

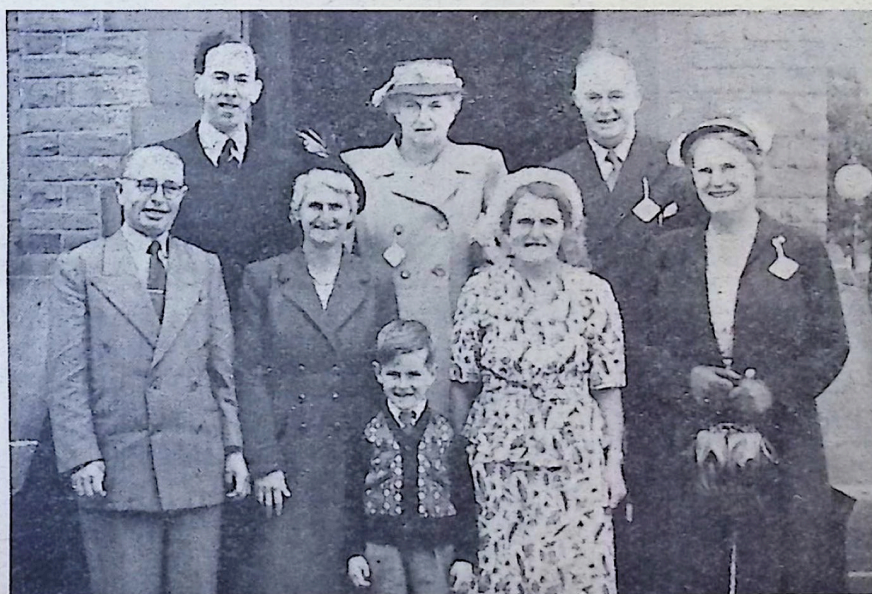
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Front Row.—Mr. and Mrs. Matthews and Donald (Semaphore, S.A.), Miss Tooth (Petersham, N.S.W.), Mrs. A. E. Rosendale (Echuca, Vic.).

From the upper room we travel down the centuries through all the vicissitudes of the Christian church. We see companies of men and women in the catacombs, breaking bread and spreading the feast of immortal hope on tombs as tables, a glorious affront of faith to the king of terrors. We see groups in Roman camps and villas flung far over the known earth breaking the same bread. Martyrs prepare for violent death in the strength of this heavenly food, the persecuted are supported by it, the first missionaries to England celebrated it as the first act of their gracious invasion. In stately cathedral, on lonely moor and quiet glen, on battlefield and ocean-wave, this loving rite has preserved its place. Missionaries in trackless wastes, youth in vigil, and age at the edge of the cold river have thus remembered their Lord.

If Christians of the first century were to enter one of our churches next Sunday, they would not understand many of our hymns, the language of our prayers, perhaps the subject of our sermon; they would be confused by our dress and building. But when they saw us take the bread and lift the cup they would know themselves at home.

—A. E. Whitham.

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK.

*Now the God of peace, that
brought again from the dead our
Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of
the sheep, through the blood of the
everlasting covenant, make you per-
fect in every good work to do his
will, working in you that which is
well pleasing in his sight, through
Jesus Christ; to whom be glory
for ever and ever. Amen.—Heb. 13:
20, 21.*

(Selected by church officers,
Moreland, Vic.)

THOUGHT STIMULUS.

*There is a destiny which makes us
brothers,
None goes his way alone.*
Edwin Markham.

In the Sanctuary

AT THE LORD'S TABLE

World-Wide Communion Sunday, Oct. 7

We have sung a hymn ("Jesus, thou joy of lov-
ing hearts") which centuries of men have sung.
We turn now to the Table, to the bread and the
cup whereby men of every race have remembered,
and will remember this day, their crucified and
risen Lord. Never does our fellowship in Christ
seem more real than when we take this broken
bread and poured-out wine.

It is more than a century now since Thomas
Campbell, making his historic plea for Christian
unity, called this "the table of unity and love."
The years have proved him right. One striking
confirmation was at the Amsterdam World Confer-
ence of Christian Youth, held scarcely a month
before the outbreak of war in 1939. Its chal-
lenging theme was "Christus Victor." From 71
different countries came 1350 delegates rejoicing
in their experience of Christ as Victor. In the
final communion service we are told "the bread
and wine passed down and across the Table, from
white hand to black, and black to brown, from royal
prince to unemployed workman, from Presbyterian
to Anglican, Lutheran to Methodist." At the
closing session of the conference, the president
reminded the delegates of the prayer that a negro
preacher had offered at the service of preparation
for communion. It began simply, "Here we are,
God." "That is all we need to say at the close
of our conference," the president added. "Here
we are for God to use; here we are for God to
send us into the world; here we are for God to
make us more than conquerors through him who
loves us and loves the whole wide world."

"Loves the whole wide world"! Within a
month the hounds of war were unleashed on that
world, and who can measure what that meant to
many of those 1350 delegates? Yet the force of
the president's words is not weakened, but intensi-
fied, "Here we are for God to make us more
than conquerors." This is a vital hour for the
spiritual life of the church to be; we must come
to victory over self, over all that is evil, mean
and tawdry. That is a victory we cannot win
alone—but we are not alone when in quiet faith
we breathe the negro's simple prayer, "Here we
are, God."

That was the spirit of the Master we remember
this morning. He came out of that Upper Room
to go down into Gethsemane and pray in an agony,
"Not my will but thine be done," and then—to
face the Cross. "I come to do thy will, O God."
"Here I am, God."

This is a sacred moment. In remembrance and
rededication we are linked with our brethren
throughout the world. Let us face the darkening
shadows of a hostile world, unafraid. We remem-
ber a living Lord. He has work for us to do.
"Here we are, God."

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PREACHING with POWER

EDITORIAL

A visiting overseas churchman was recently reported in the daily press as having said that "the tragedy of the twentieth century was that ministers spoke only in trivialities." I find it hard to believe that he said anything so broadly foolish, without at least strongly qualifying it in words that the paper did not publish. Admittedly, trivialities have been preached when some have rightly looked for "the deep things of God." Some of these banalities make excellent newspaper copy, so that the press made sure, for example, that we heard all about that ingenious American who found the titles for his next series of sermons in the popular songs of a current musical show. There is little publicity for the men who, week by week, present the big things of the Word of life. Yet it is these men (and their numbers are far greater than some would have us believe) who are just as stabilising an influence in our only-seemingly superficial age as were the more spectacular pulpit giants of the past in their generation. It would be the tragedy of this century, if, in such a day of opportunity, "ministers spoke only in trivialities." It is a tragedy that some do. But there are far more who believe in preaching that

SEARCHES THE DEEP THINGS

not only of the word and will of God, but also of the needs of men. This is preaching which makes heavy demands upon the minister of the Word, but he shares Dr. Farmer's conviction that "only preaching based on the continuous study of the Bible, with all the help that modern scholarship can give, is the least likely to be, not a trickle of water over desert stones, quickly dried up, but a broad enduring river which reflects heaven and fertilises the fields." If no work is more demanding, certainly none is more rewarding, both to preacher and congregation alike, for modern popular knowledge of the Bible is pathetically inadequate. The preacher's themes must be both Biblical and practical, neither one to the exclusion of the other. True Biblical preaching must be related to life, and true practical preaching will draw both its comfort and its challenge from the scriptures. There is a refreshing insistence to-day on the need for both doctrinal and expository preaching, side by side with a preparedness to bring the great doctrines of our faith into living contact with the crises of men's daily lives. But these crises are, in the complex nature of modern life, more and more the concern of men as groups rather than individuals. The preacher must never forget that, nor the challenges it brings. Even Paul faced it in his day, with his reminder to the Philippians that they were "a colony of heaven" (Phil. 3: 20—Moffatt), not merely individuals who had been saved by grace. The preacher must not shy frightenedly away from industrial, social, economic and political problems. Whatever concerns men's living must concern him. But it concerns him primarily in demanding what is the will of God in these problems, not his amateur utterances on such themes. The dominating theme of all his preaching is God's love in Christ, and there is no part of man's living which lies outside the reach of such a message. The "social preaching" of a past age was discredited by a one-sided emphasis and much superficial generalising. Our preaching to-day must grapple costingly with the deeply-felt needs of men as well as the deep things of God, bridging any sense of gulf between the two.

