

## Taree Church [N.S.W.] Opens New Building

Amid bright sunshine, and in the midst of a widely representative crowd of over 300 people, the new Taree chapel was officially opened on Saturday afternoon, Sept. 7, to the glory of God.

The chairman of the New Building Committee, G. D. Saxby, presided over the opening ceremony, conducted on the spacious steps of the building. He expressed the great pleasure of the church members on this long awaited day, the culmination of many years' planning and praying. He also welcomed distinguished visitors, some making the journey from Queensland, Sydney and Newcastle (a large delegation).

The service commenced with the singing of one verse of the hymn, "To God be the Glory," and prayer was offered by R. Greenhalgh, N.S.W. Youth Director. The Mayor, Alderman E. O. Martin, conveyed the congratulations of the citizens of the community, recalling the moving of the old building from the opposite side of the street in 1934. Principal A. W. Stephenson, M.A., expressed the greeting of the State Conference.

Officially handing over the key, Reg. Burg, representing the builders, Messrs. Schmitzer & Burg, acknowledged the co-operation received from members of the Building Committee.

Oldest member of Taree church, Mrs. V. Wedlock, was given the honor of opening the building. She said, "We open this building to the glory of God. May all who enter this door find an entrance to the greater door, the Lord Jesus Christ, through whom is gained entry into eternal life."

The minister, M. H. A. Pieper, conducted the dedication service which followed, the people crowding into the building, which has a normal seating capacity of 200. The soloist was B. M. Nowitzke (Woolwich). A. W. Billingham read the Scriptures, and the prayer of dedication was offered by Principal Stephenson.

In an address to the congregation, the secretary of the church, A. W. Billingham, paid a special tribute to the contractors; to the designer of the building, D. W. McElvenny (Kingsford), who gave valuable aid to the project; to the voluntary workers; to those who gave substantial and sacrificial gifts; and to members of the New Building Committee, who worked with a single aim and in the spirit of goodwill.

A former preacher at Taree, P. E. Thomas, B.A. (now minister at Lane Cove), brought an appropriate address, which was appreciated. The whole service was relayed the following morning over local radio station 2RE.

At the evening meeting, at which an informative address was given by Principal A. W. Stephenson, greetings were presented, and the church treasurer, C. A. Norling, made a presentation to D. W. McElvenny of a generous cheque, praising his work in making available, without cost, the plans and specifications, and guiding the project to a successful conclusion. The offering on Sunday, Sept. 8, chiefly for the new building programme, was £575.

The building, although of a simple design, has won much praise from many church leaders and those outside the ranks of the congregation, and has been greatly praised by those representing brotherhood interests, who were present for this outstanding occasion in the history of the church.



# Wanted - More Trainees for the Ministry

D. J. A. Verco Reports on Woolwich Bible College, N.S.W.

This year, at the beginning of Operation Increase, the Federal College of the Bible and the N.S.W. Bible College at Woolwich, between them, will not be able to supply all our needs for trained preachers. We must increase our capacity to train

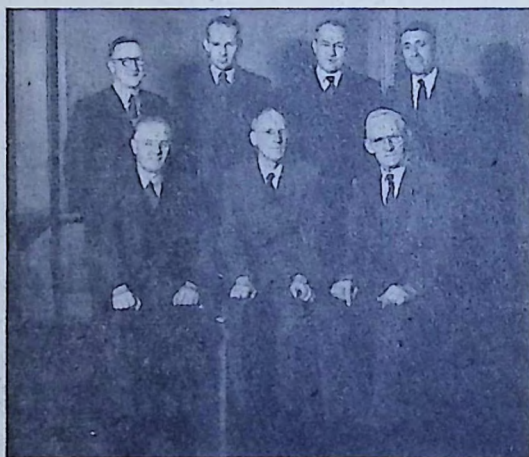
missions, and another 60 people were led to Christ through the work of students in the student-churches.

Among the activities of the College, in addition to the normal study curriculum and the practical work in the churches, is the participation

tory. The Board has given permission for the erection of the E. C. Hinrichsen Memorial Chapel, and this is planned to commence in December this year. The new chapel will provide a splendid setting for the daily devotional services and for the quiet hours of the students.

Costly as is the provision of College training, the Church must regard this as one of her foremost concerns. Woolwich can accommodate 10 to 12 new students in 1958. The needs of the brotherhood call for more than this. So far, only five new students have been accepted for entry. The work of the Master waits for those who will answer this call to service. It is a call that demands sacrifice. Just consider for a moment the occupations left by those who entered Woolwich this year. There was a partner in a hardware and car sales store, a clerk in the Water Board, a textile chemist, a trainee surveyor, a senior laboratory assistant at a university, a doubly-certificated nurse, a carpenter and joiner, a law student and a medical student. What prospects these young people had in their chosen careers! What material rewards they have given up, because of their passion for becoming "fishers of men"!

Their devotion is a challenge to all their brothers and sisters in Christ, to give of our best in interest and in prayer for the College's work, to give of our money sacrificially, and to be constantly alive to the need for more recruits for training as leaders in the Church's great mission. "Come, follow me and I will make you fishers of men!"



Woolwich College Faculty.

men thoroughly grounded in the truths of the gospel and in the plea of Churches of Christ. We must increase our recruitment of men of high calibre to the ranks of the full-time ministry.

The month of October is, in New South Wales, the month set aside for the annual offering for Woolwich Bible College. It is opportune at this time to review the contribution this College is making to the brotherhood, and to consider the need for the further expansion of its activities.

Twenty-two students are now enrolled at Woolwich (one left during the year owing to a series of accidents). At the end of the year seven will leave to commence their ministries. Two of these will go to the New Hebrides, two to Queensland, one to New Zealand, one to New South Wales and one to Western Australia. The College has received many more calls for help than it has been able to supply.

During this year, the students have been helping at seventeen Sydney churches and at four churches outside the Sydney area. Last year three missions were conducted by the students, and another in August this year was held at Willey Park. 84 decisions were made through these

of the students in the inter-theological college events, and in debating Woolwich has gained two victories so far this year. The students also produce annually an issue of the Woolwich Bible College Magazine. We urge readers to purchase a copy, not only to help the students financially, but to read of College activities, to learn something of the students themselves and their teachers, and to share in the thinking of the College about present-day problems.

The cost of running a College is high. Buildings must be maintained, equipment renewed. Students do not pay fees. They pay £22/2/- per week board. The College Board of Management must find £150 per year to train each student. Several improvements are planned for the coming year. Because of a generous gift from a friend of the College it is hoped to appoint an additional lecturer, to provide instruction in Leaving Certificate English, Ancient History and Modern His-



1957 Exit Students.

W. A. THOMPSON reports for Vic.-Tas. Conference Executive on . . . .

# One-Day Convention at Horsham, Vic.

Following on a suggestion last Easter, and an immediate invitation from the N.W. District Conference, this Convention was conducted on Saturday, Sept. 7. The result was a grand day of spiritual help and provocative discussion, as well as delightful fellowship. A large cross-section of members from and beyond the local district conference area was present, including quite a number from Melbourne, with a strong C.W.F. group.

Some visitors arrived on Friday evening, and they, with those who stayed over Saturday night, greatly appreciated the friendly hospitality provided in the homes which the Horsham members so willingly opened to them. Others came and went in the day, but felt the long, tiring travelling to be well worth while.

Despite having risen at some unearthly hour in order to arrive on time, Conference President, V. L. Gole, was in fine form as he conducted all the meetings right up to time, and with a happy tone throughout — it augurs well for Easter 1958. Behind the scenes, Executive Treasurer, G. K. Scambler, kept the many "other things" ticking.

Attendance at all meetings was good, and the hall at Horsham was well filled all the time. It had been planned to hold the official opening of the re-modelled Horsham chapel during the day, but the construction work was not up to schedule, and this had to be omitted.

At the Morning Session, G. A. Grainger, as President of the District Conference, conducted opening devotions and welcomed everyone. R. V. Amos (Blackburn) spoke on the subject, "SHOULD WE PUT AN END TO GOSPEL PREACHING IN ITS PRESENT FORM?" He pointed out that if we love the church deeply we must be prepared to investigate closely all possible ways of spreading the gospel. The easy way, of course, was to follow the old pattern, but to be true we must sit down and face our problems, which are: Reaching the Community (are we practical about this when all the Christian churches together provide seating for only ten per cent. of the population?); Maintaining Our Congregations (with removals and the changing of districts by nature it is far from easy, but there is still an opportunity, with a multitude described as "disillusioned, bewildered and listening"); Dearth of Conversions (while oft quoted, is it a real

problem? Over last two years increases by faith and baptism were 588 and 788 — i.e., people won to Christ); Problem of Conviction (those who come and go — do we lose people because we haven't got what it takes to lead them into a vital, victorious and virile fellowship with Christ?); Problem of Communication (do we fail to use a language the man outside the church can understand? Understood by those inside, it is a technical jargon to others. So, to get them to listen, we must change our terms and still present the same old gospel).

