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Behind a child's character there is the unseen influence of parents.

We sent him to Sunday School . . .

She was standing before the judge, her face white with terror. It was, without doubt, the bitterest hour through which any mother could have lived. She had heard the evidence and confessed within her own soul that it was conclusive. Her boy was guilty. The judge was a kindly man, with a sympathetic heart, but he could not change the facts. The crime had been committed; the law prescribed the penalty; the court must do its duty. But, as a last resort, he had called the mother up before him to counsel with her, thinking she might be able to offer some solution.

"Your Honor," she said, "I can't believe it. I don't understand it. We've always sent him to Sunday school."

"You say you have sent him?" the judge queried. "But have you taken him? Have you furnished him any religious training inside the home? Has he ever heard the voice of prayer raised at a family altar? Has he ever had a religious book placed in his hand by a mother in whose religion he had confidence? Has his father ever taken him aside for an evening to instruct him in the things of God and righteousness? Or have you depended upon the Sunday school to train your boy in these matters, while you have been content with providing him with food, clothing, and a shelter? You see, it is extremely important that your boy should be in Sunday school, but the teacher under whom your boy sits in that school is limited by the religious training you give him in your home. If he comes to the teacher with some training, a superstructure of faith and conviction can be raised on that foundation. But if he comes into the Sunday school spiritually illiterate, the teacher must begin at the beginning, and do it in competition with the home which, by its silence on such subjects, has trained him to think religion is of no importance.

"You did well to send him to Sunday school. But when you sent him you still had an obligation to discharge, and a responsibility to fulfil. You have not done your duty unless you have done more than send him to Sunday school. Nothing less than paternal training *plus* the Sunday school will suffice. The times are so dangerous that it will take the utmost that all of us can do to safeguard our children in such a world."—*The Christian Advocate.*

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK:

"The joy of the Lord is your
strength." (Nehemiah 8: 10).

(Selected by church officers,
Hampton, Vic.)

A THOUGHT STIMULUS

Some men learn from experience;
others never recover from them.

Noah was six hundred years old
before he knew enough to build
the ark. Don't lose heart.

So they may know!

Christian education is as old as Christianity it-
self. Wherever people have been brought to a
knowledge of the Christian faith and formed a de-
cision to follow the Christian way of life, they have
transmitted that faith to others. They have
communicated the Christian faith through the
Christian home and the wider fellowship of be-
lievers, the church.

Christian education as we know it to-day is
distinctly a modern development. Always the
church has been concerned to nurture its children
in the faith as well as win adults to belief in
Christ. That work has been attempted in the
past one hundred years through its Sunday schools
and the activities that grew up around them. It
is the Sunday (or church) school which has be-
come the main agency of the church in passing on
its faith to boys and girls, and in many places,
adults.

The church transmits its faith in two important
ways:

1. By its spirit and life within its fellowship; and
2. By its more direct efforts of teaching. These
two are vitally interlocked. Young people will
come to possess only vague attitudes and allegiances
unless they are getting a foundation for their
faith, by understanding what the Christian message
is. So there must be emphasis not only upon the
participation of boys and girls in the fellowship
of the church, but upon the programme of in-
struction, interpretation and guidance.

The teaching work of the church requires some
of the more mature members to share their know-
ledge of the Christian faith with those less mature.
This calls for voluntary workers, sufficiently capable
and adequately trained for teaching. "It means
classes, discussion groups, opportunities to practise
Christian living. It utilises books, lesson materials,
pictures, maps and equipment of all sorts. It em-
ploys class-rooms, time schedules, and organisa-
tional arrangements. All these activities taken to-
gether constitute the Sunday (church) school."

It is the church itself which is the only adequate
agency of Christian education. Only as the Bible
school and related groups are integrated into the
total pattern which is the church can Christian
education become effective.

Does it really matter whether young people know
much about the Bible or not? Does it really
matter whether they have any clear understanding
of their Christian faith? The implications of
these questions should send us about the task of
Christian education with serious purpose and suf-
ficient resource.

—V. C. Stafford, Director,
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"You Never Looked After Me"

EDITORIAL

Modern translations of the New Testament have a way of startling us out of a complacent attitude often adapted toward some of the familiar phrasing of the Authorised and Revised Versions. The twenty-fifth chapter of Matthew's record of the gospel presents the unforgettable picture of a final judgment, and in verse forty-three a condemnation is featured in the words, "You never looked after me." These soul-disturbing words are used in Moffatt's translation.

When Jesus speaks there is a simplicity that the dullest can understand. One does not need a dictionary to find the meaning of his words or an interpreter to explain the picture. This picture glows with a light that never dims. Jesus relates everything to himself—clothing, drink, food and social acts. He identifies himself with those who are sick, in prison and in distress of body and mind. The picture presents judgment day as cumulative rather than catastrophic; it is a gradual growth and not a sudden disaster. Judgment is bound up with the manner of daily life, and for this reason it is startling to contemplate that our neglect of others in need may warrant Jesus saying to us, "You never looked after me."

It is a natural extension of the picture to conceive of Jesus identifying himself with children—he did it in deed. He set a child in the midst of his disciples and said, "Who shall receive one such little child, the same is greatest in

the kingdom of heaven." It was far, far better for a man not to have been born than offend "these little ones." Since judgment is bound up with a man's daily life, any mistaken attitude to children, any despising, any neglect of their welfare (body, mind or spirit) may necessitate Jesus' judgment, "You never looked after me."

When historians record the "for better, for worse" of our age, surely they will credit it with rapid progress in child welfare, and the right of children to be well born, the right of children to be understood and treated as children and not miniature adults, the right of the child mind to grow and not be doped with adult conclusions, and the child's right of spiritual nurture.

The present-day emphasis given to youth work by most churches is evidence of a genuine desire to minister to known needs of youth. Young People's Departments are charged with the high responsibilities of directing the consecrated effort of the church. Despite the splendor of the church's activities toward youth, there yet remains a big unreached majority without any spiritual provision. Lest we become content with work well done, and complacency cause the hand to grow slack, let us so labor that we may not hear Jesus say on judgment day, "You never looked after me." To hear that would be hell.

Editorial Comments

Parent-Teachers

Youth work pays the best dividends when done by parents. The desire of youth leaders is to supplement the work of parents, not to relieve them of responsibility. Truth looms important when presented by parents and exemplified in conduct. There is a growing body of opinion that the next forward move in Christian youth work is to secure the co-operation of parents and leaders and departments to work more and still more through the home. With a view to this attainment, adult classes ought frequently to offer special elective courses in child training in which there will be discussion of such topics as the child's religious ideas, how Christian character is produced, how to deal with moral crises, how to maintain a religious atmosphere in the home, how to secure the child's loyalty to the church, detecting and guiding religious awakenings in the experience of the child or youth, and many other topics of similar importance. We are convinced that there is a growing number of parents with a concern for the spiritual life of their children who would avail themselves of it. Adult education provides classes for less important things and gains a response.



The Shepherd-Heart

Youth work is the evangelistic fervor of the church finding intelligent expression at the level of youth. We are apt to disassociate youth work from evangelism, and reserve the term for the reclamation of the sinner, whereas

evangelism includes teaching as well as preaching. Sankey's famous hymn of the Ninety-and-Nine represents our evangelistic fervor in reclaiming the straying adult, whereas the parable inspiring the hymn has a wider application. The sheep is a lamb. In Matthew's record Jesus appears to avoid the reference to "the sinner that repenteth," which is used in Luke's setting to the parable. Matthew's phrase, "even these little ones," is a climax to the parable that has as its context some of the most beautiful words ever spoken relating to children. There is reason to believe that the object of the Shepherd's concern was not a grown person, sophisticated in sin, but a child needing shepherd care and the security of the fold.

