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M.H.B. AT LAYING OF CANBERRA FOUNDATION STONE

C. F. Adermann, Chairman of Committees in the Federal House, is shown during the ceremony at Canberra on Sept. 5. The full story of an eventful day in our Federal churches' history appears on page 582 of this issue.

During his speech, Mr. Adermann quoted the following appropriate lines:

Who Builds the Church?

*"Who builds the Church—the engineer?
The architect, the workmen grave?
The draftsman or the crew who rear
Steel girders to sustain the nave?*

*Who builds the Church? Each child and man
Who lends some talent to the whole,
All blended to achieve his plan,
All fruiting in a Gothic soul.*

*God builds the Church from all the skills
Of human minds and human wills;
From stalwart brawn and brilliant brain,
From artist's dream and muscle strain;
From childhood's mites, from gifts of age
He builds our Church, our heritage."*



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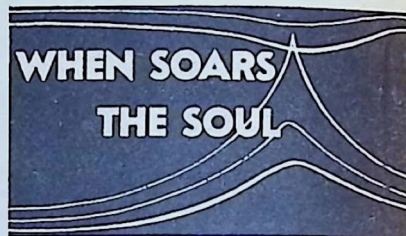
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When soars the soul earth's
clamoring voices cease,
Stilled in the wonder of God's
power and peace.



We are not separate units but intimately related to each other in Christ. If you are angry, be sure that it is not out of wounded pride or bad temper. Never go to bed angry—don't give the devil that sort of foothold. . . . Let there be no more resentment, no more anger or temper, no more violent self-assertiveness, no more slander, and no more malicious remarks. Be kind to each other, be understanding. Be as ready to forgive others as God for Christ's sake has forgiven you.—Eph. 25-27, 31, 32 (P).

How far we often fall from this ideal. An old friend, with much experience of life, once said to me that if he were in trouble through his own fault, he would not go to one of the so-called pillars of the church. He would rather go to a man of the world who made no profession of piety. The latter, he said, would probably tell him in plain language that he had been a fool, and would then do what he could to help him. The former, he feared, would look shocked, read him a solemn lecture, and then wash his hands of him. This, of course, is not wholly just. One remembers the man who was found weeping with relief and gratitude in a station waiting room. When asked the reason for his tears, he said, "I have just met with someone who treated me as Jesus Christ would have done." The person he referred to was a well-known Christian industrialist. . . . Have we let the fire of love burn out the self-righteousness and unconcern within us so that its glow reaches hearts that are lonely and in despair?—James Reid.

O Father of infinite love and mercy, grant me, I pray thee, thy gifts of understanding and compassion. Make me truly sensitive to others' needs—a good listener, a wise counsellor, an unfailing friend. Help my own faith grow strong and eager to be shared. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

I ask thee for a thoughtful love,
Through constant watching wise . . .
And a heart at leisure from itself
To soothe and sympathise.

—A. L. Waring.

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"TABLE OF UNITY AND LOVE"

FOR Thomas Campbell the Lord's Table always spelt both unity and love — a sentiment whose outworking shocked the rigid minds of those who worked alongside him in the Seceder Presbyterian Church almost one hundred and fifty years ago. Doubtless he himself failed to see the full significance of his act when he first refused to "fence the table" against other sorts of Presbyterians than the Seceder brand, but the spirit which prompted him was the really decisive factor. Back in Ireland that spirit had made him an active pleader for the reunion of the two sects of Burghers, and in America he yearned for closer fellowship around the Lord's Table. It cost him his ranking as a Seceder minister, but he never regretted it.

It seems a far cry from the men who branded him a heretic for such ideas, to Sunday, October 4, 1953, which will mark the fourteenth anniversary of World Wide Communion Sunday. Interest in this day is growing with each annual observance. There is nothing spectacular, in the sense of united communion services. Such have never been planned. Rather, the aim is that each local congregation should not only have every member present, but all vividly aware of the unity that all Christians everywhere have in Christ their Lord.

This is surely one time when that

FELLOWSHIP OF SAINTS

should kindle the imagination. We reach back over the centuries and know ourselves one with all who in simple remembrance have taken the broken bread and poured-out wine. We reach over modern barriers of race and sect and know the same unity. As Jesse Bader has said:

"The Lord's Table is 25,000 miles long on World-Wide Communion Sunday. In imagination we can envision the first groups of Christians out in the Fiji Islands and in New Zealand before the Holy Table. Some will sit in their pews and others will kneel as they partake of the sacred emblems of his broken body and shed blood. We move on in our imagination to Australia, Japan, Korea, the Philippines, and other lands where Christians live and serve." There will be no hour during the twenty-four when Christians will not be remembering their Lord at some communion table.

But in a world such as ours is to-day this observance must also mean a

FELLOWSHIP OF SUFFERING

Suffering is implicit in the Table's emblems—that redemptive suffering which reaches out to make the world his own. Wherever his yearning for his brethren remains unsatisfied, there still our Saviour suffers. And none who suffers for his sake is left to walk his way alone. As for us, a joint message from the Australian Council for the W.C.C. and the National Missionary Council well says:

"On the part of us all who name his Name and seek to do his will, this day becomes a time of remembrance when we not only remember our suffering Saviour but seek also to enter into the fellowship of suffering with so many of our Christian brethren in many parts of the world. Some are in prison camps, others are hungry, homeless and heartless. We are one in him."

Such thoughts must impel us to share a

FELLOWSHIP OF SUPPLICATION

At no place should prayer be more real than at the Lord's Table. We should pray for a fuller realisation of both unity and love, for this observance is more a call to ideals, as yet not fully reached, than a celebration of what has been achieved. Surely we, above all people, with our weekly observance of the Lord's Supper, should sense the unifying importance of such an observance, and readily join in this prayer, specially prepared for this occasion:

"Eternal God, our Father, we thank thee for this day of remembrance and dedication. As we come to the Table of our Lord Jesus Christ, humbly confessing our sins and trusting only in his redeeming love, we pray that thy spirit may prepare us to receive the bread and the cup to the comfort of our hearts, the strengthening of our wills, and our renewal in Christian discipleship and service. . . . Grant, O Lord, unto us and to all mankind the will to become thy fellow-workers in this day of suspicion and division. May the purpose for which our Saviour laid down his life be realised, that we all may be one in thee that the world may believe that thou didst send him. By thy spirit help us to obey that new commandment that we love one another as he hath loved us. Amen."

Famous Readers of the Bible

The Royal Law

In the Coronation Service of our Kings and Queens, the Archbishop of Canterbury, after the oath has been pronounced and accepted, hands the newly crowned sovereign a Bible, saying: "This is the most valuable thing the world affords. Here is Wisdom. This is the Royal Law." Is this tremendous statement a mere concession to past prejudices? Is it just a fossil preserved in a solemn and ancient ceremony? We think not, for it is in keeping with the distinctly religious service of which the Bible is the very centre. And the service itself, is it just a formality that has lost its meaning in the passing of the years? The central figure, the Queen, does not think so. Every moment of it was solemn to her; for months she had been preparing her soul for this great moment. God is very real to her. Her father, the late King George VI, used to read the Bible every day, and she was brought up to do the same. It is not without significance that the Queen recently unveiled at Windsor a memorial window to her father, in the centre of which is an open Bible. Indeed this was peculiarly appropriate, for its teaching formed the basis of both his life and hers, and they each showed their belief, in turn, by becoming Chief Patron of the British and Foreign Bible Society.

