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G. R. STIRLING, B.A., gives an informative picture of

Christian Broadcasting in Canberra

Faith for Life has completed its first eighteen months on the air. Sponsored by the Canberra Council of Churches, it conducts daily talks by ministers and a regular Sunday programme from station 2CA, the local commercial station.

Under the Broadcasting Act, 2CA is obliged to make available an hour a week for religious broadcasting. It fulfilled this obligation with a daily devotional service, using local ministers and antiquated records, at a poor hour of the day. On Sundays at 7.45 a.m. before most people were up, there was what was meant to be a half-hour church service, using the same limited stock of records, with the minister conducting it giving a sermon. Neither the station nor the churches were satisfied. So an informal committee of ministers with some broadcasting experience undertook research in co-operation with the Station management and staff. This proved very fruitful and a new approach was decided upon, with better times and full staff co-operation. The Council of Churches undertook responsibility, forming a Broadcasting Sub-committee. From the inception of this Committee our Canberra preacher has been secretary and programme organiser, as well as compeer of many of the sessions.

Instead of the previous daily devotion time, 2CA gave the Committee the five-minute period immediately after the 10.30 a.m. news flashes, at the peak of day-time listening. No announcement is made, but after a brief musical theme the minister for

the day speaks. His name is announced at the end of the talk. Each Canberra denomination has a week of these talks in turn, thus being res-

pensible for five weeks each per year. The talks are all recorded in one sitting on the previous Thursday. The Committee takes a close interest in them, and from time to time gives hints to speakers, reminding them constantly that they are talking mostly to housewives on the run, most of whom have little or no knowledge of the Christian faith and terminology. If a minister really has something to say, he will be listened to, for housewives will not turn off a five-minute talk sandwiched between the news and the next "soap opera" serial.

Faith for Life is the title of the Sunday night session coming immediately after the 9.30 p.m. news, and taking a half hour. This programme does not set out to be a radio service, but rather a radio feature programme. The programme organiser works as a team with the chief announcer of the Station, who has had wide technical experience in production, and is very interested in the experiment, giving many hours of his own time to it.

A survey of recent programmes reveals the sort of thing being beamed to Canberra listeners. There are regular hymn sessions, with lively commentary and a three-minute message. For these 2CA has purchased a




This photo was taken by Ron Bean of Melbourne, in the studios of 2CA Canberra, during an interview on Christian education with members of a visiting team of Bible School workers from the Vic.-Tas. Churches of Christ Young People's Department. The programme recorded on this occasion was featured in the weekly broadcast, Faith for Life. In the picture Gordon Stirling is interviewing Miss B. Bates. Others taking part were Miss Rosemary Kennedy, Ken Masterton, Miss Merle Peterson and Miss Esther Mitchell (hidden by Mr. Stirling).

modern selection of over three hundred recordings. Canberra has many distinguished visitors who are "taped" and "put on ice" for use in future programmes. Usually the talks they record are of ten or fifteen minutes' duration. A programme is built up round the talk, usually giving some background to the person or the topic. Fanfares and bridge music lend light and color as the story is built up with the recorded talk as its climax. Sometimes these talks may be dovetailed into the monthly news session, *News From the Christian Front*. This session involves digging out from all kinds of sources, up-to-the-minute news with human interest, from all over the Christian world. This is put together, with "mood music" suggesting the context of the news item to follow. In a recent news session we featured a four-minute talk on the Aborigine question by J. E. Brooke, who was visiting Canberra, introduced incidentally by corroboree music. Distinguished visitors on *Faith for Life* have included the President of the Baptist World Alliance, the General of the Salvation Army, Doctors Visser t'Hooft and Leslie Cooke, and Dr. Mace, of Marriage Guidance fame. When a team of experts from the Victorian Churches of Christ Young People's Department came to lead a course with the Canberra church teachers and youth workers, they were featured on a whole session of *Faith for Life*, taking the form of a discussion on Bible School and Youth Work in the Church.

Another regular programme is *Amongst Canberra's Churches*. A commentator visits one of the Canberra Church buildings and interviews the minister, who takes him on a conducted tour of the building. Most Canberra ministers are used to conducting tourists through their buildings and have a good story to tell. In the studio, choir and organ backgrounds and interludes are dovetailed into the recording. The effect must be realistic, because some church members have been thrilled that their organ sounded so well on the air, when they were really listening to one of the world-famous organs and organists, on record.

There has been popular interest in programmes entitled, *I've Got Something to Say*. For these, Canberra churchmen who are prominent in other fields are invited to give a ten-minute talk on some aspect of Christianity about which they have very strong feeling. The session's compere follows on with questions, based on the talk, these usually providing a lively conversation because they are completely unrehearsed and "off the cuff." All this goes on to tape, and subsequently background introductions to the subject, or other information, with lively musical accompaniment are added. The 2CA library staff have always been most co-operative in digging out and making available every conceivable type of bridge music and sound effect required.



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"In Understanding, Be Men"

We are often told that today is a time for great convictions. So it is. When a Communist cried out against a cynical Western diplomat, "Doesn't that man believe anything?" he was making a justified protest. No man is worthy of leadership who does not know quite clearly what he believes, and why. Nor is any institution — least of all the Church. Today's fine buildings and efficient organisation mean little unless allied with a strong faith which has its daily outworking in the lives of convinced Christians — men and women who can give a reason for the faith that is in them.

Hence, a first essential for every Christian communion today is to do its best to train its members — and especially its youth — in the great facts and implications of the Christian gospel. There is no excuse for superficial "do good" essays from the Christian pulpit; only when pulpit and pew share "the big things of God" does a church really grow, both in grace and knowledge.

Distinctive beliefs also have their vital place. That is why Schools of Unity, Christian Unity camps, youth camp discussions on "our plea," and sermon series on *Essentials of the Restoration Movement* are all significant to the ongoing life of our churches. There are still too many who have only the vaguest idea why they belong to Churches of Christ, instead of to some other Christian communion. On the other hand (and here is one of the inevitable risks of emphasising distinctive beliefs), there are some with such rigid ideas of what Churches of Christ believe that, confident they now possess all essential truth, they fail to see the need for any venture of understanding what other Christians believe. They would probably be surprised to discover that there are similar isolationist groups, with equally inflexible, but different, beliefs in other communions.

For the plain fact is that conviction alone is not enough. Side by side with it there must be a true growth in grace — in *understanding*, which involves much more than knowledge of certain beliefs. It is high time that all Christian communions learnt the unbiased truth about each other — and that is no easy task! Fifteen years ago, when the editor of this journal was secretary of a Ministers' Fraternal, he was privately asked some questions about our churches which showed that some otherwise well-trained and educated ministers had a hopelessly distorted idea of the things we believe and practise. On reflection, he wondered whether some of *his* ideas about other Christian communions might not

be equally defective. Accordingly, he suggested to his fellow-members in the Fraternal that they should have a series of monthly papers on the faith and practice of the various Churches — in such a way that each man had to write a paper, not on his own communion, but on another, thus making sure that each man did some study on at least one other Church. The idea was turned down; it was too revolutionary!

Yet this writer remains convinced that we fail each other, as well as the cause of Christ, if we make no honest attempt to understand the convictions of others. We have too often limited such knowledge to the points we want to attack, and to which we think we have a devastating answer.

Every move to bring Churches together in such ventures of understanding deserves prayerful support, not that isolationist criticism, which in its oft-repeated fear of compromise betrays a lack of faith and understanding which is childish, to say the least. *In understanding, let us be men!* Note carefully the following words, with which the North American Faith and Order Study Conference, due to meet Sept. 3-10, states one of its guiding principles: "Its main work is to draw churches out of isolation into conference, in which none is to be asked to be disloyal to, or to compromise, its convictions, but to seek to explain them to others while seeking to understand their point of view."

In such an atmosphere, convictions are not suspect, or targets for attack. They are expected — and that is why a people with convictions like ours must be in every place where a strong, unequivocal witness can be made; and where we, too, may possibly learn more of the Spirit.