Teachers and youth leaders have the shepherd heart, and they should be recognised as evangelists and their work as wise evangelism. It is a mistake to limit evangelism to the reclamation of the sinner. The endeavor to prevent sheep from straying is also evangelism. Christian education can prove the finest field for the exercise of the shepherd instinct.



Imperishable Work

All material things shall pass away, but the one who shapes the human spirit into the likeness of Jesus Christ is doing imperishable work. The moulder of a child's character into Christ's image has wrought a noble work. The greatest thing in the world is a growing boy or girl; the greatest thing in a boy or girl is character, and the greatest thing for producing character is the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The teacher's task is to teach religion—to make God real to the pupil. It is not the Sunday school teacher's concern to give a

history lesson or just a geography lesson. He must concentrate on the "inwardness" of his subject. The relevance of the lesson to life must be obvious to the pupil. The great text-book of our Faith becomes a living document when related to life, or when the teacher introduces biblical material by saying in effect, "Now isn't this the thing Jesus was talking about when he said —?" or "Isn't this the tight corner Daniel found himself in when —?" Teachers deal with a generation which thinks in different terms from its predecessors. A boy will appreciate the teacher and the facts taught if presented in the thought mould with which he is familiar. Jesus used freely the thought moulds of his day.

The proper direction of young people in these days is a task worthy of the greatest and wisest Christians.



A Healthy Scepticism

The healthy spirit of scepticism that often overtakes youth is viewed with suspicion by the old and middle-aged when youth fails to be enthusiastic over their pet palliatives. It is this "healthy scepticism" that causes youth to thrust forward. Over a century ago young Disraeli, beating against the prejudice of the Tory party, of which he was a member, banded with some other young men to form the "Young England" party. He wrote: "We live in an age when to be young and to be indifferent can be no longer synonymous. We must prepare for the coming hour. The claims of the future are represented by suffering millions, and the youth of a nation are the trustees of posterity."

Christian young men and women cannot afford to be indifferent to the state of the world.

A Letter to the Churches

Dear Brethren,

As chairmen of the Federal and State Youth Departments, we make this urgent appeal to all members of our churches.

On Sunday, May 13 (May 6 in W.A.) you will have the opportunity in the annual offering, to share in the financial support of the Youth Department in your State.

Elsewhere in this issue you will read of the varied activities in which Departments are engaged. We express gratitude to our brethren for their support in previous years. Your gifts have made this work possible.

In view of rising costs everywhere, we need more help than ever to maintain our present position.

Our Federal Youth Department, the Board of Christian Education, is attending to the big job of producing lesson materials adequate for our schools. In addition it is responsible for the production of youth literature used in all States. States desire to give stronger financial backing to the Board.

Evangelism among boys and girls, the building of youth into the church, still stands as the most vital and rewarding activity of the brotherhood. Without it we should soon cease to exist.

For the work of winning youth to Christ, training them in Christian living and service, equipping teachers and leaders, providing teaching materials, promoting Christian youth work on local, State and Federal levels we need the generous help of every member on May 13.

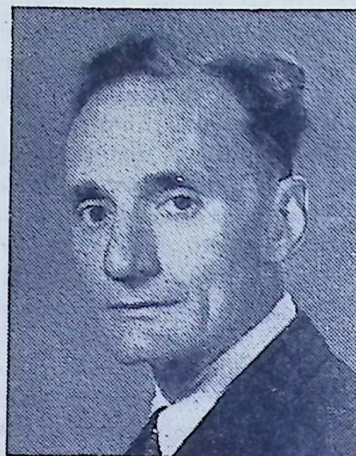
May we count on you to encourage our Departments and provide us with the money to do the job?

Yours in a glad service,

F.T. Morgan (Federal Board)
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Highlights of

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (Federal Youth Department.)



V. C. Stafford, Director,
Federal Board of Christian Education

Constituted at Federal Conference, 1948, the Board consists of representatives of all youth departments who meet annually in a four-day conference to decide policy and discuss youth work on a Federal basis. A large and vital part of the Board's activities is the production of the new lesson materials in use in our schools since January of this year. It conducts the Class Test System, publishes "The Leader's Kit," a resource library for youth workers, study booklets for youth camps, and other literature for teacher and leader training. States make annual token payments to assist the Board. The Victorian department, in addition, has given generous financial aid.

VICTORIA



L. A. Trezise, B.A., Director,
Victorian Young People's Dept.

Bible school work encouraged by visitation to schools and workers' conventions. Correspondence lessons sent to 100 children. Active Christian Endeavor work among 90 societies. Vigorous Good Companion girls' club movement. Explorer Boys' clubs with State membership of 1000. P.B.P. and K.S.P. chapters catering for a constituency 1000 strong. Co-operation with Baptists in Recreational Council, promoting fellowship among 1500

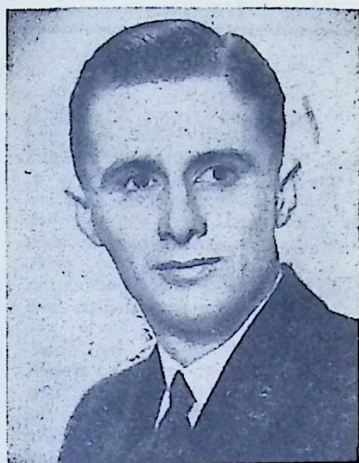
young people taking part in sporting activities. Camp properties at Monbulk and Halls Gap maintained and enlarged. Over 1000 young people in camp conferences in twelve months. Teacher training sponsored through Victorian Council for Christian Education. Leaders trained in Y.W.C.A., Y.M.C.A. and National Fitness courses. Assistance given to religious instruction in State schools. "Investment for Youth" fund sponsored by committee of young people. Additions to churches from school, 235.

BUDGET REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS YEAR — £1750.

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Youth Work Across a Continent

SOUTH AUSTRALIA



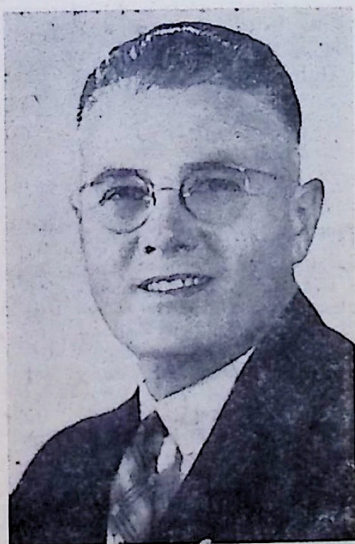
G. R. Stirling, B.A.,
South Australian Youth Director.

The Bible school membership (1950) of over 5000 registers a steady growth, and of the 258 primary additions to church membership, 177 were from the schools. Steps to meet the losses of teen-ager boys and girls from schools are more volunteers to lead C.E. and week-day activities, training for membership classes, more men teachers for adolescent boys. Cost of mobile Youth Unit, £680, met within fifteen months. Unit covered 13,000

miles in twelve months in visitation, camps, Happy Hour campaigns in eight schools, training conventions. Eleven training courses held in suburban and country areas for teachers and leaders. Camps held at Gawler, Tanunda and Eyre's Peninsula. Young people associated in six athletic groups. Programme planning workshops have been held for C.E. and clubs. Mail bag Sunday school, three scholars reached in this work decided for Christ at Tumbay Bay camp. Department assists groups with demonstrations of Bible school and Youth work, library, sound and film strip projector, "Call to Youth" week-ends.