It is also important that such preaching

SURPRISES WITH NEW TECHNIQUES

No man spoke of deeper or more important things than the Man of Nazareth, but he clothed eternal truth in such un-

expected warm and human guise that men listened and remembered. The synagogue sermons never painted pictures for them like his did. His followers were quick to learn that God's truth should never be buried in the abstract but presented livingly, differently, using local color and well-known literature (cf. Paul at Athens), events of the day (Peter in Acts 2 and 3), history (Stephen in Acts 7), as well as the scriptures (Philip in Acts 8). Men's sermon methods will always differ widely, but the important thing is that no man should ever become the slave of one method. It is good news which we present, and we must always treat it as that. Living truth demands new expressions in current terms. That is why religious films and drama have their place. Once merely experimental, they are now proved effective methods of presenting the Gospel. But it is significant that even these have proved most successful when treated as supplements to the sermon approach rather than as substitutes for it. Preachers in England and elsewhere have, since the war, experimented in the so-called Commando Campaigns, addressing factory workers and office staffs in their lunch hours, and making brief appearances between pictures in some cinemas. Having something to say, they have said it, without waste words, and men have listened. Bernard Shaw was not over-stating the facts when he said: "A great deal of the Bible is much more alive than this morning's paper," but that is not always apparent. Our task is to make it so. A flatly uniform preaching style is fatal; we must vary our approach, get men listening, and then give them in living language, the big things of our faith.

What is our aim in it all? Surely nothing short of a

SUMMONS TO DECISIVE ACTION

Technical skill which is an end in itself may be brilliant, but it will also certainly be barren. It may be admired, but it won't be acted upon, and there is no doubt which is more to be desired. Not that the word of appreciation should be dismissed as curtly as was done by John Bunyan, who told a startled admirer that even before he had left the pulpit the devil had whispered in his ear what an excellent sermon it was. But the sermon has failed if it has not both demanded and prompted a change in men's thinking and doing. It is a stern test, and an instinctive reaction may well be that, on that basis, most of our preaching has failed. Sometimes we are privileged to know how our preaching has helped, leading men to decision for Christ, to far-reaching changes in personal living. But more often we don't know. The results rest with God. But our responsibility is to see that no sermon we preach ever fails to confront men with the imperative demands of God, ever fails to confront them with the challenging Christ himself.

Christ has a word for to-day, a judging, saving word. It is our high privilege as well as our bounden duty, that as regular or occasional preachers of the Word we must preach that word, and nothing less. And let us all remember that while all the above has special reference to set sermons in church services, the early church never preached with such power as when "*they that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word.*" (Acts 8: 4.) And that word for them was—Christ!

In the past two months the Crusade Committee's training classes throughout Victoria and beyond have been fitting more men of our churches for such a ministry of the Word. In both our Federal and N.S.W. Colleges men and women are dedicating their lives to fuller ministries, wherever his Spirit impels. And the word for them all is still—Christ!

Dr. OSWALD J. GOULTER, in forwarding this article already published in "The World Call," introduces it as having special interest for Australian readers.

Shanghai Christian Churches are Strong

The remarkable growth of the churches of Christ in Shanghai will be of very great interest to all members in Australia who remember that the mission in Shanghai was partially supported by the Australian churches for many years previous to 1920. Loyal Australian missionaries served there, and finally left Shanghai with many misgivings because no other missionaries of the churches of Christ were to be stationed there. Could the infant church survive without support from the mother church, without a missionary, and even without a paid and educated ministry? The situation described below is what prevailed in October, 1950, and also continued well into 1951, at which time Mrs. Goulter and I left China to come to Australia on vacation before going on to America.



No missionary has been stationed to work among the Shanghai Christian churches for thirty years. But thirty years ago the seed had already been sown in that great city. The church continued to meet in rented quarters.

During the Japanese bombing of Shanghai in 1932, the church home was destroyed and the members scattered over the city. I visited the Christians occasionally during those days when they were quite in despair. But like the early Christians who were scattered after the stoning of Stephen, the Shanghai Christians held services in their homes or in rented quarters wherever they settled in the city.

As a result of their efforts there are now six churches, two additional preaching points in the country and two schools—with many hundreds of Christians.

Co-operation Among Chinese Churches.

The churches are led by four pastors, one ordained elder, one evangelist and some twenty-five deacons. On Sunday, Oct. 22, 1950, this

entire group came together as part of the Christian church in China so they might be part of the on-going programme of the entire group.

The ceremony for this reunion was an impressive one. The six congregations met at the centrally located "Lord's Grace Christian Church." Because of the long Chinese leadership, many features of the service were characteristically Chinese. In fact, the whole situation is like a glimpse into what the future of the Christian Church in China might be if the missionaries should have to leave for a while.

Unity in Christ Jesus.

Gay banners and scrolls, gifts from all other churches connected with the Christian mission, ornamented the room. The largest one bore the inscription, "Unity in Christ Jesus." The very names of the separate churches reflect the Chinese love for elegant and expressive names: "The Great Grace Church," "The Grace of Salvation Church," "The Church of the Testimony of Grace" and "The Abounding Spirit Church."

Every one of the mission stations was represented by one or more delegates. Mrs. Goulter and I were the only missionaries present, because we were the only ones who could get travel permits at the time.

Spontaneous Christian Life.

The high point of the service was the moment when the official representatives from all the Shanghai churches present pledged themselves and their churches to co-operate in a united programme for all. To see this determined and enthusiastic group coming together at a time when there is no little opposition to religion gives one an assurance that the onward sweep of the Christian movement in China can never be stopped by external pressure. The leadership of these churches has risen from their own members, and the whole movement is full of spontaneous Christian life.

Dr. Luther Shao represented the Christian churches of China as a whole and pledged the co-operation of the whole group with the Shanghai churches.

Pastor Li Chow-wu, secretary of evangelism for the Christian Mission, gave a rousing address. He emphasised the need at this time for the Shanghai churches to have the strength that comes from closer co-operation with the churches of all stations. He showed the great contribution the Shanghai churches with their steadfastness, evangelistic zeal and independent spirit can make to the whole group. Then he told of the value that would accrue to the Christian churches throughout the world from a knowledge of the remarkable progress being made by the Shanghai churches and the unity of purpose which the union indicates.

Churchmen Give Time.

Some remarkable aspects of the situation were evident in our discussion of the development of the Shanghai churches with the local leaders after the meeting. The pastors and elders, who are the recognised leaders of the churches, are business men in responsible positions, so they are largely independent of salaries. However, they give a large part of their time to the churches.

Warmth of Friendship.

Pastor Tung ministers to four churches or preaching points, but he has his deacons so organised that when he is absent from one church someone else will conduct the service. There was evident both the warmth of friendship among the members and the strong emotional trend of their religious experience.

Most notable of all was the strong determination that they will give united witness to their faith in Christ during these critical days.

Missionary News

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

Shrigonda Notes

Village Schools.

"The village inspectors have been at both our out-station schools. Pargaon school is not registered yet, but there is every indication that it will be registered in the near future. Whether we will receive a grant or not seems doubtful. Kharat Master is doing quite a fine job there, and even if the work is not spectacular, he certainly is giving a fine Christian witness. Christian instruction would not be possible if we did not have someone there.

"The inspector after seeing the Dhoraja school gave one of the finest reports on the school that one could wish. As is the custom he wrote it in the school record kept at the school. He said in talking to the teachers Kissen and Chhimnal that of the 25 voluntary schools (non-Government) in his area, ours was easily the best. He gave a very fine report, too, about the new building, but said that for a school of this size we should have more room."

Call to Prayer

The Youth Directors at the annual conference of our Federal Board of Christian Education meeting in Sydney, earnestly call the members of our churches to sincere prayer for the work of Christian education being undertaken in our Bible schools.

They solicit the prayers of the brotherhood for V. C. Stafford, the director of the Board of Christian Education, in his work of preparing and publishing the materials of Christian education and evangelism for Australian churches of Christ. They solicit earnest prayer for all teachers and scholars.

F. T. Morgan, Board Chairman.
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R. Greenhalgh, New South Wales.
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G. R. Stirling, South Australia.

Evangelistic Work.

"We are planning some special meetings around Divale festival time which would be late October. There is considerable optimism about the future of the work at Bhose (new Christian village), and we feel that we will have quite a number of baptisms at that time. I feel that we will have to put all we can into this area right now if we are going to see the best results. There is no doubt that the area is really ripe unto harvest, but shortage of workers is holding up things. One of the difficulties of these village Christians is that to a large extent they are illiterate, and should have someone there continually to teach them or there is a danger of their lapsing into Hinduism. The last state of these people would be worse than the first. We are doing what we can from Shrigonda, but as yet we are only scratching the surface."

Salary Increases.

