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NEWS FROM CANBERRA

Growth

The church in the National Capital held its second anniversary on July 5 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bufinton. Jack Moore (Baptist) in an inspiring anniversary message, recalled how the color camera in the picture *A Queen is Crowned* had focussed for a moment on the words on the Abbey lectern "Attempt Great Things for God." This was his anniversary text.

The church at Canberra cannot claim to have done "great" things in its first two years, but average attendances have grown from about 9 to about 15, and an undenominational Bible School has been established at the Acton Private Hotel, with about 20 children attending. £300 has been raised towards the Building Fund, and the group has accepted the responsibility of a £2,500 loan from the Campbell Edwards Trust, to be repaid in principal and interest at £12 a month.

Gratitude

The group has not been able to establish a gospel service. With no churches of Christ near enough to assist, it has been dependent on speakers from other denominations. Their willing help has carried the church through a difficult period.

The church has been greatly helped, too, by the unseen ministry of members of churches throughout Australia who, as well as contributing towards the £16,000 needed to establish a full-time ministry in the



G. R. Stirling, B.A.

National Capital, have been behind the project with their prayers and messages of encouragement.

Next year should see real progress. Now that a tender of £15,000 for the "all purpose building" and manse has been accepted, the church con-

fidently expects that Gordon Stirling will be able to begin his ministry early in 1954.

The national character of the Canberra church is interesting. None of its present members was born in Canberra. Every State, with the exception of Tasmania, is represented in the membership, with Western Australians surprisingly predominant. Breaking of bread services at the Bufintons' home have provided "a church away from home" for many visitors from all parts of Australia. Over 120 persons have signed the visitors' book.

Greater Yet?

The pressing need for a church of Christ in Canberra cannot be doubted. By the end of 1958, when the massive new permanent administrative building will be completed and occupied, the present population of 30,000 will have grown, on a conservative official estimate, to 41,750. Among the 4,000 public servants and dependents to be transferred from Melbourne and Sydney there will, no doubt, be many church of Christ folk. Bible School work, particularly, will be vital—the birth rate in Canberra is the highest in Australia, and this fast growing community, which has doubled its population in the last 10 years, will for many years, be a young people's city.

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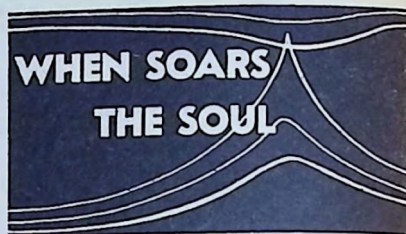
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When soars the soul earth's
clamoring voices cease,
Stilled in the wonder of God's
power and peace.



A great host of heroes fills the
spectators' seats around the arena
in which our contest is to take place.
To do well in their eyes we must get
rid of every ounce of superfluous
weight and of every hampering sin,
and we must run with endurance the
course that is set for us. But we
must keep our eyes fixed on our goal,
which is none other than Jesus him-
self, the founder and perfecter of
our faith. . . For he himself endur-
ed a cross, and thought nothing of
its shame because of the joy he had
in doing his Father's will; and he
is now seated at the right hand of
God's throne. Think constantly of
him enduring all that sinful men
could say against him, and you will
not lose your purpose or your courage.
—Heb. 11: 1, 2a (Wand) and 2b, 3
(Phillips).

Professor Gordon Rupp tells of an
incident which took place not long
ago in a great art gallery. In one
room a rather ineffective lecturer
was indicating certain masterpieces to
a group of holiday trippers. Their
interest in his topic was extremely
slight, until he came to point out a
slight tear in one of the canvasses,
caused by the artist's wife throwing
a plate at her husband's head. At
that the party woke up; but they
were not interested in art. In the
next room, however, sat an artist,
making a copy of a great picture. "He
did not seem to spend much time
painting, but he sat for a long time,
staring at the masterpiece before him,
taking it all in. From time to time
he carefully put paint to canvas, but
he never for long moved his eyes
from the model." The Christian life
is like that: it begins, continues and
ends, "looking unto Jesus."—John
Huxtable.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's Light:
Look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
And all thy day be bright."

I looked to Jesus, and I found
In him my Star, my Sun;
And in that Light of life I'll walk,
Till travelling days are done.

—Horatius Bonar.

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FREEDOM = Elusive, Illusive?

HOW chequered is the story of man's quest for freedom! No cause has roused a greater splurge of oratory or finer surge of patriotism. Lives have been freely given for it, but lies have again and again betrayed them. There have been mighty moments when oppression has been swept aside and freedom seemingly won. Some of those hard-fought liberties are our priceless heritage to-day, but for vast areas of the world they remain little more than a dream. The dispirited might well wonder whether freedom is anything more than an elusive butterfly—one moment you think you have it, and the next moment you have lost it; or (worse still) is it only an illusive dream?

But history shows how strong and undefeatable has been the

PASSION FOR FREEDOM

It has risen from a deep sense of need, which Rousseau so effectively portrayed in his cry, "Man is born free, but everywhere is in chains!" Whatever the liberty towards which men have struggled—political, social, economic, religious—they have deemed these, and kindred freedoms, worthy of their unconquerable best.

Churchmen have been involved in the struggle. As followers of the One who struck the truly decisive blow for the freedom of man's soul, they could hardly be otherwise. They have sometimes taken refuge in the purely spiritual aspects of that freedom from the power of sin and death, won by him who said: "Know the truth, and the truth will make you free. . . . I am the Truth . . . if the Son shall make you free, then are you free indeed." But while that deliverance must always be central to the Church's message, it implies such a concern for all men as answerable ultimately to the sovereignty of God that it cannot be confined to the spiritual alone.

So Christians have been ready with others to pay the

PRICE OF FREEDOM

The cost has often been heavy. Man's full freedom could only be won by our Lord by the sacrifice of himself, and he left his disciples with no illusions as to the cost in imprisonment and death if they followed him. Yet they followed him, finding in his service a liberty that laughed at chains. Do you remember the burning intensity of the words of the shackled Paul

before Agrippa? "I would to God that not only thou, but all who hear me this day were both almost and altogether such as I am, except these bonds. There was an unconscious irony in Agrippa's comment, "This man might have been set at liberty." Paul *had* been set at liberty years before on the Damascus road. This man who sent ringing through the churches such rallying cries as "Stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made you free!" . . . "Where the spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty," was freer far than that fop Agrippa.

In like confidence men have fought and suffered for other dear liberties. Their causes might be persecuted and oppressed, but while their spirits stayed uncrushed they, and not the tyrants, were the truly free, holding the key to the future.

But without constant vigilance even freedoms so hardly won have been and may yet be, lost. For the

PROBLEMS OF FREEDOM

are ever-pressing, and certain risks are ever-present. Some want a liberty that is little more than license, completely disregarding the limits imposed by a sense of responsibility to others. Paul had some scathing words for those who so misinterpreted his great teaching on Christian liberty. Some seek after freedom so as themselves to deny liberty to others; that is one of the tragic repetitions of history. Freedom may be betrayed by loss of vision and courage, by too-easy acceptance of what has been so hardly won, by too-ready compromise with authority.

When the threat to State or Church comes from outside, the dangers are usually clearly seen. Not so when they come from inside. Often, in order to resist the outer threat, a spirit alien to true liberty has been allowed to gain control. It has happened before; it is happening again. Both in Church and State we have those whose petty notoriety has been snatched over the smeared and trampled reputations of others.

Our forefathers were dour fighters for religious liberty, who rejoiced in the principle, "In things essential, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all things, charity." We might well remember that now, and also realise afresh that freedom is never an end in itself for the Christian—he has been set free in order to preach the liberating word to others. That is our supreme task. What are we doing about it?

G. T. BELLHOUSE ("Christian World") dares to suggest of two women . . .

Why They Quarrelled

All down the centuries Christian people, rather depressed with the condition of the Church in their own time, have looked back with envy to the first days of the young Church when all seemed a wonder and a wild delight. And, of course, very amazing things did happen in those first days. "The trouble with the Church in this area," an Indian minister once rather quaintly said to a visiting missionary, "is that there are no surprises in it." And that's the trouble with many Churches to-day. But it wasn't the trouble with the early Church. That Church was full of surprises. Surprising people, like the persecuting Saul of Tarsus, were won. Surprising obstacles were overcome. From infinitely lowly beginnings surprising progress was made all over the Roman Empire. The Spirit of the living God was mightily at work.

