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World Moves Forward on Feet of Children



Children in Bible schools to-day will become Sunday school teachers, youth workers, missionaries, preachers and Christian workers of to-morrow. As the church develops evangelism among young people, so workers for the future are secured. Little children not attending Bible schools present one of the best missionary fields in the world.

Bible Truths for a Troubled World

POLAND

One German Pastor and Two Hundred Parishes

AT a service of Silesian expellees in Hanover, Dean Schmauch, of Lower Silesia, now working in Gorlitz, gave an account of the present situation of Silesians living east of the Neisse.

The Evangelischer Pressdienst of Bethel, in its issue of February 22, reports him as saying that a further series of evictions affecting a total of 400,000 Germans was now beginning. The region with the highest proportion of German inhabitants had so far been that of Waldenburg, where it had been possible to hold a Christmas service attended by over 700 people. Otherwise, however, there were only very small and widely-scattered parishes with often no more than 15 or 20 members, which were finding much difficulty in carrying on the life of their church. This was true particularly of the plains: in the towns things were somewhat better. Of the thousand pastors who used to care for the diocese of Silesia, there now remained one pastor solitary.

In spite of this, however, 200 parishes had been holding services Sunday by Sunday, taken by laymen, or even by women or deaconesses. The church in Silesia was existing without any help whatever from the State, solely through the sacrifices made by the congregations.



CHINA

New Tasks Facing Christian Letters

THE dissemination of the scriptures and the encouragement of Christian writings in China are making considerable strides.

The demand for the Bible, complete or in part, showed an estimated increase from 412,154 copies in 1946 to 2,932,682 in 1948. For 1949 the provisional figure is 2,160,000. Dr. Ralph Mortensen, the secretary of the China Bible House in Shanghai, adds, in the December issue of the "National Christian Council News," the significant information that all the regional representatives of the Bible are scattered all over the country, and are able to continue working for the propagation of the scriptures.

On December 2, 1949, the Bible Centre obtained the authorities' permission to import paper from abroad for the printing of the Bible in Chinese.

For the first time, also, a placard has been hung up outside drawing the attention of passers-by to the Great Book of the World. A clergyman is represented as holding out the Bible to a young mother with her two children and their old grandfather, and the inscription in Chinese reads, "The Book Everyone Wishes to Read."

The extension of Christian publishing received a stimulus from the first meeting of the Council of Christian Publishers, held in Shanghai in the autumn of 1949. The questions of principle and practice discussed there will be obvious from the themes chosen for the talks that were given, which led to a number of important decisions on types of Christian literature for the new China; the training of Christian writers; the Christian church and the literacy movement. The meeting closed with the appeal that "a union bookstore should be developed in every key city in China." Christian book production as a whole needed to be re-examined in the light of present-day requirements, and Christian letters in China must be established on a basis essentially wider than heretofore, if they were to do justice to the needs of all strata of society—not least those of the uneducated or semi-educated. "Will the Christian forces have their vision enlarged to meet the present op-

portunities? We invite the co-operation of readers."



INDIA

Prof. Brunner on Democracy

PROFESSOR EMIL BRUNNER, of Zurich, who has been touring the Far East on behalf of the World's Alliance of Young Men's Christian Associations, on his way home visited India, where he lectured in several towns. In Madura he spoke on "the spiritual basis of democracy," and prefaced his remarks with a number of statements of principle, including the following which have a special significance for India:

"Christianity proclaims all people as the common children of a Christ-like God. From this equality preached by Christ has grown democracy. India is launching splendidly in a democratic Government. But can India continue as a true democracy without the foundation of Christian faith which the West has found essential? I hope India will become a Christian nation and preserve its democracy."

A correspondent of the well-known Indian Christian weekly, "The Guardian," comments in a special report, published in issue No. 3, 1950.

"At the last remark a militant Brahman lawyer shouted, 'Hear, hear,' and started the discussion. 'We want Christ, the Christ who preached the non-violence, the Christ who observed no caste, the Christ who went about doing good. Our great Tamil poet Appar taught somewhat the same in the Madura Temple. But you failed to find him there. I have read the Bible. I love my Christ as a great Avathar of God. India accepts him, but not the Christianity you preach. You have said some good things. Come back again after you have found more of what India has to offer. . . .'"

"The second man asked: 'Did not poison gas, atom bombing, most of the horrors of war come from the Christian West?' 'Yes,' said Professor Brunner, 'but democracy is inherent in the Christian faith while these sins you have mentioned are contrary to Christ. Don't blame Christianity for the sins I commit which are contrary to Christ's teaching. We Westerners are a bad lot. But the badness is not inherent in our religion, Christian democracy.'"



FINLAND

Bible Passages for Newspapers

THE Bible Reading Society of Finland has approached the editors of all daily newspapers in Finland, requesting that the papers include a daily Bible passage selected by the Society. Some newspapers have already accepted the offer. The Finnish Bible Reading Society was founded last year at the initiative of Archbishop Lehtonen, and the purpose of the Society is to make the Bible the book of the people as it used to be of old.



MANCHURIA

Prospects of Missionary Work

COMMUNIST authorities in Manchuria have now given exit permits to the last ten of the 15 Danish missionaries, who during the past few years have been caught inside the Manchurian Iron Curtain. Most of them are now on their way home. They are of the opinion that there is no possibility to continue Christian work in Manchuria. However, one of the Danish missionaries (Miss Ellen Nielsen), a Chinese citizen, who has with great skill and

Christian zeal founded and built up an entire little country-town, will remain in China. There is also a possibility that another missionary, who has been in charge of a large orphanage, will stay on in Manchuria.



UNITED STATES

Brooklyn Court Decision

LEADERS of the Congregational Christian churches and the Evangelical and Reformed church gathered in Cleveland on February 8, for departmental meetings.

Scheduled to hold sessions were the Commission on Christian Social Action of the Evangelical and Reformed church, the Congregational Christian Council for Social Action, and the General Council and Missions Council of the Congregational Christian churches.

It had been expected that the meeting would be the happy prelude to a formal merger of the two churches, but a recent Brooklyn Supreme Court decision blocked the merger. As a result, the groups which gathered in Cleveland were primarily concerned with the question as to just where their paths were leading.

Chief interest centred on a meeting of the 18-member executive committee of the General Council of the Congregational Christian churches, which was expected to act on the court decision.

While council members declined to comment in advance of formal action, it was believed almost certain that they would vote to carry the merger issue to the higher courts. But here again leaders took care to point out that they were meeting "in a spirit of co-operation," apparently in the fear that any other interpretation might make them in contempt of the Brooklyn Supreme Court.

Miss Helen Kenyon, moderator of the General Council of the Congregational Christian churches, declared she had received a letter from officials of the Evangelical and Reformed church, promising continued support for Protestant unity efforts.

She said the letter was the first expression of the Evangelical and Reformed church's attitude since the recent Brooklyn Supreme Court decision upholding opponents of the merger.

"We stand ready," the letter said, "as long as Christian freedoms are completely guaranteed, to work for unity in American Protestantism."



GERMANY

Church in Eastern Zone

IN view of the fact that more and more pastors are now being asked to work in co-operation with the "National Front," the church authorities of Berlin and Brandenburg have issued a statement of principles for the guidance of pastors under their jurisdiction. It recalls that the bishops of the Eastern Zone six months ago approached the Soviet governor, Marshal Sokolovsky, with the request that he should support their view of the church as justified, by reason of the commission laid upon it, in adopting a definite attitude towards public affairs only when its beliefs constrained it to do so, and not as a result of requests conveyed to it from outside, and should see that the church was not urged, either by military government or by the civil authorities, to make itself in any way conspicuous in the political field.

"These principles," declares the statement, "govern our church to-day as they have always done, and we act in accordance with them in both East and West. What they entail for our particular province at this particular time is that pastors should refrain from adherence to any association of a political, or even a pan-political, nature, since their co-operation is capable of being interpreted as officially representing the church."

Not a Day for a Parish Pump

A FLOOD can bring havoc to a settlement, but if that water were stored, and used for irrigating parched lands, many would be benefited. When a person pours out all his energies into numerous societies, organisations and groups, he wastes his efforts, exhausts his strength and gains little, if any, good results. If a man limits the use of his energy, directing his interests to the highest cause, he is likely to make a more enduring contribution to life than he who uses his strength in a multitude of causes. Sometimes a man must sacrifice a work that may be of interest, so as to be loyal to some higher calling. It is obvious we must limit our activities. We cannot belong to every organisation that makes a claim on us.

I.

BY accident of birth most of us are citizens of our native land. We have a natural love for our country. We must strive to maintain the highest ventures within it. By honesty, industry, tolerance, truthfulness and sympathy, we can play our part in national life. None can be a member of all the national organisations demanding support. We ought to limit ourselves to what we can do well, and without hindrance, to causes more essential to our well-being.

We are also members of a world. Do not let us forget that Jesus told of God's love for the *world*. We can become so confined to the affairs of a little village that we are interested only in "parish-pump" news. Such a policy might have suited other days, but the modern world is becoming one. We cannot neglect world affairs, and win the battle for peace. Jesus came to break down barriers between Jew and Gentile, bond and free, male and female. His vision embraced a world united in love. Australians must destroy their parochial spirit, and take up a stand where a world-view will create an interest in all men. But a vision of the world that only takes into account the material needs of men is also limited. We cannot rest satisfied with putting our energies into human organisations, even if they are world-wide. The only satisfactory institution that can give a world-view of life, including material and spiritual requirements, is the church.

II.