What our witness should be was well put recently by William J. Moore in *The Christian-Evangelist* (15/7/57): "Our genius is expressed in the combination of the concepts of union and restoration. Some of our people have stressed restoration only and, being dominated by the idea that they alone had the ideal Christianity, they considered fraternity with others as a compromise. These, our brethren, have no word for the ecumenical Church. Others of us have been obsessed with union, union at almost any price. I am persuaded that these have no word for the ecumenical Church, which is seeking theological depth in these days, and which is concerned not only that the Church be united, but that the united Church be ordered according to the purpose of God. It would be better for the Church not to be united than to be united on any other basis than the simple New Testament ideal."

WILL H. CLAY, M.B.E., pays tribute to two men

IN THE PUBLIC EYE

Charles Frederick Adermann, M.H.R. and Ernest Adermann, M.P. have for a long time been in the public eye. Both have won distinction in the political sphere. Charles is well known throughout Australia as Chairman of Committees in the House of Representatives, Canberra, and quite recently had the honor of deputising for the Speaker.

Entering Parliament in 1943, he has been re-elected with increasing majorities at each succeeding poll.

Although a politician, he is well known by his constituents as an active Christian. In public life he was chairman of the Peanut Board and President of the Shire, but when elected to Parliament he was compelled to resign both offices. It is said, to his credit, that in spite of the heavy strain of political life and his withdrawal from public life in the instances named, he continued to hold important offices in the church. Being an elder in the church at Kingaroy, Qld., during the long period that the church has been without a preacher, he has, for more than a year, taken his turn on the preachers' plan.

Perhaps his most outstanding service has been in the radio field. For nineteen years he has conducted a Radio Sunday School, and, it is claimed has influenced an area covering a radius of more than one hundred and fifty miles. Through this medium he has contacted thousands of people in a personal way and has, with his helpers, distributed about 2,500 New Testaments and as many missionary books and much Christian literature. He has had the honor of representing his State Conference as its President, and has held similar office with the Federal Conference.

While in Canberra he saw the need of a church building worthy of both the city and the brotherhood, and when relieved of his Federal Conference obligations, he visited all the capital cities, urging financial support for the few brethren who were meeting in temporary quarters. The present substantial building in Canberra is largely due to his inspiring and persistent leadership. Charles pays warm tribute to the Federal Executive meeting in Melbourne for valuable co-operation.

Given to hospitality, the Adermann home has ever an open door to visiting brethren. Mrs. Adermann seconds her husband in all his church activities. A family of two sons and two daughters, all of whom are in active membership with the church, is the



C. F. Adermann, in the proud moment of laying the foundation stone of the present Canberra church building.

delight of the parents and, incidentally, adds considerably to the strength of the local church.

Ernest Adermann, M.P., recently visited Australia in an official capacity and renewed many friendships. He was elected to the New Zealand Parliament as representative for Plymouth in 1943, and has held the seat ever since. He is Government whip, an office which in any Parliament, usually goes to a man who stands in favor with his fellows.

From Queensland he came to Victoria, where he entered the College

of the Bible, there obtaining the College Diploma. Returning, he graduated B.A. in the Brisbane University. Going to New Zealand he ministered to the churches at South Dunedin and Auckland, and at the same time lectured in the College of the Bible for eleven years. He has continued with Churches of Christ since being elected to Parliament, and his services as a preacher are constantly in demand. Both Charles and Ernest set a fine example of men worthy of the honor that crowns their lives.

Churches of Christ salute them!

ALWAYS TIME

There is always time to find
Ways of being sweet and kind;
There is always time to share
Smiles and goodness everywhere.

Time to send the frowns away,
Time a gentle word to say,
Time for happiness and prayer,
Time for kindness everywhere.

Time to give a little flower,
Time for friendship any hour;
But there is no time to spare
For unkindness anywhere.

—Selected.

MISSIONARY NEWS

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

New Converts and New Churches

Mr. Finger writes concerning the indigenous work in the New Hebrides. The work is not without its problems, but progress is being made. Hundreds of our older established groups are interested in reaching these other people. Notice the mention of forty Aoban people who came across the seas to be present at the opening of a new church building.

In the next news we hope to announce the appointment of two new couples for the New Hebrides work. These will bring the Mission staff up to twelve workers.

Visiting the Island churches' "Home Mission Work" at Santo, is always a pleasure, and proves very interesting. We were favored with good weather and seas for two weeks, and appreciated this opportunity to get around. We went to Mavea church on Saturday, and remained till Monday. On Sunday morning before worship service, a baptismal service was held and two young people were baptised in the sea. Isalah, the elder from our Maewo churches, helped with this service, and Samson from Aoba baptised the young people. It was a joy to have fellowship, and meet around the Lord's Table with the people of Mavea once again.

Monday morning we went to the Canal, which is the official business quarter of Santo. Some Mavea men had a few bags of copra to sell, so they with their copra came with us.

We are hoping to open a new church on Malo Island, which, like all the other small Islands, is regarded as part of Santo. Abel Barney managed to arrange a suitable date, allowing us a week to visit other places. On the way to Tutuba church, we took a band of women and landed them at Malo to help with the preparations for the church opening. We stayed one night at Tutuba, and were pleased to have service with the folk there. The church is maintaining a witness there. Next day we returned to Malo to visit a small congregation at Lovuaru, and also to inspect the progress made on the new buildings at Arpunapi, to be opened in September. We had to walk for 7 hours to view the latter. There are about 20 souls living in the

village of Arpunapi, none of whom knows the Christian Faith. The church and other buildings have been erected. These folk have the desire to learn of Christ, and if possible know the message of God's Word. That may sound somewhat hopeless, but, alas, it's a difficult road for them to walk before they will be able to come to a saving knowledge of the Word of Christ. Yet there is the expression of hope; buildings ready to be opened, and a call for an Aoban Christian to teach them and lead them. It reminds me of the verse in Acts 17: 27, "That they should seek the Lord if haply they might feel after him and find him, though he be not far from every one of us." Yea, our prayer would be that these people may find him. We stood outside, near the front door of the church building, and prayed for the future. I realised when we had prayed, that the three of us who prayed, had prayed in three different languages for people of yet another language. As we walked along the track from the village, we came to a small creek, and some men stopped to drink. Abel Barney told me that they had a story which said that if a man stopped to drink water at a creek like this, he would live a long time. If he became sick his friends would say that he would not die because he had drunk the cold creek water. It was a great joy to tell all the people of the One who said that if we drank the Water that he gave, we would live forever.

At 7 a.m. the following morning, being Sunday morning, we worshipped with the Lovuaru church, and remembered the risen Lord around his Table. After service we went immediately from Lovuaru to Bakura, a 2-hour run in the launch. The small congregation at Bakura was increased by the 40 Aoban people who had journeyed across to help with the church opening at Arpunarara. A baptismal service was conducted at midday, and a young man was baptised. At 3.15 p.m. we commenced the worship service, when the Lord's Supper was observed, and the young man who was baptised was received into fellowship. The meeting finished at 6.30 p.m.

Tuesday morning we had a 2-hour walk to the village of Arpunarara. The 30 or more people in this village came from the Island of Malakula. It appears that they fled to Arpunarara when their lives were threatened. A service outside the building, and another inside, allowed many to express their good wishes.

NOTES FROM THE READINGS

as Suggested for

Sunday, Sept. 1

PSALM 98.

"As in Ps. 96, man and nature are here urged to praise God for the merciful deliverance of his children from captivity . . . When God assumes his throne of judgment all nature will rejoice. He is worthy of praise, for he will judge in uprightness" (Leslie). It is a beautiful hymn of praise with an enduring appeal.

"his right hand" (v. 1). — "Someone has estimated that in one form or another there are no less than 258 references in the Bible to the hand of God . . . Clearly, it is one of the richest O.T. figures of speech, indicating divine protection, guidance and correction" (Ballard).

"let the floods clap their hands" (v. 8). — "The reference is not to the primeval deep, but to the great water-courses of the earth, and the translation should be 'the rivers.' 'Clap their hands' is an indication of joy" (McCullough).

COLOSSIANS 2: 13-23.

After rejoicing in the fulness of Christ's victory on the cross, Paul emphasises for his readers that new life is the mark of true religion, not ascetic and ritual practices.