"We all feel tremendously grateful to the Home Board for their very considerate and sympathetic understanding of the situation here, and all the more welcome because it dates back to July 1. The recent increase in allowances for school children is going to mean a lot to those who have children at school." (This is the second increase since December, 1950.)—Bruce V. Coventry.

Thanksgiving for N.S.W. College Decade

An Aid to Restoration Movement

Woolwich Bible College has become an essential part of the Restoration Movement in N.S.W. Here young people are given Christian training equal to the best and under ideal conditions.

Beautiful college buildings, overlooking the delightful Lane Cove River and the upper reaches of Sydney Harbor, are praised by visitors from near and far.

As an aid to home missions the college has been justified. Some fifteen churches, in city and country, are being helped by men associated with the college. This work is likely to increase, and the college will be taxed to meet

A. W. Stephenson, M.A., Principal.

in the mind of the brotherhood that it was the Spirit of God who generated the thought. It has abundantly justified the investment; it has paid dividends beyond the brightest hopes of those who labored to establish it.

To-day the college is at the crest of the wave, and a vote would give 100 per cent. sup-

The opportunity will be given every member to express his appreciation of what the college has done, and what it will yet do, when the annual offering appeal comes before the churches.

The Story of a Decade

J. L. Stimson, Chairman of Board.

Churches of Christ Bible College in New South Wales at Woolwich, inaugurated in 1942 under the leadership of the late Principal A. R. Main, M.A., will complete its tenth year at the close of the current third term of 1951.

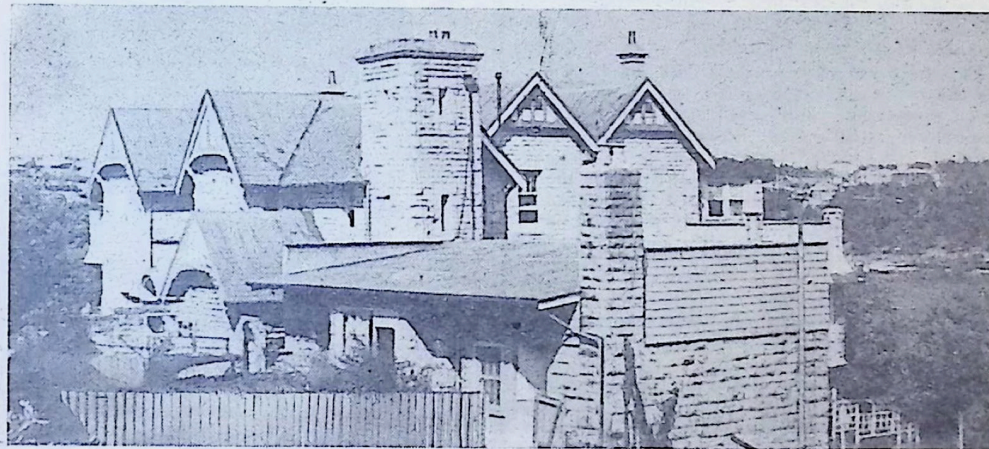
This venture of faith, born of earnest prayer in wartime, has been blessed of God throughout the decade.

Just prior to its inception, it was reported that twenty churches around Sydney had no regular preachers; the immediate value of the college was seen in the fact that in its first year more than half of those churches were assisted regularly by Woolwich students; this kind of help has been made available to various churches ever since.

During the first eight years, no less than six churches were helped by the college to enlarge their activities considerably as evidenced by the fact that they called their respective students who had been serving them, to full-time service on completion of their training at Woolwich.

Sixty-five young people have received or are receiving tuition and training there. To-day twenty-five ex-Woolwich men are engaged in the ministry of the word in New South Wales, Queensland, Tasmania, Great Britain and India. At the end of the year seven more will have completed their training.

On behalf of the Board of Management a special appeal is made to the N.S.W. churches for prayerful support of their college in preparation for the dedication of the offering to be received on Lord's day, Oct. 14, 1951, in thanksgiving for the blessings of a decade.



Woolwich Bible College, N.S.W.

the demands. In helping the college we are giving vital aid to home missions.

The training provided at Woolwich is based upon the Bible. The Bible is the chief text book. This ensures that instruction is being given in the ideals of the Restoration Movement. Here students receive the inspiration of a noble vision that urged our fathers in the faith to establish churches of Christ in this Commonwealth. This college will help to strengthen the future of this movement toward Christian unity on the basis of New Testament Christianity.

We dare not leave support of such work to the generosity of a few; there must be a constant stream of gifts from every member of the State brotherhood.

Remember to give generously through the duplex envelopes and on Oct. 14, when the annual offering is received.

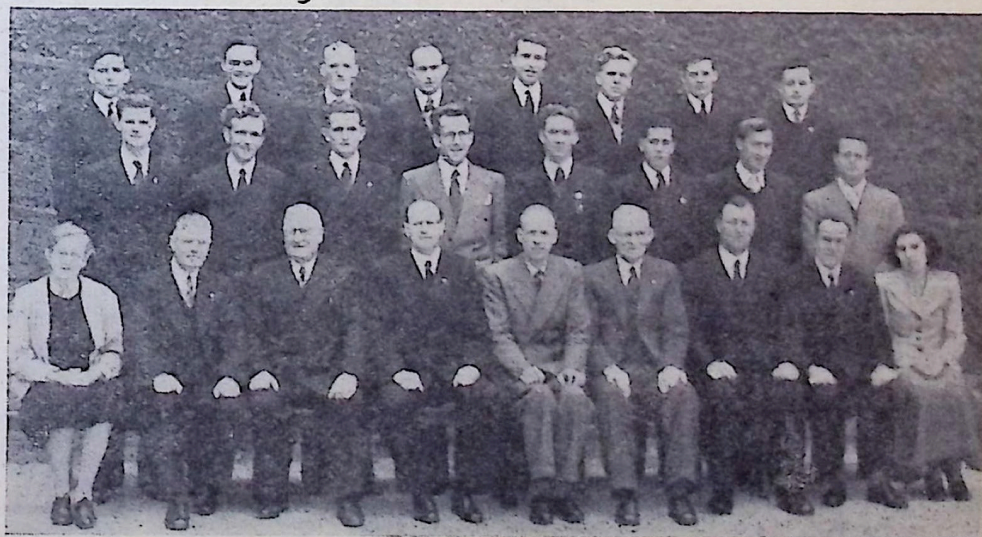
Spiritual Dividends

G. E. Burns, N.S.W. Conference President.

Men invest money in worldly enterprises to earn dividends. If the dividends do not accrue, then the investment is considered unsound. The Lord's people in New South Wales invested in a college in which young men who felt that God would have them give their lives to the ministry of the word, might be trained to give their lives most effectively. Have the dividends been regularly paid to the brotherhood? Has the investment been sound, and is it producing that for which it was established?

There may have been some who doubted both the wisdom and the need for the college when it was first mooted; but to-day there is no doubt

port for its continuance. But that vote must be backed up by the liberal financial support of the brethren who endorse it.



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Front Row.—Miss Verco (housekeeper), R. Greenhalgh, E. Davis, A. G. Elliott, M.A., B.Sc., Dip.Ed. (Senior Lecturer), A. W. Stephenson, M.A. (Principal), I. Paternoster, R. Amos, E. Roffey, Miss Lincoln.

HERE AND THERE

Sunday, Oct. 7, marks the 12th annual observance of World-wide Communion Sunday. Jesse Bader writes: "Many languages are spoken about this Table; many different races with different colors of skin are there; and almost all the nations are represented." It is hoped our Australian churches will stress the every-member-present importance of this day.

Dr. Victor Whelan, of Pinjarra, W.A., collapsed and died on Sept. 15 while helping his wife prepare for a re-union in honor of his 47th birthday. Dr. Whelan studied at the College of the Bible, and later went to Scotland where he qualified as a doctor. He returned to practise in his home State of Western Australia. We extend Christian sympathies to his loved ones in their sudden loss.

We are happy to announce the official opening of a new Sunday school at Gardenia-rd., N. Balwyn, Vic., on Saturday, Oct. 6, at 3 p.m. The official opening by W. A. Fordham at 3 p.m. will be followed by a basket tea and social evening. All friends are welcome.

The Federal F.M. Board takes pleasure in announcing that the annual offering returns are about complete. All States show an increase, and some churches show advances well over 100 per cent. To the end of August the sum of £10,000 was received for general giving. This represents an approximate increase of 44 per cent. over the figures for last year. Last year's figures were also a record. The figures for the current month, up to 18th, also show an advance over last year, thus the first quarter of this year is an outstanding record. With gratitude to Almighty God, and with humble thankfulness, we acknowledge our indebtedness to the brotherhood. (A.A.)