WHAT do we mean by this term church? Are we thinking only of a local congregation of which we are a part? Is that small group to absorb all our interests? How little we are if that is all we envisage! Is the church, then, a denomination, a mere group of people with, perhaps, world-wide associations? Thomas Campbell never considered the church so narrow that it had to be restricted to the religious group to which he belonged. He did see all who named Christ as Lord and Saviour as members of the church. What he also saw was that this Christian fellowship around the world was divided. Because of this division, the missionary work of the church, at home and abroad, was hindered. Thomas Campbell's world vision, broad sympathies, Christian love for brethren in all communions compelled him to cut loose from ties that linked him with a little parochial view of the church.

Breaking away from credal confessions, from historical errors, and the domination of limited church leaders, this reformer sought to give the widest basis for Christian fellowship. He went back to the truth in Christ, and called men to give up their little ecclesiastical systems, and find the church that Christ came to establish. None can deny the breadth of vision this man of God had. He never hid behind the curtains of an ignorant mind. The windows of his mind were open to views of the

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church around the world. He was no idealist without a firm base for his feet. He did not raise flights of oratory that were empty of truth.

He perceived a united church, resting on the Truth—the Christ of the New Testament.

III.

THIS man of God urged others to see the church as he saw it. He prayed that they take up the plea of Christ so that all who believed on the Lord might be one. At a time when sectarian bitterness abounded, this talk of Christian unity appeared absurd. To-day, however, his work is being justified by events. In various ways, in unexpected places, a world fellowship of Christians is being developed. As forerunners of a united church, there are those who are being united in a World-wide Young Men's Christian Association, in World-wide Christian Endeavor Societies, Christian Student Movements, Evangelical Unions. Barriers of denominations are being broken down by such movements. Professor Latourette, the well-known Christian historian, speaks optimistically of this emerging world-fellowship of Christians. Such a movement did not exist in Campbell's day. We have moved a long way since then.

IV.

THOMAS CAMPBELL sought to enlist others into the ranks of those who would work for Christian unity. His son, Alexander, joined him. Many others sacrificed much for the cause.

There were two dangers implicit in the cause he championed. One was the likelihood that those who were interested only in church union would be lost in idealism, and fail to support their efforts by the realism of truth. Some who set out with Thomas Campbell were lost to the cause because of this neglect of facts. On the other hand, others were so taken up with the foundations for Christian unity, they never got beyond the ground work. They never made a contribution to Christian unity, but spent time arguing about details and human opinions. These people turned from the vision of Thomas Campbell and went back to a Jewish legalism that has blinded them to the needs of a united church. They did not get beyond the stage of splitting straws about organ playing (yet they use a printed hymn book), and conference organised mission work (yet they gather money for their work by other organised methods). The tragedy is not in their methods (they have liberty to choose what they desire), but in their intolerant condemnation of those who see within the teachings and practices of New Testament churches, liberty for such procedures. Campbell urged that there be unity in those truths commanded by Christ, but in teachings that are not explicit, liberty of opinion. Alas, some never learnt this truth, and lost their way.

The vision of Thomas and Alexander Campbell demands of men and women breadth of view, love of truth, tolerance of those who differ from them, and a capacity to rise above Jewish legalism and parochialism. There are still enemies of Christian unity. There are those who still love the narrowness of sectarianism. We must not become the tools of those who have no love for the plea of Christ. We must remember that Christ prayed that his disciples and followers might be one that the world might believe. The plea still stands, but are we big enough to carry it forward?

Let us beware of those who would turn us from our goal, and like the Judaisers of Paul's day, try to stir up division, and rob us of the spirit of Christ.

N.S.W. Sixty-Fifth Annual Conference

CHURCHES of Christ in New South Wales came together in their sixty-fifth conference, in Sydney, on April 3-13. It was one of the best attended conferences in many years. Among the delegates were those who have attended conferences for years, and noticeable were many new faces. One delegate, E. J. Saxby, has attended over sixty annual conferences. An interesting and pleasing thing was the number of new voices heard in the discussions. All meetings were under the chairmanship of conference president, W. J. Crossman.

Fellowship was enjoyed with Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Coventry, from India, and Mr. Stan Neighbour, from Melbourne. Their contributions to conference in the way of addresses captivated and inspired every hearer.



OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

President, N. H. Matthews; president-elect, G. E. Burns; vice-presidents, W. R. Hayward, P. E. Thomas; secretary, S. C. Woolley; assistant secretary, W. J. Modral; treasurer, T. W. Dunne.

Home Mission Committee: A. Baker, A. L. Carter, B. G. Corlett, W. J. Crossman, L. S. Dewberry, L. Fisher, Mrs. A. Larcombe, N. D. Morris, P. Retchford, R. H. Wakeley.

Overseas Mission Committee: W. L. Caspermann, A. C. Morris, I. A. Paternoster, Miss H. V. Roff, C. R. Graham, P. A. Wynn.

Bible School Committee: School Section—P. H. Morton, B. E. Perkins, K. A. Rae, W. H. Small, Mrs. W. Turnell, F. Wilton. Endeavor Section: Miss I. Bye, D. Craig, R. Greenhalgh, J. Morris, Miss H. Shepherd, R. R. Wotherspoon.

Social Service Committee.—W. J. Crossman, E. Davis, H. T. Edwards, T. Hawkins, W. J. E. Lewis, A. C. Maclean, Mrs. A. McArthur, G. Morton, E. Oswald, W. C. Roffey.

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Promotion of Christian Union Committee: G. H. Horsey, P. Retchford, R. W. Saunders, H. J. Patterson, E. W. Roffey, I. A. Paternoster.

Children's Homes Committee: A. F. Butler, Miss I. Bye, W. Hill, R. F. Kimpton, G. E. Knight, A. C. Maclean, G. Morton, J. L. Stimson, E. W. Taylor, P. Winter.

The Churches of Christ Property Trust: R. Bartholomew.

Building Advisory Board: A. C. Morris.

Council of Churches Representatives: S. Stevens, E. A. Bardsley.

The president's reception drew a large attendance, and set standard for whole conference. Greetings were received from all State Conferences, from Federal Conference Executive, and from groups and individuals. New preachers were welcomed: A. Norling, Inverell; J. Mackenzie, Georgetown; and B. Cavill, Beverley Hills.



DEPARTMENT REPORTS CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE.

The first report submitted was that of conference Executive. With an acknowledgment of the leading and guidance of God in the work done during the year, the review of the work began. The conference president, W. J. Crossman, paid a tribute to the men and women who had so faithfully served on the various committees. He, himself, had visited most of the churches during the year.

★ *Ethelbert Davis writes an interesting review of well-attended gatherings.*

During year ended December 31, 1949, the churches reported 302 added to membership by faith and baptism. The roll membership now stands at 6339. The churches reported 60 who had been called from the scenes of earth to higher service. Two of the highlights of the year had been the half yearly conference which had been held at Wentworth Falls, and two quarterly rallies held at the City Temple.

A special conference called by the executive, held on October 15, 1949, had dealt with the findings of a select committee which had been appointed at last conference, relative to a number of church problems. W. J. Crossman and Roy Acland continue as churches of Christ representatives on the United Chaplaincy Board.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE

The usual Friday night demonstration was held in the Enmore Tabernacle. On that occasion the incoming president, Norman H. Matthews, was introduced, and the retiring president, W. J. Crossman, presented with a copy of the Bible in recognition of his services. Speaker for evening was G. E. Burns.

During year health of E. C. Hinrichsen, director of evangelism, had caused committee concern. After a period of hospital treatment and rest the director had been able to continue his work. Four missions had been conducted in N.S. Wales—Blackheath, Belmore, Albury and North Sydney. Meetings had been held in other States. Later in the conference year E. C. Hinrichsen had found it necessary to resign. Likewise the song leader, V. B. Morris, had to terminate his association with committee. Both these men had resigned because of indifferent health.

Six short volunteer missions had resulted in 24 primary decisions and 9 reconsecrations.

Committee had co-operated with the Wentworth Falls church in radio evangelism. A Sunday afternoon session broadcast, from 2KA, Katoomba, had been maintained during year with gratifying results.

It had been felt that something should be done in the Tuggerah district, not only for the permanent residents, but also for the many members of the church who spend holidays in that district. Meetings were being held in the district. J. Brookes had assisted as preacher. The following fields had received help from the committee during the year: Albury, where A. Morris is preacher. As a result of a successful mission church had become self-supporting. Epping, with A. C. Maclean as preacher; Grafton, where L. Wylie had just completed twelve months' ministry; Lidcombe, Arthur Baker, preacher; Merewether and Seven Hills received help during year.

Total financial receipts for the year amounted to £1596/13/11, expenditure, £1144/8/4, credit balance at end of 1949 being £433/2/11.

OVERSEAS MISSIONS

A demonstration on April 4 was addressed by Mrs. Bruce Coventry, and by Mr. Bruce Coventry. The college students contributed two items. Pleasure was expressed at the fact that reinforcements had been sent to India and to islands. It was specially mentioned that Mr. Bruce Munro was the first of Woolwich college graduates to go on overseas mission service.

Federal Board had received from the Australian brotherhood the sum of £13,604, an increase of £350 over the previous year. Churches in N.S.W. had contributed £1735/3/1; in addition £76/15/8 had been received from rents,

£26/9/2 from sale of stamps, and £22 from sundry sources, making a total of £1851/0/4.

When report had been submitted, Bruce Coventry addressed conference. A very affecting moment was when Ira A. Paternoster, beloved of all, and honored for his 42 years' secretarial work in connection with overseas missions, was presented with a cheque for £250 in recognition of his service. Mrs. Paternoster was presented with a beautiful handbag containing 21 pound notes.

SOCIAL SERVICE

The usual conference tea and demonstration was held in the Enmore tabernacle on April 5. Stan Neighbour gave address, which was regarded as one of the best addresses on social service heard at conference in years. Music was supplied by Burwood church choir.