"blotting out the handwriting of ordinances" (v. 14). — R.S.V. has "cancelled the bond which stood against us with its legal demands." "Christ overcame man's helpless bondage to the moral law, his hopeless involvement in the guilt of his failure to fulfil its absolute demands . . . Christ has supplanted their negative authority over us — 'nailing it to the cross' — with the creative authority of his sacrificial love. He removes the guilt and the power of sin, both of which shut us out from moral freedom" (MacLeod).

"let no man beguile you" (v. 18). — Note R.S.V. translation of this difficult verse: "Let no one disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, taking his stand on visions." "The root cause of the false asceticism and mysticism was that they were looking to the wrong source for moral and spiritual salvation (v. 19). Christ was subordinated to a hierarchy of supposed spiritual powers, who were believed to exercise the real control and guidance of human lives" (MacLeod).





WHEN SOARS the SOUL

A Week of Daily Devotions, Based on Readings
Suggested by the "Book of Family Worship"

Sunday, Sept. 1

Psalm 37: 23-40.

Thought Text: "Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand" (v. 24).

Here the Psalmist reveals the secret of true stability. As Moffatt translates vv. 23 and 24, "When a man's life pleases the Eternal, he gives him a sure footing; he may fall, but he never falls down, for the Eternal holds him by the hand." The man whose steps never falter is he who walks with God, with the law of God in his heart (v. 31).

Paul is one of the many who have proved that this is much more than a poetic fancy. As he told the Corinthians, in words which echo the Psalmist's confidence, "We are persecuted, but we never have to stand it alone: we may be knocked down, but we are never knocked out!" (2 Cor. 4: 9, Phillips).

There is no exemption from life's blows for the man who trusts in God; indeed, that very faith may involve him in storms the unbeliever never knows. But he is never alone; there is One who upholds him, whose presence makes all the difference.

What difference has his presence made to me today?

O thou never-failing Friend, source of all comfort and strength, be with all upon whom some crushing blow has fallen this day. Wipe away their tears; lift up their heart; help them to find thee in the darkness. Help them and me to look trustingly to thee, this day and always. Amen.

Monday, Sept. 2

Isaiah 26: 1-11.

Thought Text: "In that day shall this song be sung in the land of Judah; We have a strong city; salvation will God appoint for walls and bulwarks . . . Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee" (vv. 1, 3).

What a challenging thought — for nations, individuals and the Church! Our security and peace must be rooted in God. The prophet saw that hostile forces overshadowed Israel. The natural reaction would be, "Let us build great walls for security and peace." But Israel must learn to trust in God and righteousness. As Zechariah put it, "Jerusalem shall be inhabited as towns without walls. . . . For I, saith the Lord, will be unto her a wall of fire round about."

It was a hard lesson to learn, for men who have always dreamed of security and peace behind material defences; and still today nations go on building ever more dreadful instruments of slaughter in the name of security and peace. Yet the sense of security and peace is impossible in company and with such weapons as atomic and hydrogen bombs.

We as individuals are just as foolish as the nations. We seek peace, but fail to realise that material possessions cannot bring it. They are but things, and the soul cannot soar because of the abundance of the things we possess.

Isaiah shows the way to real inward peace: "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee."

O God, forgive our foolish ways. Teach us that righteousness and trust in thee are our nation's greatest need. And from us individually may there go forth the healing stream of forgiveness and love. Amen.

—G. T. Fitzgerald, S.A.

Tuesday, Sept. 3

Matthew 5: 33-48.

Thought Text: "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect" (v. 48).

Jesus was so like other people, and yet so different! From the beginning of his ministry, his message was different from anything that the people of his day had ever heard. His approach to God, to life, and to his fellowmen was positive. His message was positive. "You must have that wholeness of life, as your Father in heaven has that wholeness of life" (v. 48).

1. The old way had been so negative, with its negative expressions, its retributions — evil deed for evil deed, its making of enemies, and its limiting concept of life, and also its emphasis on keeping the minutiae of the Law, and total neglect of the real needs of the people.

2. But when Jesus came it was so different. Instead of the "Thou shalt not" it was "Think lovingly and positively, do more than is expected of you. Lose your life for my sake, love the person who is so hard to get on with."

This is a much more difficult and demanding way to live, but how much more effective and satisfying. Jesus' way was not refraining from doing evil, but deliberately doing good. It is amazing how this way can be lived, if day by day we enlist God's help and realise we are not expected to attempt it in our own strength.

Our Father, we thank thee for the strength thou dost give each day. We know that thy power is available to us to overcome evil with good. Help us to encourage others to live thy way, too, that thy Kingdom may come on earth. Amen.

—Lesley Stirling, Canberra, A.C.T.

Wednesday, Sept. 4

Matthew 19: 16-26.

Thought Text: "Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me" (v. 21).

The rich man had come to the crossroads of life. Confronted with the claims of Jesus Christ, he had chosen to follow the old well-worn path of good works.

Jesus said, "If thou wilt be perfect . . ." Therefore we conclude that this young man, who went away sorrowing, and refusing to surrender all to Christ, remained in imperfection!

But do those of us who have surrendered to him feel that we are perfect? If not, was the promise of Christ false?

The word "perfect" is here used in the sense of "completeness," rather than a sinless state. What then marks the distinction between that young man being incomplete and the Christian being complete?

The Christian, by the presence of the indwelling Spirit of God, is put into direct contact with the Eternal. The chords that were once broken by sin now vibrate to the sense of his presence. This is completeness, but what of perfection? That, too, is the promise to the Christian. When Christ shall "present us faultless before the presence of his glory with

exceeding joy," we shall stand clothed in his righteousness — uncondemned, perfect through his merits.

Our Heavenly Father, we marvel at thy great love for us, when we consider how thou hast called us from sin and despair to completeness and perfection. Help us to reach out into the lives of other people, that they, too, may come to know him, "whom to know is life eternal." We pray in the Name of Jesus our Saviour. Amen.

—L. F. Barker, Vic.

Thursday, Sept. 5

2 Cor. 12: 1-9.

Thought Text: "Most gladly, therefore, will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest on me" (v. 9b).

In this chapter Paul gives us a glimpse of that sublime sense of values which enabled him to obtain the mastery over his circumstances in spite of danger, suffering and privations, some of which he has listed in the preceding chapter.

Time and again, in his letters, Paul reveals himself as a man of clear vision and committed life who, with a deep spiritual experience and a genuine conviction, is able to regard material things as dross, loss of worldly gain and advancement as of no account, and suffering as something to be cheerfully borne. He is even glad of his weaknesses because they mean a deeper experience of the power of Christ in his life.

Surely we can give thanks to God for his goodness towards us, and for the many blessings and advantages we enjoy. But let us learn of Paul and beware of glorying in our possessions and abilities. Rather let us recognise our need of Christ, and glory in the fact that we are not self-sufficient. Let us be glad of those evidences in our own lives of our own insufficiency, which prompt us to lean heavily upon God and find in him our all-sufficiency.

Almighty God, help me to recognise that, in my own strength, I am doomed to failure. Help me to find in thy daily presence a sense of divine power, because, in my weakness, I have looked to thee for strength. Amen.

—Gordon Ewers, W.A.

Friday, Sept. 6

Ephesians 4: 1-16.

Thought Text: "Till we all come in the unity of faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God" (v. 13).

It is very evident that for Paul, in writing this chapter (Eph. 4), the important subject is Christian unity. This oneness of spirit is simply something that follows the possession of the Spirit. Both Jew and Gentile are bulled together in this oneness.

Surely it is that Paul is urging the necessity for the keeping of peace and unity in the churches. He tells us how this is to be done. We must realise the high calling that is ours. We are to walk worthily, with all meekness, and lowliness of mind. He would encourage the believer to have the mind of Christ. He lays down the foundation of this high calling, and presents it in 7 characteristics. These form a chain that stretches from this life to the life beyond when we ultimately reach perfection in Christ Jesus.

In the closing verses of our reading, (vv. 13-16), Paul presents the aim, and object of our Christian living, the Perfect Man, Christ Jesus. Then he reminds us that there are pitfalls, that we may be tossed about, remaining children, babes, still seeking the beggarly elements of the world. However, he points out the truth that we can leave all this be-

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

hind, and so become fully grown Christians.

Our loving Father, we praise thee for the high calling that is ours, that we have been adopted into the family of God. We pray that we will never forget the responsibility of the privileges that we enjoy, lest we mar the unity of the Spirit. For Jesus' sake, Amen.