First anniversary of church and Bible school at Warwick, Qld., was held in 4WK Hall on Sept. 9. Visitors from Toowoomba included E. Hart, who distributed the prizes and afterwards conducted worship service. We commend this young cause to the prayers of the brotherhood.

The Victorian Social Service Committee announces that, following generous response of £2173/16/1 from the churches, the Indian Famine Relief Appeal will close as from Oct. 7. Conditions are now easing in India, but the £1000 already sent to our Australian field and the £800 to the British have given urgently needed help. The C.E. committee will continue, through Endeavorers and interested friends, the appeal for food sent to the missionaries, while the continuance of personal food parcels to our workers will be greatly appreciated.

Boondall church, Qld., held inspection and thanksgiving services on Saturday, Sept. 15, to mark the official opening of the manse, which was erected by voluntary labor of members. Friends and working parties from metropolitan churches maintained a brotherhood interest during months of erection. The preacher, G. H. Marr, conducted family day services on Sept. 16.

Owen E. Long, an elder in First Christian Church, Honolulu, has been named governor of Hawaii by President Truman.

The People's Church, Toronto, Canada, has a remarkable missionary record. Oswald J. Smith, its minister, claims that by the end of 1951 the church will be supporting 300 missionaries.

HALF-YEARLY CONVENTION

CHURCHES OF CHRIST, W.A.

The special purpose of the half-yearly convention indicates our alarm at the increasing losses in membership and the need for a deeper spiritual life and enthusiasm. The convention, held on Saturday, Sept. 8, was one step towards filling that need.

A conference was held in the afternoon to consider causes and remedies of membership losses and a proposed Inner Mission campaign. This was a fulfilment of a resolution of the annual conference at Easter. After each church had presented its findings and some remedial resolutions were carried, I. W. Nixon addressed us on the Inner Mission campaign.

An excellent tea was organised by the Women's Auxiliary under the direction of Mrs. Eaton. At 7 p.m. we witnessed a strip film entitled "Inner Mission Activities," then passed immediately into the evening inspirational rally. L. H. Park continued his efficient presidential leadership. J. K. Bond, new preacher at Wembley Park, spoke on "Our Glorious Gospel." Throughout the day the speakers stressed the need for more Christian enthusiasm.

The Findings of the Churches.

In conference the delegates laid emphasis on the following points: That we should press for true conversions and not mere "decisions"; give closer attention to transfers, removals and isolated members; exercise more oversight through New Testament eldership; create more "family" fellowship and increased opportunities for the social contact of members; provide Christian education through the wise distribution of literature.

Resolutions.

Out of the conference came these resolutions, practical steps towards checking the alarming drift in membership:

(1) That the central office be advised when any church members move to a new district, the executive to compile a form for use in this connection.

(2) That this conference recommend to the churches that a library, modelled on recommendations by the Literature Committee, be established in each church, books to be distributed and collected by responsible brethren.

(3) That the executive appoint a committee to consider and report to the churches on eldership.

(4) That we recommend to the Home Mission Committee that it prepare to launch the Inner Mission early in the new year.

We believe that we shall do more effective evangelistic work after we have examined ourselves and made our lives more fit for the Master's use.—N. S. Moore.



WILL. H. CLAY NURSING HOME. MURRUMBEENA, VIC.

On Saturday, Oct. 13, the above Home is to be officially opened. Parliamentary, Municipal Council, and church authorities have been invited. Arrangements are being made for an attendance of from 500 to 700 persons.

A Surprise Property.—Most who have seen it find it hard to believe that churches of Christ could own such a fine property. Not only is this our own with no tags, but it is comparable to our splendid property at Oakleigh. Plans are in hand to develop further the Christian Guest Home, and a programme involving an expenditure of over £30,000 has been endorsed.

A Third Property.—Also at Murrumbena is the "Emmaus Rest Home" for women, to be opened on Dec. 8. It has cost nearly £30,000. Costs of our properties in each case do not represent real values.

Big Planning.—Delegations from country churches by buses, cars and by train are coming for the opening, and special parking arrangements are in hand.

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Fifty Years Ago

Excerpts from "The Australian Christian" of
SEPTEMBER 26, 1901.

Editor: A. B. Maston.

Assassination of American President.—At the last meeting of the Victorian H.M. and Executive Committees, the President of Conference, W. C. Morro, was instructed to send a letter of sympathy on account of the foul assassination of President McKinley.



Miss Rosa Tonkin.

News of the Churches.—Further trophies of the gospel at South Richmond, Vic.—five confessions this week, giving a total of 35 accessions since May. We have 14 subscribers for the "Christian." (P. J. Pond.) . . . The church at Grote-st., Adelaide, is rejoicing over 12 young persons who have confessed their trust in Jesus Christ as their Saviour. At the conclusion of an earnest discourse by H. D. Smith last evening, six more acknowledged faith in Christ. We parted with Miss R. L. Tonkin on Saturday, who then left by the express on her way to China as a missionary of Christ. She goes with our Christian love and prayers. (J.M.). . . D. A. Ewers was welcomed to Perth, W.A., by a social in the Lake-st. chapel on Sept. 6. He is finding plenty of work, and the members are already feeling the benefit of his presence. (J.H.).

British Churches' Conference.—Nett increase for the year has been 237, and the total membership in the United Kingdom now amounts to 12,176. The principal mission field is at Ye, Burma. The work in South Africa was discussed, and it was determined to make an early effort to send a man into that field. The church in Cape Town is prepared to guarantee £100 a year. They describe the man who ought to be sent. If he comes up to their standard he will certainly be "fearfully and wonderfully made"! (Editorial Notes.)

W. H. Clay Nursing Home—concluded.

Staff.—As a result of prayer and waiting the matron we were looking for has consented to come to us. She is Miss Joyce Button, of Rylstone, N.S.W., and we are hopeful of her being with us at the opening. Miss Button is a double certificated nurse with considerable experience, but, best of all, is one of our own consecrated Christian women. The committee wishes to meet two handy-men with some knowledge of gardening with a view to appointment. A cook is also required.—W. T. Atkin, secty. Vic. Social Service Committee.

World Convention

Call to Hosts for Overseas Visitors.

Hospitality for hundreds of overseas visitors to the World Convention of Churches of Christ in Melbourne next August was needed urgently, Mrs. Eva McCann reported to the last meeting of the general committee.

Mrs. McCann said that members in or near Melbourne who could accommodate visitors in their homes should notify the hospitality committee as soon as possible.

Anyone in town or country unable to provide accommodation for an overseas delegate would still be able to be host to a visitor, or more than one. This could be done by offering to accept responsibility for payment for bed and breakfast at a hotel or guest house for the duration of the Convention, and by taking a special personal interest in each such guest during the meetings.

Those nominating as hosts would be allotted guests, and introduced to them by the Home Assignments Committee.

The committee had already arranged for bookings for 412 visitors at Melbourne hotels and guest houses. Anyone prepared to accept responsibility for one or more of these bookings would contribute much to the success of the Convention. Applications should be sent to the chairman, Mrs. McCann, 13 Mowbray-st., Hawthorn East (phone, WA3118), or the secretary, Mr. Ray Trompf, 10 Severn-st., North Balwyn (phone, WL4274).

Stenographers.

The World Convention president, Mr. Reg. Enniss, welcomed to the general committee Miss Florrie Haines, who had volunteered to assist the committee in its records and correspondence, and in organising small groups of stenographers and clerical assistants for mailing, typing and other organising detail.

He also announced that Mr. H. B. Robbins had accepted appointment as president of the transport committee.

World Secretary.

The committee received a letter from the World Convention secretary, Dr. Jesse Bader, who at the time of writing was visiting Britain and Europe. He was about to visit churches of Christ at Leicester and London, and to speak at the American church in Paris, and at a World Council of Churches meeting in Switzerland.

Budget.

Expenses of the World Convention were estimated at £3342 in a draft preliminary budget presented by the chairman of the Finance Committee, Mr. R. S. Ryall. It was estimated that publicity, handbooks, stationery would cost £119, rent of halls £614, music £150, decoration £125, catering £582, and secretarial expenses £100.

Gifts from the churches were expected to raise £1500, registration fees £1500, and offerings £250. So far 60 churches had contributed some £329.

Halls.

Preliminary bookings of the Melbourne Town Hall, the Lower Town Hall, and reception rooms was reported by the chairman of the Public Halls Committee, Mr. A. Ross Lloyd. He said that the Lower Hall was to be equipped for a continuous refreshment service and the Upper Reception Hall for programme teas.