The Statesman's Guide

One of the most prominent and colorful figures in Westminster Abbey at the Coronation, was the Prime Minister of Great Britain, whose health has been causing us such great anxiety. Sir Winston Churchill is himself a constant reader of the Bible. He loves to tell how in 1914 his life, and indeed that of the Empire was profoundly influenced by the reading of a little known portion of the book of Deuteronomy (Chapter 9, vs. 1-5). The clouds of coming conflict hung darkly over the land. All nature seemed to be waiting breathlessly for the shot that was to set the four horsemen of the Apocalypse tearing across the stage of life. At this critical moment Churchill was staying in Scotland with the then Prime Minister, Mr. Asquith. After a game of golf, as they were strolling towards the house, Asquith turned to his companion and asked, "If he would like to go to the Admiralty." In the days of peace he had declined a similar offer, but now feeling that his country needed him, he replied unhesitatingly, "Indeed, I would." Later Churchill in his own

W. H. RAINEY



inimitable way, described his emotions at this critical moment—

"That night when I went to bed, I saw a large Bible lying on the table in my bed-room. My mind was dominated by the news I had received of the complete change in my station, and at the task entrusted to me. I thought of the peril of Britain. I thought of the sudden and successful wars by which German power had been set up. Then I opened the book at random, and in the 9th chapter of Deuteronomy read:—

'Hear, O Israel: Thou art to pass over Jordan this day, to go in to possess nations greater and mightier than thyself, cities great and fenced up to heaven. A people great and tall, the children of the Anakims, whom thou knowest, and of whom thou hast heard say, Who can stand before the children of Anak? Understand, therefore, this day, that the Lord thy God is he which goeth over before thee; as a consuming fire he shall destroy them, and he shall bring them down before thy face: so shalt thou drive them out, and destroy them quickly, as the Lord hath said unto thee.' It seemed a message full of reassurance."

So great was the influence of this passage of Scripture on Winston Churchill, that he prints it in large and imposing type in his *History of the Great War*. Thus words spoken so long ago were to a man of our generation a source of strength through four years of desperate anxiety. For even in the darkest moments of the war, when the enemy seemed to be sweeping all before him, he never lost the conviction that God would give us the victory. Many millions read the Bible daily. If we are

of their number we are in good company; we share the privilege with the most illustrious men and women of our race, in past and in present times.

Every Man's Book

Many societies in many lands have dedicated themselves to the translation and circulation of the Scriptures, but the mother of all Bible Societies is the British and Foreign Bible Society, which celebrates its third jubilee, its 150th birthday, on March 7, 1954. This great Society both merits and needs our help. Indeed the help of all people of good will is essential if "the most valuable thing the world affords," is to be shared with the world and not kept to ourselves. The combined efforts of scholar and missionary have translated the Bible, or complete books of it, into 1,140 tongues, but there are still over 1,000 languages into which it has not yet been translated. One of the latest peoples to receive the Bible in their own language is the Kikuyu tribe of Tanganyika. Let us remember that every Kikuyu is not a Mau Mau terrorist; the majority are simple, hard-working people, among whom are many Christians. The Bible will be to them a precious help in their fight against pagan reaction. They need, as we do, the comfort and strength the Bible brings.

Recently a Third Jubilee Appeal for £20,000 was launched by His Excellency, Sir Dallas Brooks, and Bible-lovers everywhere are invited to send in their contribution to S. Russell Baker, the General Secretary for Victoria, at 241-243 Flinders-lane, Melbourne, C.I. Much of the money collected will be spent in helping to provide Scriptures for natives of Papua, New Guinea, the islands of the South Pacific, and for our own aboriginal tribes. Then we are greatly concerned with the blind, of whom there are 500,000 in Indonesia alone. The Bible Society provides Braille Scriptures in 40 languages, but much more needs to be done. Then about one half of the world's population is still illiterate. Great literacy campaigns, in which Governments are co-operating, are being conducted in many parts of the world. Every year hundreds of thousands of new literates cry for literature in their own tongue; the Bible Society is providing for them special large type Scriptures in simple language. Will you do all in your power to help the Bible Society give the Bible to the world in our time and generation, and not leave it to be done by generations yet unborn?

A. W. STEPHENSON, M.A., Principal of Churches of Christ Bible College,
Woolwich, N.S.W., presents

FACTS FROM WOOLWICH

Woolwich Bible College is a strong evangelical centre for the training of young men and women for the ministry of the Christian church. Workers for home and overseas fields are being prepared for the vital task of preaching the gospel. Men trained at Woolwich are now serving in all States of Australia, in New Zealand, and in India.

This college is supported by churches in New South Wales. For eleven years the needs of the college have been met by the sacrificial gifts of the brethren. The growth of the college is one of the miracles of Christian faith. God has put it into the hearts of many to provide for the vital work of Woolwich Bible College.

The college is also a strong Home Mission force. Some fifteen churches are receiving the help of student preachers. In addition, evangelistic missions are being conducted by men trained at Woolwich. Owing to the shortage of preachers in Australia, greater demands are now being made upon the resources of this college. The college cannot meet all the requests being made for well-trained preachers.

Next year the total enrolment promises to be a record. Young people are coming from South Australia, Victoria, Queensland and New South Wales.

To prepare for the ministry of the Church, students are making great financial sacrifices. The financial loss in wages and salaries of each must total about £2,000 in four years.

For twenty students this means £40,000.

Each student pays a nominal amount of £1/15/- per week towards his keep. This covers room, lighting, board, etc. No fees are asked for the Bible Course.

The cost of training a student over four years averages £500. Students are not asked to make any contribution towards this cost. Since the Government gives no concessions to such a college, all finances must be

raised by churches and church members.

The lecturers are making a real sacrifice to enable the college to work effectively. Their labor of love is much appreciated by the College Board and by the student body.

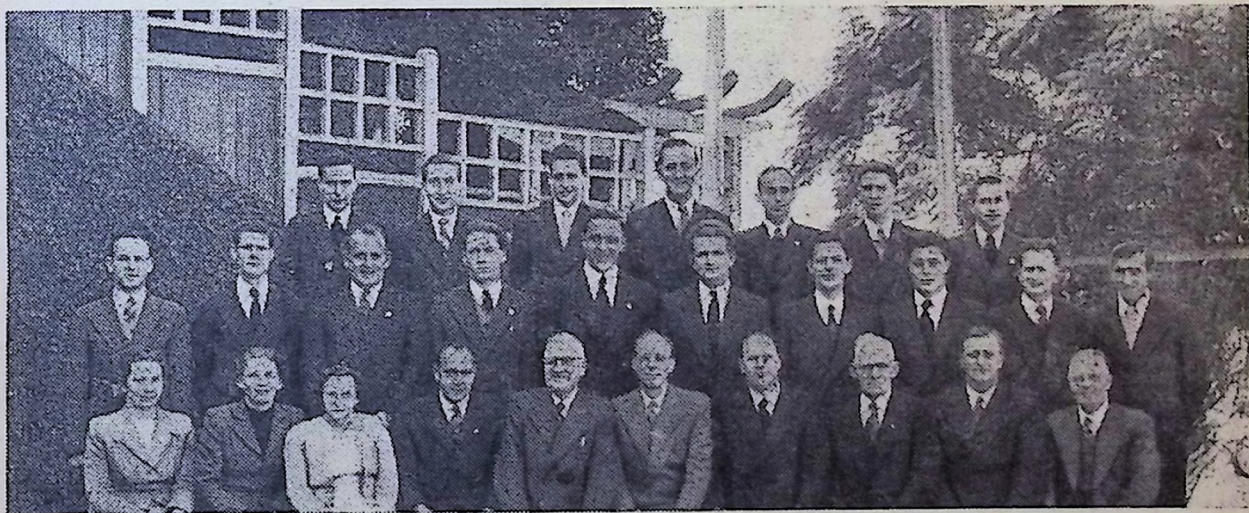
The college is open to all who have the endorsement of the local church, who can provide proof of good character and personality, and who have the necessary secular training to enable them to benefit from the college course. Those who have heard the call of the Lord and have the ability and personality needed for leadership in the churches are invited to apply to the Principal for admission forms.

Young people who do not see their way clear to enter the ministry may support the Lord's work at the college. By acts of stewardship, by giving regular gifts, they will help maintain the college. Those who do so will hear the Master's: "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Let each make a worthy gift on Sunday, October 11!

Let each member give cheerfully as unto the Lord!

COLLEGE APPEALS FOR £1,000.
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1953.



STUDENTS AND FACULTY—1953.

