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



Thanks be to God who leads us, wherever we are, on his own triumphant way, and makes our knowledge of him to spread throughout the world like a lovely perfume! We Christians have the unmistakable "scent" of Christ, discernible alike to those who are being saved and to those who are heading for death. To the latter it seems like the very smell of doom, to the former it has the fresh fragrance of life itself. Who could think himself adequate for a responsibility like this? Only the man who refuses to join that large class which trafficks in the Word of God—the man who speaks, as we do, in the Name of God, under the eyes of God, as Christ's chosen minister.—2 Cor. 2: 14-17 (Phillips).

A Hindu said to a Christian missionary, "Sir, we have found you out. You're not as good as your Book." The Book speaks of, and offers, power and we live in weakness; offers victory and we live in defeat; offers us the miraculous and we live in a dull routine. A little girl came into a chemist's, laid some money on the counter, and said anxiously to the man behind the counter, "Mister, I want to buy a miracle." "Buy a miracle? What do you mean?" he asked. The little girl explained, "My little baby brother is very sick, and I heard the doctor tell my mother that only a miracle can save him, so I want to buy a miracle." Only a miraculous type of living faith can save a very sick humanity. And God has the miracle for the asking. A very radiant missionary said, "I don't pray for power now, but only to be obedient. There is plenty of power."—Dr. Stanley Jones.

O God, who has taught us that we are most truly free when we find our wills in thine; help us to gain this liberty by continual surrender to thee, that we may walk in the way which thou has ordained for us, and in doing thy will may find our life.—Selected.

Fill with thy Spirit,
Till all shall see
Christ only, always,
Living in me!

THE AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN

"Our Commitment - a Christian World"

We are indebted to Dr. Jesse M. Bader, General Secretary, for the World Convention views and news featured in this issue. Many Australians, with still vivid memories of the fellowship experienced during the Melbourne Convention in 1952, will follow with much more than casual interest the preparations for Toronto.

Those preparations are being most carefully made. For some time, basic themes have been studied and discussed by committees in various parts of our world brotherhood. Reports on these themes should provide real stimulus, both to our thinking and doing. Twenty-five years ago the First World Convention had, as its general theme, "Witnessing for Christ Around the World." There is a stronger, even sombre, note about the theme for the Fifth World Convention: "Our Commitment - a Christian World." For no one at Toronto, and least of all the speakers, will have any illusions about the world of to-day being Christian. And no one should be able to leave Toronto cynical or despairing, or (what is worse) too little caring, gluttoned with good fellowship—and satisfied! We must pray for that prophetic word, that mighty Spirit, which will, not only at Toronto but throughout the brotherhood, both deeply disturb and demand from us nothing less than a full, personal commitment to Christ and his cause.

Can Toronto help that to happen? The twenty-nine members of the Committee on Programme and Arrangements (headed by Theo. Fisher, an Australian on extended "loan" to U.S.A.) are hoping that it will. When the final draft of the Convention programme is released soon, it will represent much planning and praying. The same can be

said for all others helping in various phases of the Convention preparations.

Many will travel long distances to attend the Convention. At the present time, it seems probable that forty will attend from Australia. Among these will be some for whom it would be impossible without the generous giving and thoughtfulness of others. All will be looking for something much more than

fellowship, rich and precious though that will doubtless be. Only the Lord who is greater than all our planning can give us what we need, only he can guide us as a brotherhood more surely "in his steps." Are we ready for that? Pray daily for Toronto, that through it he may truly challenge us anew.



Garfield Todd, Premier of Southern Rhodesia, planned as one of the speakers at Toronto, shown with his wife and daughters after a church service.

GRACE M. HAMBLY introduces us to

TORONTO—WORLD CON

Toronto, the second largest city in Canada, is the capital of the Province of Ontario. It is situated on the north shore of Lake Ontario, almost opposite the mouth of the Niagara River. It is in this city that the World Convention of Churches of Christ (Disciples), will hold its fifth convention during the week of August 16-21, 1955.

The history of Toronto dates back almost three hundred years, when the present site, long before the advent of the white race, was the southern end of the most important of the Indian trails connecting Lake Huron and Lake Ontario. The name Toronto is of Huron Indian origin, signifying "A Place of meeting." Toronto was incorporated as a city March 6, 1834, with a population of 9,254.

Today Toronto and its twelve suburban municipalities, known as the municipality of Metropolitan Toronto, has a population of 1,175,000, with an area of 240 square miles.

Features of the City

Toronto has many parks, the largest being High Park, in the west end of the city, with an area of 417 acres. Most of this land was bequeathed to the city by the late John G. Howard, whose home, "Colbourne Lodge," in High Park, has been preserved in its Victorian grandeur. There are many more parks, also playgrounds and recreational facilities, and a beautiful waterfront drive.

Toronto has thirty-two golf courses, many of them "Pay as you Play."

Baseball, softball, drama and "pops," symphony, brilliant light opera and military bands with the traditions of a century, fill Toronto's summer evenings with entertainment.

Toronto has many fine buildings which are of interest. One of these is the Canadian Bank of Commerce, the tallest building in the British Empire. It is thirty-two stories high and from the top of it a fine view of the surrounding country may be had. It is the head office of one of Canada's largest banks.

Toronto also has many fine churches, their spires rising above the tumult of traffic. Historic downtown churches are close neighbors to the busy commercial district.

Toronto is Canada's greatest commercial industrial centre—the air-hub of Eastern Canada, with ultra-modern airport facilities comparable to the finest on the Continent.

The City Hall, a landmark in downtown Toronto, is at the corner of Queen and Bay Streets, and its huge

clock tower extends three hundred feet.

The Maple Leaf Stadium, seating 17,800, is situated on the harbor front, and here, afternoon and night ball games are played.

Maple Leaf Gardens, situated on Carlton-st., with seating accommodation for 16,000, is the home of the Toronto Maple Leaf Hockey Team. It is in this splendid building that the Fifth World Convention of Churches of Christ (Disciples) will be held. It is only five minutes by subway from the Royal York Hotel.

The Royal Ontario Museum, situated at the corner of Bloor-st. and Avenue-rd., houses many interesting collections illustrating the development of man's ingenuity through the ages.

The Art Gallery of Toronto is situated on Grange-rd. Here you will find originals and reproductions of the masters. Modern Canadian, European and American art can be seen, and there is a sculpture court featuring modern Canadian work.