We must study our position and then use our resources of Prayer, the Holy Spirit, and Work, to spread the message of what Christ can do for the whole personality of a man. This must be done through the gospel service, youth groups and the Christian home, and all the other ways we can find. But let us remember God is not looking for better methods but better men, to be workers together for him. Following this challenging statement, there was a half-hour of interested discussion, during which the speaker answered many questions related to the subject.

In the afternoon **BROTHERHOOD SESSION**, in what he called the longest speech he had ever made, V. L. Gole gave a masterly, concise and interesting description of the functions of each department of Conference, including those functioning as sub-committees of Federal Committees. Summing up, he pointed out that our brotherhood was only as strong as each of the parts. In the subsequent discussion, many questions were asked: What about proposed new missionary work in New Guinea? Was a total brotherhood budget planned for the future as a guide to local church budgets? Any information on local budget programmes and modified fund-raising programmes, as used by some of our churches?

In his address on "THE IMPORTANCE OF EVANGELISM," D. W. Mansell (Ormond) pointed out that this was the primary function of the Church and the outstanding past emphasis of our Movement. He made the following points: The Need for Evangelism (all our brotherhood work was helped by it, as more people were won over to our Lord and Master); Methods of Evangelism (we need local goals of progress, as suggested by Operation Increase: are

gospel services properly conducted?: our promotion and advertising must be of the best up-to-date quality: the membership must be keen and active: visitation evangelism, linked with a preaching mission, must be used: do not let us overlook the use of tents); Warnings were Sounded (that the Church must be sound in its Christian message: it must be aggressive and excited in evangelism: it must be unshakeable in the unity of all who are in Christ: it must be prophetic to social action: it must be untiring in its world tasks: it must be important, vital and effective in the world of today).

After a rousing song service, the Evening Session enjoyed, and was much enlightened by, B. F. Huntsman, as he gave "A PEEP AT THE BROTHERHOOD THROUGH THE LENS OF THE PROJECTOR." Slides were shown of the work and aims of most Conference Departments.

Then followed the final address, "THE CHURCH WE LOVE," by R.V. Amos. He showed how such a Church should be: A Christ-centred Church (this above all, with no disturbances: if Christ is there, all other things will fall into place, and things will be done that God may live in the homes and lives of the people); A Courageous Church (with the spirit of our Lord: remember the boldness of the men in Acts: we must be bold, too, and speak on racial segregation, peace and war, and habits handicapping the coming of the Kingdom); A Creative or Constructive Church (one which will worship, witness and work, thus meeting a great opportunity before it); A Conquering Church (through the efforts of each member spreading the all-powerful gospel: keeping it alive, active and refreshing, to fill the needs of the world). God has done his part, and the rest is up to us.

Just prior to the pronouncement of the benediction, thanks were expressed to all who had contributed to the success of the day. The following should also be recorded:— (1) Horsham ladies served several hundred top-line meals, and even went so far as to provide an early supper for the long distance travellers — a grand effort, right in the traditional but none-the-less mighty efforts of our Melbourne ladies at Conference times. (2) H. M. Long, the Horsham preacher, who so ably led the singing at all sessions — what a bundle of energy and en-

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ALLEN ELLIOTT, M.A., B.Sc., Dip.Ed., on leave in Great Britain, writes on . . .

# THE TREASURES OF EGYPT

The opportunity of making a brief tour of the Nile Valley was greatly appreciated, and the aim of this survey of archaeological material, based on recent experiences in Egypt, is the vindication of the truth of the imperishable Scriptures, as well as the pin-pointing of evidence which reveals not only the unique character of our common faith and heritage, but also the unique nature and reality of our Living Lord.

## I. Death and Darkness

Tracing the history and thinking the thoughts of the peoples of the past among the quaint and gigantic tombs of the Pharaohs is a fascinating and rewarding experience. Yet it is much more than this. Every step we took along the valley of the Nile spoke of darkness and fear, and hinted at the very core of the life and civilisation of ancient Egypt — a terrible preoccupation with death. Despite the intense heat of the semi-tropical sun overhead, it was impossible to get away from the appalling certainty that the inhabitants of this ancient land, as the Bible has truly indicated in typical spiritual symbol, have dwelt for centuries in gross darkness. We saw many things in a short time. At Gizeh we were in contact with a party of archaeologists from the American Universities, who gave us first-hand information regarding recent excavations

thusiasm! Devotional Sessions were led by G. A. Grainger (Kaniva); Mrs. Wilkie Thomson (President, Vic-Tas. C.W.F.); and W. A. Thompson (H. M. Treasurer). (3) Musical Items — Mrs. Short (Horsham) rendered a solo, as well as officiating at the organ all day; Miss V. Barnard (Pascoe Vale) sang; the Horsham choir gave two anthems at the evening meeting. (4) R. L. Hovey, Horsham church secretary, gave fine co-operation as local liaison agent.

It was felt that a large number were present who had never been to a State Conference, and in this One-Day Convention they tasted something of those occasions, and learned of the wide activities we have as a brotherhood — thus they can now appreciate sharing in the many Departments. If for no other reason than this (but there are many more), it would seem that this Half-Yearly or One-day Convention has come to stay, and other country centres should be visited in the years ahead, thus further consolidating the brotherhood.

a few miles south of the Great Pyramid, yielding some valuable figurines and papyrus fragments. Likewise, at Memphis and in the Fayum, as well as farther south, at Thebes and Luxor, the same story of ignorance and superstition leaves its mark. Even an advanced culture and a high degree of technical skill in arts and crafts, as evidenced in the remains, cannot hide the tragedy of spiritual desolation and despair. At Thebes, the funerary offerings and magnificent statuary of King Menthu-hotep (or Mery-ankh-Ra), a rather obscure ruler of XIIIth Dynasty (c. 1800 B.C.), illustrate all too clearly the forlorn hope of the bankrupt faith of Egypt. The head-dress of the king, adorned with the royal serpent, also bears the image of the protective vulture. In one hand the Pharaoh grasps the Key of Life, and in the other the Key of the Nile. Life and material prosperity, symbolised in the fertility of the Nile valley, go hand in hand. Yet history has repeatedly shown that the prosperity of Egypt has invariably been short-lived and unconvincing.

One of the outstanding pieces of ancient craftsmanship recently uncovered is the series of decorative bas-reliefs of the tomb of Ra Hetep. This potentate, though not a Pharaoh, was a very influential priest of Memphis. He is depicted in a sitting posture before a table of offerings. He lived in the early days of the IVth Dynasty (c. 2600 B.C.).

The whole of the priceless treasure removed from the tomb of the young Pharaoh of XVIIIth Dynasty, Tutankhamen, consisting of solid gold sarcophagi and a vast array of precious gifts, which we saw in the Cairo Museum on our return journey down the Nile, in like fashion bears testimony to this all-prevailing preoccupation with darkness and death.

## II. Life and Light

Upon the background of paganism and calf-worship, only intensified by the fanaticism of Islam and the exotic pseudo-sophistication and blatant infidelity represented by the modern French commercial influence, it was refreshing to see the shining light of Jewish faith in the ancient Synagogue of Ben Ezra. On our return journey northwards, we turned aside into the byways of "Old Cairo," in order to visit this famous Jewish shrine. The Synagogue of Ben Ezra dates from 12th Century A.D., when Rabbi Abraham Ben Ezra rebuilt it, following its destruction by

the Moslems, on the site traditionally alleged to have been the meeting-place of the colony of Jews who accompanied the prophet Jeremiah into Egypt, during the time of the sack of Jerusalem and the razing of Solomon's Temple by Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon (606-586 B.C.). It will probably be remembered that this Old Cairo synagogue, the oldest in Africa, was the scene of the labors of the well-known American historian and archaeologist, Professor Salomon Schichter, of Colombia University, who, from 1894 to about 1902, worked on and discovered what has come to be known as the "Cairo Genizah." For within this synagogue, from earliest times, according to tradition, was built a special place, called "Genizah," or "Safe-keeping" (Heb. "Ganaz," conceal), a storage place for the old volumes and scrolls of the "Torah." Reverence prevented their immediate destruction following the re-writing of a new manuscript copy, but they were withdrawn from use and preserved in the "genizah." Most of this material unearthed by Professor Schichter has been collated by Dr. Paul Kahle, an authority of the Massoretic Text, who dates the Cairo fragments from the 6th to 9th centuries A.D., and shows that they give evidence of the genuine Babylonian tradition concerning the reliability of the Old Testament. Portions of this Old Torah collection are now in various parts of the world. We saw and handled a portion of the Pentateuch and the Major Prophets on the spot at Cairo, and have since seen another portion at the British Museum.