Back Row: D. Mortimer, G. Wladysluk, P. Perry, C. Terry, G. L. Benjamin, K. Beadle, D. Kassel.

Centre Row: G. H. Benjamin, G. Gibson, P. Woolford, C. Wheat, M. Pieper, N. Hodgekiss, W. Hoffman, B. Roberts, F. Leivesley, A. Rae.

Front Row: Miss L. Roach, Mesdames Leivesley and Agnew (Housekeepers), E. Roffey, E. Davis, A. W. Stephenson (Principal), A. G. Elliott, I. Paternoster, R. Amos, R. Greenhalgh, C. Bowser (absent).

WOMEN

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

Topic for October:

Theme: "Man-Woman Relationship in Church."

The Status of Women in the Church in Australia

Mrs. R. McCallum, N.S.W.

Traditions have largely influenced the thinking of people on this subject, yet to-day, many men and women are questioning them as to whether they are of God's will or not.

The patriarchal form of family life in the early days of Australia was carried over into the Church here, as elsewhere, and women had little scope to use their talents in the Church unless they could sing in the choir. However, when the Sunday School movement became strong they participated in teaching.

Women's organisations were formed by Protestant women of zeal, insight and ability to give women opportunities of service which were denied them elsewhere. Women's Conferences, Associations, Missionary Fellowships are only some of the State and National Organisations which have done much for Home and Overseas Missions, Social Service, and Youth Work.

With the exception of the Salvation Army and the Society of Friends (Quakers), which from the beginning recognised the equality of the sexes, the larger place women hold in the life of the Church to-day can be attributed to the contribution they first made through their own societies.

Opportunities to-day for full-time service for women in the Church are limited, but some do serve as social workers, matrons of Church Hospitals, Homes and Hostels; as nurses, missionaries to the aborigines, secretaries to women's organisations, or as women's secretaries in missionary societies.

The Anglican Church has Orders for women in teaching and social service, but the Congregational Church goes further and is the only main Church in Australia to ordain women to the ministry; within this Church women minister to local congregations and teach in theological colleges.

In voluntary work the Methodists appoint women as lay preachers on the same basis as men, and membership of all boards is open to them,

though they are not allowed to act as trustees in circuits. Four dioceses of the Anglican Church in Australia admit women to synod, and women can be appointed to committees and boards, both State and National, of the Baptist and Presbyterian Churches as well as our own. Some Churches appointed women as representatives to the last meeting of the Australian Section of the World Council of Churches, held at Gilbulla; women are also appointed to represent National boards on the National Missionary Council, and from State committees on the State Councils.

The local congregations have been slower to use their women power than the Church at large, yet it is here that more women could devote time and talent. Reports gathered from all parts of the world for the committee on "Life and Work of Women in the Church" show dissatisfaction among women that they raise much of the money, and have little, if any, say on Church boards that spend it.

The status of women in the Church in Australia is lower than in Britain or America, or even in some Asian countries. Australian women are not wanting their status in the Church to be "Let's satisfy the women and

have a representative," rather, that full opportunities should be given them to use in the service of Christ's Church, whatever gifts God has bestowed upon them.

For Reading:

"The Service and Status of Women in the Church," Dr. Kathleen Bliss.

"Women in the Church," F. D. Bacon.

"Women in the Church," Maude Royden.

Interim report of "Life and Work of Women in the Church," W.C.C.

"A Study of Man-Woman Relationship," S.C.M. Press.

For Discussion:

(1). Compare the writings of Paul concerning women in the Church with background and social status.

(2). Compare changes brought about from N.T. times with to-day in caring for the aged and widows.

(3). Make a list of women who serve on your State committees and/or Federal Boards.

(4). Discuss why many women are not interested in the Church, and how this could be remedied.

(5). The contributions women have made to the Church through World Day of Prayer observances and Inter-Church Councils.

For a special meeting, invite the officers or all the men of the church to discuss this question of "Man-Woman Relationship in the Church" with the women . . . or ask them to sponsor it.

L. J. BUTLER visits Canberra for

Laying of Foundation Stone

It was a very happy occasion for about 60 church members and friends from three States of the Commonwealth and the Capital Territory, who met together for the laying of the foundation stone of the new church building at Canberra on Saturday, Sept. 5. In brilliant sunshine and sheltered from the rather windy conditions by a tent and screen, which had been erected by the Canberra brethren in the morning, we met at 3 p.m. to witness this very definite stage in the development of our Federal Home Mission work. Since the Perth Conference in 1948, churches of Christ have been definitely committed to the task of establishing a church and raising the necessary funds for the erection of suitable buildings in Canberra. All who were present at

the laying of the foundation stone were aware of a sense of achievement and a spirit of co-operation throughout the brotherhood.

Among those present at the function were: the builder, A. V. Collings, and his wife; J. Tipping, representing the office of Harry A. Norris, architects, who designed and are supervising the building; Mr., Mrs., and Enid Morton, from Burwood, N.S.W., who brought greetings from the N.S.W. State Conference Executive and the Youth Dept.; Mr. and Mrs. R. Strongman, from East Malvern, Vic.; L. J. Butler, asst. sec. of Federal Executive, with his family, from Hartwell, Vic.; R. H. Conning, from North Essendon, Vic., who is also Executive treas., and his brother, Graham; T. R. Morris, from Brighton, Vic., with

his two grandsons, Peter Morris and B. Huntsman; C. F. Adermann, M.H.R. from Kingaroy, Qld., who always meets with the Canberra church when in that city for the sittings of the House, and Mrs. Kennedy, in whose home the first church of Christ meeting was held in Canberra in 1925.

C. R. Burdeu, Federal Conf. Pres., had hoped to be present and preside at the ceremony, but was unfortunately unable to make plane connections, and accordingly sent his greeting. Messages were also received from E. L. Williams, chairman of Conference Executive and Principal of the College of the Bible, G. H. Earle, sec., the other members of the Federal Executive, G. R. Stirling, preacher-elect of the church at Canberra, the Women's Federal Executive in Brisbane, the S.A. Conference Executive, and several local brethren from other church communions in Canberra, who have greatly assisted our work in recent months with speaking appointments.

In the absence of the Federal President, the ceremony was conducted by L. J. Butler, suitable reading given by B. Buffinton, secretary of the Canberra church, the hymns, "The Church's One Foundation" and "City of God" were sung by all present, and the actual ceremony of laying the stone was performed by C. F. Adermann, M.H.R., Chairman of Committees. An appropriate prayer of dedication was offered to God on behalf of the assembled company by T. R. Morris.

The financial report and appeal made by R. H. Conning was very well received, and resulted in additional gifts of £174 being received. The ladies added their usual gracious touch to the proceedings, and prepared a cup of tea and sandwiches, and 54 present signed the visitors' book.

At the Sunday morning service held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Buffinton, 34 broke bread, several visitors took part, and T. R. Morris preached upon the theme, "The Foundations of our Faith." It did our hearts good to hear his gracious words, and to know the measure of his own conviction. Mr. and Mrs. Buffinton kept open house for visitors during the whole week-end, and are an inspiration to all who know them.

Many present had cameras, and made good use of them. The blossoms were out, there were clear skies, and we had the great pleasure of being shown over the Houses of Parliament personally by Mr. Adermann. Among our choicest memories will be Mr. Morris's solo at the sing-song on the Saturday night, "O, my Redeemer, what a friend thou art to me," and the knowledge that, at last, work on a chapel and a manse at Canberra is a reality.



INDIANISATION SCHEME.

The question of the Indianisation of the Mission has now been before the Indian Conference, and has been accepted with some amendments that will be acceptable to the Mission, and which seem more desirable to the Indian Churches.

Time Period: The scheme presented to Conference outlined six years before Indianisation became complete. It was evident that Conference wanted an extension of time—fifteen, twelve, ten and six years were discussed, and after elimination, the period was determined at ten years.

Number on Committee: The scheme proposed nine members for the first two years, and thereafter seven members. The Conference felt that nine members were preferable during the whole period, and this was accordingly adopted.