Then there is the Royal Conservatory of Music, the Toronto Public Library, Massey Hall, where symphony concerts are held during the winter, and many other institutions that contribute to the development of a distinctly Canadian culture.

Osgoode Hall, the seat of Ontario's law courts, symbolizes in massive

stone the sturdiness of British institutions.

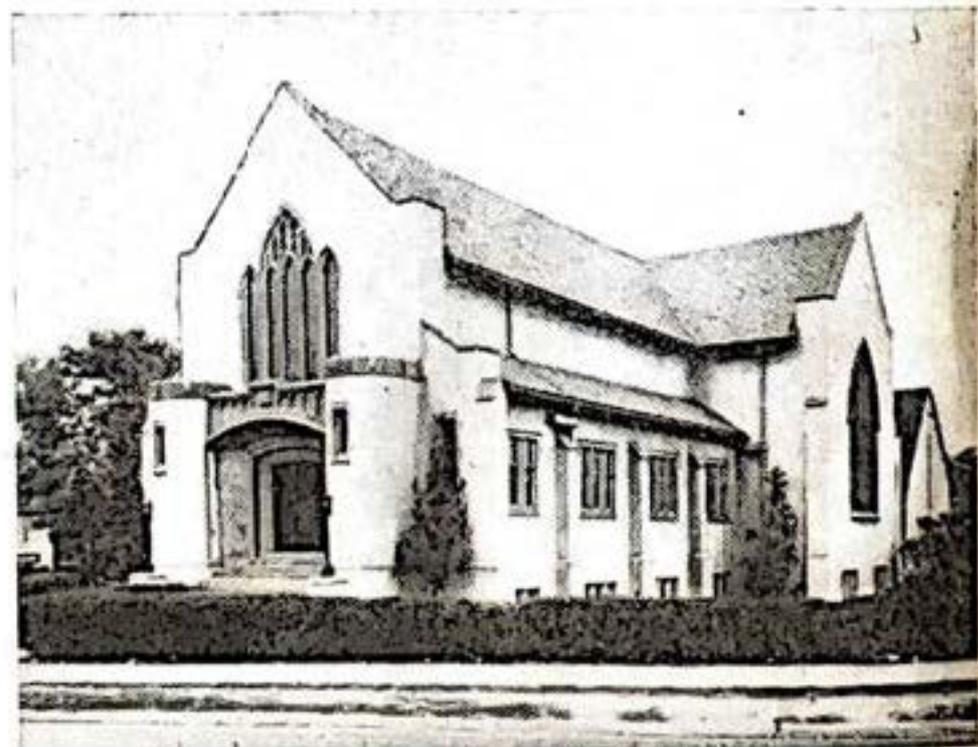
The Parliament Buildings, the seat of government for the Province of Ontario, are situated in Toronto, and are located in Queen's Park, not far from downtown Toronto.

In the heart of Toronto, just west of the Parliament Buildings, is the University of Toronto, one of the great Universities of the British Commonwealth. Each year there are more than 10,000 young men and women who are registered in the different faculties and Colleges. Within the student body are young men and women from sixty-one different countries, making the University one of international influence.

Sources of the City's Pride

The discovery of Insulin, one of the most accurately planned scientific developments that the world has ever known, was made at the physiology laboratories of the University of Toronto in the year 1921 by the late Sir Frederick Banting and Dr. Charles H. Best, who were awarded the Nobel Prize. The prolongation of life made possible by the discovery of insulin has made Toronto a name to be revered by all those who have suffered with diabetes, and the mecca for all scientists, the world over, interested in the study of such an important disease.

The Canadian National Exhibition,



Hillcrest Church of Christ, Toronto.

VENTION CITY

held for fourteen days each year beginning the last Friday in August, is the greatest of the world's annual expositions, with permanent buildings, valued at more than 45,000,000 dollars, housing the various exhibits. It has for its setting a magnificent park, not far from downtown Toronto. It comprises 350 acres with a frontage of a mile and a half on Lake Ontario, and is a triumph of the landscape gardener's art. It is shaded by old trees and traversed by miles of paved boulevards. More than 2,800,000 pass through the gates of the park during the fourteen days of the Canadian National Exhibition each year. There is a great variety of entertainment. The grandstand, with seating accommodation for 24,000 persons, is the centre of various forms of entertainment. Hundreds of performers on a 350ft. stage with scenic lighting effects of unequalled brilliance and magnitude have earned international acclaim for the annual presentation. Industry, education, science, music, fashions, sports and engineering are presented in concentrated form. Something for everyone is truly descriptive of the Canadian National Exhibition.

The Canadian International Trade Fair. For the past six years, towards the end of May and the beginning of June, Toronto has been the gathering place of thousands of business men the world over, when the Canadian International Trade Fair gets under way.

The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair held each November was brought into existence by the Association, which was formed in 1919 to promote higher agriculture through an annual competitive exhibition of farm products. The "Royal" now holds an esteemed position on this continent because of its wide scope, its international aspect, its variety of exhibits and high standards. The membership is composed of representatives of agricultural bodies from every part of Canada, as well as the Dominion and Provincial Governments and the City of Toronto.

Casa Loma, the dream castle of the late Sir Henry Pellatt, was brought to realization from sketches and data gathered by him during frequent visits to England and Europe. Casa Loma took over three years to build, being brought to its present state about 1914. The Castle contains twenty-three completed rooms, exclusive of eleven bath-rooms. It is in this castle that a Municipal Tea will be given to the World Convention on Saturday afternoon, August 20.

The great towering stables were completed first. They are of striking

design and with lofty embattled towers have always been a source of comment. They are connected to the Castle by an extremely long tunnel, finished in white tile.

The stables are said to cost nearly a quarter of a million dollars, and the Castle 1,500,000 dollars.

Sir Henry and Lady Pellatt resided in the Castle from 1913 until 1924, when Sir Henry found Casa Loma too great a burden and retired to his country estate near King, Ontario.

The Castle then came into the possession of the City of Toronto. It was closed for many years. The Kiwanis Club of West Toronto saw the possibility of utilizing it as a tourists' attraction, and since 1938 it has been operated by them and has been very successful. The Kiwanis Club has leased Casa Loma for a term of years and the successful administration of it provides a substantial cheque each year for the City of Toronto and enables the Kiwanis Club of West Toronto to carry on an extensive programme of work for underprivileged boys and to lend its support to other charitable and patriotic funds.