Music.

Group rehearsals for the Convention choir should be in operation by the end of the year, the Music Committee chairman, Mr. W. F. Nankivell, reported. The committee wanted to have a Convention choir of at least 200 voices. Anthems had been chosen, but music for some was not available, and others might have to be substituted.

Minister's Musings

SUNDAY.—In response to the editor's request we featured the work of "The Australian Christian" in our morning service to-day. Despite the editor's strange mental lapse in printing this particular feature, I believe that our national weekly includes much that is really worth reading. I found that some of our newer members had never been introduced to the "Christian" before, and that a subscription drive was long overdue. Some of the older members were especially interested in references to the "Australian Christian Standard" and "Christian Pioneer," papers which they had known in their childhood homes, before they were incorporated in the new publication, the "Christian," in 1898. None present remembered the "Australian Christian Pioneer," published in Adelaide with T. J. Gore and H. S. Earl as editors, and G. L. Surber as Melbourne co-editor. This commenced publication as a monthly in 1868. Much of the matter was aggressively theological, but there was room for occasional articles like one headed "On Babies in the Meeting" which I found entertainingly interesting. "Are mothers to be deprived of the privilege of meeting in the house of God because of their little olive-branches?" asked the writer, and after answering strongly in the negative, he gave the following hints: "(1) Keep baby awake as long as possible before leaving home, and then there will be more prospect of its having a quiet nap during the time of worship. (2) On the first manifestation of an outbreak remove the little darling from the meeting. (3) Don't begin the objectionable practice of giving the little one sweet-meats, cakes, etc. If this is never begun, these articles will never be looked for." All of which reads well—but! The "little olive-branches" still have a way of making their presence known, even in 1951!

MONDAY.—The American mail was delivered to-day. I found the religious journals, as always, interesting and provocative. At one time Alison and I thought we might follow in the footsteps of some good Australians and go over to the States for a ministry or two. Therefore I couldn't resist reading out a paragraph in one of the papers which informed us that "a study shows that the average American preacher's wife engages in 13 different church activities, such as teaching a class, speaking before church groups or calling with her husband." "Is that so?" reacted Alison. "Then we're staying right here!" But then she started adding up what she was already doing here, and decided that America wasn't much worse after all! We preachers certainly owe more to our wives than we sometimes think—so do our churches. Both they and we sometimes ask too much of them, especially when children are young. Some men whom I know have told their congregations at the beginning of a ministry that the churches have engaged them and not their wives. I think there is ample room for more understanding on both sides, but whether publicly or by her influence in the home, no one is potentially a greater help to a minister than a consecrated wife. (Just then Alison looked over my shoulder. No need—or time—to write more!)

TUESDAY.—The British and Foreign Bible Society showed some excellent films to a youth group in our building to-night. The Society is certainly building up a splendid sound-film library, and using it to good effect. I was particularly pleased to see Tom Lake's fiancée, Rita, come in just before the main film, "O For a Thousand Tongues." She has been rather embarrassed each time we've met at the hospital since her outbreak on the day of Tom's crisis. I gathered that she

was late to-night because she had been to the hospital first, and I heard her afterwards telling some of the eager inquirers just how splendid a recovery Tom is making. Her face glowed as she spoke; there was happiness in it—and something more. I can only guess at it.

WEDNESDAY.—I enjoyed an A.B.C. feature to-night on the life and work of Flynn of the Inland. Now that the Presbyterians have appointed his successor, I am sure all branches of the Christian church in Australia will wish him well. He follows in the steps of a truly great man. I liked the story of how John Flynn fired the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Australia held in Brisbane in 1912. A depressing report had been received and spirits were low until Flynn rose, saying, "Moderator, Fathers, and Brethren, we are not of them that turn back." Then the Assembly realised that the man for the Inland had arrived.

THURSDAY.—Andrew Lake returned to me to-day the copy of Alan Paton's novel, "Cry, the Beloved Country," which I had lent Tom not long before his accident. I was interested to note a slip of paper inserted at a certain page, with the comment, "Copy this out." I agreed with him that the words were well worth it. Here they are: "I shall no longer ask myself if this or that is expedient, but only if it is right. I shall do this, not because I am noble or unselfish, but because life slips away, and because I need for the rest of my journey a star that will not play false to me, a compass that will not lie. . . . I do this because it is the only way to end the conflict of my deepest soul. I do it because I am no longer able to aspire to the highest with one part of myself, and to deny it with another. I do not wish to live like that. I would rather die than live like that."

FRIDAY.—It has been a heavy day, capped with a committee meeting in the city to-night. Of that meeting I'm afraid I must agree with the wit who once remarked, "When all is said and done, more is said than done!" Anyway, I was glad to settle back in my corner of the almost-deserted railway carriage and relax for a while. I closed my eyes, at peace with the world, as we rattled on our way. Then suddenly a voice said: "Are you saved?" My eyes flew open, my body jerked up. I had scarcely noticed before that there was a girl sitting opposite me; now she leant forward, her body tensed, her voice eager. She quickly explained that she belonged to a certain small sect, and that the Lord had told her that she ought to speak to me. Her face fell somewhat when I told her that I was a minister. But at least I didn't treat her like Bishop Westcott treated the Salvation Army lassie who asked him if he were saved. He replied with a radiant smile, "Do you mean *esothemen*, or *sothesometha*, or *sozomenous*?" He then gave the startled girl a Bible lesson, showing her that the New Testament sets forth three aspects of salvation, as indicated by the three Greek words he had quoted, which mean, respectively, "have been saved," "are being saved" and "shall be saved." I can imagine the poor lassie's head whirling by the time Westcott had finished with her! Perhaps it was just as well for my inquirer that I drowsed so often through that first Greek lecture after lunch at College, and couldn't remember even one Greek word, let alone three, just then! Anyway, I admired her zeal, if nothing else.

SATURDAY.—I had a ring from Rita to-night after she had been to the hospital. The news is still good, but she wants to see me early to-morrow afternoon. What now, I wonder?

INTERSTATE

CHURCH NEWS

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

Discipleship

Janet Young, Springvale, Vic.
Geoff. Pollock, Ascot Vale, Vic.
Ronald McIntosh, Ascot Vale, Vic.
Colin Corp, Bexley North, N.S.W.
John Bagley, Bexley North, N.S.W.
"Mac" Cowan, Unley, S.A.
Glenys Norris, Unley, S.A.
Janette Legg, Stawell, Vic.
H. Anderson, Toowoomba, Qld.
A. Taber, Toowoomba, Qld.
S. Pedler, Toowoomba, Qld.
M. Pedler, Toowoomba, Qld.
G. Winter, Toowoomba, Qld.
Owen Rogers, Caveside, Tas.
Brian Smith, Caveside, Tas.
Josie Withers, Moreland, Vic.
Hugh Reid, Adelaide (Grote-st.), S.A.
John Hughes, Earlwood, N.S.W.

Membership

John Archer Fairfield, Vic.
Mr. Belot, Hurstbridge, Vic.
Valda Withers, Moreland, Vic.
Carol Miles, Moreland, Vic.
Rosemary Wilson, Springvale, Vic.
Glen Gray, Springvale, Vic.
John Butler, Strathalbyn, S.A.
Dick Lloyd, Port Pirie, S.A.
Trevor Purdie, Port Pirie, S.A.
Ruth Patterson, Port Pirie, S.A.
Faye Legg, Stawell, Vic.
Mrs. Skurrie, Stawell, Vic.
George Lintoft, Springvale, Vic.
Jack Eddy, Springvale, Vic.
Mr. and Mrs. Dickfus, Maryborough, Qld.
H. E. E. Brock, Fullarton, S.A.
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, Norwood, S.A.

Marriage

Zita Jubb to K. McKay, Newmarket, Vic.

Fallen Asleep

S. Kemp, Unley, S.A.
R. Burns, Unley, S.A.
Mrs. Goodall, Maryborough, Qld.
Mrs. L. Mackay, Gardiner, Vic.

Queensland

Maryborough.—Freemasons' Lodge members attended evening service on July 29 and one B.S. scholar confessed Christ. On Aug. 26 Dr. A. J. Saunders (Melbourne, formerly of India) addressed morning meeting. Church extends sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Randall in loss of infant son. Midweek prayer meeting and Bible study is fairly well attended. B.S. anniversary services were held on Sept. 9. R. T. Roberts gave address to members and children at 11 a.m.

service. Mr. Tomlinson, of Baptist church, delivered instructive illustrated address at afternoon service.