AIM FOR 1951 ANNUAL OFFERING — £1000.

NEW SOUTH WALES



R. Greenhalgh,
Youth Director, N.S.W.

Seventy schools totalling 5731 scholars. Six new schools commenced. Cradle Roll figures high. Christian Workers' Training Course had twenty-four graduates. Happy Hours and missions at Bowral and Naremburn. Successful second Anzac Day Youth Workers' Conference. Visitation to schools and isolated homes on North Coast and at Inverell. Campaign amongst Intermediates. Training of teachers for religious instruction in State schools. Keen Christian Endeavor programme

and State Cup Competition. Talent Quest. Youth Centre fund advanced. Purchase of Youth Department panel van and accessories achieved. Supplies Department conducted. Additions to churches from schools, 114.

BUDGET NEEDS — £1000.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Increase campaign planned for 1951 aims to considerably enlarge present school enrolment of 2681. Of 124 additions to churches, 67 were from the schools. Quarterly conferences of school leaders and visitation to schools is promoting efficiency in teaching. C.E. Societies and boys' and girls' clubs though small in membership, reveal helpful throughout-the-week activity. Camp site at Waterman's Bay developed. Several camps held for junior and senior boys and girls. Camps for leader training.

OFFERING AIM — £815.

QUEENSLAND

The northern State shows smaller Bible school membership, 1733. There were 71 additions to church membership. C. Latimer is giving part-time oversight to the Department. Loyalty Month conducted during August. Youth camps for seniors and juniors during year. Combined Sports Day. Postal Sunday School serving 40 families. Youth Workers' Conference, with 40 delegates from 16 churches.

TASMANIA

Tackling a limited field with unlimited enthusiasm, the committee in the island State is forming plans for the advancement of Bible schools and Youth auxiliaries.

OFFERING TARGET FOR 1951 IS £100.

YOUTH PUBLICATIONS

The Board of Christian Education, our Federal Youth Department is serving our Bible Schools, Christian Endeavor Societies, Boys' and Girls' Clubs, and other youth groups, teachers and leaders throughout Australia, in producing the following:

Teachers' and scholars' lesson materials for all grades from Kindergarten to Bible Class. This involves the preparation of 364 lessons each year based on a 14-year curriculum.

"The Leader's Kit." Two volumes of this appeared in 1949 and 1950. The third is now being issued.

Study Booklets. This literature for use in camps, conferences and local youth groups, includes:

"How Shall I Study the Bible?" "From Hosea to Jesus," "An On-Going Christian Movement."

Annual Youth Offering—

SUNDAY — MAY 13

(MAY 6 IN W.A.)



The sisters of South Australia have decided to supply their living link in India, Mrs. Bruce Coventry, with a refrigerator, estimated cost, including freight and taxes, etc., £200. To date £172 has been received and the field advised to proceed with purchase.

An anonymous friend of South Australia, who has been generous over the years to brotherhood work, forwarded a cheque to the F.M. Board for allocation as follows: Foreign Missions, £120; Home Missions (S.A.), £65; Building Extension (S.A.), £55; Aborigines Mission, £25; Mission to Lepers, £45; Bible Society, £10. Amounts have been forwarded to the different societies named and the donor warmly thanked.

Mrs. E. Wickham, 8 Ruyton-st., Burwood, E.13, is now treasurer of Victorian Women's Conference. The retiring treasurer, Mrs. Cartmel, has made a splendid contribution to Victorian women's work for many years by her efficient service.

The 1951 Red Cliffs training camp held near Tumby Bay, S.A., proved better than ever. The youth director, G. R. Stirling, led the camp which numbered 34. K. Dixon (Wundinna) and P. Whitmore led morning and evening devotion while Mr. Stirling had charge of lectures. The fellowship enjoyed each year at this camp is a most enriching experience for young Christians.

A telegram received from W. Marshall, preacher Mile End church, S.A., reads: "Hinrichsen-Perry had crowded marquee meeting last night, great number standing inside, outside; three decided."

The Parkdale church, Vic., entertained Mr. and Mrs. Percy Pittman on April 6 on the occasion of their diamond wedding anniversary. A presentation was made by the church. Mrs. Tallant and Berwick friends provided the cake. Musical items were provided by Mr. Sydney Pittman, Mrs. C. G. Taylor and Mr. A. T. Cuddy. Miss M. E. Pittman played accompaniments.



Victorian F.M. Department

At the first meeting of the 1951 Victorian Overseas Missions Committee, the following officers were re-elected: Chairman, J. Turner, B.A.; secretary, J. E. Allan; assistant secretary, A. B. Withers; treasurer, V. L. Gole, and F. H. Simpson, M. D. Williams and P. C. Williams were appointed as co-opted members. At the recent conference, Mr. Len Gole, retired from the committee; for about 50 years he held unbroken membership on missionary committees in Queensland and Victoria, and rendered outstanding administrative services in the positions of president, secretary and assistant secretary, and on several sub-committees. In recognition of this long and honored service he has been invited to serve as a member-emeritus. Mr. Gole is the Victorian representative on the Federal Foreign Missionary Board.

F. F. Byatt, minister of Williamstown Methodist churches, Vic., has been appointed Australian secretary of the World Council of Churches Commission for Inter-Church Aid to meet in Melbourne. He will immediately undertake his new duties of organising the appeal in all States, on the lines of action taken in Victoria last year when £10,000 was raised. Mr. Byatt was then Victorian chairman. Principal E. Lyall Williams, Federal president of churches of Christ, has accepted the chairmanship of the Commission, and Professor H. A. Woodruff, the

organiser of last year's Victorian appeal, has consented to act as the chairman of the Executive. The office of the Australian Commission for Inter-Church Aid is at Room 23, Fifth Floor, Nicholas Building, 37 Swanston-st., Melb., C.1.



Vic. Social Service Committee

ELECTIONS AND DEDICATIONS.

The Victorian Social Service Committee met to appoint its officers and sub-committees on Friday evening last. The following were appointed:

President, C. Cole; vice-presidents, E. J. Collings and K. Patterson; secretary, W. T. Atkin; accounts secretary, W. W. Saunders; treasurer, R. A. Strongman, minute secretary, G. B. Woodbridge; chaplain, Chas. Young; home chaplain, K. Patterson; leader of Women's Auxiliary, Mrs. M. Ward; director, Will. H. Clay.

A most impressive dedication service followed. Conference presidents, F. N. Lee and Mrs. A. B. Withers, each gave short addresses, and A. B. Withers, retiring conference president, led in the dedicatory prayer. Husbands and wives of members of the committee, with the matron of the Home, Mrs. Miller, and Ross Lloyd, conference secretary, and Mrs. Lloyd, were the guests of the committee.

Gone Ahead on the High Road

Jessie Oldfield, wife of Dr. G. H. Oldfield, died on Tuesday, April 10. The large representative company that gathered at the funeral parlors and at graveside was evidence of brotherhood sympathy and a desire to recognise the splendor of her missionary service on their behalf, and to pay a tribute to her sweet winsome character. Friends in all States and in India extend Christian sympathy to the Doctor and his three sons, and to all immediate relatives.