Visitors Will See These

Subway. Canada's first subway, the Yonge-st. rapid transit line, was opened on March 30 1924. It was a great event in the progress of public transportation in Toronto. Rapid transit trains provide fast and convenient transportation, operating from Eglinton-ave. on the north to the Union Station at the south, a distance

of about five miles, in less than half the time required for surface cars. The subway stations are bright, clean and modern, each one finished in a different color scheme. Transfers are issued for all connecting surface routes. Single fares are 15 cents each, and if five tokens are purchased at one time, they are 10 cents each.

During the summer time the steamer Cayuga makes daily trips from Toronto across Lake Ontario to Niagara-on-the-Lake and Queenston. This is a very delightful cruise and connections may be made at Queenston for Niagara Falls.

Toronto has many beautiful residential districts, such as Rosedale, Moore Park, Forest Hill, Lawrence Park, Bayview and Kingsway, and a drive through these is very pleasant.

Toronto is Canada's greatest shopping centre. Carefully selected articles from all over the world as well as the products of the nation's most modern manufactories are available for every taste and budget. Two of Canada's most famous department stores have their main shops in Toronto.

A personally conducted tour over Toronto will be available for everyone attending the Convention, on Saturday afternoon, August 20. The local committee has contracted for 50 large buses for this tour. On each bus there will be a tour director who will explain all the points of interest to be seen and visited on the tour. One of the stops on the tour will be Casa Loma for the Municipal Tea.

Toronto is honored that the World Convention of Churches of Christ (Disciples) will assemble in Toronto to celebrate its Silver Jubilee Anniversary, August 16-21, 1955. A royal welcome awaits all who will attend.



View of Toronto from Lake Ontario.

In this "Christian World" Bible study, Principal W. G. ROBINSON discusses what happened . . .

When Peter Met Paul

Paul's story of his early years as a Christian is told (among other places) at the beginning of his letter to the Galatians, and here are concealed some problems concerning his movements and the chronology of those years. Those problems need not concern us here. But we ought not to miss what is half-hidden in one verse which mentions almost casually how Paul and Peter first met. "After three years (i.e., from Paul's conversion) I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and abode with him fifteen days" (Gal. 1: 18, A.V.). The Revised Version says "to visit Cephas," but the R.V. margin offers an illuminating variant, "I went up to Jerusalem to become acquainted with Cephas." This must have been one of the most important fortnights in the history of the Church, when the two great apostles who were later to share out their ministries—one to Jews and the other to Gentiles (Gal. 2: 7, 8)—first met and knew each other.

A Contrast in Apostles

They had come to their Christian faith and to this meeting from widely different backgrounds and along widely different ways. Peter was the bluff, outspoken fisherman from Galilee who had been one of the very first disciples (Mk. 1: 16, 17, cf. Jn. 1: 40-42); though "unlearned and ignorant" (Acts 4: 13)—that is, without formal education—he quickly took the lead among the Twelve; he had been one of the most intimate friends of Jesus; and he had at first been the leader in the Jerusalem Church (as the early chapters of Acts show). Paul was the cultured and rabbinically educated Jew from overseas who had studied in Jerusalem; he was intensely orthodox in his Phariseism and passionate in his persecuting zeal against the followers of Jesus (Gal. 1: 13, 14; Phil. 3: 4-6); his call to be an apostle had come in his experience on the Damascus road (Gal. 1: 15, 16, cf. Acts 9: 1-22; 22: 3-21; 26: 2-20). It needs little imagination to feel the contrast between the two men, to picture their mutual respect and affection as it grew, and to think of the interplay of their very different personalities.

What Did They Talk About?

But what did they talk about? Here is a field for fascinating speculation. Even if Paul had met Jesus during his earthly ministry, his knowledge must have been sketchy and limited. The point at which they began to talk

would probably be not the days of Jesus in Galilee and Judaea—that would come later in their conversations—but the resurrection and the appearances of the risen Lord. That was the starting-point, though in very different fashion, for the commission of both men. It was because of the resurrection that Peter, who had cravenly denied his Lord and then watched from a distance as he was crucified, became convinced that "the Lord is risen indeed" (Luke 24: 34) and was restored by him and given his charge to "feed my sheep" (John 21: 15ff). Henceforth he knew that the crucified Jesus was both Lord and Christ (Acts 2: 36), and that he himself was a witness to the resurrection (both in the sense that he had actually seen it, and in the sense that he must testify to it, Acts 2: 32). And it was because of the resurrection that Paul, already shaken by the death of Stephen, turned in his tracks. The dilemma which had driven Paul to persecute was solved. That dilemma was "the stumbling-block of the Cross" (1 Cor. 1: 23): Jesus of Nazareth was "hanged on a tree" and therefore according to the Law he was accursed (Gal. 3: 13); therefore he could not possibly be the Messiah his followers claimed him to be. But "last of all as unto one born out of due time, he appeared to me also" (1 Cor. 15: 8), and Paul now knew beyond all his doubts that Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified, was alive and was Lord and Saviour.

The two apostles, who had come to their apostleship along such diverse

roads, would next begin to talk about the earthly life of their Lord. Peter had so much to tell, Paul so much to hear. From Mark's Gospel (which tradition says was written by John Mark, the attendant of Peter at Rome, from the reminiscences of Peter) we know how vividly Peter recalled the sayings and deeds of Jesus. We know also from the First Letter of Peter how many eye-witness references there are to the life, death and resurrection of Jesus (e.g., 1 Peter 2: 21-24; 3: 9; 5: 1, 5, etc.). So we can guess how he must have enthralled Paul. When Paul came to write his letters he could not, of course, write with the same first-hand knowledge as did Peter. But the essential outline of the ministry of Jesus is there—his birth "under the Law," his poverty, his obedience to God, his betrayal, the Last Supper and the Cross (see especially 1 Cor. 11: 23-26; 15: 3-7); and so too are many echoes of his teaching, and even in some cases the actual words (e.g. Acts 20: 35; 1 Cor. 7: 10).