New Committee of Management: During the ten year period Conference will increase the number they can elect at stated periods, and the Mission nominees will decrease.

For the first two years, Conference must elect four members, Mission four members, and Board one (treasurer). The following become the members of the new Committee of Management:

Mission: Dr. L. J. Michael, Miss F. Cameron, John Bairagi, B. V. Coventry (secretary).

Board: E. W. Heard (treasurer).

Conference: H. Waghmodi, S. Jadhav (Headmaster Baramati Mission School), K. Alhart, C. V. Thomas.

Dr L. J. Michael was elected the Chairman of the Committee of Management by Conference. It is worthy of note that the Mission elected an Indian brother in their quota, whilst the Indian Conference elected an Australian missionary. Apart from the Board's nominee, E. W. Heard, of the remaining eight members, four are Indian brethren and four are Australian missionaries. It is considered that the Committee has been carefully selected and well balanced.

The New Constitution for the Indian Conference will be shaped in legal form by an Indian lawyer, and when the document has been registered the new Committee of Management will function and the scheme of Indianisation will commence.

Provision has been made for speed-

ing up the process of Indianisation if considered desirable.

FOOD CONSIGNMENT ARRIVES.

Some excitement was caused when on Sunday afternoon, Aug. 30, a carrier arrived direct from Bombay with 102 cases and packages. This comprises the whole of the goods sent by Vic., S.A., and W.A., save five cases short-loaded in Victoria. These five cases have arrived in Bombay, but have to be cleared by Customs. It has thus taken six weeks since arrival in Bombay to secure the necessary import permits and clear Customs. Customs duties are likely to be heavy, but there are sufficient funds in hand to clear these to the Field and also pay the carriers' charges (approximately £40).

Parcels have continued to arrive for the missionaries, and at times have come in the nick of time. Since the knowledge of the coming of the consignment reached them, missionaries have naturally not bought in large quantities. Their needs will now be supplied.

The goods now repose in Dr. Michael's new garage awaiting the arrival of a group of missionaries to begin opening and sorting out goods for the various stations. This will be no light task, as some of us are well aware, for we had a hand in sorting and packing in Australia.

As far as can be seen, there will be no heavy loss by damage or pilfering. Some cases are damaged and goods lost, but even damaged cases are not a total loss. Till we get the lists from the Mission Secretary, it will not be known how many cases were in the whole consignment. At present we know that 102 cases were sent by road by the Bombay agents, and all these have arrived.

The brotherhood will be pleased to know that this, our largest food consignment ever, has now reached the Field, and missionaries have expressed their thanks in advance for the generosity of all concerned. Where there is still need among Indian peoples and food stuffs are suitable, there will be a sharing. Fortunately, the Government has sent some supplies (milk and grain) to missionaries for distribution to the most needy areas.

here and there

After almost 11 years' appreciated service as our correspondent on women's work, Mrs. P. D. McCallum, of N.S.W., has handed over her duties to Mrs. E. Wickham, of Vic. Mrs. McCallum will continue with the Missionary Education programme until next Federal Conference.

The Bible School Committee, an important adjunct of the Vic. Youth Dept., continues to be of help to the schools of the Vic. churches. The seven members are elected each year at a B.S. Workers' Conference, and give of their time and talents in increasing the efficiency and enthusiasm of B.S. workers. During the year some thirty schools have been contacted. The committee deals with problems common to Bible Schools at all grades — story telling, expression work, lesson preparation, methods of teaching, school organisation, interest and discipline, school and church, etc. Next year a member of the committee, Miss B. Bates, is to study B.S. and youth work in England. Committee members invite any school to avail themselves of their assistance. Contact the Youth Dept., 161 Flinderslane, Melb., or the sec., V. Longthorp, 37 Lawson-st., East Hawthorn, Vic.

On Sept. 6 Mr. and Mrs. Ira A. Paternoster commenced their 17th year with the church at North Sydney. Special reference was made to the fact at a fellowship tea prior to evening service. This year marks 50th year of Mr. Paternoster's entering the ministry, and the 45th year of that ministry in Australia and N.Z. Recent visitors to North Sydney have included Helen Lawton and Miss Barr (S.A.). Mrs. B. Day was M.B. speaker on 8th. Overseas offering was £242.

At 9.30 a.m. E.S.T. on Sunday, Oct. 4 (World Wide Communion Sunday) the A.B.C. will transmit a service arranged by the Inter-church Aid Commission of the Austr. Council for the W.C.C. It is hoped that Christians throughout Australia will listen if possible.

A Hinrichsen-Brooker mission commenced at Gawler, S.A., on Sept. 6, with good meetings. On the second Sunday the tent was crowded, with many standing. There were two decisions.

Special meetings on Aug. 30 marked the 55th anniversary of Harvey church, W.A. Former preacher, A. Hutson, gave special addresses. Offering towards new building was taken up at anniversary social, amounting to £140. Bible School won the shield for increase and attendance campaign. Ladies' Guild members have packed number of parcels for Norseman and Carnarvon. Youth Director, R. Hillier, spent a week-end in Harvey, giving series of lectures to B.S. teachers also addressing the church on Sept. 13. C.E. societies are in good heart. Sister Crane is recuperating after recent operation.

W. B. Burn has accepted a further engagement of two years with the church at Glenelg, S.A.

The Council of Churches in Indonesia, created in May, 1950, met for the first time from June 20-30, 1953. Meetings were attended by representatives of thirty Churches, representing about 2,500,000 Christians. Similar gatherings are planned every three years, with a strong feeling that union of the Churches must be sought. While the many different denominations of the West are not duplicated in Indonesia, there are differing attitudes and groups which could easily stand in the way of the unity of the Church. One worthy decision was that all delegates should together partake the Lord's Supper in order to "experience more deeply the union in Christ. The Minister of Health is the only Christian in the new Indonesian Government, the Protestant leader and the Catholic Party refusing to participate because of the feeling that the Government is at present forcing Christian groups into a defensive position. An extreme conservative and orthodox Moslem heads the Ministry of Religion.

American visitors to last year's World Convention in Melbourne met for a reunion at Multnomah Hotel, Illinois, on July 5. Pictures were shown, both movies and transparencies, and the Australian trip was reviewed in a delightful evening.

The Vic.-Tas. Women's Conference Executive Council will meet on Friday, Oct. 2, at 2 p.m. at Swanston-st. Mrs. R. Conning will lead the devotions. Miss E. Boeke, of Nether-

lands Embassy, will be the speaker. All ladies are welcomed.

D. W. Mansell, preacher of East Kew church, Vic., was married to Miss S. Winch in Sydney on Sept. 12. A number of East Kew members journeyed to Sydney for the occasion.

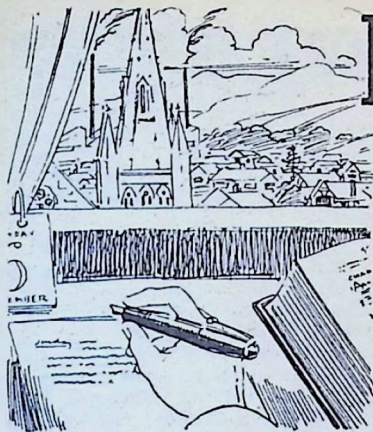
Attention is drawn to an alteration in the advertisement of the East Malvern church, Vic., regarding opening services. This amends a minor error in last week's advertisement.

Some time ago it was announced from Jerusalem that the remains of about 70 more Biblical scrolls had been found in caves in the deserted hills about 12 miles south of Jericho. Nineteen books of the Old Testament are inscribed on the scrolls in ancient Hebrew script. In 1947, not a quarter of a mile away from the spot where the recent discovery has been made, two goatherds chanced upon a hole in a rock, which led to the discovery of about 200 scrolls. These were written in Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek, and were believed to have been placed there by the Jewish sect of the Essenes not later than A.D. 70. The manuscripts are at least a thousand years older than any existing manuscripts.