—R. Banks, Vic.

Saturday, Sept. 7

Philippians 3: 1-14.

Thought Text: "But I do concentrate on this: I leave the past behind, and with hands outstretched to whatever lies ahead I go straight for the goal — my reward the honor of being called by God in Christ" (v. 14, Phillips).

It has been said that a Christian is one who is going somewhere, and knows where he is going.

The words in this passage are from an old-seasoned campaigner who knew the rigors of the journey. He tells us that his once trusted possessions, his achievements and his status brought him no peace of mind. But one day he met Christ; then began the search for something deeper and more satisfying. The Christian pilgrimage meant for him a constant striving after spiritual perfection. The things in which he had once trusted, he abandoned, in order to find his true self in Christ.

In Shakespeare's *Merchant of Venice*, the men who sought to marry Portia were confronted with three caskets made respectively of gold, silver, and lead. Portia's picture was in the leaden casket, and the one who chose

it was the winner of the quest. Each casket had an inscription. "Who chooseth me will gain what men desire," was on the gold one. The silver casket had the words, "Who chooseth me shall get as much as he deserves." On the leaden chest was the motto, "Who chooseth me must give and hazard all he hath."

For the Christian to get where he should be going — to spiritual perfection — "he must give and hazard all he hath."

O God our Father, help us to leave behind all mundane things and venture forth for Christ. May we fear no loneliness or hardship, knowing that we have thy strength and thy presence. Keep our vision clear and our faith strong. In Jesus' name, Amen.

—N. Kingston, N.S.W.

Sunday, Sept. 8

Colossians 1: 21-29.

Thought Text: "And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds . . . he has now reconciled . . ." (vv. 21, 22).

We are brought again to the heart of the gospel. The redemptive activity of God in Christ has meant our reconciliation. From here echoes text after text of the New Testament — "While we were yet sinners Christ died for us" . . . "Herein is love not that we have loved God but that he has loved us and sent his Son as the answer for our sins" . . . "Christ died — the Just for the unjust."

It is here that we have illustrated for us the fact that it is impossible to understand a truth until it has been first accepted.

A Counsellor of Marriage Guidance talks to a young man who has walked out of his marriage contract and is embittered. "She doesn't love me — she doesn't care," but the Counsellor knows she does, and until he can get this young man to accept the fact of her love and care he will never know their reality.

A defeated life, facing the blackness of despair and feeling the shame of guilt, cries in its agony, "I do not know God any more — we are strangers", and from down the centuries come the words, "And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, . . . he has now reconciled . . ."

Look, Father, look on his anointed face,

And only look on us as found in him;

Look not on our misusings of thy grace,

Our prayer so languid and our faith so dim;

For lo! between our sins and their reward

We set the passion of thy Son, our Lord.

—M. A. Coombs, S.A.

HERE AND THERE

The church at Hampton, Vic., has announced that C. L. Smith (at present with Boronia) has accepted a call to the ministry there, as from early 1958. A visitation campaign and two baptisms have been features of recent activity at Hampton, where additions to the school hall have also been commenced. A mission is being planned for the end of September. K. J. Clinton, B.A., B.D., Dip.R.E., is the present preacher, who will enter on full-time service with the Federal College of the Bible next year.

Vic.-Tas. Christian Women's Fellowship Council Meeting will be held on Friday, Sept. 6, at 11 a.m., in the Lygon-st., Lecture Hall. Devotions have been prepared by Mrs. J. Park, President of Tasmanian Women's Conference Committee, and two C.O.B. students from Tasmania will each bring a short message. Mrs. Hodges will be in charge of the creche. All delegates and friends are assured of a warm welcome.—M. Reed, sec.

The editor appreciates the special help of the manager and members of the Austral staff in producing last week's issue during his absence with Asian influenza.

Dr. and Mrs. Ray Snodgrass have been spending the American summer at their home in Green Mountain Falls, Colo., following a series of evangelistic programmes, involving both visitation and preaching, with sixteen churches. Mrs. Snodgrass has been in charge of the music in the preaching services.

Mrs. M. Ward, president of the Victorian women's Social Service Auxiliary, was recently honored with an inscribed letter and a tangible token of the esteem in which she is held for her record of more than twenty years' service on the Auxiliary. Expressions of appreciation were voiced by W. H. Clay, M.B.E., W. T. Atkin and Mrs. Gullidge (vice-pres. Auxiliary). The surprise presentation came at the end of a meeting called to plan the Christmas Rally for the Homes and Hospital at Oakleigh and Murrumbidgee. Afternoon tea concluded a happy function.

A Pleasant Sunday Afternoon has been arranged by the Independent Order of Rechabites, to be held at the Independent Church, Collins-st., Melbourne on Temperance Sunday, Sept. 8, at 2.30 p.m. The speaker will be R. A. Hunter, of the Coburg Methodist Church, and harmony will be provided by the Glen Iris Methodist Orchestra and the Metropolitan

Choristers under the baton of Max Balderson. The chairman will be E. J. Sonsee, a District Director of the Society.



The Home call of J. E. Allan (9 Bruce-st., Box Hill, Vic.) on Thursday evening, Aug. 22, removes from our midst a faithful and much-loved preacher of the gospel. In every field where he labored, as well as in his devoted service as Vic. F.M. secretary, Mr. Allan won high esteem for his gracious Christian character and efficient ministry. A fuller tribute will appear later, but we know that the Australian brotherhood, in conveying sympathy to the bereaved, expresses its gratitude to God for this good man.

Building work at the Christian Guest Home, Oakleigh, Vic., has progressed sufficiently for the present guests to move from the old building into the new quarters. An all-electric system has been installed for heating and cooking. It is not expected that the original building will be ready for occupation much before next Easter. The total cost of additions and alterations, with furnishings, is expected to exceed £90,000, of which half has been provided by Federal and State Governments. When the building project is completed there will be accommodation for 110 men and women.

Dr. Jesse M. Bader, World Convention Secretary, writes: "On Aug. 6, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Trudgian, of Brisbane, arrived in New York on

the 'Queen Mary.' It was my privilege to meet and greet them upon their arrival and to take them to their hotel. On the evening of Aug. 8, they were the guests in the Bader flat for an evening meal, following which they were taken to Madison Square Garden to attend the Billy Graham Crusade. After visiting New York for four days, they will be in the following cities — Washington, D.C., Pittsburgh, Indianapolis, Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City, Denver and San Francisco. The World Convention office has worked out their American schedule. Mr. Trudgian will preach each Sunday he is in the United States, in one of our Churches of Christ (Disciples). He will study Mission work in our cities and meet many of our leaders."

The next meeting of the Victorian Ministers' Association will be held in the Swanston-st. lecture hall on Monday, Sept. 2. Following lunch together, Prof. McCaughey will speak on Development of the Doctrine of Christ in the N.T. All Melbourne suburban preachers are asked to make a special effort to attend.—C. M. Dunse, sec.

On Aug. 14, a team of four students of the N.S.W. Bible College, Woolwich, commenced a "New Life Crusade" at Wiley Park, N.S.W. The team comprises Doug. Willis (evangelist), Haydn Sargent (organiser and song-leader), Rex Ellis (children's leader) and David Beavis (pianist). Door-to-door visitation of nearly 2,000 homes in the area preceded the effort, for which the brotherhood's consistent prayer support is sought.

Thirty-first church anniversary services at North Essendon, Vic., were well attended, 124 being present in the morning, when guest speaker was G. R. Walker (Maryborough), who was accompanied by his wife. A. E. White spoke to an evening congregation of 195, when 4 young people were baptised. Mr. Walker was also speaker at the anniversary tea, and held the interest of the large crowd with color films of Canada and a descriptive talk. Tape recorded greetings, and color slides of work scenes in India, sent specially by Miss Hazel Skuse, were also displayed. Thanksgiving offering has reached, in cash and promises, almost to the £400 aim set by the Officers' Board.

Former president of New Zealand (North Is.) and Queensland Seventh Day Adventist Churches, Pastor Robert Greive and Mrs. Greive were received into the membership of the Lismore church on Aug. 18 by A. C. Caldicott. Pastor Greive, reared an Adventist, and minister for thirty years, has been regarded as one of Adventism's leading scholars and evangelists.