For Jews and Gentiles

And now they would talk about the gospel which they had to proclaim. Peter had already established himself as an apostle. He had spoken boldly at Pentecost; he had healed in the name of Christ; he had been imprisoned and rescued; he had taken the gospel into Samaria and so overcome his prejudices as to accept a Gentile, Cornelius, into the Church. Yet his ministry had been almost exclusively to Jews. On the other hand,



Exterior View of Maple Leaf Gardens Toronto.

Paul had not so far begun his ministry, yet he knew along what lines it would run: he was to be an apostle to the Gentiles — this was implicit in his call (Acts 9: 15; Gal. 1: 16). We may suppose that in the fortnight of their first meeting they worked out the main lines of their missionary strategy though neither can have known how far-reaching their labors would be.

There were at least two other occasions on which they met, we cannot

be sure in what order. On one occasion it was at the Council of Jerusalem (Acts 15) where the relations of Jew and Gentile within the Church were amicably settled. On the other occasion, Paul "resisted Cephas to the face" in Antioch because Peter was denying the fullness of the gospel and slipping back into Jewish exclusiveness (Gal. 2: 11ff). Perhaps there is an echo of this passing friction in Paul's reference to the "Cephas party" at Corinth (1 Cor. 1:

12). But the general demarcation of their ministries — to Jews and Gentiles — became tolerably clearer as time went on. And perhaps we swing full circle back to the days of the happiness of that first fortnight's meeting at the close of both their ministries when Mark seems to keep some sort of liaison between them (1 Peter 5: 13; 2 Tim. 4: 11), and, according to tradition, they were both martyred for the faith in Rome.



Camps conducted by Youth Departments during Christmas and New Year in all States except Tasmania, catered for nearly 500 senior young people and over 300 juniors, junior camps following senior in three States: Queensland, N.S.W. and W.A. In addition to these groups, camps were organized by some local churches and district committees.

SPIRITUAL GAINS AND MENTAL CHALLENGES

The study booklet, *The Kingdom of Heaven*, prepared by G. A. Whiting, B.A., S.A. youth director, proved popular at all senior camps. Bible studies, *With the Master Day by Day* were conducted by F. T. Morgan at Waterman Memorial Camp, Vic., and devotional periods followed directed meditations prepared by Harold Gross, B.A. Queensland supplemented the above study with *Depe or Dynamic?* by J. C. Jamieson. In South Australia, guest speakers included Miss P. Cameron and representatives of various brotherhood committees; the Victorian campers were helped by an evening programme on *Singing*, conducted by Valentine Woff, and an illustrated talk by H. A. G. Clark, M.A., touching Europe and the W.C.C. assembly at Evanston.

Junior camps in W.A. worked on a missionary project, one activity being the making of individual maps of mission stations in India and New Hebrides. Queensland juniors followed a set of American studies, *The Call of God*.

N.S.W. reports two decisions and one reconsecration at Senior camp, seven decisions at Intermediate girls' camp at Lake Illawarra; Queensland, four decisions and 25 consecrations on the last Sunday of camp. Several young men in the Northern State are seriously considering entering the College of the Bible to train for full-time ministry.

RECREATION AND LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Afternoons and evenings provided refreshing occasions of fellowship in swimming, hiking, tennis, boating, indoor recreation, socials, films and educational features. Entitled *The Fine Art of Living*, evening programmes at Waterman's Bay, W.A., gave scope for humor and suggestions for Youth Fellowship and C.E. programmes. At Monbulk, Vic., evening sessions included films — *It's the Brain that Counts*, *Daybreak*, *That they may Hear*, *The Promise*; S.A. screened the film *Hidden Treasure*. Evening Workshops at S.A. dealt with over-all programme for youth work in the local church, leadership of youth and the Bible school at work. At Monbulk, four tutorials were held on *Reading the Bible in Public*, *Hymns, Tunes and Singing Together*, *Chairmanship and Private Devotions*.

MEMORIAL GATES AT LONGWOOD, S.A.

On the evening of Dec. 27, more than 500 people assembled for the opening of the Stirling gates, erected to mark the eight and a half years of G. R. Stirling's labors in South Australia. Gates were designed by E. Ots and stone pillars erected by K. Norris. Youth director, G. A. Whiting, presided; Conference President, M. A. K. Crosby, led in prayer; Chairman of the Youth Department, F. K. Glover, opened the gates.

VARIA

Adelaide battalion of Boys' Brigade met in annual camp at Longwood, Jan. 1-8, and Girls' Life Brigade, Jan. 21-25.

Many young people achieved academic honors in 1954 exams. Daphne Canning, dux of Hornsby High (N.S.W.), gained two first class honors and four A's. Daphne, who is a B.S.

teacher at Chatswood, plans a University Arts course in modern languages. Margaret Morris of Epping, N.S.W., active in youth work there and a leader in girls' camps, gained one 1st class honors, two 2nd class, and A and a B. Margaret will go on to University to prepare for High school teaching.—Contributed by V. C. Stafford for Federal Board of Christian Education.



Dr. O. Frederick Nolde,

Director, Commission of the Churches on International Affairs, New York City.

There are about 25 in Great Britain who have booked their passage for Toronto. They will travel on the S.S. *Empress of Australia*, which leaves Liverpool on August 3 and arrives in Montreal, August 13. The journey from Montreal to Toronto will be made by train.

The Honorable Lester Pearson, a former President of the United Nations, and at present the Canadian Secretary of State for External Affairs, will address the World Convention on Thursday evening.



A. C. Thurrowgood will commence his ministry at Mayfield, N.S.W., on Feb. 20.

In view of Australia Day holiday on Jan. 31, copy for this issue closed first mail on Thurs., Jan. 27. News, etc., which arrived later will be included in the next issue.

Principal and Mrs. A. W. Stephenson, of Woolwich Bible College, N.S.W., are among the forty Australians who expect to attend the Toronto World Convention. Later they plan to visit colleges and churches in Canada, United States and Great Britain. In view of the Principal's programme, the Woolwich College Board decided to commence lectures a week earlier than usual, opening on Feb. 9, with the official opening session on Sat. afternoon, Feb. 12.

Wilkie J. Thomson, minister of Malvern-Caulfield church, Vic., will be giving a talk over 3LO national relay on Tuesday, Feb. 8, from 3:20 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., E.S.T. His talk will be entitled *Stalking Wildflowers in W.A.*

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Beale will be guest speakers at the 1955 N.S.W. State Conference, before proceeding to their missionary work at Aoba, where Mrs. Beale (as Miss W. Waterman) has already given fine service.