After having spent more than four months of happy and helpful fellowship with the Tasmanian churches, I was called upon by the editor, whom I had not met since leaving Glen Iris in 1914, to review those intervening years. Briefly my reply was that after seven years in full-time service with the churches, I accepted secular employment for personal reasons. The depression appeared, and in 1928 I was compelled to leave Brisbane and accept employment at Roma. This work ceased, and led to much prayer and thought being given to my next venture. Guided largely by a happening in my wife's family, I decided to embark in a very humble way in a small business venture of my own. Realising that there were possibilities in my business, but that they could not be realised at Roma, after much prayer—and I believe God over-ruled in the circumstances—I was led to re-establish my business at East Ipswich. Here as a result of God's blessing my business prospered. After 42 years, some of which were hard indeed, and others very barren, and I at times rebellious, I now see God's guiding hand, and confess that his way is best. All the way my Saviour has led me, for he has made all things work together for good, and "God has supplied all my need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."—W. E. Reeve, Qld.

I've been thinking...

By Horace Kingsbury.

I've been thinking of an article I recently wrote about an old, old man I had met, and I feel constrained now to write about an old, old woman I came to know in the course of my ministry. She was born across the sea long years before, and had been put to work at the tender age of seven. She had an alert



mind, but the privileges of education were denied her, and what she knew she picked up by observation and experience. Fortunately for her, in the course of the years, she came "to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge," and she lived and died in the faith of the gospel.

Late in life she found a kindred spirit in a neighbor, who like herself was well advanced in years, and there sprang up a fine friendship between them, and they spent happy hours together. One day, when these two aged women were talking with one another about the Word of God, the former said she could not read her Bible, and the latter, thinking perhaps it was because the print was small, suggested that if she had one of larger print she might be able to read it. "No," said the other—for it wasn't a matter of the size of type—"I never could read."

Then she began to talk reverently and affectionately about her Bible, and her understanding friend listened respectfully to her moving story. When night came on she took it in her hands, caressed it, kissed it, and said, "This is the Word of God! I put it under my pillow and I know it's there." And until she died she was literally and actually "resting on the promises of God."



A cultivated intellect over a depraved heart is nothing more than an electric light over a graveyard.



DR. BOREHAM, OCTOGENARIAN.

Dr. F. W. Boreham was born at Tunbridge Wells, England, and trained at Spurgeon's College. It is only part of the truth to say that he ministered to churches in New Zealand, Tasmania and Victoria, and still continues mid-week services at Scots Church, Melbourne, for his ministry has been world wide because of his many books and his lecture tours. On March 3 he celebrated his eightieth birthday. The Victorian Baptist ministers fittingly remembered this notable event and entertained both Mr. and Mrs. Boreham, and made suitable gifts. "The Australian Christian" shares the wishes of his publishers and his wide circle of readers and admirers, that continued health and strength will permit further years of usefulness.

New South Wales Conference

Ethelbert Davis.

A departure from the usual was made in the 66th annual conference by the reduction of the number of meetings, and the effort to get through the whole programme in six days, including the conference sermon on the Sunday afternoon.

Conference appointed the following officers: President, G. E. Burns; vice-presidents, P. E. Thomas, G. J. Andrews; secretary, S. C. Woolley; assistant, W. J. Modral; treasurer, T. W. Dunne.

REPORTS.

Conference Executive.—The report opened with the usual acknowledgment of gratitude to God for his goodness and guidance, and an expression of loyalty to His Gracious Majesty King George VI.

Obituary.—During the year churches reported the passing of 49 members to higher service.

Statistics.—There had been 254 added to the membership of the churches by faith and baptism, giving at close of year a membership of 6280.

Half-yearly Conference and Quarterly Rally.—A quarterly rally had been held in the City Temple on Sept. 1, 1950; it was well attended. The subject under discussion was, "Work of the Brotherhood," introduced by W. J. Crossman. At Penrith on Saturday, Nov. 11, the half-yearly conference had been held, under the presidency of N. H. Matthews. Afternoon sessions were held in the C.W.A. Hall, when reports were given by the various conference committees. Conference was continued after tea in the Masonic Hall. It was voted a successful conference.

Broadcasting.—Church services and devotional sessions had been arranged throughout the year, and thanks was extended to the churches and preachers for their co-operation.

Federal Conference and World Convention.—Reference was made to the happy experience of the Federal Conference held at Hobart last October. A paragraph giving up-to-date details concerning the World Convention to be held in Melbourne in 1952 was included in the report.

Centenary Celebrations.—Preparations were being made for the centenary celebrations next year. A committee had been appointed to organise.

Canberra Appeal.—The executive had appointed a select committee to devise ways and means of raising the sum of £1600, the amount allotted to New South Wales City Temple property. The officers of the City Temple and representatives of the Conference Executive had met to consider the question of the City Temple property being handed over to the brotherhood. A number of resolutions carefully and clearly worded were submitted to conference, with the result the churches of N.S.W. in conference assembled unanimously decided to take over the property as from July 1, 1951.

Home Mission Committee.—An aggressive policy had been adopted and carried out during the year. Two churches, Albury and Epping, had become self-supporting. A new cause, known as Toowoomba Bay-Gosford, had been established, with J. W. Brooks as preacher.

Overseas Mission Committee.—Steady progress had been made among the villages in India, helped greatly by motor transport and sound-film equipment. The introduction of these modern methods had greatly widened the scope of influence. There are at present 21 missionaries on the field, the largest number that had ever been on the field. The Federal secretary

had visited the island churches during the year and had been favorably impressed by what he had seen. On the islands there are 50 churches with about 1500 Christians, 1050 under instruction.

Youth Department's statistical register showed that there were 70 schools, with 5731 scholars, including isolated and cradle roll scholars. There had been a gain of 208 scholars, but a loss of 13 teachers. Six new schools had come into existence during the year.



A W. Morris, preacher of Albury church, N.S.W.

Wodonga, a town on the Murray with a population of 5000, and adjacent to Bandiana military area, and S.E.C. works of the Kiewa electrical scheme, is situated approximately three miles from the city of Albury, N.S.W.

A cement-brick building has been erected in this centre and was officially opened on Feb. 11. It was built by voluntary labor at sacrificial cost for £900, including the cost of the land, valued at £250. This new cause has been sponsored by the Albury church, N.S.W.

Social Service Committee.—The special appeal for flood relief had met with a generous response by the churches. The sum of £140 had been given to members who had suffered loss. Donations of £25 each had also been sent to the Lord Mayor's Fund and to the "Herald" relief fund. An amount of £39 had been distributed to pensioners and needy cases at Christmas time. Public questions figured very largely in the work of the committee. Receipts of the Christian Fellowship Association had increased over the year.

Woolwich Bible College.—The Board of Management in presenting its report for the ninth year of the college's existence, felt that God had signally blessed the institution ever since its inception. The thing that had concerned the Board most during the year had been the resignation of A. W. Ladbroke as senior lecturer to undertake educational and evangelistic work in Southern Rhodesia, and then, later in the year, the resignation of H. J. Patterson as principal to labor with the church at Hartwell, Vic. These resignations had been

accepted with regret. It had been, it was believed, by the blessing and guidance of God, that A. W. Stephenson had come to assume the duties of principal, and A. G. Elliott as senior lecturer. Seven new students had entered for 1951. These, with eleven old students, made a total of 17.