A "Cross" for Paul

But human nature being the wayward quantity we all know it to be in ourselves and in others, it was not long before the weaknesses which we so bemoan in the Church of to-day began to show their ugly heads. There were some people who seemed to have only the very dimmest idea of what Christianity was all about. There were some who could not win the victory over their physical appetites, and drunkenness and immorality disgraced some of the little communities. There were some who could not win the victory over their tongues, and gossip and back-biting were rife. There were some who remained narrow and legalistic in their ideas and had little conception of the vision and all-inclusiveness of Christ. In his list to the Corinthians of all he had had to suffer as a Christian missionary, Paul adds at the end these words: "Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches." "The care of all the churches"—almost part of the cross he had to carry: all the worries those imperfect Christians laid upon him, all the difficult individuals he had to deal with, all the constant wrangles and quarrels he had to try to settle.

Even in the church at Philippi, that church which seemed to give Paul more joy than did any of the others, even there there was trouble, trouble between two of the leading

women, Euodias and Syntyche. So towards the end of his letter to the Philippians, Paul pleads: "I beseech Euodias, and beseech Syntyche, that they be of the same mind in the Lord." And because there are Euodias and Syntyches who get across each other in every congregation—and be it said, of course, that they are not confined to one sex—I want to look at these two women, and from our knowledge of our own hearts, and from our knowledge of Church life, try to make some guesses as to why they had quarrelled.

Perhaps it was that Euodias and Syntyche were both by nature "bosses." That is, very upright people, very efficient people, but people with the power instinct very highly developed, people who simply must have their own way, people who are all right if they are running their own show surrounded by a lot of less gifted satellites, but people who find it almost impossible to work along with others who are equally gifted, and who have their own ideas and refuse to take orders. There are people like this in very many societies, in very many homes, very many clubs, very many congregations: admirable people in many ways, utterly to be relied on, but people who must do the managing themselves, who must have their own way, who will brook no interference or criticism from others. Perhaps Euodias and Syntyche were both like this, and if they were, sooner or later a head-on collision was inevitable.

As Christians we must all keep a very close watch on this "power instinct" side of us. With some of us, of course, it gives no trouble. Our trouble is we haven't enough of it. We are by nature timid and shrinking, more inclined to run away from rather than stand up and face the difficult person. But with others of us it is strong, this desire to manage, to run things our own way. It must constantly be watched, and watched in the light of Jesus.

Two Temperaments

Perhaps it was that Euodias and Syntyche were both of similar temperaments, both bosses. Perhaps it was that they were both of dissimilar temperaments. That one was what I can only call the "all-righteousness" type, inclined to be hard in her judg-

ments, while the other was the "all-love" type, inclined to be rather soft and sentimental in her judgments.

In a rough and ready way, people do rather divide up like this. There are those whose chief concern seems to be for the rule, the law and the strict keeping of it. There are others whose chief concern seems to be for the person, the individual. In Galsworthy's play, *Escape*, when the escaped convict takes refuge in the home of two sisters, the churchgoing one is all for giving him up to the police. After all, she argues, the law is the law and he has broken it; society must be protected, and he has offended against it; he must be handed over. The other sister, the non-churchgoing one, disagrees. She asks who are we to judge him, he may have been more sinned against than sinning, let us give him a chance. You see the same two points of view in this matter of the re-marriage of divorced people. The Church of England says a divorced person must not be married in church. Vows "till death do us part" must be respected, the marriage bond is a sacred bond, and society simply must not play fast and loose with it. Others would say that you really cannot legislate in a sweeping way like this, that each case should be judged on its own merits. The difficulty is there is always so much to be said on both sides.

A Clash of "Concerns"

Yes, it is quite conceivable that the quarrel between Euodias and Syntyche began with a disagreement about the treatment of some offender in the Philipplan church. Euodias said he must be expelled. After all, the good name of the church was at stake. It must not be said that the church took a light view of these offences. But Syntyche said no, that the important factor was not the good name of the church, but the offender's soul. Harsh treatment might drive him further down. He must be forgiven and patiently nursed back. And finally feelings got so strong that two contending parties rose up and the fellowship was wrecked.

Or Just Gossip?

A third possible cause of the estrangement between Euodias and

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Syntyche may have been that someone had gossiped. Either Euodias or Syntyche in an unguarded moment had said something critical about the other. Another member of the Philipian church had heard it, had promptly gone and told what had been said, with the result that a thoroughly difficult situation had been created.

Why there are people who seem to make a practice of doing that kind of mean and harmful thing is extremely difficult to understand. "Thou shalt not go up and down as a tale-bearer among thy people," says the ancient Levitical law. Yet there are people who habitually do so. I suppose it gives them a certain sense of importance. They are usually rather insignificant people who know they are insignificant, and who will do anything which will make them feel

even for a moment rather important. But whatever be their reason for tale-bearing we all know what incalculable harm they do. For no matter how hard we try to dismiss their piece of gossip, it is apt to stick and influence our opinion of another. Of all despicable people one of the most despicable is the tale-bearer. And of all fine people one of the finest is the person to whom gossip is never retailed, whose mere presence simple dries it up on the tale-bearer's tongue.

There is a rather lovely story of what one night happened in the war in America between the North and the South. Two rival armies lay on opposite sides of the Potomac River, and all the night round the camp fires each army sang its party war-songs. The North sang "The Star Spangled Banner," and the South re-

torted with "Dixie Land," and the night air was rent with discordant cries. Until someone somewhere began to sing "Home, Sweet Home," and gradually the discordant songs began to fade and fail, and the volume of that reconciling song began to increase, until for a time the night air rang with the one great harmony. That song had lifted them on to a higher level, above the things that separate up to the things that unite.

So the Cross lifts us to a higher level, a level where we cannot refuse to forgive, cannot keep up a quarrel, cannot but be reconciled. "Euodias and Syntyche, I beg you by name to make up your differences as Christians should. Take them humbly to the foot of the Cross, and be one again in the Lord."



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

Indian Government Famine Project

Colin Thomas has been travelling about a good deal lately, visiting some of the people from our villages who are working on Government famine projects, and the following paragraphs tell of his experience in the Bhose area:—

Some time after 1.30 p.m. we arrived at the great mound of earth that had been thrown across the watercourse in the last six or seven dry months. The ends are complete, and the centre, lacking about fourteen feet in height, ought to be completed in about a fortnight. The necessary stone work and the outlet gate will be finished in about two months, so that it is just possible that this project that has given work to four or five thousand needy farmers during these months of famine will be put into use to irrigate 16,000 acres of dry land within the next twelve months.

Soon after our arrival at the works, we saw preparations going on in one of the iron sheds to have a meeting of some kind. What was our surprise to get an invitation from several government officials to attend some lectures given to farmers on agricul-

ture and "Village Uplift Projects." We really enjoyed the two and a-half hours of lectures, and gained much valuable information on methods of agriculture, as well as on what the government is trying to do to help the farmers. We found out also how some of the farmers have responded to the "Grow More Food Drive." One farmer had a jawari crop of twenty-seven bags to the acre last year, and thirty-four bags to the acre on five acres this year. This shows what can be done under irrigation and with modern methods of preparing the soil and fertilising.

Contrary to our previous experience in these famine relief camps, we felt that here the government has indeed attempted to do more than sustain life in three or four thousand people until rain comes. Here they have set up a school for children, and facilities for adult education of illiterates, as well as lectures on agriculture and other helpful things. Milk is provided for children, cheap meals for those who have come without their families, and cheap grain and other commodities for the families. A lady doctor runs the medical service, and even radio is provided to keep in touch with the outside world. Huts for the six hundred resident workers are neat and uniform, but not capacious. Sanitation is well organised, and sufficient good water provided.

The young men in charge of the

works were very friendly and helpful to us, and allowed us to show pictures of the life of Christ to the people at night.

There were many Christian men here in responsible jobs, and we found it rather difficult to leave such a group of men so keen on their work, and many with a real desire to serve their more unfortunate fellow men in these terrible times of famine.

Indian Boys Enjoy Camp

Hariba Waghmode writes:

I have just come back from the Spiritual Life Centre at Nasrapur, where we had two boys' camps for the Maharaska Regional Christian Conference. Ever since my return from Australia, I have been working on the Youth Committee of this conference, and this year I have the privilege of being the convenor of it.