The church at Warrnambool, Vic., advises that it is scheduled for Sunday morning (11 a.m.) broadcasts over 3YB on Jan. 30 and March 20.

Chaplain B. E. Cavill, who has been serving with the British Commonwealth Forces in Tokyo, has returned to Australia and is now located with a National Service Training Battalion at Wacol, Qld. Chaplain L. G. Crisp, who relieves Chaplain Cavill, left Wacol for duty in Japan at the end of January.

After several months in Sydney, Miss J. Button, Matron of Will H. Clay Nursing Home, Vic., has resumed her duties.

Principal and Mrs. E. Lyall Williams, of the Federal College of the Bible, visited our Indian mission field on their way home from their overseas tour. The missionaries greatly appreciated their fellowship. An earlier expression of appreciation of their visit to Canada appeared in the December issue of the "Canadian Disciple," in which Oliver

W. McCully (General Secretary), commented, "Sunday at Hillcrest (Toronto) was a real treat, and it was a great joy and pleasure to have Lyall Williams, Principal of the College of churches of Christ in Melbourne, Australia, in the pulpit, and to have him and his wife in our home for fellowship. Our churches in Australia are most fortunate to have such able leadership." Mr. and Mrs. Williams arrived in W.A. on Jan. 25, and were to address meetings during a brief stay there.

A half-hour recording of the singing of the Belgrave Heights Convention choir and congregation, interspersed with comments by L. E. Buck, will be broadcast over national stations at 6:30 p.m. (E.S.T.), on Sunday, Feb. 13.

The church at Albury-Wodonga, N.S.W., after nearly eighteen months without a full-time preacher, gladly welcomed Mr. and Mrs. F. Leivesley and Errol at a public gathering on Jan. 14. Wangaratta and Yarrawonga churches were represented, and greetings were received from other churches in the District Conference, Woolwich College, Mr. Fullerton (Ministers Fraternal), and Capt. Mann (Salvation Army). The church regretted having to say farewell at the same function to Mr. and Mrs. Cross, both active workers, who were presented with silver tea-pot before leaving for Sydney. There were excellent meetings on Jan. 16, one baptism on 20th, and three reconsecrations on 23rd. The church appreciates all the help received from visiting speakers, and especially from Wangaratta and Wagga churches.

After a ministry of almost 15 years with the church at Marrickville, N.S.W., P. E. Thomas, B.A., recently submitted his resignation. However, by request of the membership, he agreed to withdraw it, and will now serve for a further period. The church has welcomed home Mr. and Mrs. Benson and family after an extensive caravan tour. £30 was forwarded for Remembrance Bowl appeal. Fellowship has been enjoyed with many visitors during the holiday period.

Mr. and Mrs. Neville Moore concluded their ministry at Henley Beach, S.A., on Dec. 12, when farewells were said and presentations made at the fellowship hour following the gospel service. Mr. and Mrs. Jas. E. Webb

were welcomed on Dec. 16. Kinders and B.S. held successful Christmas functions. A combined Federal, State and local farewell was held on Jan. 12 to bid au revoir to Miss Hazel Skuce, missionary-member returning to India. The church congratulates Mr. and Mrs. Lawrie on their golden wedding anniversary.



W.R. Hibburt Retires



On Sunday, Jan. 30, W. R. Hibburt completed 43 years of full-time ministering. Health reasons now necessitate retirement. He intends taking up residence at The Basin, Vic., and hopes to be able to maintain some of his committee work, and, on occasions, lend a hand in emergency work.

For the past eighteen months he has conducted an interim ministry at Essendon and will continue Sunday appointments while the church endeavors to locate a preacher.

"All the years," writes Mr. Hibburt, "have been great years, upwards of 25 of them in the midst of young people as youth leader, others in brotherhood enterprises as State organizer in W.A. and manager of The Austral Printing and Publishing Company. Settled ministries were conducted at Fremantle, W.A., Emerald, Vic., and Wellington, N.Z. The ministry of the years and the experiences and the friendships have been enriching and the bringer of durable satisfactions."

Many who have known Mr. and Mrs. Hibburt in these various ministries have had their lives permanently enriched, and will join in wishing for them abundant blessing as they (in Mr. Hibburt's own typical phrase) "enjoy the western slopes of life on the western side of the Dandenongs."

WOMEN

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

Programme for March

Miss M. Mitchell (N.S.W.)

Theme: "Helpfulness"

HYMN.

No. 389, "Here from the world we turn, Jesus to seek."

PRAYER.

"O Lord, today we have come to worship in thy name, we have come to thee for help and guidance and we know that these are to be had in abundance if we ask. Today we ask for help in the work of the many auxiliaries, particularly in the work that women do. We need thy help, O Lord. Amen."

MEDITATION.

Let our topic today be Helpfulness.

Help is a simple little word of four letters, so easy to understand, so simple for action. In the Scriptures we find so many instances of great help, too numerous to mention.

Let us take for our reading 2 Kings 5: 1-19.

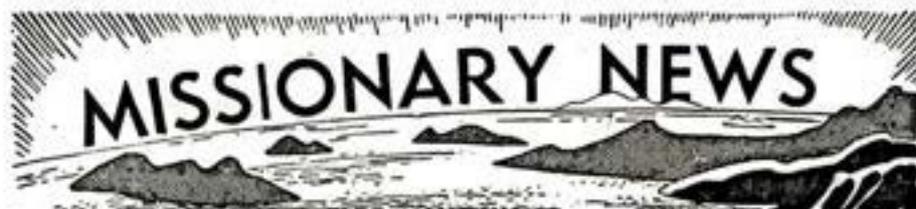
Here we are shown just how helpful a little maid was able to be to a great man, by speaking a word in season. In the story of Ruth we find that the Lord rewarded her helpfulness and guided her life to supreme happiness when she bore a son, the predecessor of David. "Great and marvellous are thy works, O Lord." After a great fight with the Philistines Samuel recognised the help of God and in 1 Sam. 7: 12 we read, "Then Samuel took a stone, and set it between Mizpeh and Shen, and called the name of it Eben-ezer, Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

"Hitherto the Lord hath helped me, Not one promise e'er hath failed, Now I can look back and praise him, Glad that trust and faith prevailed; Confident I face the future, Put my hand in his and say, 'Lead me still, O Heavenly Father, I will trust thee all the way'."