Baddon.—Recently-formed Ladies' Guild is functioning well. Bible school scholars are increasing in number with average attendance of 33.

Toowoomba.—A mission for church members conducted by S. Vanham (Rosewood circuit) has just concluded. There were special services for deepening spiritual life, increased home visitation, and a multiplication of prayer meetings in various homes throughout district. Members are assisting at Dalby and Warwick, centres at present without a resident preacher. Attendances at Central, Harlaxton and Mt. Lofty Bible schools is increasing, and recent decisions by five Bible school scholars have greatly encouraged.

Tasmania

Hobart (Collins-st.).—Services continue to be conducted by local brethren. Church rejoices in return of Rita Heard after many months of illness. Malcolm Davis is also able to attend services again. At young women's fellowship on Sept. 6, welfare officer of the Salvation Army (Hobart Corps) gave an interesting talk.

Caveside.—On Sept. 9 Mr. Allen was home mission visiting speaker. Norma Byard has been added to teaching staff of B.S. On Sept. 16 C. J. Higgs and A. R. Harvey were speakers. All meetings are well attended. B.S. has record number of over 30 on roll.

New South Wales

Bexley North.—Combined C.E. anniversary proved successful. Juniors gave Saturday afternoon demonstration with P. E. Thomas as speaker. At night Intermediate and Y.P.S.C.E. presented a play and J. P. Henderson brought address. Sunday graduation service was conducted by Mr. Whelan, State Intermediate supt., and R. Saunders spoke to church. At night a dramatised gospel message was presented, resulting in one confession. Women's Fellowship with help of T. Newberry held a concert in Masonic Hall, raising £20 for funds. P. Retchford, State H.M. evangelist, commenced a tent mission at railway station on Sept. 16, 80 being present.

South Australia

Unley.—Mr. Norris has resumed ministry, being fully restored to health. Church invited Mr. Norris to continue as pastor for a further twelve months as from January next. After several months' absence, Mrs. Trevor Turner has recovered sufficiently to attend services. After a lapse of several months, a caretaker has been appointed, and appreciation is expressed to all who helped in a voluntary capacity, particularly Mrs. D. Smith. A social afternoon was held for intermediate scholars during vacation. C.Y.F. enjoyed a visit to Dulwich young people's club. As result of working bee church tennis court has been graded. Cricketers will again play in United Church Association.

Cottonville.—E. P. Verco, of Bordertown, and Mr. and Mrs. Dowie, of Moonta, were present on Sept. 16. Mrs. Evans, of Victoria, has been attending recently. Mr. and Mrs. R. Aird have moved into a new home at Semerton. K. Roberts, of Whyalla, spoke on Sept. 16. B.S. attendances, especially in kindergarten, have fallen slightly. Don Mortimer, on vacation from C.O.B., attended recently. Mrs. Mortimer is home from hospital.

Nailsworth.—On Conference Sunday, Sept. 16, several visitors from country churches were present. P. Whitmore, of Tumby Bay, preached at evening service, which was preceded by a baptism. Members from seven S.A. churches have made gifts totalling £27/2/6 toward roof repair fund.

Adelaide (Grote-st.).—Mrs. H. E. Mortimer is recovering from recent illness. Miss Leedham has returned from C.E. Convention in Sydney. Church welcomed many country and interstate visitors to services during conference week. On Sept. 16 Reg. Enniss, World President of churches of Christ, gave stirring message. Gordon Stirling and three young men assisted at service. Youth choir under Will Watson sang several hymns.

Norwood.—Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Cadd whose husband passed away on Aug. 7. Mr. Danckops was speaker on morning of Aug. 19 when Social Service offering was received amounting to £13. Welfare centre has been opened. Machine tools have been added to workshop, giving the Youth Centre up-to-date equipment for wood work. Toys are being made for sale to cover costs amounting to £60. Activities of the centre are proving attractive. These include gymnasium, leather work, cane work, model planes, woodwork and library. On Aug. 8 Mission Band held evening in interests of Social Service Dept., when film, "Children on Trial" was shown.

Fullarton.—On Sept. 16 B. W. Manning preached at both services. In evening there were several visitors. A. Doley (Moonta) sang a solo and choir gave an item.

Kilburn.—24 members of C.Y.F. visited Golden Crust Bakery on Sept. 11 and were given supper afterwards. B.S. maintains high attendances and enrolled three new scholars on Sept. 16. Graham Gaskin, of Nailsworth, is assisting as teacher and Mrs. Stasinowsky as organist. Mr. Fisher, of Mundalla, spoke at both services. Ira Durdin (Strathalbyn) and Mr. and Mrs. J. Roberts (Lenswood) were welcome visitors. Mrs. Magarey has given hymn-board to church.

Victoria

Carnegie.—On Sept. 2 H. Brittain, of C.O.B., was speaker at 11 a.m. and K. A. Jones at 7 p.m. After service Mr. Jones showed film strips of work of C.O.B. E. L. Williams commenced three months' interim ministry on Sept. 9 and was speaker at both services.

Hampton.—H. Maunder is now in charge of Explorers' Club. Kiosk managed by Ladies' Auxiliary brought in over £12. B.S. finds new lesson material successful. C.M.S. visited Brighton society and won a friendly debate. £9 was contributed to B. and F. Bible Society at a district combined film service. £17 was given to Social Service Department. In connection with church's fortieth anniversary, W. W. Saunders conducted a series of meetings for men and Mrs. R. McCallum, of Sydney, a series for women. Reg. Enniss preached on Sept. 2.

Stawell.—Mesdames Turner, Withers, Cleland and Wickham visited Mission Band and conducted meeting in August. Good attendances marked 45th church anniversary on Sept. 2. Temple Day offering amounted to £28. Thirty-three attended a youth tea. Mr. Combridge spoke at all meetings. Preacher and four boys attended Explorer boys' camp at Hall's Gap.

COMING EVENT.

OCTOBER 5 (Friday).—The Victorian Women's Conference Executive Council will meet at 2 p.m. at Swanston-st. Miss W. Waterman will lead the devotional meditation and Mr. K. Jones will speak and show some new films on the college. All ladies welcome.

BENTLEIGH CRUSADE FOR CHRIST.

COMMENCING OCTOBER 7.

11 a.m., Every member at communion. (In the chapel.)

7 p.m., In the marquee, Centre-rd., Bentleigh.

Meetings every night at 7.45.

Prayerful help invited.

J. Wiltshire, Preacher. A. R. Haskell, Song Leader.

ORMOND BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY SERVICES.

Sept. 30—John Newnham, Les. Brooker.

Oct. 7—Gordon Bennett, R. W. Vautier.

All are welcome. Come and join us in our Anniversary Services.

MORELAND BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY, SEPTEMBER 30—

11 a.m., Speaker, W. R. Hibburt.

3 p.m., Cradle Roll and Kindergarten.

7 p.m., Speaker, H. Gross.

OCTOBER 7—

11 a.m., Speaker, Dr. W. H. Hinrichsen.

3 p.m., Speaker, P. Thickens.

7 p.m., Speaker, E. J. Miles.

Special singing by scholars.

Conductor, Rex Barber, M.Bac. Pianist, Alan Gayther. Organist, Mrs. G. Woodbridge.

Orchestra assisting.

Oct. 10—Selected Films.

IVANHOE BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.

Sunday, Oct. 14—2.45 p.m., F. B. Burt.

7 p.m., C. G. Taylor.

Sunday, Oct. 21—2.45 p.m., W. Nankivell.

7 p.m., P. Foster.

Prize and Film Night—Friday, October 19.

Friends, ex-members, welcome.

CHURCH OF CHRIST, CLAYTON.

The new brotherhood cause at Clayton will be holding their first TEMPLE DAY in the CLAYTON HALL, on SUNDAY, OCT. 7, 3 p.m.

S. Neighbour, B.A., is to be speaker.

Good items will be provided, and a very pleasant afternoon is assured. Come along and bring a friend, and enjoy fellowship with us.

PRAHRAN BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY SERVICES,

SEPTEMBER 23 and 30.

Special speakers. Everybody welcome.

Song leader, J. Machin.

CARNEGIE BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY SERVICES,

SUNDAYS, OCT. 14 and 21, at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Special singing at all services.

Concert and prizegiving evening,

Wednesday, Oct. 24, 8 p.m., at Carnegie Methodist Church Hall.