During the camp I had the valuable assistance of Mr. Hivale and Mr. Bhandore, a Presbyterian minister of the American Mission. We had a very good and profitable time with the young boys. Our main theme was "God is with us." Mr. Bhandore spoke from the Old Testament, and Mr. Hivale taught from the New Testament (Mark), and I took the lives of missionaries in different lands.

Nasrapur itself is such a beautiful place that it helps the boys to come nearer to God, drawing aside from the humdrum world. The atmosphere helps everyone there to look up to God and think upon his kingdom and righteousness. Although these camps were very small in number as compared with the camps held in Australia, a very good spirit was seen in them all the time. Besides, all the leaders could have a very close and intimate contact with the boys.



International Convention

The 1953 International Convention of Disciples of Christ was held in Portland, Oregon, July 4-9. Over 8300 were registered. This was the largest registration ever reported since the Convention began keeping official records. It was a family convention in the sense that whole families attended. Over 700 children came with their parents. Through careful organisation by the committee, these children and also the young people present, had special programmes and leadership provided for them during the six days of the Convention.

Some there are who ask, "What is the difference between the International Convention and the World Convention?" The answer is—that the International Convention meets annually, and has to do with the United States and Canada only. The World Convention meets every five years, and is made up of 30 countries where our churches of Christ are to be found.

Happy Features

Portland is called "The City of Roses" or "The Rose City," and so it is. Annually the city holds its rose festival which people from all over the world attend. During the Convention, there were roses everywhere, and citizens of Portland took special delight in showing their rose gardens and their parks to the visitors.

The Laymen's League held a programme in one of the parks on the first day of the Convention, when 1005 men were present. Following this they enjoyed a barbecue supper. Mark Rutherford and William McKinney were leaders of this programme. Churchmen are giving themselves to the helping of their local churches more than ever before, especially in evangelism.

At the special Youth Session, over 250 young people presented themselves for full-time Christian service, which means the ministry, religious education, home missions and foreign missions. This was a moving experience.

Rosa Page Welch, who has just returned from a trip around the world, told of her impressions and experiences in an address one evening. She is one of the finest Negro leaders of our churches in the United States.

Each year in the Convention, there

is a Pension Fund breakfast for preachers. At Portland, there were 950 ministers who sat down together for a seven o'clock breakfast, given by Oreon E. Scott, of St. Louis. He has established a fund, which makes these annual breakfasts possible. The speaker this year was W. A. Shullenberger, of Indianapolis, Indiana.

World Convention

The World Convention had a booth, which was only one of many booths located in the basement of the Convention Auditorium. It was decorated appropriately. Some ten ladies of our Portland churches took turns in staying in the World Convention booth passing out literature, and getting people to sign their names in a book indicating that they expected to attend the Toronto World Convention, August 16-21, 1955. Scores of people signed the book.

The President of the Fifth World Convention is Edgar Burton, of Toronto. He was present in Portland, and brought the fraternal greetings of the World Convention to the Portland gathering, and did this in a remarkable way. Following one of the evening sessions, those who attended the World Convention at Melbourne, came together for a reunion. It was a memorable affair. Mr. Burton spoke briefly, following which about 20 people related their experiences, which he or she had had at Melbourne last August. Following this, film pictures were shown of the trip and the Convention by four delegates. The whole group appreciated the opportunity of being together once again. Everyone who spoke had something splendid to say with reference to the unsurpassed way the Melbourne churches entertained the Convention. It was a real pleasure to have Gene Paternoster, of Australia, present on this occasion and in the Convention.

Plans and Personalities

The next International Convention will be held in Miami, Florida, October 26-31, 1954. The new president is Cleveland Kleihauer, minister of the Hollywood-Beverly Christian Church in Los Angeles. Instead of holding an International Convention in 1955, the Portland gathering voted to substitute a series of about ten area assemblies of about two days each. These assemblies will be held in the autumn of 1955. This action

was taken because the World Convention is to be held in Toronto in 1955. For this gracious consideration, the World Convention is indeed grateful to the International Convention.

One of the important things which received special consideration at Portland was the long range programme of the churches represented in the International Convention. It is to continue until 1960. This first year, from July 1, 1953, to June 30, 1954, is to be a year of evangelism both at home and abroad. The addresses one after another urged evangelism, pleading that every church attempt a 15 per cent. increase at least, in its membership during the next twelve months.

At the Melbourne World Convention, the president, Reg. Enniss and Mrs. Enniss introduced the plan of giving a dinner after each evening session to which about 50 guests would be invited. One of their guests was William Pearce, of Shreveport, Louisiana. He liked the idea so much that he held three such dinners during the Portland Convention. Tables, place cards and the programme were identical with that of the Enniss suppers.

The two special guest speakers, invited to speak on the Portland programme, who are not members of our own brotherhood, were Bishop Stephen Neill, of the World Council of Churches, Geneva, Switzerland, and Bishop Gerald Kennedy, of Los Angeles, California, who is a Methodist. Both men enriched the fellowship of the Convention greatly by their presence and messages.

One of the best things about a Convention or annual Conference is the fellowship. Nothing happened at Portland to mar fellowship. This does not mean that men did not differ or that all held the same opinions on every subject. But it does mean that men differed in love and mutual respect. "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." The Portland Convention made history.

The fraternal delegates at Portland from our British churches of Christ were Mr. and Mrs. Eric White. He gave an excellent address on the programme. He and Chester Sillars have exchanged congregations for one year. Chester Sillars preaches for the con-

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S.A. Newsletter

One of the refreshing items to come from the churches in recent weeks has been the boom in Sunday school attendances. Edwardstown, Mile End, Kilburn, Flinders Park, Koongarra Park, Colonel Light Gardens have all reported all-time records for attendances. In almost every case space to accommodate this thriving activity is becoming a problem for church boards. Several of these churches are now faced with the need for building extension.

REST HOME. The new wing at the Rest Home is rapidly going up at a cost of £7000. The churches are busy on a brick selling programme, and gifts for the work are coming to hand.

PREACHERS. Several ministries are about to commence. The Victor Harbour church, with Home Mission support, is to go into fulltime service with S. L. Patching as resident minister. The church has almost completed a modern manse. Volunteer labor has saved many hundreds of pounds.

P. R. Whitmore, of the Tumby Bay-Ungarra circuit on the West Coast, has resigned from his work there.

The Loxton-Moorook circuit on the Murray is almost ready for Ira Durdin to move in and commence a ministry.

Moonta-Wallaroo circuit, with Home Mission aid, has commenced a ministry with B. W. Manning, who has just severed from Fullarton. At Fullarton, A. W. Lennox has moved into the manse, and is ministering with the church.

Strathalbyn-Milang-Point Sturt circuit announces that their new minister is to be A. E. Cremin, of Hortham, Vic. Mr. Cremin has had ministries in this State, so will not be new to the work here.

R. E. Pritchard, after 3 years with the churches in the Bordertown cir-

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gregation at Danbury, Connecticut, and Eric White for the church in Edinburgh.

The man, who more than any other, deserves special credit for the success of the Portland Convention is Gaines M. Cook. He is the Executive Secretary, serving full time, of the International Convention. He is a hard worker and a wise leader. Many who were present at the World Convention in Melbourne met him and heard his address.

cuit, plans to sever from the work there at the end of this year.

BUILDINGS. For several years the Williamstown-Kersbrook circuit has been busy building a new manse. On July 11 the new home was opened by the Conference President, G. R. Stirling.

Prospect church has almost completed a youth hall. This is a magnificent brick structure of over 60 feet in length, with platform for concert work, sunken lights and rooms. It is a wonderful addition to the plant.

Kadina church is seeing their new manse slowly going up. This work is thriving under the ministry of Ray Ewers.

Wampony, the mother church of our Border work, has almost completed its new chapel. Built in Mt. Gambier stone, it is modern in every way, and an almost spectacular sight set out in the country.

Several churches are preparing to put open baptisteries into their buildings. Hawthorn (Cottonville) and Unley are among those so planning.

Queenstown is the latest church to grapple with the manse problem, and is preparing to buy before the call of a new minister to take over from J. H. Cain, who moves to Camberwell.