The "Shamash," Clement Cohen, also showed us over the modern Jewish "ghetto," a delightful settlement built in recent years around the old synagogue.

## III. The Sun — and the Sun

In our visit to the meeting-place of the oldest Christian community in Africa, however, we felt that we were on firmer ground. After the gross darkness of the religion of ancient Egypt and the necessarily limited illumination that streamed from the preserved documents of the Jewish congregation — it seemed as though we had stepped out of the fierce light of the Sun into the glory of the very presence of him who is the SON.

Such was our experience at this very old Coptic Church, traditionally

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regarded as having been founded as early as A.D. 61. It is the Church of Abou Sarga, situated on the outskirts of Old Cairo, and built over a grotto not far from the Synagogue of Ben Ezra. Its foundation is associated with the name of John Mark, who is presumed to have been in Egypt about the year 61, though there is no direct evidence to substantiate this. Likewise, the grotto, or underground cavern, over which the chapel is built, is said to have been the site of the dwelling-place of Joseph and Mary and the infant Jesus during the memorable "flight into Egypt." This theory, too, has no tangible evidence to support it. It is interesting, however, to note that the period of greater spiritual activity in this church each year coincides with the wet season, when the River Nile overflows and the water rises in the cave to a level of some four or five feet. It is then that the majority of baptisms take place, each being a triune immersion according to the ancient Coptic rite.

The early days of this congregation were marked by intense persecution, but by the end of the 4th. century, Christianity had become the official religion of pro-consular Egypt. However, the indications of that early persecution still remain. The church building was dedicated to the memory of two martyrs, Sargius and Bachus, who were beheaded for their faith in 296 A.D., under the Maximian persecution.

The present building, near the ancient village of Al-Rasafah, was restored in 1171 by Hanna El-Abah, the "minister" of the Copts.

We met the "president of the congregation," George Bistavros, who showed us some of the treasures of Abou Sarga, such as the wonderful Byzantine paintings, the 11th century ivory and ebony screen, the wood-carvings of the same period representing Biblical scenes, and the ancient Crypt, a possible hiding-place for early believers in times of persecution.

Here, despite our undoubted differences of viewpoint and interpretation, we felt that there was a real kinship between ourselves and these people, and the uniqueness of Christian truth, however diversely viewed and practised from that to which we had been accustomed, was particularly significant when contrasted with the background of Egyptian darkness. Here the Son visibly outshone the sun. The footprints of faith can truly be discerned in the desert sands, and we are still confident that it is as true today as at any time in history, that on the black-board of the sin and superstition of Egypt, our eternal God, with his imperishable finger of Light, is writing the Story of Redemption.

A milestone in the history of the Church of Christ in Harvey, W.A., was passed on Sat., Sept. 7. On the occasion of the church's 59th anniversary, L. H. Park, who began agitating for a new building while residing in the district in 1939, un-

Following the brief unveiling ceremony, in which homage was paid to the pioneers of the Harvey church, those in the church whose membership has been of the longest standing, led those present into the new chapel for the dedication service,



A general view of the crowd of more than 300, gathered outside the new building at Harvey, W.A., on Sat., Sept. 7.

veiled the dedication stone of a new brick and tile chapel and hall, before a crowd of over 300 members, past members and visitors from all parts of Western Australia. The foundations of the new building were laid on May 1, 1954, and much of the work has been done by the members' voluntary labor.

Mr. Park mentioned that he had recently attended the opening of the new power house at Bunbury, and felt that, on this occasion, he was opening yet another "power house" for Harvey. Unlike the output of an electric power house, there could be no calculating the immeasurable power that would come from this new building for the Church of Christ, as its members ministered to the people of the community, Mr. Park said. When the old and new chapels were compared, a vast improvement could be seen, and if this symbolised a corresponding increase in the spiritual power of the church, who could estimate the great work which would yet be done by the people for whom this new building would become a spiritual home.

which was conducted by T. D. Maiden, the immediate past preacher of the Harvey church.

Afternoon tea, and later, tea, were served to all present. A varied evening programme of musical items, greetings and reminiscences, was presented to an audience of over 250.

130 believers broke bread at the Lord's Day worship service, in which A. Hutson, a former resident minister, addressed the congregation.

The weekend's celebrations continued with the gospel service in the evening, at which Harold Fitch, minister at the South Perth church, addressed a packed building on **The Builders' Triumph**, thus opening a week of special meetings in the new chapel.

Among the visitors was Wilkie J. Thomson, minister at Malvern-Caulfield, Vic., who was on a brief visit renewing family and friendship ties in the Western State. Also present, in addition to the guest speakers, were J. Gordon (W.A. Conf. Pres.), A. D. Pyne (Conf. Sec.), Mrs. H. Digwood (Women's Conf. Pres.) and C. H. Hunt (North Perth).



# WHEN SOARS the SOUL

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

## Monday, Sept. 30

Jude 1-15.

Thought Text: "It was needful for me to write unto you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints" (v. 3).

This is no easy passage of Scripture which we have before us! Mention of "Michael the archangel," "angels which kept not their first estate," "the dispute for the body of Moses," and the "prophecy of Enoch" raise matters completely outside our knowledge from the Old Testament. We are here, of course, in the realm of the apocalyptic, rather than the historical.

Yet Jude, like Revelation, which it so closely precedes and with which it has many similarities, is for all its mysteries crystal-clear in at least one thing, viz., the final ultimate triumph of God.

We ought not to be dismayed, either by the forces which all around us threaten to overwhelm, or by those even more subtle enemies of disloyalty and deceitfulness that lurk within the very Church of God. Deliverance comes as we co-operate with God in his eternal purposes, not necessarily fully understanding or comprehending the "how" or "why" of these, but never doubting for a moment their final achievement. Times of testing, such as faced the Church in Jude's day, and now in ours, call for two things from the disciple: i.e., his trust in God's power, and his loyalty to God's plan.

Dear Lord, save us, we pray thee, from the too easy and too common attitude of merely deploring things about us. Give us confidence in thy power to triumph, and keep us faithful to the truth as we have found it in Jesus Christ. Amen.

—M. J. Savage, W.A.

## Tuesday, Oct. 1

Psalms 144: 9-15.

Thought Text: "Happy is that people, whose God is the Lord" (v. 15b).

Here is the Psalmist in idyllic mood, singing of national deliverance, of family life at its best, of economic

prosperity and social security — all the happy heritage of a people who have put their trust in the Lord, rather than the heathen gods of their neighbors. Obedience to such a God is the way to true peace and prosperity, not the ways of man's own seeking.

But as the history of the Jews so often emphasised, the Psalmist's idyllic picture did not work out in actual experience. Faith in God did not automatically guarantee national deliverance, or the other joys of which he sang. And as the New Testament makes so plain, it never can. Faith in God is no cheap insurance scheme, and the happiness which such a faith can bring is deeper and more enduring than the material contentment the Psalmist prized so much. Did not our Lord say such startling things as, "Happy are those who know what sorrow means . . . happy are those who have suffered persecution . . . what happiness will be yours when people blame you and ill-treat you" (Matt. 5: 4, 10, 11 — Phillips).

Have I learnt yet the Master's secret of happiness — that Man who could speak of "joy" the night before the Cross?

O Lord, forgive men, that in their frantic search for happiness, they so often by-pass thee. Help all nations — help me — to find real joy in seeking thy will, and doing it. Amen.

## Wednesday, Oct. 2

Proverbs 16: 7-20.

Thought Text: "He who gives heed to the word will prosper, and happy is he who trusts in the Lord" (v. 20, R.S.V.).

Prudence gains man's respect and success. He that is careful and wise about the things of concern, that is master of his trade, and makes it appear that he understands what he undertakes, and is considerate in his affairs, shall come to good repute.