A party consisting of Mr. and Mrs. McPherson and Mr. Kennett, from Hamilton, Vic., and Mr. and Mrs. Mountjoy, of Geelong, have spent nearly three months in W.A., most of it at Carnarvon, where they were able to finish the kindergarten building completely. The ladies spent all their time painting. The party gave nearly two weeks to Norseman, where they erected a much-needed new bathroom for the boys' dormitory. This is part of a long-range plan for building improvements at Norseman. We are deeply grateful for this splendid contribution on the part of these brethren and sisters. It has meant much to the Missions in a practical way, and when the labor given is assessed at its commercial value it represents a saving to the Aborigines Board of hundreds of pounds. Not only so, but the presence of these Christian workers has added much fellowship to the lives of all on the Missions.

On Sept. 12 a working bee was held for the commencement of a church building, at Hurstbridge, Vic. The stumps have been put in, and skilled men are now needed to erect the building. Any who would like to help please contact D. McIntosh, Cottlesbridge, or phone Hurstbridge 28. Church members recently had the pleasure of visiting the three Social Service Homes in Oakleigh and Murrumbidgee. The church continues to meet in the State School, while B.S. is held in an officer's home. Visiting speakers' messages are appreciated.

THE AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN



MINISTER'S MUSINGS

SUNDAY. — "Mum's sick again," said Mrs. Edgar, as she greeted me in the church porch to-night. We chatted for a few moments about her elderly mother, whose heart is causing some trouble. I promised I would call on the old lady early this week. Mrs. Edgar didn't ask me to do that; I liked the way she took it for granted that if I possibly could call, I would. And for her part, she made sure that I knew. Why is it that so many folk, on the other hand, still persist in thinking their minister ought to be sufficiently clairvoyant to know when there is sickness in any of his church homes? Apparently that's a common failing, judging by an entertaining piece of doggerel I discovered this week in *The Anglican*: "The doctor went to see her, but the rector didn't go, For the doctor had been sent for, but the rector didn't know. The doctor got rewarded with a handsome little cheque, But the rector for not knowing simply got it in the neck."

What would happen if some of "the flock" treated their doctor as cavalierly as they do their minister?

MONDAY.—Dr. Donald Soper caused some fluttering in both religious and political dovecotes when he was in Australia some time back. Now he has become President of the British Methodist Conference. This greatest of modern out-door orators is already showing (as one man put it) that "this unusual President is not likely to sit as a passive passenger in a ship becalmed on a dull sea." British Methodism won't have a dull year!

TUESDAY.—Alison represented the manse to-night at the Community Hymn-Singing Night in Swanston-st., in aid of the College of the Bible Refurnishing Fund. We were interested in the idea of trying to introduce some of the lesser known hymns and tunes in our church hymn book. Undoubtedly it would be a great help to

congregational worship if organists and choir-leaders made a point of introducing new tunes and hymns at regular intervals. There are many fine tunes in our Supplementary Tune Book which are never used in the average church. And there are some others, both tunes and hymns, which could well be dropped. I understand that the Particular Baptists were the first to sing hymns in English. They weren't always "particular" enough!

WEDNESDAY.—He looked what he was, lonely and dispirited. With the death of his wife the whole world had crashed in around him. He spoke to me to-day about giving up some church responsibilities. "I'm not much good to anyone, the way I'm feeling," he said. I felt I understood a little what it was that made him wish to hug his sorrow to himself, but this was one time when it could be fatal to be too understanding. More than ever, now he should be doing things among people who need what he can give. So I talked with him a while about a mutual friend. "Do you remember what happened when his wife died?" I asked. "He is a much older man than you, and he might well have thought as you do now. But he flung himself into the church's work with even more abandon than before, and I remember you saying at the time that you thought it was his salvation." "Yes, I remember," he answered slowly. "But I'm not the man he is. I'm sorry, but I just can't face people more than is absolutely necessary." Just then I noticed a George Sava book amongst a little group near his chair. "Have you read many of Dr. Sava's books?" I asked. "Why, yes," he said, looking surprised at the change of conversation. "Joan and I always enjoyed his books." "Did you ever read what happened to him after the first World War?" I asked. "No? Well, when it was over, the first thing he wanted to do was to return to Russia to see his old parents. After every possible frustration he got as far as the frontier, and was then turned back. Dejectedly he returned to London, where he had some lecture appointments, and was just starting out on one when a heavily censored letter arrived from Russia. It was from his sister, to tell him that his mother had died of an incurable disease while he was pleading at the frontier for the right to see her. In the first rush of grief and bitterness he felt he could not go on with the lecture, but his wife persuaded him that his mother would have wanted him to keep going. When he began the lecture he hardly knew

what he was saying; his mind seemed mazed and his mouth dry. He felt he could not go on, but he did, and gradually the old power came back." My friend looked at me, and didn't say much, but I'm feeling hopeful.

THURSDAY.—The casual observer wouldn't see anything very exciting about a Women's Fellowship meeting, but it's a different thing when you read their annual report of what these same women have done. I thought of a few sentences I had read recently in Ernest Raymond's novel, *A Chorus Ending*. A young and cynical sophisticate was passing his cool judgment on an elderly maiden lady: "One of those grey-haired women who are still to be found supporting the Church as it dies! They always remind me of the holy women supporting the dead body of Christ in a *pieta* by Perugino. They have never lost their faith, because nothing has ever happened in their lives to shake or change it." Ernest Raymond goes on to show how hopelessly wrong the young man's judgment was about this particular old lady. All the same, there is a sting about the words. That reference to the picture of the holy women supporting the dead body of Christ undoubtedly represents many people's idea of the Church. How much living quality is there in the average congregation to refute the idea?

FRIDAY.—Young Laurel was rather puzzled when she came across "LXXX". That wasn't surprising—I've known some Sunday morning readers lose their way among the Roman numerals (especially in the Psalms!) when reading from pulpit Bibles. I told Laurel what the letters stood for, and then went on to enjoy a laugh with her in telling of the school inspector who once wrote "LXXX" on the blackboard, and then asked a pretty young girl in the front row what it meant. He was staggered when she answered him with perfect aplomb: "Love and kisses." Youth has other no less effective ways of showing its scorn for outdated forms.

SATURDAY. — I've been thinking over some disturbing words Dr. Soper used during his presidential address: "Evangelism offers to meet a need that many do not feel, and seems to them useless to meet the needs they do feel." It reminded me of another famous preacher who recently published a book on questions people ask. One criticism was that these were not the questions people ask. How close are we to interpreting—and meeting—the real needs of men?



INTERSTATE CHURCH NEWS

Discipleship

William Stowe, Maylands, W.A.
Alice Barnes, Barbara Wilson, South Melbourne, Vic.
Winnie Blake, Peter Clow, Maryborough, Qld.
Murray Wills, Belmont, Geelong, Vic.
Alleen Oppy, Middle Park, Vic.
Roy Mayberry, Maidstone, Vic.
Kaye Mitchell, Ruth Howell, Lesley Montgomery, Elizabeth Rickard and Glenys Thorn, Shepparton, Vic.
Mrs. Thompson, Kaniva, Vic.
Ruth Elliot, Blackburn, Vic.

Membership

W. Whitehead, from Drumcondra, Vic., to Belmont, Geelong, Vic.

Marriage

Beverly Regan to Kenneth Milne, Dawson-st., Ballarat, Vic.
Maisie Beadle to Alfred Foan, Maylands, W.A.
Norma Carr to William Layther, Shepparton, Vic.
Joyce Kells to Raymond Thomas, Belmont, Geelong, Vic.

Fallen Asleep

Samuel Gladman, Dawson-st., Ballarat, Vic.
Mrs. Annie Todd, Dawson-st., Ballarat, Vic.
Miss M. Turnbull, Collingwood, Vic.
Sis. Elliott, Maryborough, Qld.