PERSONALITIES. At a well filled meeting at Hawthorn recently Mrs. Bruce Coventry and children were farewelled as they departed for India. We all rejoice in their return to the field, and the good health of the children.

A. Anderson was also farewelled at this meeting. Our brethren are all very conscious of the magnitude of the task awaiting him, and in the churches he is constantly remembered in prayer.

Football has taken Adelaide over these days, with the Carnival occupying the stage. One of our own young men, Clayton Thompson, of the Hawthorn church, is something of a hero in this city. It is a good thing to see Christian young men capturing the imagination of the sporting public.

Many were deeply distressed at the sad passing of Ruth Ewers in an accident at Adelaide Hospital. She was a daughter of the late beloved Will Ewers. The tragedy was more pronounced in view of the fact that Ruth had made final arrangements to visit England to further her work and experience.

New State President of C.E. is our own Grote-st. minister, A. W. Claude Candy. The press gave him and C.E. a splendid write-up as he took over his new office.

MISSIONS. Evangelistic fervor of the churches is unabated. P. R. Baker has just concluded a mission at Cheltenham, with several additions: M. D. Williams, of Owen-Long Plains, was with the Glenelg church, where some were added: Kilburn church is preparing for a tent mission with Jas. E. Webb; E. P. C. Hollard is to commence at Prospect at the end of this month, and it is expected that E. C. Hinrichsen will arrive in August to work with the Gawler church for 6 weeks.—E. P. C. Hollard.

Newcastle Missionary Rally

VISIT OF MISS E. VAWSER.

On Saturday, June 27, the Newcastle and Northern Districts Churches of Christ Convention held a Missionary rally in the Hamilton chapel. The rally was preceded by a fellowship tea, prepared by the Ladies' Convention, and this was followed by a tea-table musical programme, which was chaired by the Convention President, L. M. Hancock. Items were rendered by Mrs. Street (Georgetown), Miss B. Baxter (Mayfield), D. Brown (Hamilton) and K. Porter (Georgetown).

In the service which followed, Mr. Hancock re-introduced Miss E. Vawser, who then spoke very interestingly of the work in India, and showed her very splendid films. The offering taken for Overseas Mission work amounted to £15.

On the Sunday, Miss Vawser visited Merewether B.S., Hamilton church's morning service, Georgetown B.S., Mayfield church's evening service, and the Georgetown after-church Fellowship. At these meetings Miss Vawser spoke and showed her films.

Miss Vawser addressed a ladies' meeting on the Monday afternoon, and then proceeded to Kurri Kurri in the evening for a further rally.

On behalf of the Convention and the Newcastle churches I should like to express our keen appreciation of Miss Vawser's excellent work in this district. Our sister was untiring and unsparing in her efforts, which were a wonderful help and inspiration. Also we were grateful to the Committee for the inclusion of our district in Miss Vawser's itinerary.—W. D. Howard (Convention Secretary).



W. D. Fielder, secretary of Parkdale church, Vic., has been appointed supervisor of the Waterman Memorial Youth Camp property, in succession to W. Davis. Mr. and Mrs. Fielder, and their son Dixon, moved into residence on July 20.

As the Adelaide suburb of Cottonville no longer officially exists, the church previously known by that name has adopted the name of Hawthorn, the suburb in which the church buildings are situated. G. M. Mathieson is the preacher. Overseas offering of the church has exceeded £121. Sympathy upon the death of her husband has been expressed to Mrs. Richards, who has been ill. A Bible was presented to Mr. and Mrs. A. Williams, who have left the district.

Cecil Watson, who for some time has assisted Brunswick church, Vic., in a part-time ministry, has accepted the church's invitation to serve for three years in a full-time capacity. Youth activities are varied and encouraging.

Bible Sunday, Sept. 6 this year, is being especially emphasised by the Bible Society, as this is the 150th year of the Society's existence, and it is hoped on that day to launch a special campaign under the general theme, "The Bible Calling." Special courses of sermons from Bible Sunday until Jubilee Sunday, March 7, 1954, are being suggested by the Society in Victoria, and all ministers are being asked to use this period as a special opportunity in the pulpit to focus attention on the Bible. Special Bible Sunday envelopes are available on advice of quantities required.

The church at Bundaberg, Qld., is sponsoring a children's programme, "Bible Adventures," over the local station 4BU each Friday at 5.15 p.m.

Dr. E. Stanley Jones, who has been conducting a heavy evangelistic tour through Japan has been greeted by vast audiences, and the response in signed cards (indicating a desire for baptism, for study to lead to a decision for Christ, for rededication to deeper and fuller Christian living) has been greater than on his last tour, conducted during the American occupation. This and other pointers

lead him to believe that Japanese interest in Christianity has outlived the occupation and is real, not just based on interest in America and democracy.

Two marquees were crowded at the Hinrichsen-Brooker mission, Lismore, N.S.W., on July 19, when nine adult decisions brought the total to 50. Attendances have been good, despite wintry weather.

We are sorry to learn that R. Langley, of Montrose church, Vic., is very ill. Mr. Langley was church secretary for fifty years, and agent for this journal since its inception.

Victorian preachers are reminded that their next meeting will be held at Swanston-st. on Monday, Aug. 3. Men are asked to bring sandwiches for lunch at 1 p.m. (tea, etc., provided), with meeting at 2 p.m., to be addressed by C. T. F. Goy.

The London Endeavor Choir, under the leadership of Edwin T. Shepherd, has built up a repertoire of 240 pieces in the past 8 years. The proclamation of the gospel by singing of the highest standard is the cherished aim of the choir. Through records and in concert halls and prisons, as well as at sea resorts, the choir's singing has led to many conversions. Its ministry is backed by a Prayer Fellowship of 130 members, pledged to pray daily for the choir.

A "Recall to the Bible" campaign, along the lines of that already launched in Great Britain as part of the third jubilee of the British and Foreign Bible Society, is planned for Western Australia, as from Bible Sunday in that State, Aug. 30. The year's campaign will be well publicised in order to reach the whole community, and £200 will be needed for that phase of the effort.

Wallace Merwin, after a five months' survey of co-operate Christian agencies in Eastern Asia, told delegates to a Far East mission conference held in New York early in May, that "there is an increasing consciousness on the part of Asian Christians that they are an integral part of a world Christian community." Further, he said, in spite of their weakness and relatively small nume-

rical strength, the Christian communities of Asian nations exert a remarkably large influence. "The relatively well-educated and socially conscious Christian group provides much of the best leadership in the Far East in social work, education, medicine and government." The 80 denominational mission executives present recommended formation of a Far East Council on Theological Education to help Asian churches' desire to improve the training of their ministers and evangelists.

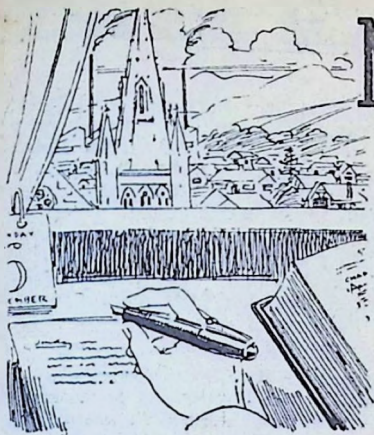
Through Church World Service, five thousand bushels of seed grains donated by Christians in America's farm areas have been shipped to farmers in the drought-stricken plains of Yugoslavia.

United States Army forces have constructed an underground chapel within a mile of the front lines in Korea, reports Religious News Service. Believed to be the first such chapel in history, it was made by men of the Eighth Army, helped by a number of men from the Republic of Korea forces stationed nearby. A small steeple was built of packing cases and painted a gleaming white to differentiate this bunker from the others in the area. When shells begin falling the bunker serves as a shelter. At other times, it enables chaplains to conduct services.

A report to London Bible House, from Signor Miegge, the Italian B. & F.B.S. secretary, states that 121,513 copies of the Scriptures were sold in Italy last year, apart from those which the "Million Testament Campaign" (which makes use of the Society's Luzzi version) is distributing free of charge. In 1951 the total was 119,584 volumes. The work has been done through the devotion of 104 voluntary workers throughout Italy, as there are no salaried colporteurs on the staff. Typical of these helpers is the part-time fisherman colporteur who wrote, "Brethren, please remember me, my Book is my treasure, and I live by the words of it."