Children's Homes Committee.—The voluntary liquidation of the Churches of Christ Homes Co-operative Society Limited had been completed, and the assets transferred to the Churches of Christ Property Trust in trust for the Children's Homes Committee. During most of the year Dunmore House had accommodated 35 boys. The property consists of 16 acres, and during the year the committee agreed to transfer a corner site to the Pendle Hill church for the erection of a chapel and a manse.

Aborigines Mission Committee.—The committee reported the fact that Norseman had three married missionary couples, two single lady missionaries, eighteen native boys, twenty native girls, and one native helper. Carnarvon had two married missionary couples, three single lady missionaries, one male missionary worker, forty-six native boys and thirty native girls. Six of the missionaries had come from New South Wales.

Other committees reporting to conference were the Unity Committee, Advisory Board, "Christian Messenger," Building Advisory Committee and Aborigines Committee.

Demonstrations.

The Youth Department opened the demonstrations of conference on the Monday night with a programme theme, "Youth Aflame for Christ."

On Tuesday night the Overseas and Aborigines Committee's Demonstration was held. Pictures of the aborigine work were shown by Mr. G. E. Knight, a survey of the work was given by Mrs. R. McCallum. The overseas session was represented by an address by Miss Win. Walker, of India, and a short talk by Mr. I. A. Paternoster.

After the usual Social Service tea on the Wednesday night, the Social Service Committee and the College Board united for the evening demonstration. The principle item of the Social Service session was a thirty-minute sound film, and for the College session an address by Principal A. W. Stephenson on "Preachers for an Atomic Age."

On the Friday night, "Evangelism in the Homeland," was the theme, with addresses upon the following subjects: "The Church: Its Missionary Fervor," J. W. Brooks; "Home Missions: Our Primary Responsibility," A. Morris; "Spreading the Evangel," A. Norling. The offering for home missions amounted to £491/17/-.

At the Preachers' Session on the Wednesday afternoon, Principal E. L. Williams was the speaker. He addressed the preachers on the subject, "Preserving Our Plea."

A well-attended meeting listened to the conference sermon on the Sunday afternoon. The preacher, Principal E. L. Williams, gave a much appreciated message on "I Believe in the Church."

"When we see the lilies spinning in distress, taking thought to manufacture loveliness. When we see the birds all building barns for store, 'Twill be time for us to worry—not before."

INTERSTATE C H U R C H N E W S

"... they rehearsed all that God had done with them."

Discipleship

Mrs. Duffield, West Preston, Vic.
Miss B. Hall, West Preston, Vic.
Miss J. Jenkins, West Preston, Vic.
Mr. Praper, Kaniva, Vic.
Mrs. Brooks, Kaniva, Vic.
Carlene Anderson, Forestville, S.A.
Max Frost, Forestville, S.A.
Miss I. Clifton, Albury-Wodonga, N.S.W.
Mr. Colley, Albury-Wodonga, N.S.W.
Mrs. Hughes, Hamilton, Vic.
Donald Edwards, Hamilton, Vic.

Membership

Lorraine Chapman, Broken Hill, N.S.W.
Ray Baldwin, Toowoomba, Qld.
Ted Woolf, Toowoomba, Qld.
Len Close, Toowoomba, Qld.
Mrs. Vanham (senr.), Toowoomba, Qld.
Mr. P. Close, Toowoomba, Qld.
Mrs. P. Close, Toowoomba, Qld.
Mrs. Jory, Surrey Hills, Vic.
Miss B. Jory, Surrey Hills, Vic.
Mr. K. Dextor, Surrey Hills, Vic.
Mrs. K. Dextor, Surrey Hills, Vic.
Glenys Wood, Forestville, S.A.
Dorothy Gare, Forestville, S.A.
Mr. J. McLennan, Margaret-st., Launceston, Tas.
Mrs. J. McLennan, Margaret-st., Launceston, Tas.
Pam Dobbie, East Ipswich, Qld.
Derrick Smith, East Ipswich, Qld.
Mrs. A. J. Holmes, East Ipswich, Qld.
Mr. A. J. Holmes, East Ipswich, Qld.
Miss A. Martley, Nailsworth, S.A.
Mr. C. Jenkins, Ann-st., Brisbane.
Mrs. C. Jenkins, Ann-st., Brisbane, Qld.
Joy Jenkins, Ann-st., Brisbane, Qld.
Mrs. John Baulch, Hamilton, Vic.
Miss June Coudie, Hamilton, Vic.

Marriage

Jessie Green and Alan Walker, West Preston, Vic.
Val. Harkness (Owen, S.A.) to Ray Russell (Forestville, S.A.).
Joan Francis Newell to Arthur Borden, Warracknabeal, Vic.
Mollie Rogers to Len Chivell, Warracknabeal, Vic.
Joan Howard and Evan Adermann, Ann-st., Brisbane, Qld.

Fallen Asleep

Mrs. E. J. Parker, Norwood, S.A.
Mrs. E. Spies, Toowoomba, Qld.
Mrs. N. Adams, Lygon-st., Carlton, Vic.
Mrs. Ada Stevens, Margaret-st., Launceston, Tas.
M. Cameron, Lygon-st., Carlton, Vic.
Mrs. G. H. Oldfield, Lygon-st., Carlton, Vic.

Western Australia

Morawa.—F. Fewster gave inspiring message on Sunday evening in Morewa Hall. Great work is being done in district. Manse has been erected and a new Holden car provided for preacher's work, both free of debt. Church is now self-supporting. Grateful thanks and appreciation to Home Mission Committee for help.

Queensland

East Ipswich.—Gospel service, April 1, was conducted by Ladies' Guild; 76 attended. 100 partook of communion for day. J.C. Endeavorers who attend first Sunday in month rendered choruses. A. B. Clark, of Dalby, addressed morning service on Easter Sunday. W. E. Reeve, treasurer, and T. A. Fergusson, minister, have been appointed president and vice-president respectively of State Conference. At first office board meeting of new church year, A. E. Boettcher was again appointed church secretary. Lively Ladies' Guild are furnishing one room in recently purchased Christian Guest Home in Brisbane.

Toowoomba.—Lloyd Jones, State evangelist, preached to good congregations on Easter Sunday. A wet evening marred attendance at Bible school Easter service, when Mr. Hart told the story of "His Glorious Shame." At close a Bible class student made good confession. Fred. N. Winter has been elected to the State Youth Committee. Mr. Hart enjoyed preachers' "retreat" at Kingaroy. He and F. Winter brought reports of annual conference to Central and Harlaxton churches. The S.Q.C. conference has accepted responsibility of providing their own group speakers for church commenced at Warwick. The State Aborigines Mission Committee is now centred at Toowoomba.

Brisbane (Ann-st.).—K. Horne, minister of Chinchilla-Wombo Creek circuit, was guest speaker on morning of March 25. Sunday school is practising for anniversary under leadership of W. Hack. Tennis club has commenced social games on Saturday afternoons.

New South Wales

Broken Hill.—At Wolfram-st. on morning of April 1, a Railway Town young lady was baptised, and Mrs. Garner and Mrs. Peckham were welcomed after sickness. A. Thurgood spoke at evening service. Mr. and Mrs. Thurgood shortly take up aborigine work in S.A. Mr. McCormick began a special series of addresses at Railway Town. A pet and doll show raised £30 toward a projector for church and S.S. work.