The report presented revealed that £59 had been sent to relief of victims of the Maitland flood, with large parcels for the same purpose sent to the Red Cross. £18 and clothing had been sent to victims of Kempsey flood. The long coal strike during year had brought much suffering, and with a donation from the Lord Mayor's Fund, the committee had been able to help to extent of £334. For Christmas cheer to pensioners and needy cases, the committee had donated £43. While speaking of finance, it was reported that funds of the Christian Fellowship Association now stand at £2843.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT

Two evening programmes were submitted, one on April 3, when a programme entitled, "Youth Field-action," was presented; the other on April 13, known as Christian Endeavor Night, when programme centred around "Citizenship."

Report submitted outlined Bible school activities, showing: 69 schools, 5641 scholars, 2735 teachers, a gain of 6 schools, 50 teachers, but a loss of 3 scholars. C.E. showed enrolment of 29 junior societies, with 668 members; 20 Intermediate societies, with 272 members; and Young People's Societies, numbering 21, with 323 members. Clubs showed a total enrolment of 200 members.

The financial statement revealed that receipts for the year totalled £1906/9/7; expenditure, £1979/14/11, leaving a debit balance of £73/5/4.

CHILDREN'S HOMES

This was the first report presented by Children's Homes Committee, which had been appointed at the previous conference. This committee had taken over from the directors of the Co-operative Society. That meant that the Dunmore House property, of 16 acres at Pendle Hill, is now property of brotherhood, and is invested in Churches of Christ Property Trust. In the home at present time there are 35 boys. Several older boys had been added to church. Receipts for year totalled £2815; expenditure, £2664. Many improvements to property had been planned for coming year.

WOOLWICH BIBLE COLLEGE

Demonstration on Wednesday, April 12, was one of best attended in history of college. A report was given by H. J. Patterson, principal. Musical numbers were rendered by students and by Lane Cove choir. "After Eight Years—What Then," was the title of a stirring address by E. C. Hinrichsen. Board of Management submitted its eighth report to conference. There are now 25 ex-Woolwich men engaged in full-time ministry, 13 in New South Wales, 9 in Queensland, 2 in New Zealand, and 1 in India. There are 15 students enrolled this year, every one of them being placed with churches. Four exit students of 1949 went into full-time service—B. E. Cavill to Beverley Hills, R. Clymer to Roma, Queensland; W. A. Turnell to Paddington, and M. E. Leask to Boonah, Qld. On April 1, H. J. Patterson commenced his duties as full-time principal.

Property and finance: The property, according to the Valuer-General, is valued at £8900. The income for year amounted to £2425. The report was received enthusiastically because of recognition of the immense contribution the college is making to the work in this State.

ABORIGINES COMMITTEE

Demonstration was held in City Temple on April 11, when D. Hammer, organising secretary of the Federal Board, was speaker. Instructive pictures were shown of the mission stations, Norseman and Carnarvon.

The report showed that work had been maintained at Mooroopna, Fitzroy, Norseman and Carnarvon. At Carnarvon there were 56 children in residence. Reviewing the material development did not detract from human elements—men and women whose hearts the Lord had touched for that work, and whose services are fully recognised by members of churches throughout Australia.

PROPERTY TRUST

Sixty churches are registered under the Act. Thirty-nine of these had appointed the Property Trust as trustees, twelve have registered trustees from their own membership, and nine have not yet made any registration of trustees. The value of the properties under the trusteeship was shown as £120,000.

PROMOTION OF CHRISTIAN UNION

Culled from report submitted are following items: "Many hours have been spent in free and brotherly discussion on matters relative to faith and order: 'This year we forwarded to each affiliated church the tracts for the World-wide Communion Sunday.' 'The Conference Executive of N.S.W. is expected to raise £32 as their portion' toward the World Council of Churches in Australia. 'The World Council of Churches is an association of communions whose members accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.'"

COUNCIL OF CHURCHES, N.S.W.

According to report the Council consists of representatives of seven religious groups and 70 per cent. of the whole community. Among matters which had demanded the attention of the council were: efforts to conserve a Protestant witness in our State schools; campaign with the N.S.W. Temperance Alliance for liquor reform, through the restoration of local option polls; attempts to eliminate commercialised sport in city parks on Sunday, and an appeal against the barbaric methods employed at displays of commercial boxing in Sydney.



OTHER OBSERVATIONS

Conference sermon, preached by Stan Neighbour, of Melbourne, was received by an appreciative audience. The sermon was broadcast by 2CH.

Conference picnic was held on Easter Monday at grounds of the Woolwich Bible College. A smaller attendance than usual was recorded.

Practically the whole of the Saturday morning was devoted to the debate on a notice of motion to withdraw from the World Council of Churches. The motion to withdraw was carried on the casting vote of the president. The long debate meant that other business was carried on to Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

Devotional sessions, led by A. Surtees, L. Wylie, W. J. Thomson, A. W. Ladbroke and C. Bowser, were of exceptional merit.

Preachers' session was chaired by J. Luff, and was addressed by Bruce Coventry. R. Hilford, preacher at Broken Hill, conducted devotions.

Splendid meals were provided by the catering committee of the Women's Conference; no easy task these days.

May God give the churches grace, wisdom and power to implement the plans formulated.

RESOLUTIONS CARRIED BY

That this conference requests the incoming executive to appoint a committee of three to prepare a scheme for raising this State's quota towards the establishment of the church at Canberra in pursuance of the decision of Federal Conference at Perth in 1948. Committee to report to the executive as soon as possible.

That this conference direct the Home Mission Committee to investigate the possibility of placing a suitable van on the roads to be used in evangelistic work in country areas, such work to be carried out in conjunction with the Youth Department.

That it be a recommendation to the Home Mission Committee that it explore the possibilities of adopting a more effective method of keeping in touch with the progress of subsidised churches.

That this conference of the churches of Christ in N.S. Wales request the State Government to replace on the Statute Book the local option clause, the withdrawal of which is opposed to the democratic principles for which the Labor Party stands, and that local option forms part of the Labor Party's platform in the forthcoming State election.

That this conference of the churches of Christ in N.S.W. protest to the editor of the "S.M. Herald" against the partisan attitude of this paper in regard to the liquor traffic as shown in a recent sub-leader in connection with the attempt to legalise the use of strong drink at dances in Canberra, and also to congratulate Mr. Reid, Chief of the Canberra police, on his outspoken evidence with which we are heartily in accord.

That this conference recommends to the Council of Churches that they explore all avenues of regaining control of station 2CH.

That this conference of churches of Christ in N.S.W. heartily endorse the action of the Council of Churches in protesting to the Minister for Education against the introduction of the book, "Ancient and Medieval History," into our public schools.

The State Conference of churches of Christ recommend to the Federal Government that the means test as affecting pensions and the Social Service benefits be abolished forthwith.

This conference request the incoming Executive to take suitable and adequate steps to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the establishment of churches of Christ in N.S.W.

State Conference Reports

[WOMEN'S SECTION]

QUEENSLAND

THE annual conference of women of churches in Queensland was held in Ann-st. chapel on April 6, Mrs. Haworth occupying chair. A large gathering of sisters, representing 21 churches, shared in happy fellowship during day. Devotional sessions were led by Mrs. K. Horne and Mrs. V. Parker. Messages in song were sung by Mesdames Plucknett, Johnson, Beale and Shaw, and elocutionary items were given by Miss Close and Mrs. Atkinson.

Inspirational messages were given by K. Horne, of Wombo Creek, and D. Tonkin, of Rockhampton. All reports show splendid work done during year. A bouquet was presented to Mrs. Haworth by Mrs. Burdeu, who voiced appreciation of Mrs. Haworth's untiring services.

Greetings were received from each State Women's Conference, and representatives from other churches and organisations brought greetings from Methodist, Congregational, Presbyterian, Salvation Army, W.C.T.U., Sunsetholme.

Mr. Burdeu, conference president, introduced newly-appointed officers and superintendents: President, Mrs. Haworth; vice-presidents, Mesdames Potter, McLane; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Giezendanner; recording secretary, Mrs. Smith.

Superintendents: Home Mission, Mrs. Potter; Overseas Mission, Mrs. Berlin; Prayer Meeting, Mrs. Mills; Obituary and Christmas Hospital Visitation, Mrs. H. G. Payne; Isolated, Mrs. Lockwood; Aborigine Living Link, Mrs. Burdeu; Sth. Brisbane Hospital Visitation, Mrs. Shaw; Hospital Chaplaincy, Mrs. Hermann; Food for Britain, Mrs. Bates; pianists, Mesdames Potter, Munro; World Day of Prayer, Mesdames Hermann, Mills; Inter Church Council, Mesdames Haworth, Wright, Mills, Plucknett; National Council of Women, Mesdames Haworth, Wallen; British & Foreign Bible Society, Mrs. Crowe.

NEW SOUTH WALES

New South Wales annual conference was held at Enmore chapel on April 3. The president, Mrs. Larcombe, presided. There were good attendances at all sessions. Mrs. Evan Lewis led morning devotional session. Mrs. McLeod Jones was speaker in afternoon and Miss Eleanor Rivett, M.A., in evening. Mrs. J. MacLean was

soloist during afternoon and the Misses Reilly sang a trio in evening.

Officers for 1950-51: President, Mrs. Snow, B.A.; president-elect, Mrs. R. Greenhalgh; vice-president, Mrs. E. Roffey; country vice-presidents, Mrs. Parsons (Newcastle), and Mrs. A. Wright, jr. (Bowral); corresponding secretary, Mrs. G. Knight; recording secretary, Mrs. R. Maxwell; treasurer, Miss F. Bell; forward movement organiser, Mrs. P. D. McCallum.