An encouraging example of the co-operation from printers, which means much to church paper managements comes from America, where The Living Church, weekly publication of the Episcopal Church in America, nearly didn't appear the other week, after an unbroken record of 75 years. The printing company suddenly found itself unable to carry on, with no money available even for some back wages. But because The Living Church was a church paper, the staff wouldn't walk out on it. With union agreement they carried on, the paper was issued, and new printing arrangements were made for the following week.

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MINISTER'S MUSINGS

SUNDAY.—"Thanks for your prayer this morning," said one of our men as he left the service this morning. I was a little startled; usually any comments at the door are on the sermon. But on reflection I valued that expression of thanks more than anything that could have been said about the preaching. Few of us ever feel really happy about our public prayers. They can mean so much—or so little. It's not hard to understand how the disciples felt when they turned to their Master with the plea, "Lord, teach us how to pray." Little Catherine taught me a few extra lessons during her prayers just before bed-time. She is beginning to improvise her own additions to the normal pattern of "God bless mummy, etc." As nursery-tale characters are very real to her at the moment, it's not surprising (though amusing) to have her break into her prayers for family and friends with "Bless Goldilocks, and Red Riding Hood, and Red Riding Hood's nanna, and Mr. Chopper and the axe and the wolf. . . etc." She is nothing if not generous in her selection! But her childish prattle at least teaches me to pray about things that are real for those who share the service with me.

MONDAY.—We listened to a vivid radio play to-night dealing with the effect on a group of American radio actors of living in "the climate of fear" created by the charge that they are communists—true in the case of some, not for others, yet all dismissed on suspicion. One character, himself strongly anti-communist, but sickened by the hysterical fear which ruins a person's reputation and livelihood on mere suspicion, said hopelessly, "The only safe thing is not to believe in anything any more"—a truly tragic summing up. Communism must be fought with stronger weapons than hysteria and fear.

TUESDAY.—What was there about Stephen Cheek that makes folk still

remember him, even though he was only 31 when he died seventy years ago? The 86-year old mother of one of our members is visiting her at present, and when I called this afternoon and began talking about some of the pioneer preachers she had known in Victorian country areas, it wasn't long before she mentioned Stephen Cheek. But it wasn't his preaching she remembered, nor his pioneering journey to Queensland. "He was so ready to do people good turns," she said. "If he could do anything to help people he would." In simple goodness there is something immortal—as in that J. P. Struthers, of whom I was reading last week, who declined many honors which other men would have accepted eagerly, simply to be a minister to his people. He was the kind of man who would pick up drunkards in the street and take them home till they were sober; load his pockets with sweets for the kiddies he saw in hospital, and leave little bunches of flowers on the low wall of his garden for passers-by to take. Yet this man felt towards the end that he had lived "a very undistinguished life" and "wrought no deliverance in the earth."

WEDNESDAY.—We listened with interest to-night to the first of the three months' series of weekly talks planned by the A.B.C. on "What do I mean by God?" Apparently, all the speakers have been chosen outside the ranks of the full-time ministry, and it was a schoolmaster in the person of Dr. Darling, head of Geelong Grammar, who began the series to-night. His comments on "the occupational disease of the school-teacher — self-righteousness," particularly interested me. His point was that teachers are so busy putting others right that without seeing themselves and their work in relation to a greater purpose, and God's purpose at that, their lives are likely to stiffen into smug self-righteousness. Well, whatever his fellow-teachers think of that, there's something in his comment worth the thought of others of us who are "busy putting others right." I'm wondering whether, with such a long series on such a theme, there mightn't sometimes be a feeling like that of the young girl, whose teacher found her busy with crayons and paper, and wanted to know what she was doing. "I'm drawing a picture of God," was the surprising reply. "But how do you know what God looks like?" asked the startled teacher. "Oh, that's why I'm drawing,"

responded the child quickly. "I want to find out." I certainly hope that through these talks there will come both honesty and assurance as a guide to those who have talked or thought a lot about God without finding him. But why must such talks be programmed for as late as 10 p.m.?

THURSDAY.—The English Presbyterians, at their annual Assembly in May, were told that 40 per cent. of their congregations reported dry rot! In this case, it referred to the state of many of their old church buildings; would it be a fair figure to quote for all churches concerning other less material forms of dry rot? The Presbyterians felt themselves facing people with an invitation which in effect meant: "Come and help us to stop our dry rot and wipe out our debt."

FRIDAY.—We were discussing some plans for visiting speakers, including one prominent man not in our own brotherhood. It was mentioned in passing that if he came a fee would need to be paid. It wasn't for that reason that we chose another man! But it did remind me of what Ernest Jeffs has told of the great Joseph Parker, in one of his City Temple sermons. He said: "There are some persons doing me a great deal of injury because they say I never go out to preach under £50 a time." Jeffs tells how listeners waited for a solemn and scathing disclaimer, only to hear, "Oh, how often I should be out if that was the case!" Incidentally, there was nothing retiring about the dramatic Parker, who, when the City Temple was being built, said: "Build me such a church that when Queen Victoria drives into the City she will say, 'What place is that?' and she will be told, 'That is where Joseph Parker preaches!'" I like Parker better in other moods.

SATURDAY.—Apparently there can be some un-looked for results from telling children Bible stories. Our family Bible "serial" at present is on the life of Joseph, and the girls have been eagerly "soaking in" every dramatic episode. Among other things I didn't spare the wickedness of the brothers in selling Joseph as a slave, and the girls obviously thought them poor types. But to-day young Catherine was in disgrace, after some stern words and actions from father. She suddenly looked up and hissed at me through her tears: "You're like Joseph's brothers!" What can a poor father do?



INTERSTATE CHURCH NEWS

Discipleship

Sandra Brown Lee, Wiley Park, N.S.W.
Norma Wynd, Stawell, Vic.
G. Mayers, Cowandilla, S.A.
R. P. Biddlestone, Yarrawonga, Vic.
Mr. and Mrs. Hissey, North Adelaide, S.A.
Ron Driver and Ian Elliott, Ascot Vale, Vic.
Wilma Simpson, East Malvern, Vic.
C. Brewer, Miss M. Sampson and R. Holden, Invermay, Tas.
J. Forsyth, R. Finch, R. Planner, B. Johnson and Miss W. Hardy, Carnegie, Vic.
K. Johns and S. Pearce, Kadina, S.A.

Membership

Mrs. R. P. Biddlestone, from Bambera-rd., Caulfield, to Yarrawonga, Vic.
Mrs. Bickmore, from Nailsworth, S.A., to Hawthorn (formerly Cottonville), S.A.
Mrs. Latimer, from Nailsworth, S.A., to Kilburn, S.A.
Mrs. James, from Fairfield, Vic., to Ascot Vale, Vic.
Mr. and Mrs. L. Bacon, Boronia, Vic.
Mr. and Mrs. G. Floyd, from Hartwell, Vic., to Boronia, Vic.
Miss B. Hamilton, from E. Kew, Vic., to Boronia, Vic.
Bryan Hosking, from Broken Hill, N.S.W., to Enmore, N.S.W.
Mr. and Mrs. Kennon, from Brunswick, Vic., to South Yarra, Vic.
Mrs. Enniss, from Camberwell, Vic., to Carnegie, Vic.

Fallen Asleep

Mrs. E. M. Perkins, Wiley Park, N.S.W.
Mrs. Sarah Brooks, Enmore, N.S.W.
J. Andrews, Enmore, N.S.W.
C. Lawrance, Edenhope, Vic.
Mrs. Davies, Oakleigh, Vic.
R. Sparron, Hartwell, Vic.
Mrs. A. Davey, Miss E. Hood, Box Hill, Vic.
Mrs. H. Pohle, Bundaberg, Qld.

Tasmania

Invermay (R. M. Willson).—On July 12 there were three more decisions, bringing total to 22 for last month. On 10th men gave concert to packed building. Max Olding was guest artist. Proceeds of £30 were for kinder piano. At close of concert presentation was made to M. Olding prior to departure for study abroad. M. T. Burt, A. McKenzie and O. G. Potter have been elected as additional deacons.

