart (C. E. Watson).—Attendances during Aug. were affected by sickness. Averages were: 168 a.m.; 153 p.m.; 170 communed; offering, £65/10/-. Mr. and Mrs. Watson journeyed to Dover, Sept. 5-6, and conducted visitation. Mr. Watson addressed morning service. Hobart Technical High School Band were guests at youth tea on 2nd, assisted in gospel service and gave recital before and after that meeting. Morning service of Aug. 9 was broadcast. Four Y.P. were received into fellowship that day, and a young man on 16th. Five Y.P. made the good confession on 23rd, and a young lady made a reconsecration. Minister has concluded special series of gospel addresses and is now preaching special series at morning services. Concert arranged by C.M.S., assisted by C.W.E.F., was very successful. Sing-spiration conducted by R. Boxhall now precedes gospel services. Badminton club were defeated in grand final. All auxiliaries are active, and C.E. has recommenced after being in recess. Preachers' panel is being usefully employed in assisting sister churches.

## QUEENSLAND

Rockhampton (W. J. Davidson).—Attendances at all meetings have been well maintained. Church has commenced holding services at Moon-gan, in the home of Mr. and Mrs.

A. Saunders. Attendances have been gratifying, and have reached 26. Services are conducted once a month by Mr. Davidson. Two new members have been received into fellowship of church. Church welcomed into fellowship a family by transfer. Farewell barbecue with hike was recently held by Y.P. society for Miss Marie Findlay, who is leaving for Melbourne to further her nursing training. Visitors to services include Mr. and Mrs. Smith, and Mrs. Smith, sr., (Bordertown), Mr. and Mrs. D. Jones and family (Redcliffe), Mr. and Mrs. Davidson, sr., parents of the minister, H. Kingsford (Brisbane), and N. Reese (Sydney). Members were recently engaged in distributing pamphlets in preparation for Local Option Poll held at Park Avenue, a Rockhampton suburb. The vote was to decide upon removal or not of a hotel licence to the locality.

Ma Ma Creek (J. A. Rae). — Sis. M. Larsen and H. Rosenberg are convalescing after period in Gatton hospital. Mr. Rae made presentation to Aileen Draney on behalf of the church, prior to her leaving for New Guinea. Several B.S. scholars attended youth camp at Shannon Memorial Park, under leadership of H. Finger. C.E. society has formed a tennis club, and plays on L. Metcalf's court. H. Nicholls, who was received into the church less than a month ago, passed away suddenly. F. Thomas collapsed and died same week. Assistance at various services of three Woolwich Bible students during vacation — Norma Cole, Des. Croot and Araul Smith — has been much appreciated. Mrs. Cheek (Belmore) is visiting at manse and was welcomed to morning service on Sept. 6. Church combined with other churches for a Centenary Service in Gatton School of Arts, on Aug. 30, when Mr. Hiley, Qld. Govt. Treasurer, was guest speaker.

## NEW SOUTH WALES

Inverell (G. H. Earle).—Baptismal service was held on Sept. 6, when a family of four members were baptised into Christ. Mr. and Mrs. Noel Goodall rendered duet at service. Church joined in combined service in Town Hall on Aug. 30, when film, *The Heart is a Rebel*, was screened. C.W.F. held cake and recipe afternoon on 2nd. Minister's morning service addresses have been on *Essential Christianity*.

North Balgowlah (R. Harrison - J. Main). — Sympathy is extended

## Discipleship

Allison Peach, Minyip, Vic.  
Mary Cherryman, John Humphreys, Warracknabeal, Vic.

M. Pelling, B. Waters, Misses S. Pott, N. Hamilton, L. Jones, B. Tomlinson, Mesdames Brown, Harrington, Nagle, Studd, Bentleigh, Vic.

S. Johnson, Ulverstone, Tas.

Mr. Sexton, Julie Thompson, Karen Scott, Brendan and Bernard Var-ker, Frankston, Vic.

Cyril Jones, Berein Jones, Rockhampton, Qld.

Mrs. D. J. Munro, Ian De Plater, Don McEwan, Brian Storey, Graham Withers, Canberra, A.C.T.