INTERSTATE CHURCH NEWS

Fallen Asleep

Mrs. F. Escott, Sydney, N.S.W.

H. W. Berlin, Marburg, Qld.

Mrs. M. A. Toby, Miss E. A. Jones,
Marrickville, N.S.W.

Discipleship

T. Harris, A. E. Field, Mrs. R. L. Hocking, Mrs. B. Pittman, Miss B. Woodroffe, Glenelg, S.A.

Mrs. Patterson, John and Ken Briggs, Grant Woodward, Ken Lewis, Oakleigh, Vic.

G. Lobegeiger, L. Gehrke, Neville and Marlene Christensen, Rosevale, Qld.

Raelene Angel, Lorraine Minney, Joan Hoepner, Balaklava, S.A.

Muriel and Lola Horrocks, Ma Ma Creek, Qld.

Miss M. Harris, Mr. Whitmore, Morawa-Gutha, W.A.

Pat Currell, Chatswood, N.S.W.

Bill Kennedy, Janet Crickman, Patricia Quinn, Mrs. Wilson, Kayleen McDonald, Geraldine Greer, Douglas Mitchell, Yvonne Crickman, Beverley Johns, Helen Martin, Cowandilla, S.A.

Pat Sherwood, Warragul, Vic.

Membership

Mr. and Mrs. E. Wilson, from South Yarra, Vic.; Mrs. A. E. Field, from Owen, S.A.; Mrs. H. W. Hardy, and Mrs. Strickland, from Hindmarsh, S.A.; R. E. Baker, from Prospect, S.A., to Glenelg, S.A.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Robinson, from Lake-st., Perth; Miss N. Seery, from South Perth to Shepperton Road, W.A.

Mr. Patterson, from Springvale to Oakleigh, Vic.

Mr. and Mrs. Stieler, from Lane-field Baptist to Rosewood, Qld.

Mr. and Mrs. Everard, from Gymple to Kedron, Qld.

K. Balson, from Brighton to Glen Waverley, Vic.

Mrs. H. Hayward, from Swanston-st., Melbourne to Chatswood, N.S.W.

Bob Ramsay, from Koongarra Park to Edwardstown, S.A.

Marriage

Barbara Brune to Donald Jolly, Dulwich, S.A.

AUST. CAPITAL TERRITORY

Canberra (G. R. Stirling, B.A.). — Church gave Elaine Berry shower tea to show its appreciation of her efforts towards success of all youth auxiliaries of church, in honor of her marriage to Rex Chamberlain. On Aug. 15, men's group had potted sports night, when about 20 played several different sports and had enjoyable outing. C.Y.F. had youth tea on Sunday afternoon, when pictures were screened. Screening of film, *The Rich Fool*, followed in gospel service, with congregation of 100. W. S. Lowe gave appreciated address at morning service.

TASMANIA

Collins-st., Hobart (H. W. Street). — Plans are well advanced for Teaching and Witness Mission to be conducted by Principal E. L. Williams. Special prayer groups have been arranged and Visitation Campaign in week prior to mission has been planned. Average attendances at all usual meetings have been maintained. Morning service on Aug. 11 was recorded and broadcast on 18th over 7HO. All auxiliaries are active. Mrs. Shotten (Sandy Bay Methodist) was guest speaker at meeting of W.M.B., and told of work and customs of peoples of Papua. Trading table and special offering helped Christmas cheer appeal for overseas. Church rejoices in latest report that Mrs. D. Heard, who recently underwent serious operation in India, is making good recovery.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Inglewood (R. W. Marshall). — Attendances at all services have been good during month. 31st anniversary of church was held on July 31, when Conference President (J. Gordon) was guest speaker. At conclusion of morning service another Talent Scheme was launched for Building Fund. Happy time was

spent on 26th, when large crowd gathered to celebrate 21st birthday of our B.S. sec., Geoff. Bell. Meetings on Aug. 4 were excellent, when at morning service, 3 were welcomed into fellowship, and at gospel service 2 men made their confession of faith. B.S. was successful in their division in recent State Increase Campaign. Church appreciated the help of Messrs. Park and Olds when minister visited Northam on 11th.

Morawa-Gutha (A. J. Rae). — Miss Workman (Poona Inland Mission) visited church and showed slides of work. Miss K. Taylor brought greetings to church on 14th, and on following Wednesday gave news and slides of work in India. C.W.F. was held on 18th, Miss Taylor being speaker. B.S. anniversary was held on Aug. 4 in Morawa; attendance was encouraging. On 11th, fellowship tea after worship service was followed by baptismal service at R. Carslake's home, when 2 were immersed. After the service, a married woman owned her Saviour. Wubin B.S. anniversary was held on 18th.

North Perth (E. C. L. Ots). — Successful orange and flower day was held. With help of gifts and use of cars from members of church, visits were made to individual members and friends with cheer, and also the Christian Guest Home. Children in Princess Margaret Children's Hospital were especially catered for with novel black, cat cards made by juniors, and oranges were given to hospital. This important day in C.E. Year in this State has grown to such an extent that it has been found necessary to visit Royal Perth Hospital on the following Sunday, and some of Y.P. joined with other churches and Unions on 18th for this purpose. B.S. teachers held discussion group, July 21, followed by a tea to which Bible Class was invited. C.W.F. held combined meeting with Lake-st., Scarborough and North Beach fellowships at North Perth on 24th. Mrs. J. K. Robinson spoke on aborigines work. Meeting was followed by basket lunch. Cottage meeting was held at Mrs. Michael's home on Aug. 7. Midweek prayer meeting was held in home of Mr. and Mrs. Greening on July 24. Feature of month has been inaugural meeting of C.M.S. J. K. Robinson addressed meeting and most men of church were present.

South Perth (H. R. Fitch). — Church hall was scene of beautiful display when place was made to resemble

fairlyland, beautifully dressed dolls representing nursery rhyme characters. Ladies' Fellowship funds will benefit considerably from amount raised. Fellowship also held its 10th birthday when foundation members conducted the meeting. The ladies have decided to assist any young person called to full-time ministry. C.M.S. held excellent evening on 22nd, when R. Raymond outlined plans for State men's work, this being adopted by local committee. Supper was served by caterer (E. Boffey). Sickness is prevalent; Mrs. Fitch has been ill for some time and Mrs. Beardsmore has been in hospital. Sympathy goes to Mr. and Mrs. Heyhoe and Mrs. Bremner in loss of a loved one. Junior and senior C.E. have been busy and recently visited older members of church and Royal Perth Hospital. Church Board has been in touch with Applecross Board and plans for more aid have been decided on. B.S. is practising for anniversary.

Shepperton Road (D. G. Beanland). — Church held successful "Guest Night" on July 21. Members were urged to bring neighbors or friends and response was most gratifying. After-church fellowship was enjoyed at close of gospel meeting, C.M.S. acting as host. Newly formed Boys' Club is functioning well; a tea was held on 28th, after which the lads attended gospel service. Film, *The First Step*, was screened, and a young lad made the good confession. Visit from Bassendean Boys' Club proved very successful; the clubs tied for points in competition held. F.M. offering was £20. B.S. is preparing for anniversary. Girls continue to do well at basketball. J. Sutton (Bassendean) was morning speaker on 21st. Attendances at all services are encouraging.

QUEENSLAND

Ma Ma Creek (K. Draney). — Toowoomba Y.P.F., Gatton Baptist and local C.E. societies joined with Ma Ma Creek Y.P. at social evening on Aug. 2, when colored slides were screened. A. Wright (vice-pres. Lockyer C.E. Union) was guest speaker. Offering was taken towards Youth Director's salary. On 9th, Toowoomba, Gatton and Ma Ma Creek Y.P. met round camp-fire and barbecue at Tent Hill, when P. Ward-Smith was guest speaker. Half-yearly church business meeting was held on 4th. Two young ladies recently confessed Christ and were baptised on 11th. Several delegations attended Baker Mission at Warwick. Women's Fellowship arranged display of gifts for Aborigines Mission after their monthly meeting on 11th. C.E. and Women's Fellowship have donated electric boiler to church.