Kindergarten Anniversary, Sunday, Oct. 28, 3 p.m., All welcome.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

K. Clencie (assistant secretary Maidstone church, Vic.)—12 Prince-st., West Footscray, W.12.

during school holidays. Fellowship of visitors has been enjoyed over recent weeks. Theo. Daff, of Cheltenham, presided at Lord's Table on Sept. 9. C.E. and Prayer Circle are progressing well.

Dunolly.—At business meeting all officers were re-elected. Work generally maintains interest. Fellowship was enjoyed with district churches at Midland conference. Ladies' Guild catered well with meals. H. Cake was guest speaker. On Aug. 26 Sankey hymn night was held. 79th church anniversary was held on Sept. 9. M. Roberts addressed morning communion service. Sixty gathered for fellowship tea, arranged by ladies, and representatives from Methodist, Presbyterian, Church of England, Maryborough and Bet Bet churches, and a number of early members were present. Miss Mary Scott, oldest member present, cut birthday cake. Gospel address was delivered by F. N. Lee and several young people assisted. Miss S. Beasy, after 15 months in hospital, was present at evening service.

Springvale.—B.S. anniversary services were held with messages from Messrs. Elliot, Lane, G. Bennett and G. Grainger. On Sept. 16 at church anniversary Chaplain Young gave a message at worship service; at B.S. a Happy Hour was held; at evening service a film was shown. Temple Day offering reached £117.

Ascot Vale.—Young Men's Club had charge of evening service on Sept. 2. Richard Driver led in prayer; scriptures were read by Alan Sterling and Phil. Williams; members of club formed choir. V. Burns, of North Essendon, presided on Sept. 16 and Mr. Smith, from Croxton Methodist church, gave address. Keith McKinnon, of Moreland, was in charge of gospel meeting and gave address. Reports read at annual meeting showed work of church is progressing. Budget system is proving successful. Miss Jean Duncan, who has been church organist for morning meetings, has resigned. The officers appointed were: Sec., B. Sterling; treas., R. Gumley; deacons, Messrs. Brown, Petrie, Wittick, Sterling, Moncur; also Mesdames Rose and Marshall; deaconesses, Miss Brown and Mrs. Rose. Explorers' Club has been formed under leadership of Don Cole. Tennis club won their section in Baptist-churches of Christ Association without suffering a defeat throughout season.

Ballarat (Dawson-st.).—Women's Fellowship concert and sale of gifts raised £32 towards washing machine for old folks' home, Murrumbena. F. Hunting has been speaker at all services. Church is releasing him for two-weeks' mission at Blackburn. Sympathy is expressed to Mrs. Speirs and family in home-call of Mrs. B. Pitts, and to Mr. Dixon in the home-call of his daughter. Lloyd Morris is leader of Explorers and Dorothy Williams leads Good Companions. Mrs. E. H. Price is able to attend meetings again after long illness. On Sept. 16 four were buried with their Lord in baptism. Special offerings: food for Europe, £34/11/-; food for India, £16/2/-; Overseas Missions, £35/5/-, in addition to contributory system.

Fairfield.—On Sept. 16 C. Butler addressed morning service. Evening service was conducted by T. A. Fitzgerald and members of Hurstbridge attended to witness baptism of one of their members.

Newmarket.—On Aug. 18 social evening was tendered to K. McKay and Zita Jubb. On Sept. 9 Mr. Brown, of Ascot Vale, presided and Mr. Wood, of college, gave morning address. Gospel message was given by C. Gardiner. R. McKenzie addressed both services on Sept. 16.

Drumcondra.—On Sept. 8, at Y.P.S.C.E., meeting held in home of Mrs. Gates, J. Smaile, from Latrobe Terrace, was speaker. Speakers on Sept. 9 were L. Mountjoy and a student from M.B.I. On Sept. 14 a welcome was given for

IN MEMORIAM.

CLEMENTS.—Treasured memories of my dear husband Alfred, and loving father, who passed away 10 years ago, Sept. 20. The gift of God is eternal life.

—Inserted by loving wife, daughter and son-in-law.

ROACH.—In loving memory of my dear husband, William, who passed to the higher life on Sept. 28, 1950, in Lismore Base Hospital.

—Inserted by his loving wife and sons and grandchildren.

Until we meet again before his throne.

PAYNE.—In loving memory of our baby, Marilyn, who passed away Sept. 25, 1949.

"Sleep on, beloved one, and take thy rest;

We loved thee well, but Jesus loved thee best."

—Inserted by Ursula and Paul.

SAUNDERS.—In ever-loving memory of A. G. Saunders, B.A., late minister, churches of Christ, loved husband of Adelaide and father of St. Clair, who fell asleep Sept. 26, 1944. Ever remembered.

PORTER.—In loving memory of my dear husband, William George, who passed into rest Sept. 27, 1947. Still awaiting the glad re-union.

ALEXANDER.—In loving remembrance of my dear father, John Calder, who passed away on Oct. 3, 1950. Loving husband of the late Ethel and loving father of Marjorie. "No burdens yonder, home at last."

DEATH.

MACKAY.—On Sept. 12, at St. Vincent's Hospital (suddenly), Lydia Beatrice, of 5 King-st., Gardiner; dearly loved wife of the late James Laing, and loved mother of James; aged 73.

BIRTHS.

MACKENZIE (Dickens).—On August 28, to Gladys and Joseph—a daughter (Rhondra Edith).

GEAKE (nee Small).—On Sept. 5, at Margaret Cole, to Lil. and Bob—a daughter (Margaret Joy). Both well.

ENGAGEMENTS.

ALLEN-HILBIG. — Patricia Nellie, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Allen, 18 Sargood-st., Hampton, to Kenneth Graham, only son of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Hilbig, 39 Plantation-ave., Brighton.

HAINSWORTH-FORDHAM.—Beryl Jean, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Hainsworth, 13 Monica-st., Essendon, to Wallace Munro, younger son of Cr. and Mrs. W. A. Fordham, 184 Prospect Hill-rd., Canterbury.

RANDALL-CLENCIE.—Lorraine, only child of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Randall, 3 Richlieu-st., West Footscray, to Keith, second son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Clencie, 12 Prince-st., North Footscray.

BACK TO NORTH FITZROY.

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Mr. Wilson. Mrs. Wilson could not be present owing to recent death of her mother. Representatives of Belmont, Latrobe Terrace and the Convention fellowship also welcomed Mr. Wilson. Vocal items were given by Mr. Anderson, G. Batty and R. Simmons, E. Mountjoy and piano solo Mrs. C. Bauer. Mr. Wilson spoke at both services on Sept. 16.

Maidstone.—Mid-week prayer meetings have been commenced in preparation for coming mission. Keith Clencie has been appointed assistant secretary of Maidstone end of Footscray-Maidstone cause. A. Hurren exchanged with E. Randall on Sept. 9. Mrs. Mudge, of Adelaide, had fellowship on Sept. 16. B.S. hall appeal yielded over £18. John Pfeifer attended Explorers' camp at Monbulk. Foundations of manse are ready for pouring concrete.

Ormond.—Morning services continue to improve. Mr. Vautier is giving searching addresses. Sickness has affected attendance. Y.W.L. is great help to church. P.B.P. has won semi-final in basketball competition. Ladies' "Wogs' Night" was a success. Mr. Vautier spent week at Monbulk camp during school holiday. Kindergarten, Sunday school, Explorers and Good Companions are in good heart.

Moreland.—On Sept. 2 Y.W.F. society conducted evening service. On Sept. 9 a film relating to Keith Skillicorn, missionary in India, was screened in evening. H. Gross, Mr. White and Mr. Lloyd gave helpful addresses at leadership training lectures on Sept. 6. After evening service on Sept. 16 a sing-song was held at which a presentation was made to Miss H. Dunne and J. Finger prior to their marriage. Sympathy is expressed to Mrs. Wells and family on recent loss of husband.

Black Rock.—Meetings are improving after much sickness among members. During Mr. Wood's recent illness, R. Sercombe, of C.O.B., who is assisting, took services. Married Women's Fellowship has commenced recently, meeting fortnightly. On Aug. 5 Youth Day was held with tea followed by gospel meeting, when young people took part and C. Watson, of West Preston, was speaker, and Miss G. Foster, of North Fitzroy, was soloist. Y.P.S.C.E. visited Guest Home on Sept. 10. Mrs. Simper and Mrs. Follett have commenced teaching in kindergarten. June Gill, who is still in Heatherton Sanatorium, is improving. Mr. and Mrs. Clark and family have recently moved to Carnegie.

Northcote.—Anniversary services on Sept. 16 were successful. Under leadership of Leslie Miers children sang excellently. R. Bethune and C. Cole brought special messages to children. Miss J. Morris, Mrs. Morgan and Mr. McCallum are home from hospital. No. 1 tennis team won final.