Julie and John Wills, Mr. and Mrs. Wills, Inverell, N.S.W.

Heather and Jennifer Blomfield, Doncaster, Vic.

Mr. and Mrs. Millar, Mrs. Carter and Sharon, Earlwood, N.S.W.

## Membership

iders, Mrs. Buntie, Vic.

Miss Taylor, from Ivanhoe to Bentleigh, Vic.

Mrs. Sexton and Margaret Sexton, from Hampton to Frankston, Vic.

Mr. and Mrs. Jolly, from Cairns to Rockhampton, Qld.

## Marriage

Mavis King to Warren Brown, Bankstown, N.S.W.

Val Jones to Barry Specht, Unley, S.A.

## Fallen Asleep

Alex. Purdy, sr., North Balgowlah, N.S.W.

Mrs. Elligett, sr., Maidstone, Vic.

Geo. Edwards, Earlwood, N.S.W.

H. Nicholls, F. Thomas, Ma Ma Creek, Qld.

to Mrs. Purdy and Alex Purdy, jr., in loss of husband and father, also to Mrs. J. R. Hughes in loss of her father. Twenty-first birthday party was extended to Robert Kain. Miss N. Hughes is in hospital, and Mr. Paternoster is ill at home after a stroke. Interior of chapel has been painted. A B.S. social was held at conclusion of Missionary Adventure campaign. Miss Val. Thompson is helping in kinder. C.W.F. recently enjoyed a treasure afternoon.

**Wollongong** (R. J. Anderson). — Building alterations and extensions are well under way. Conditions will become a little difficult for a few months as the work progresses, meeting space being big factor. Y.P. under leadership of minister, equipped themselves for open air campaigning work with fine set of amplifiers, which were generously donated for the work. On Father's Day, Y.P. prepared a fellowship tea for fathers of church. Fathers and sons assisted in gospel service. Church regrets loss of B.S. supt., Ron Hay, who, together with family, has moved to a Sydney suburb. Farewell and presentation were tendered to them.

**Mosman** (L. E. Wylie). — As part of Education Sunday, Sister M. Davies, a schoolteacher, helped in evening gospel service. On evening of Aug. 8, C.E. society held social evening, with games and films. **The Beginning of the Rainbow** was screened on 9th. On 12th, Mr. Wyman (O.A.C.) visited midweek fellowship meeting, and told of their work, with illustrated slides. On morning of 30th, N. Hunter (B. and F. B. S.) gave the address. On Sept. 6, a special Father's Day fellowship tea was held, and at the evening service "fathers" took gospel service, and Mr. Hall gave the address. One lady reconsecrated her life.

**Earlwood** (A. Webb-J. Timms). — Recently formed J.C.E., meeting on Sundays at 3.30, shows promise. On Sept. 6, the Mayor of Canterbury, an active Baptist, gave address to the children. Hearts were saddened at the passing of G. Edwards, after a long illness. Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Edwards, still in hospital over a period of months, and to his family. Mrs. Morris is ill, and Mr. Berry is still in hospital.

**Bankstown**. — Work on youth hall has commenced, and painting of outside of chapel is under way under leadership of Mr. Henderson. Miss Mavis King was given a kitchen tea prior to her marriage. A display of C.W.F. work was held on Aug. 24, when many articles of clothing, dolls and toys were shown, prior to their packing up for mission field. Also, at this meeting, the church farewelled Sis. Schofield, who has been in membership at Bankstown for eighteen years. Sis. Schofield has

served faithfully at the organ, in Bible school and Women's Fellowship. A Youth Fellowship, under leadership of Peter McNeil, is doing well with over twenty members. Church was addressed on morning of 31st by Pastor Samuels (United Aborigines Mission), and at the Youth Fellowship meeting he gave an illustrated lecture.

## SOUTH AUSTRALIA

**Dulwich** (G. A. Hearn). — Alterations to building are going ahead nicely. Boys' basketball (D grade) won premiership. Mr. and Mrs. Fergie (Canberra) are now living in district. C.W.F. congratulated Mrs. Selway on her 90th birthday; she is regular in attendance at all meetings. Mrs. Mellowship is able to attend morning service after a long period of illness. G.L.B. held Bible display, with film by B.&F.B.S.; proceeds were for piano fund.