West Moreton Circuit (Rosevale - Mt. Walker - Rosewood - Marburg - Lowood and Esk - V. G. Boettcher). — All departments of work throughout circuit are in healthy condition with services splendidly attended. Recent Circuit Conf. report revealed year of greater activity with record offerings. It was disclosed that the Circuit had raised almost £2,500, of which amount £900 was for brotherhood purposes. Many improved additions have been installed at Manse. Circuit Women's Conference donated £100 toward these improvements. Church services throughout Circuit are linked together in periodic combined services with combined circuit service quarterly at Rosewood. A. Hinrichsen is now in his 32nd year as pres. of the circuit. Recently formed C.M.S. is functioning well. Special service to dedicate new pulpit, communion table and palmstands, all to match, was held at Rosewood on Aug. 4, and conducted by minister. Fluorescent lighting has been installed in Rosevale chapel. F.M. offering in circuit has reached £228. Recent visitor to circuit has been C. Young (Melb.) who spoke on "sidelights" of his hospital Chaplaincy work. In recent weeks there have been 4 decisions at Rosevale and 2 additions at Rosewood. Winter illnesses have been prevalent amongst membership. Commendation was expressed at recent circuit meeting of work of V. G. Boettcher, who is now in his third year of service in circuit.

Kedron-Stafford (D. Craig). — Y.W.F. recently celebrated 2nd birthday with film evening. The Fellowship continues to grow. Cricket club has recently been formed. Miss R. Harling has been assisting at Stafford's gospel service by playing organ during recent months. Many members have been ill with flu. With Show in Brisbane during Aug., there have been many visitors; Maryborough Bundaberg, Rockhampton, Gympie and Roma churches have all been represented. Y.P.F. continues to hold monthly fellowship teas, which are very popular.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Bexley North (J. G. Shaw). — Aug. 11 was ladies' talent and film night. £106 was raised and supper was served by men of church. On 4th, B. Coventry spoke of his work in India. Visit of Sydney C.Y.F. team recently was an inspiration and blessing. Thanks are given to Mr. and Mrs. Alderman for their excellent musical evening on 3rd. Church prays that Increase Campaign will be time of blessing.

Wagga Wagga (K. Christensen). — Extensive visitation campaign has been conducted by minister and elders

during recent weeks. Attendances at gospel service have improved. Y.W.F. sang at evening meeting on Aug. 4, and packed parcels for Missions on 9th. Organist, F. Button, has been unable to preside at organ owing to injury to his hand. Fellowship tea was held on 11th, when A. Home (Aus. Inst. of Archaeology) gave an illustrated address.

Wollongong (R. J. Anderson). — All meetings are keeping up very well, considering cold weather and flu epidemic, which is very prevalent. On Aug. 4, 8 Y.P. conducted evening service. Minister is devoting much time to training classes for Y.P. Church enjoyed visit from B. Coventry (India) who gave comprehensive survey of the work in that field. Officers' Board is engaged on final preparations of plans for re-modelling and enlarging existing building. Y.P. have now commenced playing on new tennis court on manse grounds.

Chatswood (I. A. Pateroster, interim). — C.Y.F. anniversary was led by members of Teachers' Training Fellowship; representatives from other Fellowships attended. In evening, the Fellowship conducted the service, Colin Wrigley presiding, with Rodger Woodward at organ. Address was given by minister. At morning service 2 were welcomed into fellowship. New budget calling for contribution of £100 per week was presented for consideration of members.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Balaklava (L. G. Armstrong). — J.C.E. won Country Efficiency shield this year. Y.P.C.E. presented tableau, *Who Will Go?* at evening service, also at State C.E. Convention. Church has been helped by number of visiting speakers: R. Butler (C.I.M.), A. J. Ingham (F.M. Comm.), A. R. Jones, who screened gospel film, R. McLean (New Hebrides), C. P. Hughes (Temperance Alliance) and B. & F. B. S. representative. Mr. Golding (Education Dept.) spoke to Men's Fellowship. Mrs. Riches gave address at Women's Fellowship, and Mr. Riches screened slides of Aborigine Missions. P. McPhatlin and D. Lange were tendered socials in honor of their 21st birthdays.

Croydon (W. N. Bartlett). — On July 21, monthly youth tea and after-church fellowship was held. Bright prayer meeting was conducted in chapel on 24th. On 28th, B. Manning spoke at morning service. B.S. took concert party to Minda Home on Aug. 3. The items were greatly enjoyed by the inmates. Church ap-

precipitates wonderful work being carried on by minister and his family.

Gleneig (C. E. Curtis). — July was memorable month in history of church. Operation Increase was launched and co-operation of whole church has been most gratifying. Six have made decisions for Christ at gospel services and, along with six transferred from sister churches, have been received into membership. Special services held have been "Roll Call Sunday" and church anniversary, when S. Neighbour was morning speaker and R. Ewers in the evening. Building was full, extra seating having to be provided. Day and evening groups of Women's Fellowship have had splendid meetings and are very active and helpful to church. Youth groups are particularly active. B.S. and C.E. societies are a great source of encouragement. Work of minister and family is very much appreciated.

Victor Harbour (F. B. Burt). — Church is pleased to report that during Aug. four have been received into membership by letter of transfer. On 4th, after evening service, a social cup of tea was enjoyed, and farewell spoken by F. B. Burt and K. Collins, to Mr. and Mrs. L. Freebairn, who are moving to Kingston. Evening of 2nd was spent with Mr. and Mrs. J. Lu, of China, who showed slides and talked about their work. Church and B.S. will greatly miss Miss Helen Sinkinson, who is moving to Adelaide.

Grote-st., Adelaide (H. G. Norris). — Attendances have been affected by cold weather and sickness. Members on sick list, generally, are improving, although Mrs. Watson is seriously ill. C.W.F. monthly meeting was held at minister's home; a large gathering had a most enjoyable evening. Mrs. W. Bradley was elected sec. in place of Miss A. Monk, who has resigned. Youth activities continue to please. Girls have concluded enjoyable season. Table tennis is having a most successful season. B.S. work is steady. Prayer circles are being organised by G. Curnow for members living too far out of city to attend midweek prayer meetings.

Aldgate Valley - Stirling East (R. Graham). — Half-yearly business meeting was held at Aldgate Valley on July 31. Reports were encouraging, collections averaging £24 a week, an increase on last year. Valley and Stirling buildings have both been partly renovated and painted, remainder being completed later on. Report from Stirling B.S. was encouraging, with increase in scholars and teachers. At Stirling, 73 on roll, 60 average, and Ald. Valley 44, with 32 aver. On Aug. 11, owing to illness of minister, R. Clark took morning and afternoon services, with Mrs. L. Williams (Egypt General Mission)

speaking in evening. In report read, R. Graham was to stay with church for 6 months, but 2½ years have passed and his continued ministry is appreciated.

Cowandilla (K. D. Horne). — Church has completed mid-winter campaign and evening services were well attended. There have been some fine decisions. Average morning attendances 123, evening 146, communicants, 130. Officers and minister are working on Spring Campaign as part of Operation Increase. B.S. has rebuilt anniversary platform at cost of £130. Boys' Brigades were first in junior and senior Drill Competition of Adelaide Battalion. Church shared with F.M. Board farewell evening to Mr. and Mrs. McLean, who have returned to Islands. A. Anderson screened films of recent New Guinea Survey, to July meeting of C.Y.F. Life Boys had 25 at church parade. Keith Simons screened films at Life Boys' tea. Six people were baptised at evening service of Aug. 4.

Dulwich (G. A. Hearn). — Several have been absent through sickness. Kitchen evening was held for Barbara Brune and D. Jolly prior to their marriage. Annual business meeting was held on Aug. 14. Messrs. Rudd and Brune were re-elected as elders. Mrs. Taylor (Shepparton), Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Skinner (Essendon, Vic.) have been visitors. Church congratulates Mrs. Selway on her 88th birthday. The four girls' basketball teams will be taking part in finals to be played this month.

Edwardstown (H. Cave). — Though several homes were affected by influenza, attendances were good for Temple Day on Aug. 18. 100 sat down to a church tea, which was followed by counting of offering. Aim of £250 was again exceeded — the sum of £336/10/- being received. Building was packed for evening service and there was a happy climax to wonderful day when a young married woman made the "good confession." Church is in good heart and looking forward to new building. Operation Increase is under way, with special guiding committee representing all auxiliaries.