Albury-Wodonga.—Work is progressing favorably at both centres; six reconsecrations in last few weeks. Mr. Morris addressed meetings at both places. Mr. Prior, from Hurstville, N.S.W., gave a strip film tour of New Zealand. Some members went to Yarrowonga district conference. Mr. Morris attended N.S.W. conference and preachers' retreat. Mr. Massey and Sister Paske are recovering after illness. Ladies held a street stall on April 6. Open-air Sunday school completed first twelve months without wet day, doing fine work at Mungaharena.

Tasmania

Launceston (Margaret-st.).—Annual church picnic on March 5 was enjoyable in spite of showers. Special offering for N.S.W. flood relief realised £10/4/3. A. J. McAdam was guest speaker at Men's Fellowship March meeting. H. A. Crowden was speaker at both services on Easter Sunday. Miss Doris Allen has been appointed kindergarten superintendent. J. P. Foot has been re-elected elder and T. Wilmot and W. Spinks re-elected deacons. J. H. Harrison and G. J. Foot have been reappointed church secretary and treasurer respectively. G. J. Foot was elected Tasmanian conference president, with A. J. Griffiths as vice-president. Attendances at mid-weekly prayer meetings are slightly on increase. Miss Lois Younger has removed to Hobart and Miss Patricia Munden (Mrs. Plumb) to St. Marys. Co-operation with Invermay church continues.

South Australia

Forestville.—Church and auxiliaries are in good heart. Several young men assisted in youth services on April 1. Tom Elson gave morning address. Nancy Patrick was welcomed to Bible school staff, and school presented church with new piano. At youth tea, J. H. Hunting, of Biblical Research Society, showed colored pictures of Israel. Boys' Club enjoyed Easter camp at Port Elliot, and Endeavorers voted C.E. sports day at National Park a success. Tennis team won A grade premiership. During Mr. Russell's holiday, speakers were J. H. Hunting, Mr. Riddell, C. Schwab, Will, Beiler, and soloists, Mrs. H. R. Bowden and Robert Bell.

Cowandilla.—Harvest thanksgiving services were held during March, when W. N. Bartlett (Croydon) addressed morning meeting and T. T. Robinson evening. Attendances were good and food gifts are being forwarded to mission fields. Boys' Brigade commenced with 20 boys. Officers are, chaplain, T. T. Robinson, captain, N. G. McLean; lieutenants, M. Pollock and C. Bowers. Several young people attended Gawler camp during Easter. Church members also visited camp. T. T. Robinson continues to be appreciated. At annual business meeting on March 29 C. Simons was elected deacon and Mrs. M. Pollard on social committee. Other officers remain same. Church balance sheet shows satisfactory accounts. Manse fund account has been reduced to £599/16/9. After 20 years on social committee, Mrs. J. Dixon retired this year; members extend appreciation. All auxiliaries report a successful year. Dorcas Society has resumed. E. C. Hinrichsen addressed morning service on April 1.

Norwood.—At harvest festival on Feb. 25, Ron McLean was speaker. Goods worth £19 were distributed between Guest Home, missionaries, Morialta home and S.A. Boys' Home. A. McClasson was speaker on March 4, 50th anniversary of Tabernacle. Jubilee thankoffering amounted to £45. At Bible school anniversary on March 11, addresses were given by Dr. Turner, H. Norris and Dr. Stewart. Concert given in Norwood town hall by Ron Denson realised £20 for Youth Centre workshop, to be opened shortly. Craft work proves attractive in Boys' Club.

Nailsworth.—Well-attended Easter services featured beautiful choir anthems. On Apr. 4 ladies from Guild went to Gawler to assist Methodist Guild, Mrs. A. McQueen giving address and Mrs. Rebbeck a solo. On April 7, Youth Council held a Saturday night Bible study group, when F. Collins helped all with a talk on "How to Master the Bible." Bible school welcomed some new scholars recently, and sum of £1, as proceeds from sale of stamps, was given to Christian Rest Home. Frequent parcels of silver paper are sent to Children's Hospital.

South Australia

Kadina.—Speakers on April 1 and 8 were Miss V. Wilton, Messrs. S. Wilton, A. H. Russack, A. P. Russack. S. R. Trenwith conducts mid-week prayer meetings. C. E. Larcombe has returned after prolonged illness. Mrs. S. Wilton is still in hospital.

Kilburn.—At fifth Bible school anniversary on morning of April 8, A. J. Ingham conducted teachers' dedication service. A "Basic English" Bible was presented to Mr. and Mrs. A. Roberts, of Prospect, for services as teachers during period of urgent need. Church secretary (F. Lawrence) presented a gift to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Ingham in appreciation of happy interim ministry. Special choral services, afternoon and evening, were addressed by Dr. H. Steward and N. G. Kingston. Singing was a credit to children and conductor, Mrs. C. Kelly. Assistance of Mrs. A. Taverner and Margaret, Joan Gashin and Dan Wallage contributed to musical side. Kindergarten items and prizegiving were a feature of afternoon, and flowers were presented to kindergarten staff, and Mesdames Ingham and Kingston.

Victoria

Mildura.—Young people enjoyed fellowship and inspiration of conference and Monbulk camp. Sincere thanks are extended to all who accommodated them, and to W. W. Saunders for handling arrangements. Mrs. Beasy has returned after brief convalescence. Speakers at harvest thanksgiving services on April 1 were M. Keatch, of Merbein, and I. J. Chivell. At picture night on April 4, in aid of kitchen fund, films of Tasmania and Victoria were shown by A. D. Leng and A. R. Mansell.

Kaniva.—Church benefits by Mr. Lawrie's leadership. Church is encouraged by recent decisions. D. R. Williams was elected Sunday school superintendent upon retirement of A. F. Williams, who had served school for 17 years. Church gave a record offering of £155 to aborigines appeal, and £54 to church extension.

West Preston.—At conclusion of evening service on April 1, church presented gifts to Miss Jessie Green and Alan Walker, who were being married. Miss Green has served church as organist for over 20 years, and has been an active member in nearly all aspects of work. W. H. Rainey, representing British and Foreign Bible Society, addressed morning service on April 8. Mrs. Roberts and Miss Anne Roberts are ill. Visitors included Mrs. Peters, a former member now residing in Sydney. State Union junior superintendent congratulated T. Harman on splendid work that J.C.E. has done during past twelve months, and presented shield for efficiency, 100 points being gained by society.

Surrey Hills.—At monthly youth service on April 8, Shirley Gilmour and Ray Minahan spoke on theme, "What Christ Means to Me." Bible school attendances are improving; new lesson material used and appreciated. At Y.P. demonstration at Melbourne Town Hall, school gained third place in senior section of choral competition. Miss Nancy Frieze trained choir. Men's Fellowship meets first Sunday each month for tea and short address; efforts are being made to build up these meetings. On April 7 music-lovers held a successful evening at home of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Newham; during evening Miss June Holm talked on "Realm of Art."

Warragul.—At annual business meeting on March 29, following officers were elected: Elders, Messrs. Byard, E. J. Waters; deacons, Messrs. Murnane, Clugstone, Harris, Buntrock; secretary, Mr. Pedersen; treasurer, C. Waters; joint organists, Sisters P. Murnane and L. Readhead; Sunday school superintendent, Mr. Clugstone. Secretaries of Ladies' Auxiliary, C.E., Y.P.F., and Sunday school reported a successful year. On April 1 an inspiring address from Albert Anderson, foreign mission secretary, was gladly re-

ceived by a large congregation. Mr. Quayle's messages are consistently adequate.