**Enfield Heights** (A. E. Brown). — Services are being well attended and a number of members have been added to fellowship. Social evening was held in the R.S.L. Hall on Aug. 21 to celebrate reaching membership of 100. Good number attended, including S. Neighbour, A. Jones, K. Patterson, A. Mauger, these brethren having done a fine work in helping the church from its inception. Annual business meeting showed all auxiliaries in good heart. At morning service on Sept. 6, minister inducted Messrs. Filmer and Harris as elders of the church. At close of preacher's address on Aug. 30, 10 confessed Christ; 4 also came forward on Sept. 6.

**Port Pirie** (G. Rose). — C.W.F. recently arranged special evening. Mrs. Butler (Overseas Missions Board) was present, and showed slides of our mission fields. During past three weeks, three have made their decisions for Christ. Some good work was done during recent working bee. Congratulations go to the girls' basketball team, on winning premiership in fourth grade.

**Murray Bridge** (R. Graham). — B.S. anniversary, with prize-giving as part of the programme, occupied Aug. 29. Three services were well attended. It was most enjoyable to have Mr. and Mrs. Horne and family present, and the Youth Director had full attention for his talks. At gospel service, two younger girls made their decision. It was a thrill to have B.S. supt., Don Harper, home on a surprise visit for anniversary. Visitors have included Mr. and Mrs. Gibson (Balaklava). Members were pleased to have Mrs. Peters present for two Sundays; ill-health keeps her home when she longs to attend worship. Aged Mrs.

Downing is also unable to attend services. Clubs' church parade brought increased attendance to gospel service. At the close, two films were screened in hall. Several members are attending State Conference.

**Owen-Long Plains** (G. Mathieson, jr.). — Work is continuing under weekend ministry of G. Mathieson, jr. Services during Aug. have been well attended. Owen church anniversary was held with a P.S.A., with Mr. Hughes, M.P., as guest speaker. B.S. anniversary was held with a tea and social evening, when film, **The Miracle of Love**, was screened. Avon combined B.S. anniversary was also held, with guest speaker Mr. Lasslett. On tea night, film, **Son of Man**, was screened. C.E. work is in good heart in both churches. Northern C.Y.F. was held at Owen, when about 150 young people got together; speaker was K. Patterson (Balaklava). Film, **Battle-Ground of Europe**, was screened. Manse is under repairs and has also been rewired for 240 volt power, expected soon. One teacher at Long Plains has used strip films during lesson at church school, and found them a success.

**Unley** (C. H. J. Wright, B.A.). — On Aug. 28, sixty Y.P. attended C.Y.F. weekend camp at Longwood. Study programme included **Christianity and the Home**, and **Workshop on Witnessing**. B.S. is now meeting in mornings. On Sept. 6, men's service was conducted by men of church; men's choir supplied special music, with Mr. Jessup as conductor. Friendship Visitation Night was held on previous Wednesday, and all visited were specially invited to service. Building was packed to capacity, and there was one confession.

**Bendigo** (G. J. Andrews). — Preacher exchanged pulpits with K. Ludgater (Spring Gully) for evening service on Aug. 16. Church half-yearly business and inspirational meeting was conducted on 26th. Baptist ladies presented C.W.F. programme on 27th. C.M.S. arranged evening service for Sept. 6, when E. Duus was speaker, I. Ross soloist and G. Garth reader. Feature was **Barrage of Scripture Verse**, quoted by men. Offering received aided Aboriginal chapel project. Delegations have travelled to Dunolly in support of mission there. Church suffers a loss in removal of Triplett family to Lockington.

**Bentleigh** (F. L. Ewers, B.A.). — Since last report ten have been added to the church by faith and obedience, and one by transfer. All meetings are well attended, and on occasions it is difficult to find seating to accommodate the congregation. Annual Missionary Conference was

very successful. An offering was taken on the last night of the week which amounted to £105; this was divided between missionary societies that assisted, and is church's part in wider evangelical effort. Missionary Conference was preceded by several meetings at which F. Ewers presented fundamental truths of the gospel. On Sept. 6, J. Dow gave an illustrated talk at Youth Fellowship tea, showing progress of work in New Guinea. This was followed by a service conducted by C.M.S., in which a good interest was shown. Mrs. Thomason, oldest foundation member, was 95 on 9th.