Queensland

Maryborough (A. H. Wilson). — Church service was broadcast over 4MB on Aug. 30. A. H. Wilson presided and gave address. Sis. R. Goodwin was soloist. On Sept. 6 Bundaberg and Maryborough churches exchanged ministers and readers. Messrs. Wilson, Ingham, Rayner and Nowitzke (Maryborough) conducted services at Bundaberg, and Messrs. Craig, Presswood, Krieger and Voss conducted services at Maryborough. Members enjoyed fellowship with these members at fellowship tea, after which they conducted gospel service at Pad-dow church, then gospel service in town church. Prior to latter, members held special prayer

meeting for Mr. and Mrs. H. Hansen (Rockhampton), formerly Maryborough. Mrs. Hansen is seriously ill. The two churches were drawn closer in fellowship by the exchange. Ladies' Guild is preparing for garden party.

Western Australia

Maylands (A. A. McRoberts). — Winter and sickness have adversely affected attendances, which averaged only 107 at morning services, and 87 at evening for Aug. B.S. anniversary practices have commenced under baton of J. Brown. Men's Fraternal recently collected and distributed firewood to pensioners. Kitchen tea was given Maisie Beadle prior to her marriage. Women's Guild and Y.W.F. are working hard for Sept. fete. J.C.E. now meets on Sunday afternoons. Owing to accident to leader, Mr. Hoare, A. A. McRoberts at present is leading Boys' Club.

South Perth. — Settling in at new church hall is progressing satisfactorily. During recent 3 months R. Vincent has conducted gospel services, whilst pastoral work has been under care of W. Nightingale. This latter work has yielded large increase of B.S. children, and several new members in Ladies' Fellowship. W. Nightingale has also faithfully attended to school scripture classes and sick visitation. 2 restored members were received on Aug. 23. With use of church property J.C.E. has been commenced, also Boys' Club, and other activities are pending. Attendances at communion have been well maintained, but sickness has been prevalent, and affected evening attendances. Raymond Schmitt is rendering voluntary service at Norseman. Church is looking forward to ministry of Stanton Wilson (Hampton, Vic.), which will commence early in 1954.

New South Wales

Hamilton (L. G. Read). — Splendid attendances were feature of opening week of mission with F. C. Hunting (Ballarat, Vic.). Campaign was launched on Aug. 30, and meetings have been held nightly, except Mon., in chapel. At morning service on 30th, beautiful two-manual electric organ, an anonymous gift from two members, was dedicated to service of God, and has proved considerable help to congregational singing. United Youth Rally was well supported with crowded chapel. On evening of Sept. 6 a husband and wife made decision. Church gratefully acknowledges F. C. Hunting's ministry, which led up to 30th anniversary celebrations of church on Sept. 13.

Earlwood (G. H. Benjamin). — Attendances continue well up to average with inspiring addresses by visiting and local speakers, including D. McMillan, R. Jones, B. Saville, E. Oswald and J. Gibb. Junior boys' club is progressing well under leadership of F. Strickland. Anniversary services on Sept. 12 and 13 were encouraging. Buffet tea on 12th was followed by inspirational service, with E. Oswald as song leader, several splendid vocal and instrumental items and challenging address from A. G. Elliott. Thanksgiving offering on 13th was nearly £109, when E. Oswald exhorted, with preacher presiding and two elders assisting. G. Benjamin spoke to full church at night. Recent visitors have included Mrs. Rule, K. Grieves, W. Thorpe, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hinrichsen, with Valma and Bruce. G. Berry was welcomed back after one year's absence through illness. Mr. and Mrs. G. Clymer have left to spend annual holidays with son, who is preacher at Boondall-Zillmere (Qld.).

Beverly Hills (N. Reese). — Evening service on Sept. 6 was conducted by J. and S.C.E. There was a full attendance. Leader of Juniors gave message in song. Mr. Rees, pres. of State C.E. spoke. Four Y.P. made decision. Members of church and C.E. have been attending mission at Padstow, conducted by D. Wakeley. Appreciated messages have been given in mornings by Messrs. Laney, Sparks, Evans and Edgar.

South Australia

Cowandilla (T. T. Robinson). — All meetings continue to be well attended. Visiting speakers have been E. Tregilgas (Temperance Alliance), W. Green (Mile End). Boys' Brigade week, Aug. 9-16, proved to be success. £55 was collected. In B.B. drill competitions Cowandilla 13th Coy. won Junior Squad Drill, Platoon Drill Cup, and was second in Senior Drill. Week closed with boys assisting at evening service. Lt. C. Bowers presided, and at close of service Cross Roads was screened. N. G. McLean is captain. B.S. anniversary on Aug. 23 and 30 was great success, with excellent singing under C. Simons. Speakers were G. Whiting, N. Moore and minister. Scholars' rolls are: beginners 42 (supt., Miss B. Pitcher), kinders, 79 (supt., Mrs. Griffin); main school, 143 (C. Bowers, general supt., W. Docking, assist. supt., K. Simons, general sec. and treas.), with 34 teachers. Successful visitation for new scholars was conducted by teachers. Dr. Valerie Elms has recovered from illness and expects to return to duty.

Maylands (E. R. Sherman, B.A., Dip.Ed.).—Quarterly circuit rally held at Koongarra Park on Aug. 12, was well attended by Maylands. Maylands Ladies' Choir presented musical items, and E. H. Swan (B.&F.B.S.) showed two fine films. Team of B.S. teachers went to Longwood Camp Site on 15th to paint inside of mess hut. Life Boys' Team has been formed, and its first meeting was held on 27th. Church greatly misses presence of H. W. Hannam and D. J. Fitzgerald, both of whom have left district. H. Hannam's services as visitor were appreciated by all. F. Daniel has taken over responsibility of B.S. visiting, and team of visitors have been approached to assist minister in church visitation. Half-yearly business meeting was held on Sept. 8, and owing to resignation of D. Fitzgerald and H. Hannam as officers, it was necessary to replace them. A. J. Ingham and Mr. Rodda were appointed.

Whyalla (K. N. Roberts).—Church continues to have well attended services. About 30 Y.P. attended social evening given to Miss M. Wood and V. Berry on occasion of their engagement. Happy fellowship was enjoyed in home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Berry at after church sing song on Sept. 6. L. T. Samuels (gen. sec. of U.A.M.) gave inspiring message at worship meeting on 6th. Other visitors were T. Tregloan (Vic.), and Mr. and Mrs. Morrell and Pamela (Berri), and Kingsley Sugars (Edwardstown). Messrs. Morrison and Pickering (Hindmarsh) were visitors on 13th. Mrs. Roberts conducted service in absence of K. Roberts, who attended State Conference. C. P. Hughes (Temperance Alliance) addressed church on 13th, after which C.E. conducted song service and served supper.

Victoria

Echuca (H. Hargreaves).—T. Glover, of local high school, spoke in connection with education week. Preacher spoke to 100 students at church parade. R. Muller (Melbourne) and W. Payne have been recent speakers, the latter taking both services in absence of preacher at Doncaster. Ladies' Guild held enjoyable social for funds. Anniversary practices have commenced. Recent visitors included Mr. and Mrs. Marsh, Mr. and Mrs. P. Payne, S. Masten and A. Thompson.

South Yarra (V. Longthorp).—Church appreciated guest speakers during absence of minister. On Sept. 2 social evening and presentation were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Longthorp on occasion of recent marriage. Mrs. Washfold and Mrs. Ward were visiting speakers at Women's Fellowship. On Aug. 11 C.E. raised £17 by concert for Building Fund. 1st Degree

Good Companions enjoyed visit by Sth. Richmond. On Sept. 7, Y.W.F. was commenced. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis and R. Brown have been welcomed after holidays.

Reservoir (R. E. Burns).—Attendance on Sunday evenings is improved, and includes many visitors. Youth choir under D. Baker is helping greatly. C.W.F. held function, at which Majors Howard and Sexton (Salvation Army Women's Home) brought message and programme. Mrs. Trathan (moved to Mitcham) was presented with leather hymn book by ladies. G. Johnson and R. E. Burns on behalf of church presented dinner set and cheque and voiced appreciation of family's contribution over the years. On recent Sunday L. Chapman, pres. of C.M.S., addressed Men's Fellowship and evening service, which was fathers' night. Monthly film services are attracting packed audiences. Mrs. Iles and Mrs. Whiteoak are able to worship after illness. Y.P. visited Argus office.