North Essendon.—Mr. and Mrs. Bachelor and infant son, Alan, were welcomed from South Melbourne. W. W. Pearce, of Essendon, presided on April 8 in connection with usual monthly exchange of presidents.

Wonga Park.—At harvest festival service on April 8, Mr. Young was speaker. Goods collected were taken to Christian Guest Home.

Hamilton.—Services are well attended and interest growing. Mr. and Mrs. Scriven and Kenneth were farewelled and several new members added to church. A Western District conference has been inaugurated and meets at Port Fairy on April 21. A young man, an active Presbyterian, from Nelson, came seeking baptism, and afterwards gave a testimony. Harvest thankoffering by direct giving, along with proceeds from sale of produce, amounted to £104. Judy Martin, church organist, has been farewelled and goes to Brighton. A monthly church paper is now published.



Report of 65th Annual Conference of Victorian Women

The 65th annual conference of the women of the churches of Christ in Victoria was held in Lygon-st. chapel on Wednesday, March 21, 1951. Mrs. Washfold, president, was in chair for all sessions. The attendances were large, and happy fellowship was enjoyed throughout the day.

Devotional leaders were Mrs. John Turner, Federal president, and Mrs. Martin, of Bayswater. After suitable reference had been made by the president to those who had received the home call, Mrs. Aitken, of West Preston, led in prayer.

Among the visitors welcomed during the day were many from other States and country districts. The following interstate visitors were present: Mesdames Anderson, Webb and Miss Forman, from S.A.; Mrs. Cutler, from Qld.; Mrs. Turnly and Mrs. McArthur, from N.S.W.; Mrs. Morris from Tasmania; Mrs. C. C. Dawson from Canberra. Mrs. Parkinson, of Castlemaine, responded on behalf of visitors. Mrs. Dawson, as a past president, brought a greeting.

Reports of committees and district conferences were received from superintendents. These all showed that much had been accomplished during the year. The Missionary Department reported an all-time record amount of contributions. £686/16/5 was the sum sent by Mission Bands. £47/3/10 and many articles of clothing were also received for the aborigine clothing appeal for the children. £106 had been

contributed towards the support of our Federal living link to the aborigines. Social service ladies have helped with the despatch of 4956 garments and 401 pairs of footwear, also blankets, rugs, etc., for European relief. This makes a total of 18,472 garments sent since the appeal began. The women contributed £1550/19/6 for the Nurses' Home at Murrumbidgee. Representatives of this committee have attended Travellers' Aid and Save the Children Fund meetings. Besides visiting all public hospitals and many private homes the members of the hospital committee have regularly visited Cheltenham Home for Old People and Kew Mental cottages for children. The isolated sisters' committee have continued the good work of writing hundreds of letters to those sisters separated by distance from active church membership. General Dorcas have been responsible for the distribution of 1079 articles to sick and needy people. The temperance committee has been active in all matters pertaining to the moral standard of the community. 20,000 blotters were printed and distributed to children throughout the State. Eighteen buses carry a silent message on advertisement cards to the travelling public.

The following resolutions were carried: "We, the women . . . conference, draw to the attention of the government that, whereas, under present law, a vote of the people through local option can be taken to increase the number of licences, electors are denied the right to vote on the reduction of licences. We urge that the government take steps to remove this anomaly; that any proposal for the change of hours for sale of liquor be decided by a referendum; whereas so-called mediated wines are of a high alcoholic content; we recommend that the sale of such be confined to licensed premises, and that they be not sold by pharmaceutical chemists; we desire to register our protest against the suggestion that 'off the course betting' be legalised, and urge the government to introduce immediately legislation whereby financing of hospitals and charitable institutions shall become the responsibility of the government."

The treasurer's report showed that approximately £3150 had been raised during the year for all purposes.

Reports from district conferences showed that the work was in good heart. Eastern District, Central Northern, Sunraysia reported. Growth still continues in the Young Women's Fellowship group. New groups are still being formed, and all are showing a keen interest in the work. £72 was contributed by the young women for the support of Esther at Norseman. Groups had made a contribution of tea towels for the Nursing Home at Murrumbidgee.

Speakers were Miss Kathleen Taylor and Dr. Adelaide Gault. Musical items were rendered by Mrs. F. Willing, Mrs. C. Farrar Hutton and Miss Pittman.



Surrey Hills' Explorer Club celebrates its 21st birthday. 150 old boys attended re-union. W. Newham has given consistent leadership. Present club has won pennant for three years in succession in Y.M.C.A. suburban club competitions.

DEATH.

MORRISON.—On March 11, at her residence, 508 Urquhart-st., Ballarat, Jane, beloved wife of the late James Dewey Morrison, and mother of Susan (dec.), James (dec.), Hettie and Joe. At rest.

IN MEMORIAM

STREADER.—In loving remembrance of our dear husband and father, Alfred E. Streader, called home on April 25, 1939.

"And where no shadows intervene he sees thy face."

—Inserted by his loving wife, and children, Lois, Eunice and Jack.

SHERWOOD.—In loving memory of my dear husband, Arthur Sherwood, who passed peacefully away on April 25, 1950, at age of 85 years 11 months. "For ever with the Lord." —Inserted by his loving wife Sarah.

COMING EVENTS.

APRIL 22 (Sunday).—Burwood Boys' Home, Warrigal-rd., Sunday school anniversary at 3 p.m. Speaker, L. Brooker. Everyone welcome.

BROTHERHOOD RALLY,
LYGON STREET CHAPEL,
Friday, April 27, 8 p.m.

Speaker, Dr. W. M. Wickizer,
a fraternal delegate from U.S.A.

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Holiday shack, Sorrento, accommodate four, water, electric light, £2/10/- per week. Vacant April 29-May 18, May 29-Sept. 2, Oct. 1 onwards (not vacant Dec. 22-Jan. 28, 1952).—Claude Gadge, 49 Springfield-rd., Blackburn, Vic. WX5494.

Some words have a nasty taste when we have to eat them.

Greetings were received from all State conferences, from conference departments, and many individuals.

Mrs. Nance-Kivell voiced the appreciation of the women to Mrs. Washfold, and presented her with flowers and a book.

Newly appointed officers are as follow: President, Mrs. A. B. Withers; vice-presidents, Mrs. E. L. Williams, Mrs. F. Hodges; past president, Mrs. G. Washfold; secretary, Mrs. A. W. Cleland; assistant secretary, Mrs. A. R. Lloyd; treasurer, Mrs. E. Wickham. Superintendents: Missionary Dept., Mrs. F. Hodges, secretary, Mrs. Morrison; Home Missions, Mrs. Pettigrove; Overseas Committee, Mrs. Turner; Prayer Meeting, Mrs. Randall; Guest Home Visitation; Mrs. Hodges; Catering, Mrs. Lowrey; General Dorcas, Mrs. Ledger; Temperance, Mrs. Squires; Isolated Sisters, Mrs. Melvor; Social Service, Mrs. Ward; Hospital Visitation, Mrs. Dockery; Nominating, Mrs. Washfold; Aborigine, Mrs. McGregor and Mrs. Nance-Kivell.



Overseas News

NEWS OF THE BRITISH CHURCHES.

The Training Committee has advanced its plans for the new college and is hopeful that building licences will be secured. The Bournville Village Trust has been appointed as architects and sketch plans are being drawn.

The Silver Jubilee Fund, which set out with a target of £25,000 for the new college, has received a contribution of 1000 dollars, representing the proportion of the Canadian Disciples from the Crusade for a Christian world fund.