**Carnegie** (A. R. Lloyd). — A number of Y.P. attended S.E. churches' camp at Monbulk. A. R. Lloyd was one of the speakers. S. Wilkerson was speaker at morning service on Aug. 16. A. R. Lloyd and members of youth group assisted at gospel service. Miss J. Gourlay has been awarded her Sister's Certificate. Reports show improvement in health of Miss Forsyth and Mrs. Miller. Mr. Fullerton has been discharged from hospital, and Cheryl Denison is still in Austin Hospital. Services on 30th were well attended. After church song service was held at manse. P.B.P. were runners up in table tennis. K.S.P. 3rd Degree held successful meeting at Gardiner. Number of members attended Wangaratta Convention, where A. R. Lloyd was a speaker. Speakers on Sept. 6 were E. Allsop and C. Cole; Mrs. Cole was soloiste. Two were welcomed into fellowship. A. Mudge was speaker at Mooropna and S. Wilkerson was speaker at Pascoe Vale Nth.

**Doncaster** (C. G. Taylor, B.A.). — Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Tully have been welcomed back after long holiday on Gold Coast; Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Tully have left on holiday cruise to Japan. Girls' basketball team has received many congratulations on reaching grand final. Two B.S. scholars made the good confession on Sept. 6. Mrs. Ada Petty and Brian Tully are recovering from surgery. Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Miller received congratulations on celebrating their ruby wedding.

**Frankston** (D. A. V. Thomas). — Members of U.E.U. Crusade team were speakers at both services on Aug. 16 and 23. G. Scambler spoke at morning service on 30th, also at members' luncheon. Five were baptised at gospel service on Sept. 6. Fathers' and sons' tea was enjoyed when W. Newham (Chief Explorer) was speaker. Mr. Newham also preached at gospel service. Messages in song by Mrs. McKenzie and Mr. Newham have been appreciated. Many visitors have been present, including Miss Rosalie Matson, home from Canada, Mr. and Mrs. English (N.S.W.), Mr. and Mrs. Dyson (W.A.), and Mr.

Bamford (Qld), who has had fellowship with church for several months.

**Spring Gully** (K. Ludgater). — Evening worship attendances are maintaining an average of 25. G. J. Andrews was speaker on Aug. 16 and A. C. Mudford on 30th. Russell Andrews has been welcomed as B.S. teacher. Men have been active on property improvements.

**Footscray** (A. E. Hurren). — One young lady was received into fellowship on Aug. 30. H. Easton was soloist at night. Miss Symes (Oakleigh) was visitor for day. C. Danaher has been added to teaching staff of B.S. Mrs. R. Haden has been elected supt. of General Dorcas. Several members visited Wangaratta on Sept. 5 and 6 for Half-yearly Convention K.S.P. club led in worship on morning of 6th, and at night C.M.S. took leading part. C.M.S. joined in central rally at Lygon-st. on 8th. C.W.F. visited Lygon-st. on 9th, for annual Missionary rally. C.W.E.F. had Mrs. Ashby (Red Cross Society) as speaker on 9th.

**South Melbourne** (K. R. Bowes, M.A.). — A musical festival was held on Aug. 30, in which recorded music was featured. Many favorable comments were received. A teen-age girl made her decision at conclusion of the service. Meetings are being well attended. Film night on 21st raised more than £15, proceeds helping to pay for duplicator. Regular visitation of homes of contacts has recommenced.

**Wangaratta** (B. A. Roberts). — On Aug. 22, Y.P. had an enjoyable excursion to Mt. Buffalo snowfields. Some members journeyed to Yarra-wonga on Sept. 1, to share in church anniversary tea. L. Jackel is home from hospital. Appreciation has been expressed to Conference Executive for beneficial meetings and fellowship enjoyed during Half-yearly Convention, held here on Sept. 5-6. Addresses and discussions were most helpful, and these, with the hospitality extended, have shown how fellowship can be promoted between members of city and country churches.