It is pleasing to note in the everyday bustle of life many instances of helpfulness. Simple little actions in street and transport, young to the old, strong to the feeble. How quickly the general public of all creeds and classes arises when called upon to help with its means in major disasters of fire and flood, sickness and misfortune, really following the example of our Lord when he said, "Lazarus, come forth;" to the lame, "Rise up and walk;" and to the hungry, "Let them be fed." Helpfulness was the shining light in the life of Christ.

Here is a portion of a poem "To help another on Life's Way":

"To help another on Life's way,
To smile and chase a frown away,
To hide a fault, reveal the good,
To love my neighbor as I should;
Bringing cheer to a heart that's sad,
To make some lonely person glad;
To share my joys and triumphs too,
This will I try each day to do."



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

"Cause for Rejoicing"

From several sources over the holidays word has come from the Islands, and in all a note of rejoicing has been struck. It seems as if the New Year commences for them with . . . "Rejoice, and again I say, Rejoice."

AOEA, NEW HEBRIDES

Progress in Indigenous Work. About one hundred people, including many women, made the trip across the sea to Santo to see the opening of a new chapel. They were impressed with all they saw. Abel Barney reported that over sixty "bush" people (real backward native people who hardly ever come down from the hills, and who for the most part wear very scanty clothing—sometimes less) came down for the service. For most of them it was the first time they had heard the gospel message. From amongst some with whom previous contact had been made there were five baptisms. A fuller account of the gathering is anticipated.

Ndai-Ndai. Christmas services passed off happily, at which there were a further eleven baptisms. Because of rough seas those being baptised and those assisting received a good buffeting from the waves. It has been very windy and wet for a period and no ships have been round the coast, causing a delay in mails.

Londua School. A satisfactory year was accomplished and the break-up was stated to be a great success, and

HYMN.

No. 394, "I am trusting thee, Lord Jesus."

BUSINESS.

MISSIONARY LETTER.

PRAYER FOR MISSIONS.

SOLO.

MESSAGE.

HYMN.

No. 602, "Master speak, thy servant heareth."

BENEDICTION.

"May the Lord watch between thee and me while we are absent one from another. Amen."

a gift of £20 was given to be used in school equipment.

PENTECOST, NEW HEBRIDES

A report covering the latter part of the year 1954 has come to hand from Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith.

Evangelical Village Work. Since our return from furlough, three visits have been made to villages in the southern area of this island and two to the northern area. The purpose of these visits is to contact and encourage the people and to gain new converts.

We hold evangelistic meetings, weekend services, song services, women's and children's meetings, etc. It is necessary to remain several days in these villages, because of the long distances, also to administer medicine to the people.

Local work. Visits are made to local churches to hold weekend services. Services are held daily in the villages and in the hospital by native brethren. There is a weekly Bible study meeting, also prayer meetings and song services, during the week, plus an afternoon service for the women.

Medical work. Hospital personnel: Mrs. J. Smith, two male dressers, Japhet and George, and a trainee, David, one midwife, Lily, and one nurse, Leelle. In this period a new dispensary has been built, complete with utility sink made out of flat iron, also new cupboards built. The two new general wards have been completed and the new beds installed; these beds purchased in Australia have been a great boon in comfort for the natives and from a hygienic point of view.



INTERSTATE CHURCH NEWS

Discipleship

Lynette Mason, Daisy Williams, Stawell, Vic.
Don Street, Blackburn, Vic.
Lorraine Dyson, North Williamstown, Vic.
Jennifer Morris, Albury-Wodonga, N.S.W.

Membership

Mr. and Mrs. Roberts and Sis. Stevenson, from Marrickville, N.S.W., to Albury-Wodonga, N.S.W.
Mrs. Wilson, Roger Wilson, to Earlwood, N.S.W.
Mrs. M. Lindsay (nee Grigg), from Carnarvon to South Perth, W.A.

Marriage

Valerie Potts to Keith Smith, Stawell, Vic.
Miss A. Yarrow to A. Tutin, Boonah, Qld.
Reta Young to John Guttman, Inverell, N.S.W.
Valerie Murray to John Milne, York-st., Ballarat.

Fallen Asleep

K. Lacy, Footscray, Vic.
H. Hayne, Footscray, Vic.

Queensland

Boonah (A. B. Clark). — Speakers during absence of preacher on holidays have been G. H. Eager, R. Cardew, K. Christensen and C. Miller. United Circuit Y.P. break-up social was held at home of Mr. and Mrs. L. Lobegeler. Proceeds from evening were donated to Caloundra Youth Centre. K. Horne (Youth director) was present. Gwen and Dorothy Miller (sisters) were married in double wedding at Ann-st., Brisbane on Jan. 8. Little David Warwick has returned home after spending three months in Brisbane Hospital. Several Y.P. attended Y.P. and junior camps at Caloundra. Fellowship is enjoyed with Mr. and Mrs. H. Christensen, Unice and Kevin (C.O.B.). Cyril Miller plans to enter C.O.B. this year.

Western Australia

South Perth (S. H. Wilson). — Reviewing work over 1954, 20 were added to church by faith and baptism, 13 by transfer, bringing active membership to 162 (9 isolated). Plans are being prayerfully prepared for forward move. Mrs. Collins and Mrs. Browning (respectively), hosted two of our native girls from Norseman mission during school vacation—Janee and Valma. I.C.E. purchased further two chairs for platform. Good Neighbors resumed activities on Feb. 1. Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay go to Sunday Island at end of Jan. to commence work with Education Dept; Mrs. Lindsay will take up medical work at the mission. On Dec. 14, I.C.E. visited Christian Guest Home distributing Christmas cheer. Junior girls' club and their leaders, Mrs. Ballantine and Miss M. Flint, are doing commendable work in caring for lawns around building. Preacher and family are on holidays. Recent interstate visitors included Miss Snooks (Lygon-st.), Mr. Page (Murray Bridge), Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Knight (Marrickville).