Members of London churches, joining with Wandsworth Bride Road church on the occasion of the 43rd anniversary, were happy to meet an unexpected visitor in Willard M. Wickizer, of the United Christian Missionary Society, who was passing through London on the first stage of his world tour. Mr. Wickizer was able to pay a short visit to Overdale College.

Seventy-five per cent. of the Sunday school teachers in the Leicester district churches attended a two-day teacher training course. The National Sunday School Union sent a team of Westhill lecturers, who opened up discussions on "The Teacher's Job," "Using the Bible with Children." Demonstration classes were a part of the programme.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Gray have been welcomed home on furlough from Nyasaland.

The enforced withdrawal of U.S.A. Disciple missionaries from China has incidentally helped the British Churches Mission in Siam. Dr. and Mrs. Clark have grown old in the work there. Miss Esther Halliday, their colleague, is due to retire shortly. The missionary committee has no recruits in view for that field. The United Christian Missionary Society, U.S.A., has asked Mrs. Edna Gish, who has spent many years in China, to share the work of the Siam mission. The society hopes to send out two other workers in the autumn.

The ferment on the question of baptism still continues. Dr. W. Robinson was invited to lead a conference on the subject recently. Students from five Manchester colleges—Methodist, Congregational, Moravian, Unitarian and Baptist—took part. Keen discussion took place, especially on infant baptism and indiscriminate baptism.—G. J. Hammond.



"The South African Sentinel," a journal of 16 pages, is published monthly for the promotion of religious and social welfare in South Africa and in the interests of the work of the Disciples of Christ. In the January issue the

editor, Basil Holt, M.A., B.D., reviewed the past year in the following paragraph: "The year that is past has been signalled by many triumphs; the organisation on a proper basis of our South African convention, the building of the Lender Christian church, the foundation of the Disciples' Properties Trust, and of the Ministers' Fraternal, and the completion by P. R. Webber and B. M. Barron of their training at the Department of Divinity, Rhodes University College, Grahamstown."

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Obituary

Mrs. E. J. Parker.

After a long period of illness, Mrs. E. J. Parker passed to be with her Lord on March 10. Her life and ministry at Norwood church, S.A., was a very long one, being received into the fellowship of the church on Oct. 29, 1905. During the years that followed she actively engaged in the work of the church wherever her services were required, being particularly interested in the Dorcas society. Her failing health made it necessary at last for her to remain at home, but even then, if it was at all possible, she would be in attendance at the Lord's table. She is survived by four daughters and four sons, all who carry the influence of her strong Christian character and attend their church regularly, nine attending the Norwood church. "Her children rise up and call her blessed." Church offers its deepest sympathy to those who remain, and are sad because of the parting.—A.R.J.

A. Reid.

The church at North Fitzroy, Vic., was greatly shocked when it was announced that A. Reid had died suddenly at his home on March 17. Mr. Reid was baptised when a young man by J. W. Baker, and continued in active membership with the church until his death. He proved to be a devoted follower of Jesus Christ, a loyal and generous supporter of the activities of the church. Rarely were he and his wife absent from morning and evening services. He never sought any public position, but his kindly and genial disposition gained the love and esteem of every member, young and old. After a service at the home of his brother-in-law, E. Gibbons, at Ivanhoe, his body was laid to rest at Fawkner Crematorium on March 19, J. Turner conducting both services. The sympathy of members at North Fitzroy is extended to Mrs. Reid, who encouraged her late husband to do what he could for the cause of Christ. We do not sorrow as those who have no hope.—H.S.

Olive Mary Tattersall

After six weeks in the Geelong Hospital, our sister in Christ, Mrs. Tattersall, was taken to be with her Lord on March 26, at the age of 32 years. Her home-call is felt as a personal loss by the Drumcondra church, Vic. Our sister had grown up in the church and was baptised by C. Jackel and received into fellowship on Nov. 23, 1936. She was united in marriage with Richard E. Tattersall on Dec. 26, 1940. She had assisted in Bible school as a teacher, and was an active member of Girls' Club and later the Ladies' Fellowship. She was recently appointed a deaconess. She was always present at both services on Lord's day, and for this reason will be the more missed from our midst. Possessed of a bright and sympathetic disposition, she had many friends and will be long remembered. During her time in hospital she manifested a wonderful spirit, never complaining of her lot. The wealth of floral tributes revealed how keenly her going was felt. Mr. C. Jackel assisted Mr. Pigdon in the funeral service. To her husband (Dick) and the boys (Barrie and Milton), her mother (Mrs. Batty), brother (George), and sister-in-law (Margaret), we extend our loving sympathy and praise God for the witness they have been enabled to give throughout their sorrow and for their acceptance in faith, of the verdict of him whose name is Love.—A.R.P.



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S.A. CHORAL ASSOCIATION.

At Grote-st. church of Christ, Adelaide, on March 21, the Churches of Christ Choral Association presented the oratorio, "The Redeemer." This is a new work by Dr. Martin Shaw, who is now living in retirement in England. He has had the help of Joan Cobbold, who has chosen the words, in producing an oratorio of great beauty. It is in the modern style, and is not wanting in dramatic effect. Above all, it is a devotional message, portraying the redemption wrought by our Saviour. The Grote-st. chapel was crowded, and the conference president, Mr. A. McGlasson, presided over the gathering. Soloists were Miss Marie Bates (soprano), Miss Elsie Woolley (contralto), Mr. Peter Martin (tenor), Mr. Kevin Kiito (baritone). Mr. Albert Glastonbury conducted, and accompanists were Miss Gladys Mossop (pianiste) and Mr. David Hele (organist).

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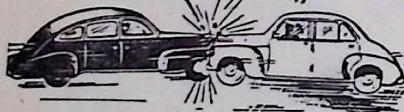
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(Philip Paul Bliss. American poet-musician,
associated with Moody and Sankey. 1838-76.)

In July, 1932, the Western District steamer
"Casino," carrying passengers and crew totall-
ing 19, with a cargo of goods, drew alongside
of the pier at Apollo Bay, Victoria. A big
sea was running and a wave lifted the ship
and dropped her down in the trough. She
bumped heavily and was swung away from
the pier, when it was found that she was mak-
ing water. Attempting to beach the vessel,
the captain gave orders to run her on the
shore, but before she could get there she
capsized and ten of the crew were drowned
before help could reach them. Almost safe—
but lost.

"Remember Lot's wife." Why should we re-
member her? Because she, too, was almost
safe but was lost. She had heard of God's
command, and she started to obey it, but she
looked back and perished. Our Lord prac-
tically says to us, "Be careful that the same
thing does not happen to you. Remember
Lot's wife."



Half a mile from the River Darling and
about 70 miles from Broken Hill the skeleton
of a man was found in 1948 by some rabbit
trappers. A letter near the remains said, "I
have been two days without water," and though
a name was given with an Adelaide address, the
police failed to trace any relatives, for it is
believed that the tragedy happened five or six
years previously. Almost saved—but lost.

An evangelist named Brundage was preaching
one night in Chicago on the text, "Almost
thou persuadest me to be a Christian" (Acts
26: 28). He concluded with the words, "He
who is almost persuaded is almost saved, and
to be almost saved is to be entirely lost!"
Philip Bliss was in the audience and was in-
spired to write this hymn. One day after
Sankey had used it as a solo, S. W. Tucker, of
Clapton wrote to him, "When I heard you sing
'Almost Persuaded' God used that song in
drawing me to the feet of Jesus. I was
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