Yarrowonga.—Meetings were well attended at church anniversary on Sept. 2. F. N. Lee, conference president, was guest speaker. Mr. Stirling spoke at night. On Sept. 4 Fellowship Tea was held with visitors from Wangaratta. Thankoffering received was £124. Occasion was taken to make small presentation to Mrs. Houghton in recognition of her selfless devotion through 26 years of service.

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Earlwood.—At annual business meeting held on Sept. 12, secretary's report showed 12 additions including 4 from B.S. and all auxiliaries functioning well. New organ and new piano were purchased during year and small credit balance still in general fund. Building Fund credit balance is £764. Officers elected were: Elders, W. Thomson, N. H. Matthews; deacons, R. Carrick, W. Caspersonn, A. Gabb, R. Goldstein, H. Hudson, W. Roots, F. Strickland, B. Tabrett, A. Walker; secretary, F. Strickland; joint treasurers, R. Goldstein, W. Caspersonn; organist, Mrs. Tabrett. Mesdames Thomson and Stack have recovered from long illnesses, but Mrs. Avar and Miss Cox are still laid aside.

Obituary

Richard Pillar.

The passing to his reward on Sept. 5, 1951, of Richard Pillar, of Hamley Bridge, S.A., has revived memories of the early history of the church of Christ meeting at Alma, S.A., where his late father and mother and some of his brothers and sisters were members for a number of years. After Mr. Pillar married, he and his wife went over to Warracknabeal, Vic., for a short period and then came and settled in Hamley Bridge, where they reared a family of five sons and three daughters. After Mrs. Pillar's death in 1938, her devoted husband transferred his membership to the church meeting at Owen, but through failing health was not able to meet very regularly at the meetings, but was always eager to go when possible. He was described as being one of the most respected persons ever living in the district. His sister Susan still has her membership at Owen. To all members of the family we extend our sympathy.—A.H.

James A. Oakley.

The church at Point Sturt, S.A., has lost a very faithful and consistent member in the

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passing of James A. Oakley at the age of 77 years. He was baptised and received into the church at Pt. Sturt on March 29, 1899, which cause he continued to serve to the end of his life, with the exception of two or three years spent with Strathalbyn church more than thirty years ago. For many years Mr. Oakley served the church as deacon, which office he filled to the very best of his ability. In his attendance at the services he was very faithful, and on the Sunday previous to his death, while speaking to the writer at the conclusion of the service, he said that he had been absent from the services on only four Sundays during the past 19 years, which gives a record of his earnest faithfulness for Christ and his church. For several years Mr. Oakley was superintendent of the little Sunday school then conducted at Pt. Sturt. He very willingly took his place as president at the services for worship. He will be very much missed both at Milang and Pt. Sturt. A good servant of the Lord is always known by his works. The writer conducted the funeral service at the Milang Cemetery in the presence of a large gathering of relatives and friends. We extend Christian sympathy to his brother and loved one.—J.H.D.

Mrs. Margaret Blair.

The church at Carnegie, Vic., has lost another foundation member in the homecall of our sister, who slept in Jesus on Aug. 9, a peaceful ending to a long life of service for her Lord. She was active in W.M. Band from its inception 36 years ago. Some years were spent at Noble Park and lately at East Camberwell. It was always a joy to visit her. Her memory remained keen to the end. She was very interested in those who had fellow-shipped with her in other years. As Margaret Boak she remembered meetings held in her parents' home in Murrumbena. She and her late husband were members of the church which started to meet in Neerim-rd., Murrumbena, in 1894. To her surviving twin brother and other members of the family we extend our sincere sympathy.—H. R. Coventry.

Open Forum

(Correspondents are reminded that letters should not be more than 300 words in length, that names and not pseudonyms should be used, and that once a writer has had his say on a particular topic he should leave the way open for somebody else. We do not desire unsatisfactory crossfiring. The insertion of a letter does not imply editorial approval of its contents.—Ed.).

CHURCHES OF CHRIST AND THE ECUMENICAL AGE.

May I be permitted to say a word in defence of Dr. Robinson's articles and of our participation in the W.C.C.?

Prior to settling in Australia I was in membership with the Wandsworth Bridge-rd. church, London, for upwards of twelve years. To those of us who have known Dr. Robinson, any suggestion that he would "insult certain Fundamental Protestant bodies" is very wide of the truth. For no one to my knowledge combines great scholarship with such charity toward all. Indeed if those who so vocally and voluminously raise objections to the W.C.C. were to emulate Dr. Robinson's charity and humility some of us would be more impressed.

I am at a loss to understand what is meant by "unscriptural fellowship necessarily involved in association with the W.C.C." Are we so bigoted that we refuse to admit that other bodies of believers have been blessed of God and have thus made great contributions to the fulfilling of the Great Commission? (C.f. John Wesley.) Are we so bigoted that we refuse to admit that we have something to learn from other great bodies of Christians? Our plea is for unity upon the basis of the New Testament. Should not our plea be made known amongst other bodies? Or is it to be a

case of "everyone is out of step except our John."

Just prior to leaving London eighteen months ago I had the privilege of listening to an address given by the Secretary of the British Council of Churches (Oliver Tomkin). In a brief conversation with him afterwards he expressed the unsolicited view that "churches of Christ have a great contribution to make to the work of the W.C.C. because of their purity of doctrine." This from an Anglican!

The British churches of which I have a comprehensive knowledge, with the exception of those fractious few who have withdrawn from the co-operation, are wholeheartedly behind the work being done by our representatives on the W.C.C.—C. E. Brumby (Townsville, Qld.).

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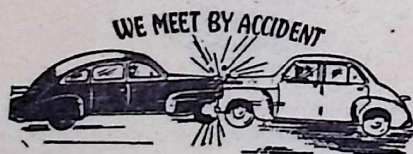
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To-day nations are making atomic bombs, bombers, warships, tanks and other weapons of destruction, while women and helpless children have to look on. Whither are we heading? Sooner or later the world is going to experience an awful cataclysm.

If there was ever a time when professing Christians needed to obliterate prejudice, jealousy and envy, and put on "the whole armor of God" that time is now—yes, definitely now!

It was rightly pointed out in the aforementioned article that "only in complete surrender to God's will is a really virile faith possible." Have we that "virile" faith?

We partake of the Lord's Supper; we sing lustily at divine services; we give largely to various organisations; but have we that fighting, virile and dynamic faith which will make people think about God and the salvation he has provided for them through Christ?—A. W. Jinks, North Stockton, N.S.W.



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Religious Education.—J. E. Gough, R. S. Wilson. 5 others passed.

English Grammar.—R. C. Cambridge, L. C. Christensen, A. D. Mortimer, M. E. Muller, G. E. Powell, H. D. Sedgman, A. E. Stevens, D. R. Turner, Miss W. Waterman. 3 others passed.

Homiletics I.—M. A. Coombs, R. N. Gilmore. 5 others passed.

Homiletics II.—P. French, J. E. Gough, W. H. Greenwood, O. M. Jones, R. H. Patterson, A. M. Wood. 1 other passed.

Homiletics III.—K. J. Clinton, I. K. Hull, W. R. Jarmyn, W. C. Kimber, M. D. Roberts, A. B. Titter, A. L. West. 3 others passed.

Practical Church Work.—R. K. Brittain, M. A. Coombs, B. H. Crowden, R. N. Gilmore, R. H. Sercombe.

Old Testament.—M. A. Coombs, J. E. Gough, W. H. Greenwood, O. M. Jones. 12 others passed.

New Testament.—R. N. Gilmore, J. E. Gough, R. H. Sercombe, R. S. Wilson. 13 others passed.

N.T. Greek I.—B. H. Crowden, R. H. Sercombe. 2 others passed.

N.T. Greek II.—8 passed.

N.T. Greek III.—L. G. Armstrong, K. J. Clinton, M. D. Roberts, A. L. West. 7 others passed.

Church History I.—R. K. Brittain, M. A. Coombs, R. H. Sercombe, Miss W. M. Waterman. 1 other passed.

Church History II.—J. E. Gough, O. M. Jones, N. Martin, Miss M. J. Sires, R. S. Wilson, A. M. Wood. 3 others passed.

Comparative Religion.—I. K. Hull, R. V. Longthorp. 7 others passed.

Doctrine.—K. J. Clinton, R. V. Longthorp, Miss J. R. Macindoe, A. L. West. 9 others passed.

Ethics.—K. J. Clinton, N. Martin, A. L. West. 11 others passed.

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