Lake-st., Perth (A. J. Fisher). — Special Christmas and New Year services were well attended with broadcasts on Dec. 26 and Jan. 2. On Christmas morning representative gathering attended service addressed by S. H. Wilson. Gospel service on Jan. 9 featured favorite hymns. C. Fisher gave Kodak-like lecture on Jan. 11, when hall was crowded and offering of £13 went to Guest Home and Y.P. Dept. Parcels have been sent to Aborigines Missions and British Seamen's Mission. Many visitors from Eastern churches have attended during holidays. H.M. offering reached £97 and Bowl of Remembrance, £28. On Jan. 15, choir and Y.P. farewelled Miss M. Somerville, who has been with us from Boronia for several months. Evening service on Jan. 16 was open-air film night, when *Fact and Faith* film, *Dust or Destiny* was shown to large gathering. R. K. Brittain exhorted church on Jan. 16.

New South Wales

Hornsby (K. R. Fennell). — During Jan. Sis. J. Glazier was a leader at girls' inter camp, and Mr. Fennell at boys' camp. Mr. Gibb conducted gospel service on 16th, assisted by Mrs. McFadyen as soloist and her son with a violin and piano accordion duet. Monthly Fellowship Tea was held on 23rd, at which E. W. Roffey was guest speaker. Mr. Kalmier conducted and spoke at gospel service and Mr. Fennell assisted with solo. Other recent speakers have been Messrs. Saxby and Ward-Smith. New platform has been en-

hanced with laying of feltex. Attendances have been affected by holidays and sickness.

Earlwood (G. H. Benjamin). — A married woman and son came forward as baptised believers for membership on Jan. 2. B.S. is preparing for anniversary and is grateful for assistance of John Morris, who is training children, and who also addressed church on Jan. 16. Church was pleased to have fellowship with Sis R. Lilburn (Vic.), a former member.

Inverell (E. F. G. McIlhagger, B.A.). — Speaker at evening service on Jan. 9 was M. Smith (Pt. Pirie, S.A.). During preacher's vacation, speakers were T. Young, R. Acland, A. Mackie and J. Jackson. Service on Jan. 23 was broadcast. Recent visitors included Janice and Muriel Coventry, Lorraine Rowe and Val Williams (Vic.), and Mr. and Mrs. Johnson (Lismore).

South Australia

Croydon (W. N. Bartlett). — On Christmas Day preacher conducted short devotional service, which was well attended. On following evening church was packed to see film, *The Prince of Peace*. Special items have been rendered by Mrs. L. Brooks, Miss M. L. Hoskin and S. Osborne during choir recess. P. Manning addressed church during preacher's vacation. Thanks are extended to Mr. Manning for assistance given to church during his furlough from the Congo.

Kilburn (H. G. Norris). — L. Milne (elder) spoke at morning service on 16th and Dean Hamilton preached gospel at night. Mrs. Kelly was soloist. B.S. resumed on 23rd (after four weeks' holiday break), when 143 attended, with 5 new scholars. Both services were addressed by preacher, following annual vacation. Church will miss Mr. and Mrs. Huddy, Paul and Geoffrey, who are transferring to W.A. Joan Sandercock has joined kinder teaching staff. Mrs. Stafford and Peter were recent welcome visitors.

Fullarton. — Meetings are getting back to normal after holiday period although several are still away. A. Anderson spoke at both services on 23rd and Jennifer Outlaw sang solo at evening meeting.

Victoria

North Williamstown (C. J. Mackenzie). — There have been two reconsecrations and one baptism in recent weeks. Over £200 of toys and clothes were received in the Christmas Tree Appeal for underprivileged children. Melbourne City Mission were the distributors. Services over holiday

season have been affected. B.S. has recommenced for year. Church anniversary celebrations are well in hand.

Parkdale (C. Dunse). — During absence of preacher on holiday in Adelaide, visiting speakers at morning services have been Theo Edwards (S.A.), Alex Wilson and Don Thomas. Evening services have been conducted very ably by local church members, F. Lee, F. Cooke and E. White. Many visitors have attended during holidays. Remembrance Bowl Appeal amounted to £20. Y.W.F. started new year with visit to Emmaus Guest Home on Jan. 19.

Glen Waverley. — Members joined with Jordanville church for evening service on Jan. 16, after which a welcome was extended to Mr. and Mrs. Warfe, who will be assisting in work of circuit. Mrs. McGregor has resigned as church treas. and A.C. agent. These positions have been taken over by N. Wickham and A. Watson. Church is joining in inter-church mission to be held during March. Eighteen broke bread on 23rd. Meetings are being held in a tent, but members are looking forward to commencement of a new building in the near future.

Peel-st., Ballarat. — Services were well attended during holiday season. T. Coad and A. Graham were speakers on Jan. 23. Miss R. Birch rendered solo at gospel service. A young man made his decision. At close of service, Mrs. N. Ploate (pres. Ladies' Guild) handed to church officers cheques of £108 for Manse Fund, £5 for Renovation Fund, £5 for B.S. and £5 for Remembrance Bowl. Appreciative remarks were expressed concerning support and work of ladies over past 12 months. Men have held working bees during last three months to paint church and B.S. hall. Weekly prayer meetings are growing in attendance and interest.

Blackburn (S. Neighbour, B.A.). — During preacher's vacation R. Patterson, W. W. Saunders, C. Young and Mr. Kretschmar have assisted with preaching appointments. Three lads made their decision following youth tea and service on 23rd, at which speaker was C. Young. Film, *Walking with God*, was screened at gospel service. Recent visitors have included Mr. and Mrs. F. Langford and Mr. and Mrs. Costain (Qld.). B.S. picnic was held at Edithvale on 15th.

Stawell (J. C. Cunningham). — Numerous visitors have been present at services during Jan. Evening service on 2nd was conducted by visiting campers. D. Main (Warrawong, N.S.W.) was morning speaker on 9th. Kitchen tea was tendered to Miss V. Potts and K. Smith prior to their marriage at Bambra-rd., Caulfield. Mrs. Willcock is making progress following an operation in Eye and Ear Hospital.

Work on kinder hall and kitchen is continuing and all money for completion of work is in hand. Church has purchased manse and Mr. Cunningham will return to full-time ministry as from March 1.

Footscray (A. E. Hurren). — All auxiliaries held successful end of year functions. At a Christmas social, B.S. scholars brought gifts and money for W.C.C. world relief. 66 kinders received gifts and presented items before a large attendance of parents and friends at annual Christmas party. At auxiliary thankoffering night, £265 was contributed toward church car appeal which, together with individual gifts, leaves only £137 to be paid. Attendances were fairly good over holiday period. On Jan. 15, an evening was tendered Neville Livett in view of his approaching marriage, and removal to country. A presentation was made in appreciation of his services in B.S. and church. Church was shocked and saddened by sudden home call of K. Lacy on Jan. 18. Sympathy of the church is extended to his dear wife and relatives. 122 broke bread on Jan. 23.