But it is only obedient love to God, Christian devotion, holy living that will secure man's true happiness. They who handle the matter wisely, if they are proud or lean on their own understanding, though they may find some good, yet they will have no great satisfaction in it.

But he that trusteth in the Lord, and not in his own wisdom, happy is he.

"In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he will direct thy path."

When a man's ways please the Lord, he maketh his enemies to be at peace with him.

Yes, God can turn foes into friends and he will do it for us, when we please him.

If we make it our care to be reconciled to God, and keep ourselves in his love, he will incline the hearts of men toward us, and entertain a friendship — yes a friendship — that will bring joy and happiness in Christian service.

Heavenly Father, help us to see the way that thou wouldst have us walk each day, that in all humility and love we will be obedient to thy word, and more worthy to serve thee. Amen.

—Ira Durdin, S.A.

## Thursday, Oct. 3

John 13: 1-17.

Thought Text: "Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God . . . riseth from supper" (vv. 3, 4a).

Few of the Master's teachings are as moving as this acted lesson in true humility, when, against the background of their bickering as to who should be greatest, he did the menial task of a slave, in washing his disciples' feet.

Yet John, with the discernment of love, sees something else as the startling background to that act; Jesus did it, not only in the face of man's littleness, but in the full awareness of his own greatness. In that moment when the return to God seemed so imminent, and his sense of the power of God so real, what did these wrangling men, with their unwashed feet, matter to him? But here is the heart of the gospel — they always mattered! Not all man's littleness, nor the Son of God's own sense of greatness, could turn that patient Love aside from doing all he could for men in need.

And these disciples of his certainly needed him! There was no happiness for men like these in the bitter jealousies that rose from their twisted ideas of where true greatness lay. He had to show them the way, and then go on to say, "I have given you an example . . . If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them" (vv. 15, 17).

O Lord of self-forgetting love, forgive my selfish strivings, my lack of appreciation of others. Keep me alive to thee throughout this day, that I may be ready to tread the humble path of service with thee all the way. Amen.

**Friday, Oct. 4**

Romans 14: 7-23.

**Thought Text:** "Do not, for the sake of food, destroy the work of God" (v. 20, R.S.V.).

Luther had known despair, but, about 1516, study of Galatians and Romans brought him to the place where he said, "Then I grasped that the justice of God is that righteousness by which, through grace and sheer mercy, God justifies us through faith. Thereupon I felt myself to be reborn, and to have gone through open doors into paradise." He had caught this joy from Paul's witness to Christ.

Paul, too, had known the despair of attempting to win righteousness by keeping a law; and he knew the astonishing release of grace. This is always the deepest note of evangelical faith. It is a piercing sweetness.

But we allow this gift of grace to become obscured. We judge certain things and customs as holy or not holy, and deny the work of God in those of other views and customs. And fellowship is broken by matters of no account.

But all must grow into the full graciousness of Christ. In Colossians 3: 16, 17, Paul's spirit shines through when he declares matters of use and custom, "... only a shadow of what is to come; but the substance belongs to Christ."

Whether we are afraid of liberty, or glad of it, this is Paul's word to us all.

O God, grant us such a vivid joy in the grace of Christ that we may be content, not with our lives and actions, but only with our Saviour. May he grow in us, and make us reverence thy work in all others so that we may all come to maturity and liberty in Christ. Amen.

—C. L. Smith, Vic.

**Saturday, Oct. 5**

1 Peter 3: 8-16.

**Thought Text:** "But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled" (v. 14).

The word translated "happy" in our text appears some fifty times in the New Testament, where it is usually translated "blessed." For the many to whom this latter word has a churchly sound, and is otherwise meaningless, there can be no idea of the sheer happiness diffused throughout Christian literature and conversation. So rich in true joy is our Christian faith that apostolic writers, by their use of a word that signified a limited human happiness, amplified and ennobled it.

Does this not impress upon us that there is something "extra" about the happiness our Heavenly Father designs for us? This should be a

matter for praise and thanksgiving. His Son brought a joyous message which he made possible by dying for us, and, in enunciating the principles of his Kingdom, over and again promised this divine happiness to those who would enter into the spirit of his service. God is concerned for the best happiness for his children.

Let R. L. Stevenson point the lesson and sharpen the challenge:

If I have faltered more or less  
In my great task of happiness:  
If I have moved among my race  
And shown no glorious morning  
face;

Lord, thy most pointed pleasure  
take,

And stab my spirit broad awake!

If we are to respond to this challenge let us also pray:

Oh, thou blessed God, help us to  
rejoice in thee this day; make us  
to be a blessing unto others always;  
to thy greater honor and glory,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

—R. M. Wilson, Tas.

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

**Sunday, Oct. 6**

1 Peter 4: 1-14.

**Thought Text:** "Practise hospitality ungrudgingly one to another" (v.9).

Happiness is an ultimate objective to many. Most of the other objectives are subsidiary to that of happiness. Many people seek wealth because they feel it a key to happiness. So it is with pleasure, knowledge, influence and fame. Do these bring happiness? Each may bring a certain measure of it, but not one of them is an unfailing recipe. Our Scripture passage suggests that hospitality, with a helpful attitude to others, is a more sure way of securing that exultant joy which is a real mark of Christian living. Those who practise friendliness can really rejoice and be glad.

Happiness is not secured by those who make it their main objective. In seeking it we may easily miss it. It comes as a by-product of useful Christian service. It comes "by the way," to those who are giving themselves in service to God and men. Let us practise friendliness, goodwill and hospitality, and we shall find that we can rejoice with exceeding joy.

Our gracious Father, help us to follow the Master, as he leads us through paths of unselfish service to realms of joy unspeakable, which are full of glory. Amen.

—Les. E. Snow, Vic.

# NOTES FROM THE READINGS

as Suggested for

**Sunday, Sept. 29**

PSALM 119: 49-64.

Despite the mocking attempts of the wicked to undermine his faith, the Psalmist re-affirms his confidence in the comfort and strength derived from keeping the commandments of the Lord.

"thy word hath quickened me" (v. 50). — "Thy promise gives me life" (R.S.V.).

"Horror hath taken hold upon me" (v. 53). — "Burning wrath taketh hold of me because of the wicked" (Oosterley).

"Thy statutes have been my songs" (v. 54). — "He had not only committed the law of God to memory; he had tested it in life, tested it in so many ways and upon so many people that the statute now was a song" (Ballard).

"At midnight I will rise to give thanks" (v. 62). — Expressive of his strong feelings, as midnight was not one of the prescribed regular hours of prayer.

1 JOHN 1.

Beginning with a prologue in which, as J. B. Phillips points out, the writer emphasises that "this letter is not concerned with opinions, but with observed facts," the chapter presents the essential message of the Light, and of what it means to be living in that Light, and to have fellowship with God.

"eternal life . . . manifested unto us" (v. 2). — "The richest gift Christianity offers to men is life with God now . . . Length of years is not life, and to speak of 'long' or 'short' lives is false; one ought rather to speak of large and small lives, poor and rich lives, empty and full lives. Man's need is to add life to his years rather than years to his life" (Hoon).

"God is light" (v. 5). — "All things assume a different aspect in the Light of God; but nothing looks so different as we ourselves do" (Law). "To walk in the light requires rigorous honesty with God, and the acknowledgment and confession of sin" (Hoon).

"we have fellowship one with another" (v. 7). — "Men enjoy the deepest levels of friendship only when they live without deception, and are willing to be known to one another as they really are" (Hoon).



# HERE AND THERE

A report from Townsville, Qld., tells of the church's joy in welcoming home from Pentecost on Sunday, Sept. 15, the missionary family of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Beale and their daughter Marilyn.

Those interested in the Federal College Extension Lectures are advised that the third term of six weeks begins on Friday, Sept. 27, at 7.30 p.m. Subjects to be presented at these weekly sessions are Church History II and New Testament II, and lecturers are Principal E. L. Williams and H. J. Patterson, M.A.

The minister at Berri-Winkie, S.A., J. Manallack, has accepted continued service on an annual basis with the church there.

The Council meeting of the Vic.-Tas. C.W.F. will be held in the Lygon-st. lecture hall on Fri., Oct. 4, at 11 a.m. Mrs. R. Forbes will lead the devotions, and L. G. Norman will speak on the Asian situation. Mrs. Wilson will be in charge of the creche. A warm welcome is extended to all delegates and friends.—M. Reed.