Loxton (P. Woolford). — On July 21, A. R. Jones was special speaker for church's fourth anniversary. In the evening, gospel film was screened, also slides depicting Social Service work. A. Glastonbury (Conf. Pres.) visited district on Aug. 11. After evening service, he showed slides of S.A. churches. G.L.B. is functioning very well; starting with 8 members, in six weeks now has 30. Plans are well in hand for first B.S. anniversary. Plans are also in hand for building in the town; laying of foundations will take place this month.

VICTORIA

Red Hill (R. P. Veal). — Men held meeting recently for formation of C.M.S. Officers elected were: W. Torney (pres.), A. Salmon (vice-pres.), D. Holmes (sec.). C.W.F. held meeting on July 24. Midweek meetings have been held in homes of Mesdames White, Salmon and Veal. Recent visitors have included Mrs. Veal (senr.) and Mr. and Mrs. Feary (Ballarat). Mrs. R. Veal addressed Y.W.L. Chapel was packed for morning service on July 28. The Burrows family, who have been meeting with church for a period were thanked by V. Holmes for their services, prior to leaving district. Film, *Seconds to Midnight*, was screened by R. Marks (Springvale) at gospel service of Aug. 4. Gospel service on 11th took form of a Bible study. Influenza is raging in district.

St. Kilda (J. Plummer). — At recent church annual meeting deacons elected were: M. J. Elliott, A. Norton, F. Pettard; deaconesses: Sis. Elliott and Warne. Other officers were re-elected. Youth service was conducted by L. A. Trezise (Youth Director). Church is praying for minister, who is laid aside with pneumonia. In his absence morning meetings have been addressed by M. Norton, C. Cook and A. Wilson. Gospel meetings have been led by L. Finger and Mr. and Mrs. Krischner.

Tootgarook (A. Cant, B.Ed.). — Church celebrated 6th anniversary on Aug. 11. Speaker at morning service was Principal E. L. Williams. Ladies provided lunch in Progress Hall, after which a P.S.A. was held in chapel. Speaker was G. Sexton (U.F.M., New Guinea) and items were given by J. D. Watt (violin) and Mr. Meadows (vocal). Mrs. Sexton brought a greeting. Evening service was conducted by minister, and Mr. Maynard (U.S.A.) was speaker. On platform were Mrs. Magilton (oldest member) and Allan Burman (youngest member). After gospel service, Messrs. Sexton and Maynard showed slides of their work amongst natives. All meetings were well attended.

Ascot Vale (J. Edwards - G. Moyes). — Adult Fellowship meetings are held in homes of members during winter months. These are of great spiritual value. Auxiliaries are doing a splendid work. C.W.F. held successful street stall and raised £16 for their work. Combined meeting of Ascot Vale and Newmarket churches was well attended. J. Edwards was chairman and film by B. & F. B. S. was screened. Mr. Thompson (North Essendon) presided on Aug. 11. Church welcomed Mrs. Franklin and Miss M. Brown after severe illness. Prayers of church are offered for recovery of aged Mrs. Reid. Miss Reid is not able to attend B.S. or church as she is in constant attendance on her mother. Young men of

church are assisting in morning services. Addresses by D. Hibburt, J. Edwards and G. Moyes are appreciated.

Lygon-st., Carlton (R. J. Duckett). — Meetings, though slightly smaller in numbers due to prevailing sickness, have been of a very high standard. Many visitors are in attendance each week. W.M.B., at annual meeting, elected following officers: pres., Mrs. Atkinson; vice-pres., Mrs. Duckett; junior vice-pres., Mrs. Berry and Mrs. Piper; sec., Mrs. Prescott; treas., Mrs. Demeral. A happy year of service is anticipated. W.M.B. is doing splendid work and is congratulated on their wonderful service both inside and outside church. Guest speaker at gospel service on Aug. 11 was F. McInnes (Commonwealth Director Open Air Campaigners). On same day, minister spoke at morning service of Queensberry-st. Chinese Church and conducted a baptismal service.

Echuca (C. Watson). — Meetings have been smaller during current wave of influenza; whole families have been laid aside. Mr. and Mrs. Watson are among the afflicted. In absence of minister on Aug. 11, H. Barnden spoke in morning and J. Miller preached at night. On 3rd, C.M.S. held working bee. Borough Council supplied cement and men laid footpath of concrete in front of chapel. A start was made with blocks for new school hall, which is to be erected by voluntary labor.

Mildura (J. C. Cunningham). — Church continues to grow and its field of activity to widen. Reports at recent annual meeting indicated average attendance of 116 for morning worship, and 80 for gospel service, with 106 communicants. Additions for year to church were 39, eight of which have been by transfer and the balance by faith and baptism. All office-bearers were re-elected, one additional deacon being I. Soulsby. Mrs. J. Barritt was guest speaker at annual "At Home" in support of Social Service Women's Appeal. More than £40 is in hand as result of this effort. Sickness has affected members' attendance during recent weeks, but the church is continually encouraged by attendance of visitors. In absence of minister through illness on July 21, appreciated messages were given by G. Chislett (Boundary Bend) and L. Chiswell (Red Cliffs).

Oakleigh (J. W. Lewis). — Meetings continue to be well attended. 4 B.S. scholars were baptised at B.S. service, 6 more making their confession at end of service. Social evening was held in home of Mr. and Mrs. Blackmore, when £20 was raised for Bedsread Appeal (Carnarvon Mission). At working bee on July 27, men laid concrete paths around new hall, which is now com-

pleted. Social evening was held on Aug. 3, when Youth Hall was reopened. At morning service on 11th, V. Gole (Conf. Pres.) was speaker. Monthly after-church fellowship was held in home of Mr. and Mrs. Blackmore. On 14th, C.W.F. (evening) visited Emmaus Rest Home, where time of fellowship was had with old folk.

North Fitzroy (J. Turner, B.A.). — Well attended every-member-present service was held to present aims of Operation Increase. B. & F. B. S. representative brought film on society's work to gospel service. Prayer and Bible Study Group has commenced weekly meetings in members' homes, and these are proving helpful. Combined meeting of C.M.S. and C.W.F. had speaker from Marriage Guidance Council.

North Richmond (C. H. Dow). — Church has been pleased to welcome back number of members following sickness. Film, *The First Step*, was screened at family service on Aug. 4, after which supper was served by Y.P. Good Companion and Explorer clubs were entertained by C.Y.F. on 5th. Australian Christian Nurses' Branch at Bethesda Hospital conducted evening service on 11th, when C. Dow was speaker. B.S. attendances continue to increase. F.M. offering was £20. Mrs. Baker, who celebrated her 90th birthday on 21st, has been unable to attend services because of sickness.

Portland (V. Quayle). — Church regrets indisposition of minister, during which time messages from D. Griffiths, W. Crouch, Cr. A. Wyllie, N. Pritchard and A. Rivett have been appreciated. At monthly service for aborigines at Lake Condah, R. McPherson (Hamilton), screened films on brotherhood aborigine work. On Aug. 4 film, *Beginning of the Rainbow*, was screened. At evening service of 11th, supt. of B. and F. B. S. was guest speaker. Church members have assisted in a "town census," arranged by Ministers' Fraternal.

Brighton (S. H. Wilson). — On Aug. 4, junior and inter. depts. of Church School visited Will H. Clay Nursing Home, Emmaus Rest Home and C.O.B., returning for tea at chapel. At evening service a girls' and boys' gymnasium parade was held. 23 calls were made at Visitation Evangelism on 5th. After evening service on 11th, fellowship hour of community hymn singing and supper was enjoyed. New deacons elected at annual business meeting were B. Huntsman and B. Sexton. F. T. Morgan (chaplain, Footscray Technical School), was speaker at Education service on 18th. 22 men attended C.M.S. meeting on 19th, when subject, *H Bomb Tests Should Be Abandoned*, was debated.

East Kew (L. F. Barker). — Past week of missionary meetings has provided members with actual reports from four different fields. Mr. and Mrs. Allison (Oriental Mission), Missionary Aviation Fellowship, Un-evangelized Fields Mission and Aborigines Mission presented work of their groups. Many members, including minister, have been victims of flu epidemic, but attendances have returned to normal. Amongst musical items enjoyed recently have been Miss H. Kelly, S. Corlett, Ambassadors Quartet and C.E. Quartet. Three families have returned from Queensland holidays.