Queensland

Maryborough (A. Wilson).—A. Wilson commenced six months' ministry on June 21. He was welcomed at fellowship tea on Sunday evening, and then conducted gospel service. B.S. scholars are practising for anniversary. A. Popp conducted well attended service on Coronation Day. Messrs. Klein and Smith are ill. Sis. Heitman has returned from Brisbane, where she was in hospital.

Bundaberg (F. D. Craig).—Attendances at services and open-air meetings maintain good average. Church was saddened by sudden death of Mrs. H. Pohle (Rosedale) on July 2. Preacher conducted services at church and graveside, and expressed church's sympathy. Y.P. social on 4th was held at home of Mr. and Mrs. De'oberitz. Recent speakers in addition to preacher have been R. Jones and W. Guildford (Sydney). M.B. is preparing parcel of clothing for overseas missions.

New South Wales

Enmore (D. Wakeley).—J. and I.C.E. combined for successful anniversary on June 27. A. W. Gilbertson (B. & F.B. Soc.) was chairman. G. Wade (lightning sketch artist) was speaker. Church deficit aim was exceeded. Special service is held on last Sunday night of month. On June 28 B.S. staff presented dramatisation, Now I See, the story of blind man (John 9). Coronation service was held, and also service, at which reference was made to bereavements of Mr. Parker (mother), Mrs. Talintyre (sister), and to relatives of Mrs. Brooks and J. Andrews. Mrs. Parsonage and Mrs. Pearse are in hospital, and Mr. Blackhall has been confined to home. C. E. Collins, A. Hosking and R. Carter have been elected to diaconate. Three have been baptised recently. Minister is to conduct mission at Padstow, where church has been formed.

Beverly Hills (N. Reese).—Half-yearly rally of East Hills District

C.E.U. was held in chapel on July 11. Delegates filled building. Junior rally was at 3 p.m., with Miss Jelds, Dist. Supt., leading. Mr. Smith (O.A.C.) gave address. Mr. Saunders, pres. N.S.W. Union, spoke at tea. Open air meeting was held in main street prior to 7.45 p.m. meeting, with Mr. Skinner as chairman. Programme consisted of vocal and instrumental items. Mr. Ford spoke, and reports of treas. and sec. were received.

Broken Hill (J. McCormick).—Preacher and family have returned from vacation. Y.P.S.C.E. is meeting at manse and in members' homes. Church has been glad to welcome back some members after absences from district, and also visitors from S.A. J. Cremer is recovering in hospital, and Mrs. Garner is now home, but unable to attend services. Weather has affected evening attendance.

South Australia

Kilburn (H. G. Norris).—Ross Gas-kin presided at morning service on July 19. Evening soloist was Mrs. C. Kelly. Visitors included Mrs. McPharlin and Peter (Balaklava). Mrs. Norris has been prevented from attending services through family sickness, and is missed in church and B.S.

Cowandilla (T. T. Robinson).—Averages for June were: a.m., 93; p.m., 83; communicants, 101. On July 1 youth council arranged successful evening in aid of Long Wood youth camp site. G. A. Whiting, Youth Director-elect, spoke. £10 was raised. H. Hemer, elder, thanked K. Dawson for voluntary work in installing 10 electric lights on sports ground, and also to R. Hall who assisted. Lighted courts were declared open. On June 16 Y.P. held annual meeting, which G. Stirling attended. On June 17 O.M. night was arranged by ladies. Mrs. Ingham presided, and Miss Foreman spoke. Mrs. Anderson gave illustrated talk on work in New Hebrides. Mr. Ingham spoke on morning of June 21, and Mr. Anderson at night. After service latter talked on Indian mission work. Mrs. D. S. Sanders was soloist. K. Dixon spoke on evening of 28th. G.L.B. held annual enrolment service, at which T. T. Robinson enrolled 4 recruits, and all members renewed pledge of service. Mrs. D. F. Sanders is captain. Miss V. Williams was soloist. O.M. has reached £90. On July 15 Married Women's group held social to aid carpet fund.

North Adelaide (W. Beller).—Helpful services are held on Sunday mornings for communion. Mr. and Mrs.

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and Miss Verco have been visitors. Mr. Verco presided. Mrs. Lenman has returned from holidays.

Moonta-Wallaroo (B. W. Manning).—Mrs. D. Hammer addressed half-yearly sisters' meeting of Northern Conference at Moonta on July 9. Moonta ladies provided afternoon tea for about 60. At Wallaroo Mrs. Hammer spoke at combined guild meeting. Both messages were appreciated. Recently at evening service at Moonta visitors were present from Whyalla, Maitland and Kersbrook.

Croydon (W. N. Bartlett).—Forty-second anniversary services were celebrated over two Sundays with good attendances. Thanks goes to Messrs. Russell, Hollard and Manallack, who were speakers. Annual meeting was well attended, and revealed healthy state of work. Minister's report showed progress in evangelism in district. M.F. from Berrie-Winkle made appreciated visit to church on Saturday night. Tea was provided by ladies and social followed. Visitors conducted service on Sunday morning, when J. Manallack spoke to 186 present. In afternoon men were taken for drive along damaged sea front. Visitors again conducted evening service, at which 216 attended. Supper was served after church prior to departure of visitors.

Kadina (R. B. Ewers).—Y.P.S.C.E. has been re-formed, with Miss Bretchmer as leader. M.F. entertained ladies at last meeting. Fine youth service in June was well attended. On favorite hymn night, July 19, choir under leadership of C. Larcombe contributed to service. Building of manse is proceeding with help of R. Hawke and men. Windows are now in, and it is hoped to finance cost by issuing debentures within church. Cold weather has affected attendances. Mrs. S. Trenwith and E. Thomas are among those sick.

Victoria

Geelong (T. A. Fergusson).—Meetings continue to be well attended. On evening of July 19 choir rendered item, and trio by Max, Cliff and Neville Carr was enjoyed. Midweek prayer meeting is growing. Surprise evening was tendered to Miss R. Macnaughtan and L. Barker upon their engagement. Evening was held at home of Mr. and Mrs. D. Drayton. Boys' and girls' clubs are both growing.

Moreland (J. Turner, B.A.).—On June 7 morning B.S. commenced for kinders, juniors and intermediates. A Happy Hour programme is available for this same age group in the afternoon if the children wish to attend. This meets at same time as senior

school, 2.45 p.m. Numbers have increased considerably. On June 21 about 30 men met for tea, and were addressed by Dr. G. H. Oldfield.

Ascot Vale (H. Gross).—Proficiency campaign in B.S. is bringing results and scholars are keen. Good teaching is being achieved. Splendid congregation attended worship service, when My name is Hans was screened. Mr. Thonsen, who has been sick, was able to attend. Guild ladies sent flowers and cards to Mrs. Pout on 80th birthday. Mr. and Mrs. W. Manning (Carnegie) and Mrs. Johns (S.A.) visited on July 19. B. J. Kemp (Essendon) presided on July 12.

Stawell (J. C. Cunningham).—Mrs. Cunningham has been in hospital. Attendance at C.E. has increased, and meetings are greatly enjoyed. Monthly prayer meeting was held in home of Mr. and Mrs. Mortyn on July 8. Ladies' Guild visited Baptist ladies on 16th.

Box Hill (W. A. Wigney).—On June 28 enjoyable youth tea was held in hall. Items by C.E. Quartet were appreciated. B.S. is still growing, with 227 present on July 5. For next few weeks it will commence at 9.30 a.m. to allow for anniversary practice. Women's Fellowship Dorcas Group held first monthly meeting on June 16. Boys' club has attendances of 65, with 40 of these juniors.

Yarrowonga (R. V. Holmes).—Mrs. Cleland, Mrs. Withers and Mrs. Wickham representing Women's Conf. visited ladies' meeting on June 18, giving encouragement and informative messages. On 15th two carloads of Wangaratta C.E. visited C.E. Mrs. Cowper is home from hospital convalescing. On July 3 representatives attended Executive Council of N.E. Conf. at Albury. Visitors have included Mr. and Mrs. Houston (Pt. Fairy district), Bob Woodward (Nth. Essendon) is visiting for three months. Mr. Colless' work putting cement paths around building is appreciated by Ladies' Guild, who were responsible for work.