Members of the Woolwich Evangelistic Party advise that there were nine adult decisions during the two-week New Life Crusade, conducted at Wiley Park, N.S.W. Brotherhood prayer support was appreciated. The tent was packed to capacity night after night, and the children's sessions were also very successful.

Dudley Hyde, a Methodist minister who was formerly Asst. Director of the Victorian Council for Christian Education in Schools and Chaplain of the Collingwood Technical School, has been unanimously appointed Director of the Council. Since the retirement of L. M. Thompson as Director in April, 1957, Mr. Hyde has been Acting Director. Prior to moving to Victoria, Mr. Hyde had nine years' service in the field of Christian Education in N.S.W., and has made repeated trips to all other States, studying their systems of Religious Instruction in Schools. In expressing the fact that he is "deeply sensitive of the honor," Mr. Hyde writes of the Council's master plan of expansion, envisaging a greatly extended training programme for Religious Instructors, a greatly increased supply of teaching aids and syllabus material for instructors, the establishment of a Training and Service Centre, and a year-by-year expansion of the Chaplaincy, until every major secondary school is covered.

Northern Circuit Conference, W.A., began with a business meeting on Aug. 31, at Gutha. Special meetings were held in Morawa on Sept. 1, when J. Gordon (W.A. Conf. Pres.) spoke at the worship service. The women's meeting followed, devotional speaker being Mrs. J. Gordon. Mrs. Digwood brought news from the Auxiliary, and Mrs. Rae was welcomed as the new president by Mrs. R. Barr (past pres.). D. R. Stirling spoke at the young people's service which preceded the Conference tea. At the gospel service the new pres., K. Croot, was welcomed by A. Rae (past pres.). After an inspiring message from D. R. Stirling, two lads made their decision. Thanks go to Ron Raymond for service at the piano. The Bible school, under the leadership of A. Rae following the resignation of G. Carslake, is now meeting in Morawa weekly in an effort to reach the town children.

During S.A. Conference sessions, the S.A. Ministers' Wives' Association, on Monday, Sept. 16, held its annual luncheon, delightfully prepared by the Catering Committee. Approximately 60 women were present, the city ministers' wives entertaining those from country churches. The President of the Women's Conference (Mrs. Crosby), Mrs. G. R. Stirling (Canberra), and Mrs. B. Coventry (India), who were guests, brought helpful greetings. Eight ministers' wives, new to the State, were welcomed, and well-wishing was extended to Mrs. Lloyd Jones as she returns to her home State. Mrs. E. Pad-dick presided. The Association holds three meetings a year, also a family social and picnic, in May and November respectively, for ministers and their families. The fellowship enjoyed has been greatly appreciated, especially by new-comers to this State.—Mrs. G. Mathieson, sec.

Invermay church, Tas., congratulates Shirley Alderton in winning the sacred solo section of Devonport Musical Competitions, and Derek Holden, chosen to represent Tasmania in the National Table Tennis Championships to be held in Adelaide, S.A.

On Sunday, Sept. 8, the P.B.P. Club of the church at Bambra-rd., Caulfield, Vic., conducted the evening service, when approximately 300 were present. Preceding the service, the Phi Betas held a reunion tea, catered for by the present club members. About 80 present and past members sat down for tea. Some foundation members of the club were present,

and a greeting was read from the original chaplain of the club (Miss Styles). Unfortunately, Mrs. E. J. Miles (immediate past chaplain) was unable to attend through illness, but two of the past chaplains, Mrs. Nash and Miss Gray, were present. A happy time was enjoyed by all. In the evening service the present chaplain (Miss Jean Milne) conducted the Phi Beta choir, and led the song service. Others taking part in the service were Mrs. Ghuy (deputy-chaplain), Annette Kleiner (scribe), Dorothy Evans (purser) and Miss Mavis Peet. The church seating has been altered to allow for a centre aisle. This work, together with other improvements, was carried out by the Works Committee. All branches of the work are in good heart, and attendances at all services are excellent.

A nine-day mission, led by A.W.C. Candy on the theme "Follow Me," began in the Youth Hall of the church at Cottesloe, W.A., on Sept. 17, with 140 present. A week of prayer preceded the mission. Musical arrangements and song leading were in the hands of Mr. and Mrs. P. Marlow. The church is pleased to announce that A. Griffiths (supt. Norseman Mission) has accepted the invitation to succeed G. Smith as minister in the new year.

Harold Steele concluded a happy interim ministry with the church at Prahran, Vic., on Sept. 15, farewell being said at an after-church fellowship gathering. S. Corlett assisted during both the service and fellowship hour.

Principal E. L. Williams, of the Federal College of the Bible, will be guest speaker at the Half-Yearly Conference of our Queensland churches, planned for Toowoomba, Oct. 19 and 20. Other speakers will be J. McCormick (Sunnybank), R. C. McKenzie (Toowoomba), F. D. Craig (Kedron) and G. J. Andrews (Albion). Theme of the Conference will be "He Must Increase."

A very successful Youth Camp was held during August at the Magnetic Island Youth Camp, Qld. Young people travelled from as far as Toowoomba, Maryborough, Gladstone, Mackay and Charters Towers, in addition to Townsville. The theme of the camp was Building for Eternity. The leaders were "Uncle" Don Pad-don (Mackay), who led the senior group in a study on Heroic Living for Christ, and "Uncle" Ken Fennell (Townsville - Charters Towers), who led the junior group through a flannelgraph study on Building Life's Temple. Donna Mathieson (Charters Towers) made her decision at the gospel service on the first Sunday of the camp. Beautiful weather and a wonderful spirit prevailed.



# INTERSTATE CHURCH NEWS

## Marriage

Evelyn King to Ern. Rogers, Swan Hill, Vic.

Kath Wilson to Reg. James, Bendigo, Vic.

Beverley Sutherland to Ray Verity, Cheltenham, Vic.

## Discipleship

John Roffey, Miss M. Jefferson, Chatswood, N.S.W.

Douglas Croot, Morawa, W.A.

Trevor Arnold, Bruce Rock, W.A.

Alan Brindley, Bruce Johnson, Nailsworth, S.A.

Mrs. S. Thrift, Miss N. Green, Tamworth, N.S.W.

Ann Magner, Ken Michell, Heather Williams, Miss M. Walls, Merewether, N.S.W.

Neil Collins, Swan Hill, Vic.

D. Kier, J. Morteng, Beulah Road, S.A.

Miss New, J. Pinnington, Miss M. Sheppard, Sandra Gilbert, Elaine Sheppard, Graeme Hearn, Donald Gordon, Deanne Duckham, Anthony Duckham, Janice and Eric Gerlach, Subiaco, W.A.

David McLeod, Mosman, N.S.W.

Rosemary Ghys, Glenys Lynch, Caulfield, Vic.

Pamela Harland, East Kew, Vic.

Dianne Cooksley, Graeme Rock, Preston, Vic.

Peter Sinclair, Cheltenham, Vic.

## Membership

Mr. and Mrs. A. Walton, Mrs. R. Byrne, from Lancashire, Eng., to Lygon-st., Carlton, Vic.

Mr. Evans, from Boort; Mr. and Mrs. L. Crossfield, from Belmont to Drumcondra, Vic.

Mr. and Mrs. V. Muir, from Mosman to Tamworth, N.S.W.

H. R. Coventry, from Frankston to Jordaville, Vic.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Williams, James and Barbara, from Mayfield to Merewether, N.S.W.

Mrs. MacDonald, from Beulah Road to Mile End, S.A.

Mr. and Mrs. Webster, from Beulah Road to Elizabeth, S.A.

Mrs. Brooks, to Caulfield, Vic.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Glennister, to Bendigo, Vic.

A. C. Male, from Gladstone to Toowoomba, Qld.

## Fallen Asleep

Mrs. Eames, Malvern, Vic.

Mrs. M. Rose, Kadina, S.A.

## NEW SOUTH WALES

Beverly Hills (R. W. Beadle). — Despite sickness prevalent during Aug., meetings were well attended. There was fine gathering of Y.P. at youth tea and meeting on evening of Sept. 8, some of Y.P. taking part in service following. On 11th, at midweek prayer meeting, Sis. Edna Lincoln (Aborigines' Mission, Carnarvon), gave interesting talk, illustrated with colored slides, of fine work this Mission is doing.