Brighton (C. G. Taylor, B.A.).—Large crowd gathered for re-opening of renovated school hall on Aug. 28. T. R. Morris declared the hall open, Dr. Coates gave a brief talk on Christian education, films on child training were shown, B.S. projects displayed, and supper served. Temple Day on 30th drew good congregations, and special offering of £666; at night Y.P. presented religious drama, A Good Soldier. District youth held evening on Sept. 8. Ladies appreciated talk from Matron Button on 10th. "A" tennis team won their premiership.

York-st., Ballarat.—60th anniversary celebrations were held on Sept. 6. Talent scheme realised £346 for manse fund. P.S.A. in afternoon brought good congregation. Dr. Oldfield addressed large congregations. J. E. Brooke continued series on Tuesday evening. Church is looking forward to coming of C. W. Jackel, who commences ministry at end of Sept. Mrs. H. Feary, who has been compelled to rest, is making satisfactory progress. Sympathy of church is with N. Barrett and family in loss of father (92 years). Manse is nearing completion.

Dawson-st., Ballarat (F. C. Hunting).—Prior to departure for New Hebrides, O. Jones gave farewell message at morning service. At close of evening service, opportunity was taken to say farewell to him when presentations were made by Janice Hunting (campers), H. Feary (York-st.), R. McLeod (Peel-st.), Mrs. H. Smith (Doveton-st.), and R. Price (Dawson-st.). Regret was expressed that Mrs. Jones, on account of illness for time being, was unable to accompany her husband. Special services have been

held during Aug., featuring youth, B.S., and family night, at which three generations of Reed family took part. Miss Vawser met combined meeting of M.B., and at evening service showed films of India.

Ararat (R. J. Duckett).—W. Graham (Northcote) spoke at all services on Sept. 6 for B.S. anniversary. Attendances of 90 were average for day, which culminated in one senior scholar accepting Christ. Mr. Duckett unveiled foundation stone in Y.P. building at afternoon service and has talent scheme under way to raise finance for same. Second edition of church paper, Our Anchor, has been published, and well received by outsiders as well as members. Record Overseas offering of £65 was received.

Collingwood (G. Powell).—Church has suffered great loss with passing of Miss M. Turnbull who fell asleep on Sept. 6. Miss Turnbull was for many years treas. and teacher of B.S. Church recently conducted successful sale of work which realised good sum of money to help reduce building fund. Thanks goes to Mr. Hearne, who has conducted services in absence of preacher.

Mt. Evelyn (A. H. Pratt).—Meetings are keeping up despite sickness and snowy conditions. B.S. is increasing. Mr. Stephenson, sen., was able to attend on Sept. 6 after long illness. Nancy and Patsy McPherson are both training as nurses in Melbourne. Visitors from Springvale, Ringwood, Croydon and Balwyn have attended gospel service at 3 p.m.

Gardiner (F. A. Youens).—Good attendances continue. Evening meetings have been greatly assisted by Nurses' Choir, C.E. Quartet, who also joined in Y.P.F. meeting, Dudley sisters and Emmanuel Quartet Party. On church anniversary, R. C. Bolduan returned for morning service, and in evening one lad made decision. Temple Day on Dec. 5 has minimum aim of £1500 towards building alterations and renovations.

South Melbourne (S. Bannon).—On Aug. 9 C.E. Quartet conducted gospel service. Two young girls confessed Christ. Youth Council met on Aug. 23, and main discussion was merging of Teenagers and Youth Fellowship. Old silent funnies were screened at film night on Aug. 31 by Good Companions, and proceeds went towards fluorescent lighting. 70 attended gospel service on Sept. 6, at which Dust or Destiny was screened. Practice has commenced for B.S. anniversary. Mrs. Borowski is back after illness. Mr. Cunningham is ill.

West Preston (A. B. Withers).—On Sept. 9 S.C.E. attended Ministers' Fraternal Mission. K.S.P. held indoor cricket night on 11th. Y.P. attended

screening of film **Decision**. W. J. Northey spoke at J.C.E. meeting on 13th. Fellowship continues with studies led by F. V. Brown. A. Withers spoke at Y.P.S.C.E. meeting, and C.M.S. held annual meeting on 14th. Cricket club has started practice for new season.

Shepparton (T. V. Weir).—Speaker on morning of Sept. 6 was Norman Grubb (W.E.C.). Kinder party had attendance of 60. G. Bamford assisted by I. Soulsby (visiting from Melb.) has commenced boys' club, which is progressing well. Visitors have included Mr. and Mrs. Mott (Woorinen), Mrs. Barnett (Geelong), and Doug. Holloway (C.O.B.). Handkerchief social resulted in 6 dozen handkerchiefs for aborigines. B.S. gave item at Temperance Rally on 13th. Kitchen tea was tendered to Norma Carr and W. Layther. C.E. and friends enjoyed trip to snow at Buffalo on 5th. Five B.S. scholars were baptised on 13th, and 2 made decision.

Warragul (V. Quayle).—C.M.S. held monthly tea on Sept. 6, when D. Nicholls was speaker. Church was enriched by him and his party at evening service, when Mr. Nicholls preached, and members of aboriginal party brought messages in song. M.B. had Matron McMahon (West Gippsland Hospital) as speaker on 9th. Several visitors, some former members, augmented worship service on 13th. Sept. is Talents' Month.

Maryborough (M. Coombs).—Preacher spent vacation doing visitation. On Aug. 13 Miss Vawser paid visit and showed films. Many members have been away during month through illness and holidays but good average has been maintained. Girls' Choir held social evening on 11th with crazy hat competition. Junior church is proving most interesting for Y.P.

Maidstone (E. H. Randall).—Since last report one young man has confessed Christ, and was baptised on Sept. 13. Visitors have included Mrs. Kendall (Oakleigh) and Mr. and Mrs. R. Oliver (Box Hill). Mrs. Lumb and R. Sellors have successfully undergone operations. Attendances maintain average.

Ormond (F. Buckingham).—On Sept. 11 Good Companions gave excellent concert to good audience. Total raised to date is £12/10/-. P.B.P. basketball team were defeated in semi-finals. Record B.S. attendance on 13th was 198. At morning service Mr. Geyer (Gardiner) was speaker. During holiday of Mrs. Mulroney, Sis. Alabaster is leader of day kinder, helped by ladies of church and mothers.

Wangaratta (R. J. Anderson).—On Sept. 13 B.S. anniversary and kinder demonstration, with Mrs. J. Macintosh,

the kinder supt., in charge, were held. Eastern scene was depicted on very large sandtray in centre of building with kinders seated around it. At night school sang several of anniversary hymns under leadership of Mr. Franks. Minister gave address. M. McDonough is, in hospital recovering from operation. Successful prayer meetings are held in homes each week. Y.P.S.C.E. recently held enjoyable rally, the visiting speaker being Mr. Mackenzie (C.E. Pres.). C.E. held a campfire meeting.

Balwyn (J. E. Brooke).—On Sept. 6 change of presidents was made with Nth. Balwyn church, Mr. Turriff presiding at Balwyn, and L. Warmbrunn at Nth. Balwyn. On 13th, exchange of preachers was made, and church appreciated message from Mr. Beale. Attendances at evening meetings are improving, with average over 100. B.S. is preparing for anniversary. On 14th, three new members were initiated into K.S.P. Club has grown tremendously since inception earlier this year, and now has over thirty members.

Kaniva (M. T. Lawrie).—Visit of Miss Vawser on Aug. 30 was greatly appreciated. She spoke at Kaniva in morning, Lillimur in afternoon, and showed films of work in India after gospel service. Mrs. Thompson was baptised on 23rd. Preacher has accepted invitation of church to continue ministry for further three years. Sympathy was expressed to Mr. Lawrie whose father passed away recently. Yearlinga B.S. celebrated 21st anniversary on 28th and 30th, when building was filled both times. Eight boys attended Explorer Camp at Hall's Gap.