Superintendents: Missions (newly co-ordinated work, embracing home, overseas and aborigines), Mrs. Larcombe; isolated sisters, Mrs. MacKellar; obituary, Mrs. Budgen.

Committees: "Ashwood House," Miss M. Ashwood, Mesdames Larcombe, Lawther, W. Hall, C. Hall, Butler; Overseas, Miss Winks, Mesdames C. Maxwell, P. D. McCallum.

Mrs. Snow presented a book to Mrs. Larcombe, expressing appreciation of conference of her fine leadership.

On Wednesday, a morning tea was held in David Jones' restaurant, when a most enjoyable time was spent with country and interstate visitors. Mrs. Bruce Coventry spoke and Mrs. Parsons, vice-president, from Newcastle, gave a greeting.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

An all-day conference was held at Grote-st. on March 23, when Mrs. C. Hughes presided. Mrs. Read gave echoes of annual conference held September, and a discussion followed. Reports were given by Mrs. Fax on Young Married Women's Groups; Mrs. Russell on migrant work at Woodside camp; Mrs. Graham on finances and Mrs. Green on "The Rest Home." Mrs. Coventry was speaker at afternoon session. Miss Jacklin was soloist. A series of three talks have been arranged for deaconesses.

On April 16, the monthly meeting of auxiliary was held, when Mrs. Patching led devotional session. Mrs. Green, superintendent of home missions, reported that the committee had visited Edwardstown West, Nailsworth, and Aldgate Valley; Mrs. Trowbridge, overseas superintendent, visited Aldgate during month. Miss Grant announced that the Committee of the World Day of Prayer had given a cheque for £80 to the British and Foreign Bible Society.

W.A. MONTHLY MEETING

Mrs. A. Elliott presided over meeting. Devotions were taken by North Perth sisters in conjunction with Bridgetown sisters. Leader,

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COMMONWEALTH ROUND-UP

HERE AND THERE

Melbourne Eastern Suburban Youth Fellowship visited the Melbourne Orphanage on April 22, and had a very interesting time. Children were entertained. Boys revelled in a game of football and girls in races and ball games. Programme included choruses and quiz.

In connection with the coming Federal Conference, which will be held in Hobart, Oct. 6-13, the Tasmanian Executive requests that, in order to make satisfactory arrangements for hospitality, all registrations should be in the hands of the secretary, G. E. Ashlin, 46 Faraday-st., West Hobart, by June 15. Registration forms and all information will be available through State conference secretaries.

Churches in Bordertown circuit (S.A.), (of which Wampoony is a part) have received a great uplift through Hinrichsen-Christensen mission; with work flourishing greater responsibility is placed on minister. Mr. Curtis is ably filling his task. There were 4 additions to local membership. Many members have been bereaved through home-call of two members of earlier days: Mrs. John Dinning, who came into fellowship in 1901, under ministry of late H.P. Leng, but later went to Bordertown, and Mrs. R. W. Martlew, who entered church during ministry of F. Cornelius. She also removed to Bordertown. F. Marthlew has been in hospital for a number of weeks owing to an accident. Church is sharing in cost and responsibility of extending cause in the south-east in co-operation with Naracoorte brethren.

News from Western Australia

GOOD news is always worth recording. So much in these days, in the lurid headlines of the secular press, that passes for news, is mere sensationalism, that it is good for us to be able to turn to the activities of the people of God — that we might be able to rejoice in "real news." There is a great deal more going on in the church to-day than we realise. Such momentous matters as the advance of Christian frontiers and the extension of the message and of the power of our Lord Jesus Christ are worthy of the interest of every Christian. This is truly good news.

The Easter conference in Perth was characterised by large and enthusiastic gatherings presided over by the conference president, A. D. Pyne, in an atmosphere of optimism.

Highlights of conference included the address of F. D. Pollard, B.A., B.Sc., on missionary night, H. R. Fitch's message at the Friday night brotherhood rally, and the conference sermon, preached by I. W. Nixon. The youth camp, conducted simultaneously with the conference, was again a source of great inspiration and help to the large group of young people who attended.

Following Easter the preachers enjoyed a refresher camp at Waterman's Bay. As in other years, this included the usual fun and fellowship, interspersed with various topics for discussion, relating to specific phases of the preacher's task in the modern world.

A welcome was extended to H. R. Fitch, who has returned from New Zealand, to take up the work in the Eastern Wheatbelt, and to G. Lord, who recently commenced a ministry with the Northam church.

Frank L. Ewers, preacher of church at North Perth, had the degree of Bachelor of Arts conferred upon him at the recent graduation ceremony of the University of Western Australia.

It was good also to see W. H. Nightingale able to enjoy the "rigors" of camp and to learn of the wonderful way in which the Lord has raised him up after his recent serious illness. Our brother describes his amazing recovery as "an answer to prayer."

The Social Service Department in this State has startled the whole Western brotherhood with the good news of a spectacular purchase of a very fine property, formerly the home of J. A. Bridge, at Carlisle, some four miles from Perth. This large residence, situated in spacious grounds, with laid out gardens, tennis court and reticulated water system, together with a small adjoining cottage, all fully furnished, has been purchased for the sum of £4350. The property is temporarily let to give time for the Social Service Committee to make the necessary arrangements for the opening of an Aged Folks' Home. This is a venture of vision which will prove a great blessing in future days.—Allen Elliott.

Teachers in Conference

CONFERENCE of Bible school workers, at Lygon-st., Melbourne, Vic., on April 25, began with a service in remembrance of Anzac Day. 160 teachers from metropolitan area and rural centres attended. New lesson materials for 1951 were enthusiastically received. Conference recommended introduction of "Class Test System" to replace present scripture examination in 1951. An exhibition of handwork for kindergarten and primary scholars, by Mr. and Mrs. B. Smith, was of interest. Teachers of all grades were impressed by kindergarten demonstration given by Miss Bonnie Bates, four teachers and twenty tiny tots from Fairfield school. An address on evangelism at the level of youth, by W. R. Hibburt, gave a fitting conclusion to an encouraging conference. Catering for conference was done by the Victorian Women's Conference Committee, who served a high standard buffet tea.—L. A. Trezise.

Christian Rest Home, S.A.

IN the history of churches of Christ in South Australia, April 15, was a red letter day.

Under the guidance of Dr. Trevor Turner, chairman of board, the opening ceremony connected with the Christian Rest Home was carried out successfully.

It was estimated that over five hundred people were in attendance.

Dr. Turner welcomed the big congregation, and spoke of the home as belonging to the brotherhood.

C. Schwab, secretary, presented historical facts, showing that, since the venture was first mooted in the Centenary appeal, approximately £8000 had been contributed to the Rest Home fund. Four bequests, amounting to over £1700, a substantial sum raised by the Sisters' Auxiliary, some large donations and a host of other contributions were included in the grand total mentioned.

The property cost £6500, and had been secured free of debt. The Sisters' Auxiliary had helped considerably in connection with furnishings for the lounge, hall, and two guests at a total of nearly £300.

Matron Harkness and Miss Hilda Shanks were presented as the staff entrusted with the care of the guests.

H. Cave, conference president, accepted the home on behalf of the brotherhood, and declared it open. Mrs. Cave released the ribbon at the main entrance, and Mr. Cave turned the key. A steady stream of visitors then passed through the home, on a very interesting tour of inspection.

On the large bricked in space at the rear of the Home, afternoon tea was provided in

a delightful manner by ladies of the Board and members from various churches.

One lady, who regretted her inability to be present at the opening, sent a cheque for £50. The transformation of the large bathroom into cubicles with extra conveniences was announced as a gift from A. McGlasson. The board was thus relieved of much financial strain. A vacuum cleaner, a radiator, wireless sets, electrical equipment, and other items were also received as gifts from various donors.

On Monday, April 17, five guests went into residence and another arrived a few days later. They were a happy and contented group. Their number will soon be increased to eleven, which will be the limit of accommodation until much needed additions can be built.

The Rest Home was highly commended by visitors, and its future prospects were greatly enhanced. It is located at 242 Portrush-rd., St. Georges.

Money for floor covering in the transverse hall, which measures 66 feet by 6 feet, is needed. A refrigerator is also required.

Remember the home in your will, and, in the meantime, donations may be sent, C. Schwab, 548 Seaview-rd., Henley Beach.



Celebrations at Warragul, Vic.

"CROWDED out" was literally true of meetings held in relation to 50th anniversary of church at Warragul, Vic., April 16.

Visitors were present from Poowong, Mountain View, Drouin, Jindervick, Traralgon, Morwell, Moe, Wonthaggi, Yallourn, Rosedale, Berwick, Trafalgar, Essendon, Coalville, Moreland, Cheltenham, Footscray, Caulfield and Oakleigh.

Greetings were received from W. Gale, Yarraville, Ararat, Trafalgar, Bordertown. V. Quayle (Gildangra). Mr. Jackel presided at both services. Morwell attended in a body.

The speakers were A. E. Hurren and W. W. Saunders. Mr. Hurren preached at morning and after-dinner session, giving inspiring messages. He took charge of baptismal service at night.

W. W. Saunders gave a helpful message to youth at an afternoon rally. The Children rendered two selections and R. Hillbrick presided.

The gospel service was addressed in a clear and forceful manner by W. W. Saunders. One young man from Morwell made a decision. There was a large attendance of local visitors. Three who had confessed previously were baptised. It was a wonderful service.

Harold Easton, of Footscray, was soloist for day. He rendered solos very acceptably.