Gardiner (F. A. Ycuens). — Elderly Citizens' Fellowship continues to attract strangers; 6 first appearances were made on Aug. 19, in an attendance of 40. Dr. Killmer gave C.M.S. his talk on *Reading the Bible*. K.S.P., Youth Fellowship and P.B.P. anniversaries have taken three Sunday evenings this month. Visit from Prof. Murray Kemp (McGill University, Montreal) was enjoyed before his return later this month. He has been lecturing in Economics for several weeks at Melbourne University. His parents were visitors at service.

Merbein (L. Keatch). — Meetings have been very well attended during past weeks, despite cold weather. Officers have recently bought two electric heaters for use in chapel and hall. W.M.B. annual winter fair was great success; £140 was raised. Number of members are on sick list. H. Passmore has recently been in Mildura Base Hospital. At gospel service on Aug. 11, film, *Where God Is Love Is*, was screened. This was an excellent meeting, with over 50 present. Prayer, meetings and Y.P. meetings have been well attended.

Preston (J. E. Searle). — Child Dedication Service was conducted during morning service of Aug. 11. *The Things That Count* was screened to large congregation at gospel service. At gospel service on 18th, a B.S. boy made the good confession. Fellowship and Training Class continues to meet and has had interesting meetings in recent weeks, amongst them being a talk by T. V. Weir on preparation of an address. Front of chapel will be greatly improved by garden recently formed and planted by A. Quaife (sec.). In past weeks, number of members have been ill, but most are now recovering and are able to meet with church again. Mrs. Searle continues to improve in health.

Swan Hill (A. A. Avery). — Gospel meeting on Aug. 18 took form of a Student Service, when B. Hadlow (U.F.M.) was speaker. Baptismal service was conducted, when lad from B.S. was immersed. Y.P. from Swan

Hill and Woorinen churches joined together in salmagundi night on property of W. Cockroft on 21st. Film, *As the Twig is Bent*, was screened at gospel service on 11th.

Warragul (M. D. Keatch). — F.M. offering was £84. On July 26, 7 members of Y.P. dept. visited Warragul Good Companions and Y.P. A sports meeting was held with Morwell Y.P. After fellowship tea a demonstration of handcraft was given. On morning of 27th, member of Y.P. team (Ron Oldfield) addressed church. On Aug. 11, B. J. Combridge delivered opening address for special services in Operation Increase campaign. On 16th, church combined in Fellowship and Loyalty tea, succeeded by discussion on Stewardship. On Aug. 18, minister stressed Stewardship of Whole Life, and in the evening a stewardship film was screened. A B.S. scholar made the good confession. B.S. joined in combined demonstration to mark beginning of Education Week. Speaker at combined youth service was L. Brooker (Caulfield). Church is preparing, through prayer and extensive visitation, for Mission to be conducted with A. E. Hurren. Y.W.F. held enjoyable nautical social on 3rd, when donations of children's Sox were received to help work at Carnarvon Mission.

OBITUARY

Henry William Berlin.

On Friday morning, July 5, at 7 a.m., H. W. Berlin was suddenly taken from our midst, at the ripe age of 79 years and 2 months. He was born at Vernor, Qld., in 1878, and as a young lad attended the church when established there. Later on, with his parents, he moved to Rosewood where he lived until 1914. He was first married to Miss Sarah Zeichen in 1904, of which marriage there were four children who still survive him, viz: Victor (Brisbane), Len (Haigslea), Gladys (Mrs. P. Dieckmann), Kalbar, and Lilly (Mrs. R. Stanway) of Brisbane. His first wife predeceased him some 20 years ago, and later on he married Mrs. W. Kruger (Coleyville), who still survives him. Our brother was a devoted member both of the church at Rosewood and that at Marburg, to which latter place he moved in 1914 and resided there until his Home call. He also served for some years as secretary to the West Moreton Circuit Conference. He was always of a bright disposition, and his work and his worth will be greatly missed in the Circuit, especially at Marburg. We thank God for our brother's witness and look toward the day of glad reunion. We commend Mrs. Berlin and the family to the God of all comfort and grace. The services at the chapel and graveside were conducted by the writer.—V. G. Boettcher.

DEATHS

TREMEWEN.—On Aug. 22, 1957, at her daughter's residence, Jordanville, Miriam, wife of the late Charles, mother of William (dec.), James, Miriam (Mrs. Kranz), Dorothy (Mrs. Richardson), George, Gladys (dec.), Arthur, and Ernest. In her 78th year. "A good fight well fought."

WESTERN, Henry Howard, 73 years, at Royal Adelaide Hospital on Aug. 6, leaving sister Catherine, wife Alice, daughter Edna (Bywater), sons Peter and John — all of Bordertown, S.A.

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cided to continue holding the meet-
ings at 10.45 a.m.

Devotions were led by the women
of Dulwich church, Miss Grant and
Mrs. Hearn being the speakers. Mrs.
Trowbridge reported on the farewell
to Mr. and Mrs. Ron McLean and
family. Prayer meeting committee
continues to visit sick and elderly
folk.

Mrs. Crosby brought a report from
the National Council of Women. £10
was paid towards their building fund.
The recent Temperance Alliance Fair
was well patronised, and our stall
realised over £78.—L. F. Holland.

VICTORIA-TASMANIA

Mrs. Willde J. Thomson presided at
the monthly Council meeting on Fri-
day, Aug. 2. Mrs. Jeffery, a Past
President, took as the theme for her
devotions 1 Cor. 13. The work of the
Social Service Dept. was emphasised
throughout the meeting, and Matron
Ross of Emmaus, Matron Button of
Will H. Clay Nursing Home, and
Matron Miller of Christian Guest
Home, Oakleigh, brought most inter-
esting and informative talks on the
work at each of the Homes. An
invitation is extended to country and
interstate visitors to inspect the
Homes any time they are in Mel-
bourne.

Mrs. Ward, Superintendent of the
Social Service Committee, read a let-
ter which had been received from
Korea, thanking C.W.F. for the par-
cels of wool which were forwarded.
This wool was being knitted up by
patients at a T.B. Clinic.

Mrs. Manning, Hospital Visitation
Committee, expressed thanks to the
ladies of the Springvale C.W.F. who
had made and donated jumpers and
velveteen overalls for all children
under six at the Kew Cottages.

The Temperance Committee had
received a report from the Univer-
sity of Melbourne School of Educa-
tion regarding a survey of comics
undertaken this year. Of a total of
500 comics examined, only 36 had
been approved, namely Walt Disney
comics, Classics Junior, and those
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Mrs. Thomson represented the C.W.F. at a dinner arranged by the Aborigines Committee, to which were invited all Committees and Associations interested in Aborigines. Paul Hasluck, M.H.R., spoke on the aborigine work as a whole from the aspect of a Parliamentarian. He highly praised the work of Missions, stating that they were doing the best work, because they were not only giving material things.—M. Reed, Sec.

NEW SOUTH WALES

The half-yearly rally of the Fellowship was held on Friday, July 26, when the Executive entertained the young people at tea, followed by a rally at which Bruce Coventry brought films, and spoke about the work in India.

The ladies from Balgowlah provided musical items, and the Padstow women presented a play, There is a Way.

The usual monthly fellowship meeting was held on Friday, Aug. 2, at 11 a.m. There were 60 sisters present, representing 20 churches.

Mrs. Day led the devotions, and took as her topic, Hands. She read a poem entitled Christ's Hands, and told us that as we withhold our helping hand, we bind Christ's hands. Our hands become servants of the kindness in the heart, our hands communicate peace in the heart, our hands are to make things, show things and do things. We are in God's hands, whether small or big. "Teach us, Lord, to lend a hand."

After hymn and prayer, Mrs. Flockton, from the Salvation Army, brought a message. Mrs. Flockton said we had to be different, eccentric in the eyes of the world for Christ's sake. We often are called upon to make a spectacle of ourselves, to stand out. Standards have not changed over the years. Men have changed, but God requires of us to stand, as did many Bible characters (Ruth, Noah, Elijah, the Widow) in a changing world.

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