Chatswood (I. A. Paternoster - interim). — Meetings over past weeks have been encouraging. Two Y.P. have confessed their faith in Christ. After-church social hour was held to express congratulations to R. Fancourt and Miss Marcia Schmiedel, and C. Crittle and Miss Barbara Bennett on eve of their marriages. Suitable gifts were made to each couple. Officers of church conducted C.Y.F. meeting on Sept. 15, several officers placing before the Y.P. the duties of officers.

Hamilton (C. J. Mackenzie). — Number of campers visited Taree to attend camp reunion. F.M. offering reached all-time record of £286. Large delegation journeyed to Taree on Sept. 7, when new chapel was officially opened. Grand time of fellowship was thoroughly enjoyed. Gospel meeting on 8th was broadcast over 2KO. Sis. Fay Barber (Georgetown) and D. Brown were soloists. Visitors during month were Mr. and Mrs. Barber (Georgetown), Mr. and Mrs. C. Norling and daughter (Taree), Mr. Thurrowgood (Mayfield). Mrs. H. Menon (jnr.) is congratulated on passing her final examination in pharmacy. Ladies' Guild has had very active year. Church prays that many sick members will have a speedy recovery.

Inverell (H. Earle). — Friendly Visitation Campaign is being held from Sept. 14-20, prior to 52nd anniversary and tea services at end of month. Miss Parker recently gave interesting talk to C.W.F. on Canada — my Homeland. A garden afternoon, held at home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Winter (Somerset) during month, was very well attended and enjoyed by all. Messrs. J. Andrews and Laidlaw have been ill. Mrs. Monaghan (Bundarra) is in hospital. Recent visitors included Mr. and Mrs. M. Smith (Coonamble), Mr. Jackson, snr. (Sydney), Misses Ballagh and Earle (Melbourne), Mr. Ricketts (Wyoming), and Mr. and Mrs. Bailey (Moree).

Merewether (W. D. Howard). — Church is keenly awaiting commencement of Life at Its Best Campaign with L. E. Jones (N.S.W. State Evangelist-elect). Extensive visitation has been made, with excellent results. Committees have undertaken detailed planning associated with campaign. Prayer meetings have been well attended, and are to be held every night from Sept. 23. Intermediate camp at Bolton Point was attended by 13 Y.P., with 5 adults on staff. Fluorescent lights have been installed in chapel and extensive alterations effected to kinder. hall.

Tamworth (H. I. Walmsley). — Baptismal service was held, when two, who recently confessed their faith in Christ, were baptised. Dr. L. Lambert was guest speaker at C.M.F. tea. Youth Clubs' tea was held on Aug. 18, when 40 Y.P. attended; church parade followed. Minister attended H.M. Dept. meeting at Newcastle on Aug. 19 to discuss launching of Operation Increase. Monthly meeting of Ministers' Fraternal was held on 26th in hall, C.W.F. catering. Captain L. Summers was guest speaker at C.M.F. tea on Sept. 1. W. Horsburgh (Sydney) was speaker at evening service. Film, *The Prior Claim*, was screened at after-church fellowship. Visitors were Mr. and Mrs. W. Horsburgh, M. Cheung, Mr. and Mrs. Muir (Mosman). C.W.F. monthly devotional meeting was held on Sept. 2, when Mrs. Cann was speaker. Members attended S.A. Home League birthday on 5th. Two were received into fellowship by transfer on 8th. Mr. and Mrs. Rofe (Chatswood) were visitors. Church was pleased to welcome Miss Irene Love home on holiday. 6 Y.P. attended youth camp at Bolton Point. Mrs. W. Russell is in Sydney for medical advice.

**Wagga Wagga (K. Christensen.)** — At recent gospel service, members of Ladies' Aid rendered a message in song and Mrs. Donohue read Scripture lesson. At their meeting on Aug. 20, parcels were packed for Social Service Dept. P. Kavanagh (Woolwich) brought message at prayer meeting on 22nd. B. Coventry brought news of Indian Mission activities and showed slides of the work, at prayer meeting on 28th. At working bee on 31st, work was commenced on extension to Henwood Park building. B.S. is preparing for anniversary. Successful tea was held for B.S. scholars and parents on Sept. 8, when K. Christensen addressed appreciative gathering, and W. Caspersom screened strip film on Saul of Tarsus.

**Earlwood (F. Roberts.)** — 19th anniversary celebrations on Sept. 7 and 8 were successful. Tea, provided by C.W.F., was followed by inspirational rally, presided over by N. Matthews, with Mr. Oswald as song leader. Message from Conference President, J. Shaw, musical and vocal items by several guest artists (arranged by Mr. Hudson), and film screening, *All for Him*, were much appreciated. At worship meeting, A. B. Clark (Rockdale) preached, and gospel address was delivered by F. Roberts. Business meeting on 11th, showed church finance in satisfactory state. Anniversary offering was £98. Re-elected to office were: N. Matthews, elder; Messrs. Carrick, Hudson, Rootes, Smith, Gabb and Werner; organiste, Mrs. Tabrett, elected in 1944, continues to serve faithfully and ably. Splendid report from C.W.F. is evidence of worth-while service. Extensive alterations to platform, with new furniture, designed and constructed by J. Werner, also red carpet, greatly enhance interior of building.

## SOUTH AUSTRALIA

**Hindmarsh (H. E. Greenwood.)** — A. J. Ingham and R. Hollard brought helpful messages to church whilst minister was away visiting West-Coast churches. Youth tea was held on Sept. 1, followed by "singspiration" service of favorite hymns, with Y.P. taking special part. C.M.S., in conjunction with Men's Bible Class, has commenced, and choir was formed by men for gospel service on 8th. Basketball teams have closed successful season with girls' "A" grade team reaching finals.

**Goolwa (R. Oke.)** — With help of Mr. Toy (Torrensville) and his supervision, men of church repainted interior of chapel. Paint was provided by Ladies' Guild. Pastel shades have given a very pleasing and useful effect. Church appreciates Mr. Toy's generous assistance. Under

instruction from S. Neighbour (Prospect) who, over a period of 4 weeks, instructed and helped Goolwa-Mt. Compass Circuit with Visitation Evangelism, 3 teams from Goolwa church conducted house to house visitation in Goolwa and district with pleasing results; 2 decisions and promise of further results. Young men of teams, with help of Mr. Neighbour, were greatly encouraged, and experience will increase their own spiritual life and service. W. J. Bugar, at conclusion of visitation, on behalf of church, thanked Mr. Neighbour for his valuable help and encouragement. Ladies provided sit-down tea for teams visiting on Monday and Tuesday nights, and also joined in circle of prayer before teams went out.

**Koongarra Park (R. B. Ewers.)** — Two of three basketball teams reached grand final in their respective grades. "A" team won their game, but "B" team lost. Congratulations to girls for getting so far in the competition. Victory social was held to celebrate. Inspiring service was held recently, when some Lenswood members came down and witnessed baptisms of one of their number and also one of our Koongarra girls. Film, *Angel in Ebony*, was screened at a gospel service and created a very inspiring atmosphere.

**Balaklava (L. G. Armstrong.)** — B.S. anniversary services were held on Aug. 24-25, when guest speaker was M. Lawrie (Kadina). C.W.F. held monthly meeting on Aug. 27, when Mrs. Daniels (Methodist Ladies' Fellowship) gave talk on her visit to Mission stations in Fiji and other South Sea Islands. J.C.E. entertained officers of church at fellowship tea. Quiz session was conducted between Y.P.C.E. and Methodist C.E., and a very enjoyable time eventuated for Y.P. Church has entered into spirit of Operation Increase; a graph of attendances at church services is being kept. District has been divided into five sectors; the five different groups meet in members' homes for prayer and Bible discussion, and a wonderful time of fellowship is being experienced. Several members have been ill. Miss Glenis Smith and Mrs. Harding are in hospital in Adelaide; church is praying for their speedy recovery.

**Beulah Road (G. Wood.)** — Owing to influenza epidemic, church and auxiliaries have had many absentees. Choir had to go into recess, but church is grateful to soloists, Mrs. Pitkins, Miss Baker and Mr. Textor. During minister's absence, guest speakers were G. Whiting and A. Anderson; the latter gave an interesting description of missionary survey in New Guinea. A. Jones was guest speaker at monthly fellowship tea, and also at evening service.