Thankoffering amounted to £135, including a gift from ladies of £30. Sisters excelled themselves in providing two meals. Mr. Byard thanked ladies, speakers and soloist for services. Others taking part were Messrs. E. Waters, B. Jenner, E. Read and M. Clugstone. C. W. Pedersen, Laurice Reidhead and Patsy Murnane were organists.

Opportunity was taken to farewell Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Jackel and Graeme.

Feeling references were made by C. W. Pedersen, E. J. Waters and A. E. Hurren. Speakers referred to widespread aspect of Mr. Jackel's work and activities of Mrs. Jackel. Committee had chosen Mr. Jackel for Gippsland area. A wonderful work had been done, not only in the town, but over a wide area, in visitation and services. A presentation of a chiming clock, suitably engraved, was presented to preacher and his wife.

A jubilee souvenir of 50 years' history of church was prepared. It showed photographs of preachers, and of chapel, also congregational groups. Happy association and rich fellowship were enjoyed.

News of the Churches

South Australia

Fullarton.—On April 23 there was a splendid morning service, when eighty-three broke bread. B. W. Manning preached acceptably from morning lesson. Church was glad to have fellowship with six ladies from Christian Rest Home, also Matron, Miss Harkness, and her assistant, Miss Shank. B. W. Manning gave right hand of fellowship to Mrs. G. Watson, who comes by letter from Unley. Evening service was an inspiration. Five young men (Campaigners for Christ) gave a message in song and four testimonies of blessings received at Easter camp. B. W. Manning preached with evangelistic fervor.

Hindmarsh.—Two young people were baptised on April 9, and received into church on April 16. It was a joy to have Mr. and Mrs. Roy Coventry present on that day. Mr. Coventry brought a hearty greeting to church. It was at Hindmarsh Mr. Coventry made his decision for Christ, and later went to service in India. Young people's camp at Murray Bridge, during Easter, proved a success. Thanks are due to Reg. Price for organising same. Chas. Parsons, a great worker in past years, is now confined to his home. Mr. Kirrily, an aged brother, has had a nasty fall, necessitating the insertion of several stitches to face and hands. Work in church progresses happily.

Kilburn.—On April 19 F. Collins gave interesting lantern lecture on Tasmania to aid funds of newly-formed Christian Youth Fellowship. Approximately 70 attended, nearly all being children. In addition, solos were rendered by Sister C. Kelly and A. Gower, and some of the young folk gave an entertaining sketch. Attendance at 10 a.m. Bible school on April 23 was 135, including three new scholars. Messrs. Hunting and Stirling were present, and inspected school, after assisting in worship service. Scholars and teachers appreciated visit. K. Kenley conducted 11.15 a.m. service, when 40 Young Worshipers and 31 adults enjoyed messages by F. Collins, who also addressed 7 p.m. gospel service.

Balaklava.—Eight young people attended Easter youth camp held at Gawler. Special meeting was held on Good Friday. Sunday services were well attended, a number of visitors being present; amongst them were Mrs. Roediger and sons Eric and Ray, of Northam, W.A. Sisters Hennig, Minney and daughter Aileen are meeting with church again after being in hospital. Sisters Woolmington and G. Webb are in hospital. Sister Beryle Woolmington is in Adelaide hospital. Preacher and some church members visited many homes prior to a week of special meetings to be conducted by Mr. Russell, of Forestville. From March 16 to 23, a week of special meetings was held, Mr. Russell, of Forestville, being speaker. Attendance was well maintained throughout week. Church members were helped by inspiring addresses. Messrs. Russell and Cremin visited homes during week. A Good Companions' Club has been commenced for girls. Other auxiliaries are working well. Garry, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Cottle, is sick in hospital.

Edwardstown West.—Annual church business meeting was held on Feb. 22. Reports from church and auxiliaries were presented. Church has set itself task of paying off debt owing on building, by temple day offering next July. S. Sugars and J. Eley were elected to official board. Sunday school picnic was held on March 11 at Mitcham reserve. A good number attended, and an excellent day was enjoyed.

Harvest thanksgiving services were held on March 5. Produce, used for display, was given to Edwardstown Industrial School. Four boys and one girl from Sunday school took stand for Christ recently. P. R. Baker baptised them; they were received into church fellowship following Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Hackett were received by letter from Lenswood.

Mt. Compass.—Bruce Coventry addressed church at morning communion service on March 26, and at gospel service C. P. Hughes, of the Temperance Alliance, preached. Endeavorers were delighted with an address by Mrs. Derbyshire. Douglas Chigwidden addressed church at communion service, April 16. During afternoon, Bible school and gospel service were combined when G. R. Stirling and six youth workers conducted meeting. Attendance at special evening service was good. Twelve young people attended Easter camp at Gawler. Mr. and Mrs. Burns continue to serve church faithfully. A social for young people was held in Mt. Compass hall; 30 attended. A fine display of produce, at harvest thanksgiving day, April 2, was given to Morialta Protestant Children's Home.

Adelaide (Grote-st.).—Church has been favored with two musical treats. On evening of April 2, local choir, under leadership of W. W. Watson, rendered the cantata, "The Crucifixion," by Stainer, and on Wednesday night, the 5th, Choral Association Choir, conducted by A. Glastonbury, presented Moore's "Darkest Hour." Both cantatas were splendidly given to good audiences and were much appreciated. Offerings were made to Grote-st. manse fund and the S.A. Rest Home. On April 9, morning service was broadcast from 5KA. H. P. Manning gave a good address and choir rendered helpful music. Meetings on 16th were smaller than usual, but several visitors were welcomed, and Mr. Manning's messages were enjoyed. Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Manning have been welcomed into membership of church by letter of transfer, from Nailsworth.

Semaphore.—All auxiliaries are working enthusiastically. Mrs. Barry, of York, has been received by letter of transfer. Ladies of F.M. committee took charge of monthly meeting of Mission Band. Mrs. Trowbridge was speaker. Easter services were held on April 9, S. Matthews gave appropriate addresses, morning and evening. Choir rendered special singing. Five young people attended Easter camp at Gawler. C. Schwab gave a helpful message on morning of April 16, and in evening the "Campaigners for Christ" conducted service, Mr. Matthews being at Naracoorte conducting "Happy Hours." Death of life-elder, J. C. Stanley, on April 15, in his 82nd year, has brought a Christlike life to a close. The church extends sympathy to Mrs. Bray in loss of her sister (Mrs. Peattie). Mrs. W. Brooker and Miss Joan Noble are still in R.A. Hospital. S. Matthews was speaker morning and evening, April 23.

Unley.—Sunday school scholars were entertained at tea in homes of teachers and other church members on March 26, and gospel service, which followed, was well attended. Increased attendances continued throughout weeks approaching Easter. Baptist, church of Christ, and Congregational bodies combined for a largely attended Good Friday service at 8 a.m. in the local Congregational

chapel. Mr. Norris was leader, and a splendid Easter message was given by A. L. Wilkins, while J. E. Shepherd conducted communion service. A retiring offering, in aid of sisters' living link in aborigine work, realised £3/13/6. With a recent donation of £50 towards the motor car fund, sufficient is now in hand to meet cost, delivery being promised for September. The C.Y.F. has enjoyed some happy meetings, among which was a moonlight hike around foothills. Girls expect to enter two teams in basketball association. During caretaker's extended leave of absence, women of supervisory committee have undertaken cleaning of church premises.

Western Australia

Fremantle.—Two young people, Nola Whelan and Harvey Sloan, have been received by faith and baptism. Prayer meeting continues to be a regular feature, and is proving a power in building up work of church. Monthly visitation to "shut-in" members, by small groups of the officers for a "breaking of bread" service, has been instituted. On March 19 two homes were visited. An "In Memoriam" service, on evening of March 26, paid fitting tribute to life and ministry of Mrs. Inverarity.

Kalgoorlie.—Average attendances during past month have been: breaking of bread, 66; gospel services, 71. Youth camp was again held at Lakewood during Easter week-end. A number of young people journeyed from Perth to join campers. A profitable time was enjoyed. On Saturday afternoon a cricket match was arranged between young men of camp and older men of church; campers were defeated. Campers journeyed to Kalgoorlie to gospel service on April 9. At close of service a young lady camper made her decision for Christ. Church was pleased to have a visit from D. G. Hammer, Federal secretary, Aborigines Mission Board, who spoke at morning service on April 16.

Wembley Park.—Bible school anniversary services were held March 26, April 2 and 3. All meetings were well attended, and were presided over by G. Whiting, preacher. Bible school secretary and treasurer, Ray Clohessy, in annual report, expressed thanks to teachers and staff for faithful service, to Phil Marlow, who conducted singing, to Len Stevens, who erected platform, Mrs. Britten and Mrs. Mogridge for arranging children's tea, to C. H. Hunt, for his address to children on April 2, A. Pyne, who has been Bible school superintendent for eight years, has had to relinquish this position; C. Hogben has accepted the duty. On April 16, 143 scholars and teachers, including two new teachers, were present. Church has been pleased with fellowship of visiting brethren during Easter; these include Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Smith, Port Pirie, S.A.; Mr. and Mrs. Turner, S.A. Sympathy was extended to Mrs. G. Loney and family in home call of father, Lionel Owen, on April 14.