**Maidstone** (R. A. Ryall). — Averages for Aug. were, 62 a.m., 34 p.m., 49 breaking bread. On Aug. 2, stewardship film, *The Secret of the Gift*, was appreciated. Bayswater Y.P. and leaders were guests of Maidstone C.Y.F. on 3rd, and 38 enjoyed varied programme. C.W.E.F. has elected office-bearers: pres. Mrs. N. Hounsell; vice-pres. Mrs. H. Casper; sec. Mrs. G. Duan; treas. Mrs. F. Mathews. Church annual business meeting endorsed principle of overall church budget, with details to be submitted for approval at a later meeting. Deacons are W. Cousins (co-opted); E. Cartledge, N. Hope, I. Hampton (sec.),

A. Geake (treas.); deaconesses: Mrs. H. Casper, N. Curnow, H. Pietzsch; E. Squires; organists: V. Waters, Mrs. G. Elligett; A.C. agent: Miss M. Grimshaw; C.F.A. agent: A. Colwell; press correspondent: Miss D. Johns; auditors: Mr. and Mrs. E. McDougall. Church has been saddened by passing of Mrs. Elligett, snr., L. A. Stewart and Keith Harding; sympathy is offered to their loved ones. Social Service offering amounted to £7/1/-. A. E. Hurren (Footscray) exchanged with preacher on morning of 16th. Recent successful efforts to help liquidate hall debt have been a B.S. scholars' concert and G.C.C. stall. Mr. and Mrs. Ryall and 7 Maidstone Y.P. shared in district youth camp over weekend Aug. 28-30.

## OPEN FORUM

### THAT WORD "BRO."!

A lot of our BREN. have fallen into the habit of calling one another BRO.; not brother, but just plain BRO. I used to get the shudders when someone called me BRO. Now I think there are some things to be said for the practice.

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3. Usually you can call someone your own age or younger by his Christian name, and you use MR. if he is older. While you are trying to make up your mind how old he is, what better than the neutral BRO., used pro tem.

4. When you call someone by the good old New Testament term BROTHER, you are committed to treat him as a brother. However, you might wish to keep him at arm's length until you have found out about his respectability, his theology or his politics, so call him BRO. and only commit yourself to him half way.

5. After all, these are days of speed, with the need for abbreviation. Every one does it. So why not all fall into line and call each other BRO. and SIS. and BREN. (Latter includes the SISES.) Our morning president might call on a BRO. to read the N.T. LESS, after singing the IST and LST. VV. of the previous hymn. After all we must keep up with the times, as we plead for the REST. OF N.T. XTY.

I still hate being called BRO.

Hoping you are the same.—Gordon Stirling, Canberra, A.C.T.

**BIRTH**

McDONALD (Harris). On Sept. 6, at Warragul, to Val and Hugh, a son — Bryan Paul.

**"WITH CHRIST"**

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POTTER. — Ernest, loving husband of Esther, passed away Sept. 10, 1954.

WOODBIDGE. — In memory of George Bartlett, called Home Sept. 18, 1953.

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**COMING EVENTS**

**THE OFFICIAL OPENING** and Dedication of the New Building of the Church of Christ at Robinvale, by the Conference President, R. F. Geyer, at 3 p.m., on Sept. 26, with further services at 7 p.m. that day, and also at 11 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Sunday, 27th.

Past members of the **BENTLEIGH CHURCH OF CHRIST, Vic.**, are invited to their **ANNIVERSARY** and **HOMECOMING**, to be held on Oct. 4. 11 a.m., Dr. Killmier; 3 p.m., T. R. Morris, and Musical Interlude; 5 p.m., Tea; 7 p.m., F. Ewers. Hospitality provided for day.

**CARNEGIE (Toolambi-rd.) BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY, Oct. 4, 6, 11, Oct. 4: 3 p.m., C. R. Linton (Kinder prizegiving); 7 p.m., Les. Hutchinson. Oct. 11: 3 p.m., A. White (Primary prizegiving); 7 p.m., A. R. Lloyd; conductor: Ian Ferguson. Oct. 6: School Concert and Prizegiving, in Methodist hall, Neerim-rd., Carnegie (Vic.), at 7.45 p.m. We cordially invite you to attend these services.**

**BALWYN BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY, Sept. 20 and 27.** You are cordially invited to be in attendance at our 1959 Bible School Anniversary. Sept. 20: 3 p.m., Ron Hillier; 7 p.m., W. Bertelsen. Sept. 27: 3 p.m., Doug Beasy; 7 p.m., Stanton H. Wilson.