Annual meeting of Women's Fellowship was well attended. Talk by Mrs. Tinsley, and duets by Mrs. Pitkins and Mrs. Heath were appreciated. C.W.F. sponsored film evening in aid of Aborigines Mission at Eden Hills. The films were presented by Shell Co., and R. Hoffman was projectionist. Annual basketball social was held at Magill Baptist Church, when Crowhurst Shield was presented to Koongara Park. Church regrets farewell more staunch members to other districts. Mile End will be pleased to welcome Mrs. MacDonald, and the services of Mr. and Mrs. Webster will be of great value to the new cause at Elizabeth. Two men, recently baptised, have been received into membership.

**Dulwich (G. A. Hearn.)** — During absence of minister attending Council of Christian Education Conference in Sydney, services were taken by S. Matthews, K. Heath, A. Anderson, A. J. Ingham. F. and M. grade basketball girls were premiers of their respective grades. C. Jones made good recovery after operation. W. Morrow is home from hospital.

**Nailsworth (N. Gavros.)** — Two young lads have recently made their confession of faith. Attendances on Conference Sunday were large, and among the visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Stevens (Whyalla), M. Lawrie (Kadina), and Mr. and Mrs. Palmer (Broken Hill). A. E. Stevens addressed church in morning, and Mrs. Stevens rendered a solo at gospel service.

**Prospect (S. Neighbour, B.A.)** — Annual business meeting was well attended. Reports showed 18 additions for year by faith and baptism, 7 transfers; active membership, 166. Ministry of Mr. and Mrs. Neighbour is appreciated. A. R. Jones addressed a morning service meeting on Social Service, broadcast over 5DN. Some encouraging replies came from interested listeners. B.S. anniversary services, on Aug. 25 and Sept. 1, attracted much interest from parents; singing was under leadership of A. Roberts. Visiting speakers were J. Maxted, E. McIlhagger and M. C. Trenorden (Methodist). Basketball teams have been successful in men's (semi-finals) and women's (A and L finals). Monthly after-church singing fellowship was held at home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Williams.

**Kilburn (E. F. G. McIlhagger, B.A.)** — J.C.E. attended district rally at Campbelltown on Sept. 14, when message by Young Bin Im was appreciated. Guest speaker for gospel service on Conference Sunday was I. Nixon (Pt. Lincoln). Recent welcome visitors were Mr., Mrs. and Miss Palmer (Broken Hill), Mrs. Anderson (Essendon), G. Warmbrunn (Carnegie) and Miss D. Hackett (Nara-

coorte). L. O'Donnell has been appointed pianist for C.M.S. All auxiliaries are actively engaged and a good work is being done. Mrs. A. Dinning and son have revisited church. A. Gower was soloist at gospel service.

Fullarton (A. W. Morris). — On Conference Sunday, visiting speaker was I. Nixon (Pt. Lincoln); A. W. Morris presided. In evening, B. W. Manning (Williamstown) gave address. Church congratulates Mrs. Outlaw for able manner in which she presided at meetings of Women's Auxilliary of Conference.

## VICTORIA

Gardiner (F. A. Youens). — A lady, contacted through Elderly Citizens' Fellowship, stepped forward for re-dedication on Sept. 1. "C" grade tennis team are premiers of their grade. Church 43rd anniversary was held on 8th. Present at inaugural worship and still in attendance, are Mrs. J. W. Nichols and Mrs. E. McCann. E. J. Miles, at 11 a.m., and John Sayers, at 3 p.m., were guest speakers. Hawthorn S.A. Citadel Band gave afternoon programme. Miss Beverley Richards was welcomed home after three months in Canada and U.S.A.

Thornbury (R. H. Hillier). — Church rejoices for 5 decisions over past weeks. Average B.B. for Aug. was 110, and is on the increase after flu epidemic. At annual election of Board the following members were elected: elders, Dr. E. R. Killmier, H. Hince, S. Allison; deacons, L. Allison, J. Crossfield, A. Devlin, E. Mounsey, M. Robertson; deaconesses, Sis. S. Allison, E. Hammett, F. N. Lee; treas., R. E. Wilkes; sec., M. R. Lee. R. McLean (New Hebrides) was guest speaker at evening service last month. At monthly film service, *Hidden Heart* was screened. C.M.S. had enjoyable night when over 20 men visited Aust. Paper Mills. At monthly family service, held during month, audio-visual film, *No Easy Answers*, was screened. This was followed by very interesting discussion.

Northcote (A. B. Withers). — On Aug. 25, a young man made his decision after gospel message. Baptismal service was held on Sept. 1. Morning services have been well attended, with quite a number of visitors from sister churches. Right hand of fellowship was extended to young man on 8th. Presentations have been given to W. Parker and Miss H. Watson; L. Pearson and Miss V. Rawady prior to their marriages. Church annual meeting was held on Aug. 28, when reports from auxiliaries showed work to be quite strong. Elder and officers were re-elected. Num-

ber of members have been laid aside with illness. Anniversary practices are being held.

Warragul (M. D. Keatch). — On Sept. 1, two B.S. scholars were baptised. At morning service of 8th, after a B.S. scholar and two young ladies from Cranbourne followed their Lord through the waters of baptism, Mr. Keatch received the five young people into the fellowship of the church. At this service, A. E. Hurren (Footscray) delivered his opening address for special meetings, conducted each night from Sept. 9 to 15. Church prepared for this mission through personal evangelism and prayer, and members united with Mr. Hurren in dedication for the week of special effort.

South Melbourne (R. Bust). — Work has been well maintained over past weeks, though many members fell victims to influenza. Minister is commended on high standard of addresses. Church school has commenced anniversary practice under leadership of N. Bury. Church was saddened by sudden Home call of Mrs. Borowski.

Box Hill (W. A. Wigney). — Good attendances are still being maintained. Martin Luther was screened on Aug. 31. Visits by C.W.F. members to local hospitals are appreciated by patients. Temple Day-Building Fund realised £1,096 on Sept. 8. Soloists for services were K. Hall and Mrs. G. McCredden. On 10th, Mr. Allison spoke on Japan to C.W.F., and results of wool appeal for Korea were handed to Mrs. Allison. Mr. and Mrs. Wigney have returned from short holiday. Sympathy of church is extended to family of J. E. Allan, a former preacher of church, who passed away recently.

Lygon-st., Carlton (R. J. Duckett). — Meetings continue well in attendance and interest. Assistance given by minister to Queensberry-st. Chinese Church is appreciated. Church was happy to extend right hand of fellowship to husband and wife who were received by transfer from England. Attendance of visitors is welcome, and many nurses from nearby hospitals are regularly in attendance. Baptismal service, held on Sept. 8, was witnessed by large congregation. A married couple, missionaries-elect to Solomon Islands, were immersed. Miss Curtis, who has been in hospital several weeks, is progressing in her recovery.

Colac (K. Milne). — Attendances at all meetings are coming back to normal and B.S. at Kawarren has resumed. Sis. Mrs. Hyatt and Fasham are in hospital. Recent discourse by F. J. Funston on his South African trip was greatly enjoyed. Church regrets removal of Sis. Kincaid and Leitch to Geelong; Mr.

and Mrs. Comer to Essendon; Mr. and Mrs. L. Firth and family to Newport. Student preacher has been absent through illness.

Collingwood (H. J. Cook). — On Aug. 25, V. L. Gole (Vic.-Tas. Conf. Pres.) and Mrs. Gole attended service. Youth Club is functioning well, under guidance of L. Kennett. Cricket team has commenced practice. Wog night, held on Sept. 6, to raise funds for coming bazaar, was well attended. During school holidays members of girls' club enjoyed outing to Botanic Gardens. Voluntary worker for Opportunity Clubs of Vic. spoke at well attended C.W.F. meeting on 2nd. Work is progressing favorably.

Drumcondra (R. A. Banks). — B.S. girls won under 15 basketball premiership. Ladies of church entertained team at dinner, and afterwards at social evening with parents and friends, when trophies were presented. Half-yearly business meeting, which was well attended, was preceded by fellowship tea. New B.S. at Norlane continues to create interest. During school holidays scholars from Drumcondra combined with Norlane scholars for outing. Church anniversary was held on Sept. 15, with E. Brooke (Balwyn) as guest speaker at both services. Mrs. L. Crossfield was soloiste at evening service.

East Kew (L. F. Barker). — At recent fellowship tea, 22 men were addressed by A. D. Chipp, who gave a most informative and interesting talk on his recent overseas visit with the Sell Victoria Mission. Prayer meeting attendances have been increasing, evidence of a spiritual re-awakening church believes to be commencing at East Kew. Minister has been giving series of addresses on *Second Coming*, at gospel services. A. and B. tennis teams have entered district finals.