Perth (Lake-st.).—A number of young folk attended Easter youth camp at Waterman's Bay. A pleasing feature of camp arrangements was that a special 'bus was at their disposal, and visits were made to meetings of State conference. Thus the young folk were trained to have an interest in State work. There were special Easter services on April 9. The morning service was beautifully planned by minister, who had prepared a special printed order of service, which included all hymns used. Hymns, music, Bible readings and communion told the story of death and resurrection of Jesus. Mr. Robinson was assisted by Cyril Cook, organist; the result was an inspiring service. Dorcas combined with the Young Women's Fellowship, and held a jumble sale which yielded £25. This amount will help provide warm clothing and comforts for needy Wooroloo Sanitarium. Lionel Owen, who has been in membership for 54 years, died on April 14. His son, Lawrence, is a deacon and also an officer in Sunday school. On retirement from active business, Mr. Owen made his home at Mahogany Creek, 18 miles from

Perth. Loving sympathy of the brethren are with Mrs. Owen and other members of family in their great loss. Mr. Robinson is now on annual leave. The healthy spiritual tone of work at Lake-st. is naturally reflected in finances. The treasurer, Bert Povey, is a happy man these days.

New South Wales

Taree.—During absence of Allan B. Clark at conference in Sydney and youth camp at Newcastle, services on April 9 were addressed by local Baptist minister, D. Grinham, in morning, and at night Bruce Tucker, a visitor to district, preached. On April 16 church profited by messages from A. B. Clark morning and evening, and extended welcome to a good number of visitors.

North Sydney.—An Intermediate C.E. has been commenced with twelve members. Don Paddon is in charge, and he has also been appointed superintendent of Bible school. On April 19 a social evening was held to farewell Mr. and Mrs. J. Hill, who have left district, and to Mr. G. Dunn and Miss N. Barnes, and Miss Joyce Robertson and Mr. A. South, who are shortly to be married. Each couple was presented with a copy of the scriptures. F. Grundy, of New Plymouth, N.Z., was a recent visitor.

Rockdale.—Alan Norling, from Inverell, exhorted on April 9, and at night Mr. Hilford, of Broken Hill, preached. A number of young people were absent at Mountains, at a house party. Church had fellowship with a group of young campers from Sans Souci. On April 15 Miss Audrey Hutchens was united in marriage to Mr. McCaffrey, and best wishes for their future happiness are extended by church. On April 23, Mr. Andrews exhorted. At night Mr. Andrews presented gospel in colored film to a large congregation. A Bible school scholar made her decision.

Dareton.—Church is looking forward to the coming of Mr. Whitmore as part time preacher. Arrangements have been completed between the Merbein and Dareton officers to share the services of Mr. Whitmore as from May 1. Attendances have been smaller during busy fruit picking season. Mr. Jemmeson has been in Mildura hospital where he underwent an operation; he is home again, making good progress. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Fechner are leaving district early in May to go to live in Melbourne. Mrs. Fechner has rendered valuable assistance as an organist and kindergarten superintendent.

Bankstown.—Work continues well. Mr. Retchford has preached regularly at both services, except for two weeks in April, when he took mission services at Canley Vale. Steady progress is being made with improvements to street frontage of chapel, including new fence and paving. Kindergarten and Bible school work is in good heart. During Mr. Retchford's absence, Mr. Bowser, of Belmore, preached. Christian Endeavor maintains a steady witness, attendance being ten. Dorcas society is doing a fine work. A "Sankey Hymn Night" was held early in April. Solos by Mrs. Richards were enjoyed. Supper concluded an enjoyable service.

Broken Hill.—Mr. and Mrs. R. Hilford were welcomed home from holidays on March 16. Mr. Hilford addressed both services. Appreciated addresses were given during Mr. Hilford's absence by J. Cremer, R. Warmbrunn and D. Duffy. Sympathy of church is extended to J. Baker, snr., John Baker, superintendent of Railway Town Sunday school, also Roger, Dorothy and Norma, in the loss of wife and mother. The sudden homecall of Mrs. Baker came as a shock. Mr. Horsborough, Baptist minister, officiated at grave, in absence of Mr. Hilford. The marriage of Edith, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Clarke, to Arthur Neate, was celebrated in Wolfram-st. chapel by Mr. Aulbrey in absence of Mr. Hilford. Welcome visitors on March 16 were Mr. and Mrs. Bingham and daughter, of Kyneton, Vic., and Mr. and Mrs. Monson, of Cottonville church,

S.A. Mr. Monson and Jacqueline Hosking contributed solos at gospel service.

Mosman.—On April 16, Mr. Burns spoke morning and evening. Two men who had been baptised were received into fellowship at morning service. On Tuesday evening, April 18, a concert was held in church building as part of Ladies' Aid 21st anniversary. Pupils of Miss Vana Latchem presented beautiful and unusual items. After concert ladies entertained artists at supper. Highlight of the week's activities was held on Wednesday, April 19, when Ladies' Aid entertained at lunch ladies from other churches. With ladies of Mosman, 102 sat to lunch, after a devotional service, which was held in chapel. Mrs. Burns presided; Mrs. Stimson sang a pleasing solo, and Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Ghys a duet. Mrs. Snow, women's conference president, gave a fine talk. Ladies continued anniversary by taking midweek fellowship meeting on Thursday evening. Meeting was led by Mrs. Hunter. Mrs. Stimson sang a solo, and Mrs. Ghys gave message. On morning of 23rd, Mr. Burns exhorted church. Ladies concluded week of anniversary activities by taking gospel service. Meeting was ably led by Mrs. Donaldson, and Mrs. Beth Burns gave gospel message. Ladies' Aid formed choir, and sang two anthems, Mrs. Stimson and Mrs. Ghys solos, Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Ghys duet, and five members of Ladies' Aid another anthem. Scripture readings were read by Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Trist. Future is promising with such a band of excellent workers.

Queensland

Bundaberg.—Services on April 16 and 23 were well attended; 117 gathered for worship. Many visitors were present. Morning service on 23rd was conducted by Mr. Jensen, secretary of British and Foreign Bible Society. In afternoon Junior Christian Endeavor held anniversary. There was a good attendance. Mr. Jones, of N.S.W., was speaker. W. Proudley has been appointed church secretary.

Victoria

Hampton.—Splendidly attended services have marked opening of Mr. Wilson's ministry. Despite unfavorable weather, a large number of members and friends gathered at a social evening to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Wilson and family. Church has received into membership Mr. and Mrs. Parker, from Gardiner, and Miss Nell Snooks from Launceston.

Mt. Evelyn.—Many visitors were present on Easter Sunday. A. H. Pratt preached and sang a solo. Mr. and Mrs. W. Waterman, donors of Waterman Monbulk Y.P. Camp, have removed to Boronia to reside. Church extends deep sympathy to Mrs. H. Graham and family in loss, by death, of her sister's husband. Mr. Pedley returned to St. Vincent's hospital.

Bayswater.—On March 27, harvest festival services were held. D. Thomas was speaker at morning and afternoon services, and D. W. Hibburt in evening. The fine display of fruit and vegetables was divided between Christian Guest Home and College of Bible. Evening service of Easter Sunday was conducted by a party of young people from Waterman Monbulk Camp.

Kyneton.—Over 80 young people of the Midland Youth Fellowship met at Kyneton on March 18 for bi-monthly rally. A trip to Lauriston Reservoir and educational films were enjoyed. J. K. Martin, of Bendigo, was speaker at the every member present Sunday, April 2. Combined Easter service was held, in chapel, on April 7. At a farewell social, on April 15, presentations were made to Mr. and Mrs. W. Turner and family, who will reside in Melbourne, and to Mr. and Mrs. R. Butler, who were recently married.

St. Arnaud.—A farewell social was tendered to Mr. Quayle, circuit preacher, on March 21. Representatives spoke of great work of Mr. Quayle with four churches in midlands district. A gift of notes was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Quayle in appreciation of faithful service. Church has planned special service on May 7. Special offering is to be received to clear building debt.

Drumcondra.—Thankoffering of £25 more than covered mission expenses. Four people were welcomed into church on April 16, Mrs. Sutherland, Juliet and Ross Hill, and Jocelyn James. 93 broke bread at morning service, and 70 were present at night. Mr. and Mrs. Geyer, of Gardiner, were present, and Mr. Geyer conducted evening song service. Mr. Combridge is training several members part-singing, with view to forming a choir.

Carnegie.—Mr. and Mrs. Coventry are away on holidays. Services on April 9 were taken by E. Eaton and L. E. Brooker; on April 16 by E. L. Williams at 11 a.m., and C. Kimber, of West Preston, at 7 p.m., which was a youth service. Women's Mission Band met at home of Miss Ryall, on April 13. Sympathy has been extended to Stan Jenner and relatives on death of father. Bible school reported an increased attendance in special campaign.

St. Kilda.—G. P. Pittman continues his good work in taking morning services; his help is of great value to work and worship of church. Mr. and Mrs. Alexander, sen., were visitors from Broken Hill, and have been attending services regularly. Mr. Alexander, sen., has been speaker at evening services, and the church extends thanks to him for inspiring messages. Church rejoiced that A. Finger was able to attend service on April 23, after a period of illness.

East Kew.—Under leadership of Mr. Wigney and Mr. Elliott, forty-seven young people went to Upwey for Easter camp. Challenging addresses were given by leaders, and discussed by campers. All talks were practical and aimed to help young people to live for Christ. At camp-fire service, which always climaxes camp, one young girl accepted Christ as Saviour. Despite wet weather, this year's camp was of high standard, and spiritual tone excellent. Much credit is due to leaders for their sound, practical teaching and leadership. The Lord's Day offering of camp exceeded £16.

Moreland.—The annual business meeting was held on April 4. Officers elected were: secretary, A. Jenkins; asst. sec., J. Pearce; treasurer, L. Withers; deacons, E. Clark, H. Dickson, S. Fordham, H. Preston, B. Shea, G. Woodbridge. With much regret church accepted resignation of Mr. Woodbridge as church secretary and editor of "Gleanings," following his illness. Others sick include Messrs. Rhodes, Daws and Carr, Mesdames Ratcliffe, Parker, Akam and Pittock. Sympathies were expressed to Mr. Powell on loss of father. Church was indebted to following speakers for helpful messages during absence of Mr. Miles on holidays: Dr. Williams, Messrs. Chivell, Duckett, Hibburt, Jones and Preston.