South Richmond (C. Cole).—Work has grown under leadership of Mr. and Mrs. C. Cole. At recent working bees members donated paint, and painted and re-decorated interior of chapel, and also met cost of installing fluorescent lighting. Roma Bee is leader of Good Companions, and has 20 girls attending regularly. Explorers' club reports good progress, with 25 attending. B.S. is practising for anniversary. Y.W.L. has been formed with average attendance of 22 at morning service, and several of these are now attending evening service. Saturday night prayer meetings with Mr. Cole in charge are being well attended by all church members, and are an inspiration to all who are endeavoring to carry on work at South Richmond.

Drumcondra (R. Wilson).—Thanks is due to speakers who helped during illness of pastor. Visitors have included Mr. Aitken (Preston) and Mrs. Harris. For two Sunday nights tape recordings have been made of service for shut-in people. On 13th Y.P. conducted anniversary service of

church. B.S. anniversary practices have commenced. Elinor Mountjoy has received appointment with U.A.M. to work in W.A. At the half-yearly business meeting, it was decided to renovate interior of church and build concrete ramp. Plans are being made for mission in March.

Cheltenham (R. C. Bolduan).—On Sept. 6 Robertson McCue (Local Option) addressed church at 11 a.m. On 13th at 11 a.m. W. T. Atkin spoke on work of Social Service. In afternoon W. Atkin conducted men of church in organised tour of Social Service Homes. This trip was greatly enjoyed by men, and keen interest was displayed. Y.P.F. held working bee and erected new side fence to church grounds.

BIRTHS.

FARMER (Wigney).—On September 7 at Margaret Coles, to Gwendolyn and Murray, a son (Neil Murray). Brother for Lorraine. Special thanks to Dr. E. R. Killmier.

SKILLICORN (Morrall).—On Sept. 15, at Landour, India, to Ruth and Keith, a son (Bruce Phillip).

DEATHS.

LIGHTOWLERS.—Ethel, beloved wife of the late John, of 128 Park-st., Abbotsford, loving mother of Alma (Mrs. Trew), Rene (Mrs. Dunell), Dorothy (Mrs. Gracey), Jessie (Mrs. J. Steenholdt), Phyllis (Mrs. E. W. Steenholdt). With Christ which is far better.

TURNBULL.—On Sept. 6, Minnie, loved and faithful treasurer and teacher of the Collingwood Bible School for over 40 years. Thy will be done.

—Inserted by the officers and teachers of the Collingwood Bible School.

IN MEMORIAM.

CLEMENTS.—Treasured memories of my dear husband and father, Alfred, called home Sept. 20, 1941, also his youngest brother, Edgar, Sept. 13, 1951. —Inserted by their loved ones.

HALLIDAY.—Margaret Jane (1870-1952). In treasured memory of my beloved mother, called home Sept. 24, 1952.—Fred.

In loving memory of my grandmother.—Rose.

Affectionate tribute from sister and brother-in-law.—C. and E. Potter.

MACDONALD.—In memory of our loved ones, mother, who died at Horsham on Sept. 12, 1932, Harry, killed in France, Aug. 15, 1918, and Morrison, who died at Beaufort on Sept. 19, 1925.

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BENTLEIGH.—Church Anniversary and Homecoming, Oct. 4, 11 a.m., 3 p.m., 7 p.m. Followed by two weeks' Bible Convention. Meetings every night at 7.45 (Sat. excepted). Faith's Foundations Approved. Speakers respectively: L. E. Jones, K. Macnaughtan, Dr. Oldfield, F. Youens, F. E. Buckingham, W. A. Wigney, J. Oswald Sanders (C.I.M.), D. Mansell, Dr. E. R. Killmiller. Temple Day, Saturday, Oct. 17. Thanksgiving services, Oct. 18. Friends and delegations from churches invited.

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OBITUARY

Mrs. J. F. Anderson.

About 85 years ago a family named Fergus arrived in Melbourne from Ayr, Scotland, the youngest being Jessie. Through the ministries of G. L. Surber and O. A. Carr, the whole family united with the church at North Melbourne, later becoming foundation members of Ascot Vale. Jessie was aged 13 when she was baptised, and ever since, until her death on Aug. 17, 1953, aged 91 years, she maintained a quiet consistent Christian witness. Married 62 years ago, she came in 1894, with her husband, James Paterson Anderson and one child, to Fremantle. Five others were born in W.A., one of whom, John, was killed on Gallipoli. She trained her children to be active workers in the church. In 1918 the family, consisting of Anne, Bess, Fergus (now at Gardiner), and Nell (now at Fremantle), moved to Perth, and linked on to Lake-st. Her husband predeceased her in 1935, and now, after a short illness, she has joined him in the eternal reward. A private funeral was conducted by the writer at Karrakatta, but all who knew and loved her extend loving sympathy to the sorrowing family, who now rejoice in their mother's victory.—A.J.F.

Herbert K. Trathan.

The church at Reservoir, Vic., again suffered a severe loss in the sudden home-call on July 22 of Herbert Trathan (55), secretary since inception of the church in 1934. Baptised at Footscray on June 3, 1917, our brother served as secretary of Gordon Club, and after his marriage to Miss Swallow, moved to Reservoir in 1923, linking with Presbyterian church, and acting on their board. In 1934 he helped pioneer the cause at Reservoir, and had a large share in the erection of the present chapel, opened in 1942. He was a servant of God, who never spared time or talent in untiring service over a period of 19 years, having resigned only the week before his death, as the family was moving to Mitcham. Floral tributes and a crowded chapel were features of the service held in the church, at which fitting tributes were rendered by R. E. Burns (preacher) and B. Alcorn (a past preacher), and a large company of friends and members gathered at Box Hill cemetery, where the burial service was conducted by the writer. Deepest sympathy is extended to Mrs. Trathan and his family, Dorothy, Marjorie and Raymond, who are assured that the loyal work of the family did much to establish the church here.—R. E. Burns.

Mrs. Isabelle R. Tyson.

On July 23, the church at Margaret-st., Launceston, Tas., lost its oldest member, Mrs. I. Tyson, who

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passed to be with her Lord in her
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parents settled in West Cumberland,
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assisted in establishing the church,
and it was there at an early age that
our sister made her confession of
Christ. In 1886 the family migrated
to Tasmania, and settled in Launce-
ston. For some 70 years Mrs. Tyson
was a member of churches of Christ,
for 67 years of which she had been a
faithful and devoted servant in the
church at Launceston. Her chief de-
light was in meeting with the Lord's
people on his day, and when advanc-
ing years and weakness prevented, she
maintained a keen interest. Those
who were privileged to visit and
minister to our sister testify to the
blessing received as they witnessed her
faith in her Saviour and the de-
votion to the church she loved. Her
husband, Will H. Tyson, predeceased
her many years ago. Our Christian
sympathy is extended to those who
remain, and also to her aged brother,
Will Duff, now residing in Brisbane.—
J.P.F.

Mrs. H. Nancarrow.

The church at Croydon, S.A., was
saddened by the sudden home-call of
Mrs. H. Nancarrow on Sat., July 11.
Our sister had been suffering for some
time as the result of a taxi accident,
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husband confessed Christ together,
and were baptised by the late G. P.
Cuttriss during his ministry at Moonta,
S.A. The services rendered at
Moonta by Mrs. Nancarrow as a
deaconsess and as sec. and treas. of
the Dorcas Society were recognised in
an illuminated address presented to
her husband by J. E. Allan, the then
preacher of the church, when they
left with their family to reside in the
city. After spending a time at Hind-
marsh they found it more convenient
to meet with the church at Hind-
marsh, where they served faithfully
until called to rest from their labors.
Mr. Nancarrow predeceased our sister
by some years, but her four children,
Thelma Duffy and Nola Schmelzkopf,
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main to mourn her loss. We commend
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