Essendon (M. D. Roberts). — Average attendances for Aug. were: a.m., 81; p.m., 68; communicants, 89. C.M.S. conducted morning service on Sept. 1, with J. Strack bringing message. Monthly tea was held on 8th, when F. Funston (Nth. Ess.) gave illustrated talk on his South African tour. At half-yearly business meeting on 10th, details of preliminary investigations in regard to New School Hall were given. Suggestions of budget system of finance, with a view to increased giving, were also presented. Number of members are still laid aside with sickness. Messrs. Murdoch and Shepherd are confined to hospital.

Hurstbridge (B. Snoxall). — On Sept. 6, Y.P.F. entertained Ivanhoe Y.P.F. B. Snoxall (C.O.B.) was in charge of meeting. Morning service of 6th was conducted by S. Davey

(Ivanhoe). There was a large attendance. Church is gratified at regular attendances at services and B.S.

**Jordanville** (B. McIntosh).—Muriel and Ian Coventry have written from England expressing their delight at being able to attend recent British Conference in Scotland. 4 young men are waiting baptism pending completion of baptistery. 8 Explorers attended recent camp and returned with enthusiastic reports, having come second, combined with Oakleigh, in competitions. Baptist Church combined for evening service on Sept. 1, when B. & F.B.S. screened film, *Thy Word is Light*. Minister and some members attended dedication service of new Church of England. Church appreciated addresses by J. Bangsund and I. Richer (C.O.B.) during absence of minister, due to influenza.

**Malvern** (W. J. Thomson). — At last meeting of Church Board, A. H. C. Pfeifer was appointed reporter for *The Australian Christian*. Minister has been on vacation to W.A., and church appreciates assistance given by speakers during his absence. Those who assisted were R. Clark, W. Kretschmer, F. Buckingham, A. Pfeifer, S. Baird, R. Wilson. Marie Louise Leng has been welcomed back for a period of three months in Melbourne. Mrs. Mackay and Robert have returned after illnesses. K.S.P. had interesting debate on *Is the Present System of Migration Justified?* B.S. is practising for anniversary.

**Surrey Hills** (R. V. Longthorp). — On Sept. 7, church held Temple Day, when £339 was given towards Manse Fund, auxiliaries of church giving £137 of this total. Ladies' Guild held anniversary meeting on 12th, when programme was presented by Missionary Committee. 60 ladies were present, including visitors from neighboring churches. 3 teams from tennis club have entered for summer competition with Baptist-Churches of Christ Assoc. B.S. has commenced practice for anniversary. 4 leaders and 11 boys attended recent Explorer camps.

**Swan Hill** (A. A. Avery). — Morning service on Sept. 1 was broadcast over 3SH, when large congregation was present. After gospel meeting, presentations were made to Miss M. Warren and Miss D. McLean, on occasion of their marriage. Prior to gospel meeting on 8th, a young man, who had recently confessed Christ, was immersed. Service took form of father's night, when several men took part. Monthly Saturday night fellowship continues to be popular, with large gathering at last meeting, held in manse.

**North Fitzroy** (J. Turner, B.A.). — A young lady and a married man made their confession and have been

baptised and received into the church. W.M.B. visited Thornbury and conducted their meeting. C.W.F. had Mrs. Evans, Probation Officer, as their speaker. C.M.S. had member of Jewish Council speak to them on *Israel Today*. B.S. is preparing for anniversary. Y.P. meet in junior church during evening service, after meeting with church for opening devotions.



## C.M.S. State Dinner

The first Vic.-Tas. Church Men's Society State Dinner, held at the "Wentworth," Melbourne, was attended by 120 men. Country churches at Red Hill and Tootgarook were represented.

Also present were W. S. Lowe, from Canberra, the President of the Federal Department of Men's Work, and John Hunter, acting Secretary of the C.M.S. in N.S.W. Les. Hill represented the Victorian Inter-church Men's Council. Greetings and apologies were presented by Alf. Musgrove (including one from Mark Rutherford, U.S.A.).

R. V. Amos brought the *Thought for Today*, entitled *Stars to Steer By*, and the guest speaker, John Liu, minister of the Chinese church, Melb., spoke on the subject, *Following Jesus*.

V. L. Gole, Vic.-Tas. Conference, President, brought a greeting. Items were brought by Alan Rowe and the McLean Trio, with Jeff Cheal at the piano.

The Vice-President of the Vic.-Tas. C.M.S., Neal Cheal, made a presentation to T. R. Morris in appreciation of his years of leadership amongst the men of the churches.

The evening closed with a *Circle of Friendship*, when the C.M.S. President expressed the hope that the strength of the fellowship might spread from this gathering to all men in the churches, encouraging them to greater dedication and more effective service.—B. F. Huntsman.

## BIRTHS

**BAGOT** (Grigg). — On Sept. 18, 1957, at Bethesda, Melb., to Lorna and Alan, a daughter — Pamela Joy. Sister for John.

**BARKER** (Macnaughtan). — On Sept. 15, 1957, to Ruth and Lawrence, East Kew, Vic., the gift of a son — Lawrence Frederick.

**LEE** (Sharp). — To Lorraine and Morris, Thornbury, Vic., a baby daughter — Robyn Lorraine. Born Sept. 13, 1957. Both well.

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the church at Semaphore, S.A., more  
than fifty years ago, and removed to  
Prospect forty-two years ago. There  
he faithfully carried out the duties  
of usher until failing health com-  
pelled him to relinquish his duties  
over recent years. There was a large  
gathering at Prospect chapel, where  
the funeral service was conducted by  
the writer. Christian sympathy is  
extended to his wife, son and two  
daughters.—Stan. Neighbour.

Mrs. K. W. Kaehne.

Mrs. K. W. Kaehne passed to her  
rest at Calvary Hospital, North Adel-  
aide, on June 21. She was baptised  
as Miss M. M. Summerton at Gaw-  
ler, S.A., 26 years ago, by E. J.  
Miles. When she married she moved  
to Prospect, and her membership was  
with the Prospect church. She ex-  
perienced indifferent health over the  
past eight years, and it was apparent  
over the last 14 months that her  
health was failing. When she was  
well enough she was most depend-  
able in her attendance at church  
and prayer meeting. Though she  
suffered much she was patient and  
cheerful, sustained by her strong  
Christian faith. Her mortal remains  
were laid to rest in Dudley Park  
Cemetery in the presence of a large  
gathering of friends and relatives,  
after a service conducted by the  
writer. Christian sympathy is ex-  
tended to Mr. Kaehne and Jillian  
and their loved ones.—Stan. Neigh-  
bour.

Miss A. A. Wright.

The death occurred suddenly at  
Prospect, S.A., on June 29, of Miss  
A. A. Wright, who was baptised at  
Balaklava 67 years ago, by John  
Wark. Later she removed to Kadina,  
and whilst there had a class of about  
20 teenage girls, many of whom con-  
tacted her from year to year at the  
State Conference. About 35 years ago  
she came to Prospect, where she was  
a loyal supporter of the church. Her  
body was laid to rest in Dudley Park  
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by the writer. Christian sympathy  
is extended to her only surviving sis-  
ter, Mrs. J. Grigg, and loved ones.  
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## Mrs. Mary Kester Turnbull.

The death of Mrs. Mary Kester Turnbull took place at Rochester Memorial Hospital, Vic., on Sept. 10. She had been in failing health for the past six months. Born at Underdeer in 1883, she went to Malmesbury with her parents, and lived there until she later married David Turnbull. They then took up farming at Elmore, and later at Rochester, where she spent most of her time since. She leaves a family of five daughters and one son—Alice (Mrs. S. H. Moyle, Seddon), Elvia (Mrs. J. Christie, Rochester), Eva (Mrs. W. G. Jackel, Rochester), Vernon (Box Hill), Irene (Mrs. K. F. McMasters, Frankston), and Phyllis (Mrs. N. J. Plant, St. Albans)—to mourn the loss of a much loved and devoted mother. Two sisters, Ucella (Mrs. W. J. Saunders, Lauriston) and Elsie (Mrs. T. Wunderlich, Sydney), also survive her. She was a sincere and faithful member of the Church of Christ, and her love and life were an inspiration to all who knew her. She was laid to rest in the Melbourne General Cemetery beside her late husband, who predeceased her twelve years ago. The burial service was conducted by W. A. Wigney (Box Hill). —Mrs. A. Moyle.

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