Horsham.—Annual meeting of church was held on April 6. All reports showed a successful year. G. Miller was re-elected secretary, A. Cutchie treasurer. On April 18, ladies of Horsham and Haven churches conducted afternoon tea at F. Oliver's sale. Haven building fund will benefit by £21. On evening of April 18, C.E. Society held an enjoyable social in aid of food parcels for India. Opportunity was taken during evening of making a presentation to Miss Joan Macdonald, whose marriage to D. Munro, of Kyabram, was celebrated in Horsham chapel following Saturday. G. Wakefield officiated. At Mrs. W. Thamm's home on April 26, Women's Mission Band assembled to congratulate her on her 80th birthday.

Box Hill.—Church is looking forward to coming of Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Fitzgerald. They plan to commence their ministry on May 7. Church has been helped greatly by visiting speakers over past two months. Evening services also have been lifted in attendance, and singing by choir has been a feature. Harvest festival, held March 26, was well attended, and a fine display of goods was received. From sale, 14 parcels were packed and posted to

assist Food for Britain Appeal. Cricket club had a successful season, but were beaten in final. Mr. E. Hammond (captain) had honor of having played with club for 25 years. Church has had a strong representation in fight against reintroduction of a liquor licence in Box Hill.

Camberwell.—Church is showing an increase in membership, and gains have been made since last report. Mrs. Stewart and Mr. Sadler recently made good confession. Attendances at communion are at an all-time record. 122 broke bread on April 23. Frequently visitors are in attendance. As a result of stewardship campaign, offerings have shown an appreciable increase for local needs. Church extension offering closed at £33, previous highest being £17. International Churches' relief fund stands at £43/10/8, and will be further increased. Bible school is continuing an active programme and has added scholars. Recently over 40 young people attended a successful and profitable week-end camp at Monbulk. Ministry of Mr. Nankivell continues to be appreciated, and endeavors are being made to provide a motor car for church work and visitation.

Ringwood.—An excellent spirit prevails throughout all departments, average number breaking bread 40, and average attendance at Bible school 60. Weekly prayer meetings are held, also C.E., every Wednesday night. Sister Bet. James and Mr. Maurice Westmore were married in chapel on March 25, Mr. Cameron officiating. Harvest festival services were held on April 2, when Mr. Clinton, of Croydon, was speaker at 11 a.m. Proceeds of festival were donated to Guest Home. Mr. and Mrs. Dickason, also Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, were welcomed in, by transfer from Surrey Hills, on Easter Sunday morning. Meryl Taylor and Ron Seymour were baptised on April 16. At fellowship hour later items were enjoyed by a large gathering and a presentation made to Mr. and Mrs. M. Westmore. Much sickness prevails. Mr. Cameron's visitation and messages are appreciated.

Warragul.—In absence of Mr. Jackel, April 9, Mr. Byard spoke. Mr. Jackel gave some echoes of conference at evening service. Although it was wet, there was a splendid attendance. Mesdames Buntrock and Petjack rendered a duet. Mrs. Jackel was farewelled at W.C.T.U., and was presented with a supper set. She had been president for three years. At an afternoon, Women's Mission Band spoke of Mrs. Jackel's contribution to work of church. After eugolistic references by Mesdames Byard, A. Murnane and L. Reidhead, Mrs. Jackel was presented with a leather hold-all shopping bag. Velma Brumby and Will Dudley were married in Baptist chapel at Moe, Mr. Jackel officiating. Mrs. Jackel addressed W.C.T.U. meeting at Neerim South. The annual Sunday school picnic was held at Glen Cromie. A. Martin, as in previous years, loaned his trucks for transport of children. M. Clugstone provides good leadership among children.

Essendon.—Church celebrated 35th anniversary on March 19. Speakers were Mr. Thickins (Thornbury) morning, Mr. McIlhagger, evening. Choir assisted with singing at both services. Mrs. Hutton was soloist at evening service. At morning service on April 16, Messrs. McIlhagger, Pearce and Kemp presented echoes of conference. Mrs. Hutton and Mr. Bridger rendered duet in evening. At combined P.B.P. and Women's Mission Band quarterly devotional meeting, April 20, an interesting talk was given by Mrs. Colin Thomas. Y.W.F. held a salmagundie evening on April 22. An enjoyable time was spent by all. Mr. Burt (Ascot Vale) was morning speaker on April 23, and Mr. McIlhagger in evening. A ladies' quartette was rendered by members of choir. Visitors have included Mavis and Beryl Phillips (Bundaberg, Qld.), Mrs. J. Ferguson (Lane Cove, Sydney). Mrs. Casson, sen., has been welcomed back after several weeks of illness; Mrs. Bone has been ill. "B" grade cricket team were successful in winning 1949-50 premiership. Church met on April 19 to discuss purchase of a manse.

ADDRESSES

A. Cooke (secretary Ringwood church, Vic.).
—50 Ringwood-st., Ringwood.
A. Jenkins (secretary Moreland church, Vic.).
—128 Sussex-st., Coburg, N.13.

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

THOMAS-MORFFEY.—On April 8, Elva Florence, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Morffew, "Aldesydde," 19 Station-st., Burwood, Melbourne, to Allan Thomas, third son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Orr, "Belair," 8 Glen Dhu-st., Launceston, at Hartwell church of Christ, Mr. D. Wakley officiating. Present address, 129 St. John-st., Launceston, Tasmania.

SILVER WEDDING

BERRY-OLIVER.—Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Berry announce with pleasure the 25th anniversary of their wedding, celebrated at Duchenbegarra, Victoria, May 6, 1925, Mr. A. J. Ingham officiating. Present address, 34 Dimboola-rd., Horsham, Vic.

THANKS

The family of the late Mr. Roland Jenner desire to express their sincere appreciation for many expressions of sympathy tendered to them by letters and floral tributes at time of their recent bereavement, and especially thank churches at Carnegie and Bambra-rd., W. W. Saunders, W. H. Clay, H. R. Coventry, W. A. Brown and Sister M. W. Johnson.
—137 Grange-rd., Glenhuntly.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Pratt wish to thank all who sent congratulations for ruby wedding on April 6.

IN MEMORIAM

DICKENS.—Loving memories of my dear friend, Mrs. W. Dickens, May 7, 1945. Near and dear as yesterday.
—Bessie Sinclair.

MILES.—In loving memory of dear dad who passed away on May 2, 1948.
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COMING EVENTS

MAY 11 (Thursday) at 7:45 p.m., Melbourne Bible Institute Graduation Service, Baptist church, Kooyong-rd., north of High-st., Armadale. Testimonies by graduating students, Choral music by M.B.I. Choir of not less than 100 voices. Conductor, Claude Gadge. Closing message by Mr. K. A. Macnaughtan.

NEWMARKET CHURCH OF CHRIST BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY,

MAY 28.
3 p.m., L. Cooke. 7 p.m., K. A. Jones.
Hospitality provided. All welcome.

NOTICE

WORKING BEE AT PARKDALE, VIC.
Members of church at Parkdale, Vic., are to paint chapel on May 6 and 20. Members of sister churches will be welcome to join in fellowship of this task. Their help will assist in a practical manner the work of the Lord. Any who could assist on either day are invited to bring a brush. A cordial invitation is given, and an assurance that none will regret the help given.

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BOX HILL CHURCH OF CHRIST.

HOME-COMING DAY, APRIL 7.

ANNIVERSARY SERVICES.

11 a.m., Mr. G. T. Fitzgerald.
7 p.m., Mr. G. T. Fitzgerald.
Mr. G. T. Fitzgerald will begin his ministry with Box Hill church. All past and present members will be welcomed.
Special singing by Male Choir.

Wednesday, May 10,
Public and brotherhood welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Fitzgerald. Programme and social cup of tea. Members and friends invited.

NORTH RICHMOND BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY SERVICES,

MAY 7 and 14.

11 a.m., J. E. Snow. 3 p.m., P. R. Thickins.
7 p.m., J. G. Shaw. Visitors welcome.

BLACKBURN SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.

May 7—3 p.m., J. K. Bond.

7 p.m., L. A. Trezise.

May 14—3 p.m., F. Strickland.

6.45 p.m., S. Neighbour.

Cradle Roll and Kindergarten Demonstration,
May 21, 3 p.m. All welcome.

COME BACK TO MORELAND.

Forty-first Anniversary of the Church,
MAY 14.

Three Helpful Services:

11 a.m., Family Reunion at the Lord's Table.
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CHURCH OF CHRIST, RICHLIEU ST., MAIDSTONE.

FIRST CHURCH ANNIVERSARY, SUNDAY, MAY 14.

11 a.m., A. B. Withers, Conference President.
3 p.m., P.S.A., Hon. A. E. Shepherd, M.L.A.
Musical items.
7 p.m., E. H. Randall.
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SWANSTON ST. (opp. Public Library).

11 a.m., commencing series on Book of Psalms: Psalm 1, "The Godly and the Ungodly Man."
4.30 p.m., Study group, beginning a brief series of studies in Revelation.
7 p.m., "A Disappointment in Love."
Preacher, K. A. Macnaughtan.

VICTORIAN CRUSADE RALLIES.