Red Cliffs (C. L. Lang).—Mr. and Mrs. Lang have commenced fifth year of ministry. All meetings are well attended. Social afternoon was held in home of Mrs. Sprigg. Presentations were made to Miss LaTrobe, who is returning to England, and Mrs. Cook, who is moving to Mildura. Women's Fellowship contributed £100 to new B.S. hall, B.S. £25, and C.E. £10. Ladies held all day sewing bee on July 1 to make clothes for jumble sale on 10th. Proceeds were about £62.

Newmarket (D. W. Hibburt, B.A.).—Sunday evening services are being co-ordinated with advertising and

visitation by members. Life of Dr. Barnardo was illustrated by strip film on July 12, and Prejudice screened 19th. J. Strack (Essendon) presided on 12th. Electrical wiring has been renewed. Mesdames Robertson, Parker and Hibburt have joined B.S. staff. Ladies held Australian tea.

Maldstone (E. H. Randall).—Church has accepted new constitution, and members are responding to appeal for more financial assistance to meet commitments on church and manse buildings. Enjoyable social evening at home of Mrs. Pfeifer raised £6 for funds of Women's Fellowship. On July 12 preacher exchanged pulpits with A. E. Hurren (Footscray), and on following Sunday three Raleigh-st. members led worship. Prayer meetings are smaller. Preacher has moved into manse.

Boronia (C. L. Smith).—Church visited 39 homes in week of visitation evangelism. Average attendances over past two months were: morning, 71; evening, 33. Recent offerings are: Church Extension, £16; Inter-Church Aid, £28. B.S. has reached record attendances of 129. Y.W.F. has been formed, sec., Mrs. W. Thompson, 21 attending last meeting. Dramatic group is also in formation. On June 7 Mr. Buckmaster (Gardiner) was speaker, while Mr. Smith attended Berwick homecoming.

Frankston-Moorooduc (F. T. Morgan).—Men met on May 28 to discuss church finance. Results of meeting were special Offering Day, on which £95 was received for general fund and formation of Men's Fellowship. Attendances at weekly prayer meetings held in members' homes have increased. Auxiliaries continue to raise money for Hall Fund. On June 19 C.Y.F. arranged social in form of "South Sea Island Cruise," when sound films were screened. Opportunity tables are proving successful at M.B. Fellowship is enjoyed at fortnightly meetings at Moorooduc. Miss Axelson is recovering after accident. Church enjoyed visit of 35 members of C.W.A. on June 27.

Bentleigh (J. Wiltshire).—On July 12 lady was welcomed into fellowship following baptism. Overseas offering was £140. In addition £85 was given various missions during week conducted by church. Enjoyable evening was arranged by M.B. on July 18. Gifts of £20 were made for platform curtains for church building. Appreciation was expressed by church to sec., C. Dahl, who was presented with several books. Y.P.S.C.E. has undertaken distribution of tracts to homes in district and along main streets. Average number communing approached 120.

Castlemaine (K. Clinton, B.A.).—Explorers have visited Old Reformatory. Y.P.F. held two film evenings for building fund. On July 16 meeting was in home of N. Hall. On 11th Midlands Y.F. held united meeting in B.S. hall after hike and visit to Reformatory. About 65 had tea and later viewed two films. A. Carr and M. Symes spoke on 12th, and M. Symes on 26th. 50 attended morning service, including aged Mrs. D. Jones and visitors. 23 tins of dried milk were collected for India. Ladies held two bowls afternoons to raise fund for fair later in year. £5 was raised. Mrs. Clinton held social afternoon for her stall, and netted £2/10/-. **Betrayed** was screened on 21st. B.S. attendance is high despite weather. Miss M. Hall, teacher and pianiste, has returned to Melbourne.

Carnegie (L. G. Crisp, L.Th.).—J. Lewis (Oakleigh) spoke on morning of July 12. At gospel service L. Crisp baptised five Y.P. **What Men Live By** was screened at monthly film service on 19th.

East Kew (D. Mansell).—On July 10 A. Snibson and J. Pope commenced senior boys' club for 14 years and over. Newly formed youth council held successful sports' night on July 11. On 12th East Kew and N. Balwyn exchanged presidents in morning. Good Companions and Explorers held combined competitive sports on 17th. On 19th J.C.E. conducted missionary meeting, when Mrs. Turner (Oriental Mission Soc.) spoke. After evening service hymn singing was held in home of Mrs. Mott. Mr. and Mrs. W. Woodbridge have returned from holiday with Mr. and Mrs. C. Wright, Qld.

Warracknabeal (W. Wakefield).—Ladies' Aid had afternoon to farewell Mrs. Millstead, and made presentation to her before departure for Geelong. Bowls evening was held to aid funds, and presentations were made to Millstead family at close of evening.

Dunolly (A. Stevens).—C.E. enjoyed trip to Castlemaine, where they met Y.P. of churches. Sis. Hindman has joined teaching staff in absence of Sis. Flett through family illness. Sis. Scott is ill. Attendances in B.S. have dropped on account of illness. Mr. Hindman assisted Mr. Stevens at evening service on July 19.

West Preston (A. B. Withers).—Preacher spoke at morning service and in evening at baptismal service on 19th. P.B.P. and K.S.P. combined on 17th to attend C.O.B. concert. On 20th Y.P.S.C.E. held meeting at church member's home to hear mission records. K.S.P. visited Thorn-

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Reports from States

VICTORIA and TASMANIA.

There were 113 women present at the July meeting, over which Mrs. Hodges presided. Mrs. Rankin led the devotional meditation, taking as her subject, "Prayer." Visitors included Mrs. Gray (Toowoomba, Qld.) and Mrs. Cooke (Red Cliffs). Florence Grylls, organising secretary of Save the Children Fund, Vict. Branch, was the guest speaker. She gave a very informative address on the purpose of the fund, and the large work it is doing among children. Reports from committees showed a vast amount of work accomplished. Young Women's Fellowship reported two new groups.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

On July 2, Mrs. Shipway opened the meeting with a devotional message on "God in the World."

C. Schwab was present, and told of the work being done at the Rest Home. The women of the Conference hope to raise £2,500 towards the new wing, by the sale of "bricks" at one shilling each. Mrs. W. Green presented a resolution to be sent to the State Government, "That the Sisters' Auxiliary Conference to the General Conference of churches of Christ in S.A., wholeheartedly commends the S.A. Government for its gift of a copy of the New Testament Scriptures to school children in this State on the occasion of the Coronation of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. We appreciate the fact that no more suitable gift could have been chosen, and firmly believe the action of the State Government will be of

bury club on 20th. Choir continues with valuable work at evening services.

South Yarra (V. Longthorp).—Work progresses steadily. Bible on the Table was screened on July 28 to good attendance. Explorer parade was held on 12th. After-church fellowship is enjoyed each Sunday evening, followed by light refreshments. Church paper, *Wayfarer*, has resumed publication. Girls' basketball team is progressing well. Mrs. Bartlett is home from hospital. Mr. and Mrs. F. Lewis are holidaying in Queensland.

lasting benefit to recipients, the Scriptures containing as they do 'The Royal law, the oracles of God'."

This was carried unanimously.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

On June 3, the worship service was led by Mrs. Henderson and the sisters from North Perth, theme being "The Meaning of Coronation." Mrs. Digwood, president, welcomed a number of visitors. The treasurer reported £463 paid into the Christian Guest Home account.

Over the years the members of Women's Conference have made monthly visits to the Woorooloo Sanatorium, and have distributed gifts to the patients. Recently the Conf. Sec. received a letter of appreciation from the patients, and enclosed was a gift of £18/2/6, the proceeds from a collection taken among the patients.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Mrs. E. W. Roffey, president, made appreciated visits to the Women's Groups of the Northern churches, and at the June meeting reported on meetings held. G. Andrews, president of General Conference, spoke on "Loyalty." Mrs. E. Snow, past president, who has been ill, was able to be present. On June 19, a most enjoyable meeting was held, when Edna Vawser was guest speaker. Mrs. Milne, new catering superintendent, had charge of the refreshments. Alice Woodhouse, a highly trained Sister, is now matron of "Ashwood House." She comes from the Epping church.

New South Wales Inter-Church Council.

Mrs. S. Lew has been elected as president of the N.S.W. Women's Inter-Church Council for the second year. Miss G. A. Roseby, sec., and Mrs. R. Chapman, treas., were re-elected. Mrs. G. Knight is sec. of the Hostel Committee. Mrs. P. D. McCallum, who has moved to Goulburn, was elected a Life Member.