**CARLTON (Lygon-st., Vic.) BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY, Sept. 20.** 3 p.m., G. W. Barnett; 7 p.m., B. Greenwood. A very hearty welcome to all.

**OAKLEIGH CHURCH (Vic.) 43rd CHURCH ANNIVERSARY, Sept. 20.** 11 a.m., C. M. Dunse; 3 p.m., P.S.A. Programme arranged by C.M.S.; 7 p.m., A. Pigdon. Musical items by Miss J. Milne and Val Woff. Visitors for the day will be provided with hospitality. Please notify church sec., A. A. Brown, 35 Andrew-st., Oakleigh, Vic.

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## OBITUARY

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Mrs. H. G. Harward.

On Wednesday afternoon, Aug. 26, Lila Harward, widow of the late H. G. Harward, passed to her eternal reward at the age of 88. Mrs. Harward's parents came from Ireland on the same boat that brought Matthew Wood Green to Australia, and as a result of that contact, began to attend services conducted by him, and so found fellowship with Churches of Christ. Mrs. Harward was baptised at Collingwood, Vic., by Milner Black in 1890, and continued faithfully in membership for 69 years; although unable, as the result of a serious accident, to attend services in recent years. Her parents died while she was still in her teens, and left her with the care of the younger members of the family. Her sister, Mary Thompson, was our first Australian overseas missionary. Her husband, H. G. Harward, who died in 1944, was our first tent missionary and the first principal of our Federal

College, and was known and loved in all our Australian churches. To her son, Athol, and daughter, Doreen (Mrs. N. H. Morris, of City Temple), we express our Christian sympathy, and rejoice with them in the assurance of a glad reunion in the better land.—D. Wakeley.

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Comparative Religion: D. Hamilton, R. Hillbrick, D. Hughes, D. Hull, G. Moyes, A. Norris, B. Snoxall, D. Thoday; 3 others passed.

Religious Education: Miss S. Binney, R. Elbourne, K. Harvey, K. Ludgater, D. Nelson, K. Parry, S. Pinches, J. Somerville, J. Way; 5 others passed.

Homiletics II: P. Andrews, R. Elbourne, K. Harvey, K. Ludgater, D. Nelson, J. Somerville, J. Way; 5 others passed.

Homiletics III: D. Hamilton, G. Moyes, E. Sanders, B. Snoxall, D. Thoday; 5 others passed.

Leaving English: M. Giezendanner, B. White; 2 others passed.

English Grammar: M. Giezendanner, B. Ricketts, B. White.

Economics: B. White; 3 others passed.

New Testament: K. Bowes, R. Brand, R. Elbourne, K. Harvey, T. Lane, K. Ludgater, D. Nelson, K. Parry, E. Sanders, R. Sansome, J. Somerville, R. Tippett, J. Way; 19 others passed.

N.T. Greek I: R. Brand, T. Lane, F. Stone; 9 others passed.

N.T. Greek II: P. Andrews, O. Clark, R. Elbourne, K. Harvey, K. Ludgater, K. Parry, S. Pinches, J. Somerville; 4 others passed.

N.T. Greek III: D. Hamilton, D. Hughes, G. Moyes, A. Norris; 5 others passed.

Greek History: B. Ricketts, B. White; 2 others passed.

Apologetics: D. Hamilton, G. Moyes, A. Norris, P. Shannon; 5 others passed.

Practical Church Work I: K. Bowes, R. Brand, H. Jones, T. Lane, A. Male, B. Marriott; 10 others passed.

Practical Church Work II: D. Hamilton, D. Hughes, D. Hull, G. Moyes, A. Norris, P. Shannon; 4 others passed.

Church History I: Miss S. Binney, S. Graham, T. Lane; 11 others passed.

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