MAY 14 to 21 inclusive.
Interstate speaker, G. R. Stirling, B.A., South Australian Youth Director and Crusade Publicity Officer.
Sunday, May 14, Ballarat Churches.
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Monday, May 15, Northcote.
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Wednesday, May 17, Bentleigh.
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Obituary

Charles Bradley

CHARLES BRADLEY, of Glenelg church, S.A., passed to his rest on April 8, 1950, at a local hospital. Mr. Bradley had been in failing health for some months, and suffered considerably before he died. He was born in Bath, England. He came to Glenelg about 30 years ago from the Parkside Baptist church and united with church here. He held the office of deacon and church secretary for three years, and rendered excellent service, and continued loyal to the church fellowship throughout the years. His partner in life predeceased him by 7½ years. His funeral, a private one, was at the North Brighton Cemetery, conducted by writer. Four sons and three daughters are left to mourn his passing; but are comforted by the great and precious promises of God's word and divine Spirit. We commend them to his loving care and continued comfort in their deep bereavement.—A.H.

Leslie Millis

OVERTAKEN by a sudden illness, Leslie Millis was called home on April 7, at the age of 68 years. He was a son of Alfred Millis, a pioneer of North Fitzroy and Brighton churches. A hard worker until the last, fond of good sport, having been an eminent player in his early life, a devoted lover of his family and home, and a kindly, cheery, and helpful host to the many guests who found a warm welcome there. He was a delightful man to know, and will be missed by a wide circle of friends. Deepest sympathy is expressed to Mrs. Millis, who was called upon to part with her husband on their 40th wedding anniversary, and to the children, Isabelle (Mrs. Cedric Gower), Leslie, and Geoffrey. A son, Allan, was lost in the R.A.A.F. during the war. Russell Baker, a former preacher at Lygon-st., and John Turner, preacher at North Fitzroy, took part in the services conducted in the home and at the Melbourne Cemetery by the writer.—J. E. Brooke.

Social Service Notes

Election of Officers and Dedication

ON Friday, following conference, the Social Service Committees met to elect officers and sub-committees for conference year and transact urgent business. The usual dedication service was held, and there followed an hour of social intercourse, when refreshment was provided by Women's Auxiliary led by Mrs. Lowrey. Conference president, vice-president, and secretary, the president of Women's Conference, and wives and husbands of Committee members were guests.

R. A. Strongman was elected president for 1950-51, and E. J. Collings and C. Cole, vice-presidents. Secretary, associate secretary, minute secretary and treasurer were re-elected. These and the sub-committees were dedicated to these tasks by prayer led by A. B. Withers. Appropriate scripture was read by S. N. Neighbour. This service, though short, was most impressive.

Progress

The following day, Saturday, April 15, committees and Women's Auxiliary met at Wahgoorrd, Murrumbidgee, when corner stone of hospital was laid.

A Challenging Programme

Never before has the programme of the committee been so full or plans so challenging. Developments are so engaging that some appear to be alarmed lest we shall not prove equal to the inevitable demands. Committee is fully aware of responsibilities into which they are entering, and accepts them as trusts from God. To refuse to follow the lead which has been so clearly given would prove their unworthiness of the trust with which they have been honored.

Churches of Christ are at the gates of a new world. Some say turn back, may be a majority, but it was a small minority that favored advance into the "promised land"; subsequent history proved they were right.

Photographs

Photographs of the group taken at Murrumbidgee at the laying of the foundation stone ceremony may be ordered at the S.S. office.

Conference Programme

Those who were privileged to be present at the Social Service Demonstration at Lygon-st. chapel were repaid for difficulties of transport, due to tram strike.

F. E. Buckingham gave a helpful address. W. T. Atkin followed with an illustrated address on persons and properties dealing with progress of the department. The colored films shown were amongst the best we have seen. Allan Brown's songs were a perfect delight, and the singing of the more than forty preachers was a startling revelation.

Great Britain's Thanks

Churches in Britain have given practical expression of thanks and appreciation for parcels sent by Australian churches to relieve shortage and monotony of the supply over recent years. A bank transfer of £198/16/-, with exchange, realised £248/10/-. This amount is being credited to the hospital account and will be suitably recognised at the opening.

The church at "Home" wish us to express their thanks to all those who have sent parcels. Proof is not lacking of appreciation of recipients. Hundreds of letters reach us from gratified homes.

Accommodation

Owing to dearth of houses, we are constantly being requested to help in finding houses and rooms for seekers. We would be greatly helped if those who can offer accommodation would let us know. Many men and women in country, being appointed to the city, are often unable to accept because of this problem.

A Car or Truck

We are still waiting to hear from the brother or sister who would help us obtain motor transport of some kind for our work. Our obligations take us over the State, but more particularly within a range of 20 miles of the city. Our need is often a loss to the brotherhood, and misfortune for those whom we could better serve.—W. H. Clay.

CHURCH OF CHRIST, RALEIGH ST., FOOTSCRAY.

72nd CHURCH ANNIVERSARY,
SUNDAY, MAY 7.

11 a.m., R. Ennis.

3 p.m., P.S.A., Miss E. Richardson, O.B.E., Former Matron (retired last February) of Austin Hospital.

7 p.m., A. E. Hurren.

Fellowship tea, 5 p.m.

Please advise secretary for catering arrangements. Former members and friends welcome.
—Harold E. Easton, secretary.

ESSENDON CHURCH OF CHRIST, Buckley Street, BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.

MAY 7—

3 p.m., Mr. E. McIlhagger.

7 p.m., Mr. T. Fitzgerald.

MAY 14—

3 p.m., Mr. Ross Lloyd.

7 p.m., Mr. Ron Muller.

Come and enjoy a musical festival under the baton of Mr. Colin T. Ferguson.

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CHURCH OF CHRIST, BAMBRA-ROD, CAULFIELD.

30th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS.

Three Great "Back to Bambra-rod." Occasions.
Thursday, May 25, 2 p.m.—Back to "Sisters' Social Circle."

Sunday, May 28.—Back to "Worship."

10 a.m., Great United C.E. Gathering. Speaker, J. Mann.

11 a.m., Worship. Speaker, F. A. Youens.

3 p.m., Musical and Praise Festival, led by Brighton Salvation Army Band and Choristers. Speaker, J. E. Brooke.

7 p.m., Gospel Service. Speaker, F. A. Youens. Hospitality provided. Ring W. A. Brown (UL1472) to inform re requirements.

Thursday, June 1, 6.15 p.m.—Back to "Fellowship." Anniversary Fellowship Dinner. All former members and associates invited to all gatherings. Book the dates. Plan to attend.

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WOMEN'S SESSION

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Mrs. Henderson. Opened with prayer by Mrs. Woods. Reading, John 14, read by Mrs. Houghton. Mrs. D. Ewers, of Kalgoorlie, rendered a solo. A paper, sent by the Bridgetown sisters, was read by Mrs. Henderson. This portion of meeting closed in prayer by Mrs. J. W. B. Robinson. 67 sisters were present. Details of catering for conference were finalised, and Mrs. Eaton very kindly took over the supervision of this work in the absence of catering superintendent, Mrs. P. Jefferies.

Superintendents reported on the work of their various departments. President closed meeting with prayer.



★ PROGRAMME FOR JUNE, 1950

Hymn.—No. 170, "O Breath of God, Breathe on Us Now."

Prayer.—Give us, O Lord, an humble, quiet, peaceable, patient, tender and charitable mind, and in all our thoughts, words, and deeds have a taste of thy Holy Spirit. Give us, O Lord, a lively faith, a firm hope, a fervent charity, a love of thee. Take from us all lukewarmness in meditation, dullness in prayer. Give us favor and delight in thinking of thee and thy grace, thy tender compassion towards us. The things, good Lord, that we pray for, give us grace to labor for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.—(Sir Thomas More).

Bible Reading.—Acts 2: 1-9; 37-42.

Meditation.—"Power" (Pentecost).

Pentecost, the Jewish festival, was the fiftieth day after the offering of the sheaf of the first

fruits of the harvest, during the Feast of Unleavened Bread. Jews from many parts of the world went to Jerusalem for this festival. We can imagine there would have been much talk among them about the One who claimed to be the Messiah, but had been put to death upon a cross. It was a fanciful tale to them that Christ could have risen from the dead, and the Galilean disciples may have come in for some derision. But when the power of the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples, these same Jews were filled with amazement at what they saw and heard.

Let us look at the effect of this power of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples.

There was religious enthusiasm. The disciples wanted all men to know that Jesus Christ was risen from the dead as a living and glorified Saviour. Timid men became reckless of their own safety in their enthusiasm for the risen Christ.

There was unity. They had waited, with expectancy, the coming of the promised power, the Holy Spirit. The disciples were united in plan and purpose, thus the Holy Spirit had free access to work in and through them.

There was witnessing. The early church grew because the Christians witnessed by their lives, and by their conversation; persecution did not stop them; instead it made them more zealous.

There was prayer. The disciples realised that, in their own strength, they were weak men. Following in the way of the Master, they spent much time in prayer. With the power re-

ceived from God, they were able to work many wonders in Christ's name.

In any church where there is enthusiasm, unity, witnessing, and prayer, there will be found power to win men and women to the love of Christ.

Prayer.—"O God, who wast pleased to send on thy disciples the Holy Spirit in the burning fire of thy love, grant to thy people to be fervent in the unity of faith, that, abiding in thee evermore, they may be found both steadfast in faith and active in work; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

Hymn.—No. 177, "O thou that hearest prayer."

Business.

Home Mission Notes.

Overseas Letter.

Solo.

Prayer.

Address.—"The Clash of Faiths."

Hymn.—No. 375, "Dear Lord, who sought at dawn of day."

Benediction.—Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, in the power of the Holy Spirit.

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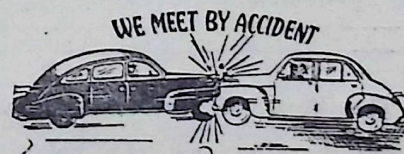
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