"Wybelena" Hostel has supplied a great need for girls coming to the city to study or work. At the annual meeting the treasurer reported that £450 had been paid off the overdraft, year ending 1952-53. The Council is taking an active interest in Inter-Church Aid and in New Australians in Sydney.

New Building, Seaforth, N.S.W.

Until a few years ago the Seaforth district, near Sydney, was one of the neglected backward areas. Situated near both Mosman and Manly it is an ideal locality for the erection of homes. Recently an old unused area of land was cut up by an enterprising firm of real estate agents and put on the market. The Mosman church of Christ saw the opportunity for expansion and made arrangements for the purchase of the first block that was sold. Now practically all purchaseable land has been bought, and houses are being built all around, in addition to which the Housing Commission has begun on a 500 homes project in the area. We are the only church in the locality, and have an unprecedented opportunity. Many of the neighbors are asking that church services should also be held. We have several families in the area, hence the move was perfectly logical. A loan was granted to the Mosman church by the Chapel Extension Committee, and a further sum was also granted by the Campbell Edwards Trust. Since last October the men of the Mosman church have been devoting their Saturday afternoons to the task of erecting a building.

Mosman church, though not numerically strong, is strong in faith, and has cheerfully underwritten the loans, amounting in all to approximately £1500, and in addition has shouldered the responsibility of erecting the building, under the careful direction of Fred Walker, the only bulder in our Mosman membership. The plans and specifications were drawn up by Eric Stimson, another Mosman member. Since the Mosman brethren have so far carried the whole load, we now make an appeal to the brotherhood for some assistance towards the furnishing of the building. We will need a reading desk, a small table for the platform, seats for the congregation, hymn books, and several other items. Donations in cash would be most acceptable, so that we could buy the most suitable furnishings, and there would be no danger of "double-banking." The Y.P. Department has proffered a year's supply of B.S. literature, the H.M. Committee has offered some kindergarten seats and an urn, Mrs. Winter-Little has generously presented an organ, and Mr. and Mrs. Torode a pulpit Bible. All of these are gratefully accepted; but there are quite a few things we still need. All letters should be sent to either C. Murray, 377 Military-rd., Mosman (phone

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BEREAVEMENT NOTICE.

Mrs. W. L. Ewers and family wish to express their sincere thanks for all expressions of sympathy in the recent loss of daughter and sister, Ruth. Owing to the many addresses unknown, will all please accept this as our personal thanks.

DEATHS.

WARD.—On July 19, at Austin Hospital, Bruce Edwin, dearly loved husband of Ida, and loved uncle of Violet (Mrs. W. White). "At rest."

JACKEL.—On July 11, at Bairnsdale Hospital, Frank Edward, dearly loved father of Wallace, father-in-law of Eva, dear grandpa of Pauline, Kevin, Maxwell, Geoffrey and Eva. Age 78 years. "Forever with the Lord."

CONFERENCE MEETING.

The Victorian and Tasmanian Women's Conference Executive Council will meet at Swanston-st. on Friday, August 7, at 2 p.m. Mrs. W. J. Thomson will lead the devotions. Mrs. J. T. Massey, of Good Neighbor Council, will be the speaker. All ladies welcome.

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Mrs. Ellen Maud Perkins.

The death occurred at Canterbury District Hospital, N.S.W., on July 10, of Mrs. Perkins (75). She was admitted to hospital on July 1, a fall at her home resulting in a broken thigh. Our sister was baptised more than 40 years ago at Bathurst. Both she and her husband were received into fellowship soon after the church was established at Auburn North. She had fellowship through the years at Auburn, Belmore, and when the work opened at Wiley Park her membership was transferred, where her radiant Christianity made her loved by all. Our sister was most active in the Ladies' Fellowship and choir, and was seldom absent from all services and week night prayer meeting. The church at Wiley Park has suffered a severe loss in her passing. To her husband and family sincerest Christian sympathy is extended. The service at Wiley Park chapel on Saturday morning, July 11, was largely attended, and was conducted by W. J. Crossman, assisted by B. G. Corlett and P. E. Thomas. The service at the Crematorium, Rookwood, was conducted by the writer.—W.J.C.

Mrs. Sarah Brooks.

Mrs. Brooks, a loyal and much loved member of the Enmore, N.S.W., church, passed to her eternal reward after a very brief illness on June 20. She was active in the work, and regular in her attendance, and seemed so well until a little while before the call came that it seems hard to realise she is no longer with us. Mrs. Brooks loved the church, and found her greatest joy in its fellowship and services. For a long time she was Enmore's chief representative in the visits to Newington Hospital, and in so many other similar forms of good work that it will be very difficult to fill the places she has vacated. Deepest sympathy is expressed to the members of her family, and we confidently share with them the Christian hope of a glad re-union in the better land, with this true servant of Christ who has gone on before.—D.W.

J. O. Andrews.

The sudden passing of "Jim" Andrews on June 27 has taken another from the church at Enmore, N.S.W., whose family has been associated with the church from the earliest days—more than 100 years. Enmore Tabernacle was crowded for the funeral service, and many were unable to gain admission. It took three vehicles to carry the wreaths and other floral tributes, indicating the popularity of Mr. Andrews, and the esteem in which he was held as a business man in the

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community. The funeral cortege was more than a mile long, and was representative of all sections of the community. To Mrs. Andrews, daughter Vera (Mrs. Allison), son Norman, and the many who share in this bereavement we offer our Christian sympathy, and pray that they may know, even in this great loss, the peace of God which passeth all understanding. —D.W.

C. A. Lawrance.

A large circle of friends grieved to learn of the passing of Caleb Arthur Lawrance on Saturday morning, May 30, following his removal two days earlier from his home at Edenhope, Vic., to the Horsham hospital. He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Lawrance, pioneer members in the Lillimur-Kaniva circuit. In his early youth he gave his life to Christ, during the ministry of the late K. P. Leng. Removing to W.A., he was one of the earliest members of Coolgardie church. About 30 years ago he came to Naracoorte, S.A., where he remained until three years ago. Ill-health over a long period prevented his often meeting in church fellowship, but he remained faithful to God's Word, and used every opportunity of leading others to the Christ he loved so well. The services in the chapel and at the cemetery were conducted by F. Banks. With loving sympathy we commend Mrs. Lawrance and sons, Clarence, Campbell, Lyall and Lewis to the God of all comfort, and rejoice with them that this parting is only until he comes.—F.G.B.

Mrs. Hartley Gericke.

On Sunday morning, May 17, our beloved sister, Enid Marie Gericke, elder daughter of Mrs. and the late E. A. Jellett passed to be with her Lord after a long and painful illness. For years her activities were limited because of illness, and for more than twelve months she was confined to her bed. Her faith was strong, and she never complained, knowing God's will was best. She had a great love for her Lord and his Church. Her devotion and loyalty were an inspiration to her loved ones. We thank God for the fragrant memories she has left behind of kindly deeds and loving service. The services in the Naracoorte chapel, S.A., and at the graveside were conducted by F. Banks. To Mr. Gericke and sons David and Robyn we offer our loving sympathy, and pray God will bless and comfort them and all her loved ones, knowing that those in Christ will meet again to part no more.—F.G.B.

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Ruth Ewers.

The church at Mile End, S.A., was deeply moved by the accidental death of Ruth Ewers on June 30, at the age of 39 years. Whilst plugging in the electric jug, she was electrocuted at the Royal Adelaide Hospital, where she was a D.C. Sister, rendering a wonderful ministry in the cause of humanity. She first came to Mile End by letter of transfer from Balaklava in 1926, and as the daughter of Mrs. and the late Will L. Ewers, our esteemed preacher, she proved a good worker, co-operating grandly in the splendid ministries of her father in a number of places. During the long illness of her father, she cared for him day and night for six months, with skill and graciousness. At the suggestion of the Hospital Matron, the writer conducted a never-to-be-forgotten service in the hospital chapel, which was packed with doctors, students, Sisters, nurses and friends. Others formed a guard of honor as the funeral procession left the ground for the West Terrace cemetery, where another large crowd had gathered. These crowds bore testimony to a cheerful, popular young woman. To her mother, five brothers and sisters, we extend Christian sympathy, commending them to the Father of all comfort.—R. Will Marshall.

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