Red Cliffs (C. L. Lang). — Christmas in Song and Story was held on Dec. 18. Over 30 Y.P. from Murray Valley

Youth Camp attended and conducted morning service on Jan. 2. J. Manalack (Berri, S.A.) was speaker. B.S. commenced for 1955 on Jan. 9. Members are returning from holidays, and services were well attended on Jan. 23, over 60 being present at each service. I. J. Chivell (Unley, S.A.), spoke at night. Men of church have painted interior of school hall in pastel shades.

Warrnambool (K. W. Barton, L.Th.). — In preacher's absence at Y.P. camp on Jan. 2, Vivian Russell (Mitcham) gave challenging exhortation, and Errett Houston the gospel message. We have had fellowship with a large number of visitors, including Cecil Houston (Bendigo, but formerly connected with church here) who presided at morning service of Jan. 9. All auxiliaries have resumed. Monthly meeting of Men's Society was well attended on Jan. 20, when H. A. Harvey of P.J. Trousers was guest speaker and gave enlightening and informative address on "Safety in Industry." J. A. Wilkie (Ballarat) also brought greeting. N. Pritchard has been appointed sec. of local B. & F.B.S. auxiliary. At gospel meeting of Jan. 16 a duet was sung by Mrs. W. Crouch (Kaniva) and Mrs. G. LeCouteur (Seaford). Mrs. Barton and daughters are visiting her parents in Tasmania.



RESTORATION OF NEW TESTAMENT CHRISTIANITY

"We must take from the past its fires, not its ashes" — Jean Jaures.

The restoration of New Testament Christianity is one of the historic slogans of Disciples of Christ.

It cannot be said that Disciples originated the slogan, nor have they been the only communion committed to such a programme. Engraved on the tombstone of John Wesley in London is a tribute to his contribution to the "restoration of primitive Christianity." Most reform movements, from the beginning of the Protestant Reformation, have made their aim the restoration of the New Testament Church.

The adoption of this slogan by the Disciples came in the early 19th Century, within a very different theological climate than that prevalent today. The emphasis was primarily upon doctrinal restoration, motivated by the desire for Christian unity.

The Disciples have had sad experience with the slogan within their own fold, occasioned by some

who have demanded an all too literal application of the principle of restoration. It has been the basic cause of the one unfortunate division within their ranks.

The plain fact is, whatever may be said for the values in theological thought after the close of the New Testament period — which must not be minimised — The New Testament still remains the basic source and norm for developing Christian thought. The spiritual attainments which the New Testament Church reached, by their very commanding nature, must ever remain the object of "restoration" for all succeeding generations.

There are many areas of life and doctrine exemplified in the life of the New Testament Church that need restoration in our times. There is the amazing missionary passion of the New Testament Church.

Then there is the prayer life of the first Century Church. Prayer had a basic and indispensable reality to New Testament Christians. When they prayed, "the place in which they were gathered together was shaken," iron gates to prisons opened, miracles happened, and strongholds of opposition were broken down. The prayer

life of the New Testament Church needs restoring today.

Again, there was the vivid consciousness of the living presence and authority of the resurrected Christ. The vision broke through at the gates of Damascus and Paul saw the Christ as the supreme personality of the ages with an authority above that of kings and emperors. This is the "lost radiance" which the Church must recover today.

Let us, as Jean Jaures in the quotation above suggests, take from the New Testament its fires and fan them into flames of abiding spiritual power. "Restoration" need not be outmoded among us, nor a divisive sectarian shibboleth, but still a source of spiritual power and adventure.

—Christian Evangelist, June 9, 1954.
(Contributed by C. L. Smith for the Federal Committee for the Promotion of Christian Union).

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Open Forum

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

THE LAST DAYS

The significance of the words in 1 Peter 4: 7-17 will be apparent if we consider that this epistle was written close upon the outbreak of the Jewish war, if not after its actual commencement. It was the "close of the age," of which our Lord so often spoke. Also, Paul, writing to Timothy (2 Tim. 3: 1-5), states, "From these things turn away." It is evident he expected Timothy to be alive and these things he would encounter in this time set forth. A reference to Acts 2: 16, 17, also leads to this conclusion. Peter says, "This is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel. And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh." We deduce from this that the Spirit was to be poured out upon the apostles in the "last days" and not the end of the Gospel Age. There is no such expression in the New Testament. In Hebrews 9: 26, we have "end of the ages" given as the time when Christ took away sin by his sacrifice.

It is found in 1 Cor. 10: 11, where Paul says, "The end of the ages had come." Peter, who wrote his first letter about A.D. 65, says: "But, the end of all things is at hand" (1 Peter 4: 7). He meant our Lord was about

to come in judgment (v. 17), not in the final judgment of "the whole human race," but upon the guilty nation or nations of Palestine, who rejected their King, despitefully treated and slew his messengers (Matt. 22: 1-14), and whose day of doom was now near at hand.—T. J. Johnston, Launceston,

GOLDEN JUBILEE PLANS

The church at Claremont, W.A., celebrates its Golden Jubilee this year on Aug. 21. The Sunday services in August are to be featured with visiting speakers, culminating in the Homecoming services of the 21st.

The first meeting for the breaking of bread in Claremont was held in the Claremont Council chambers on Aug. 20, 1905, with seven brethren and sisters present. Of these, only one, Mrs. Burton, is still in active fellowship with us.

The chapel in which the church now meets was built in a day and opened for service on Oct. 20, 1914. Except for the addition of a brick hall at the back and internal improvements, it is substantially the same today.

At the present moment the active membership numbers 60 and for several years the church has been self-supporting after a period of assistance from the Home Mission committee.

We would be glad to hear from all who have had associations with Claremont in the past and hope that the occasion might be the opportunity for renewing old acquaintances.—J. E. Gough, acting sec., Jubilee committee, 7 Loftus-st., Claremont, W.A.

DEATHS.

LACY.—On Jan. 18, 1955, at Royal Melbourne Hospital, Kenneth Edward, dearly loved husband of Joyce, and loving daddy of Rhonda and Phillip.
"Safe in the arms of Jesus."

LACY.—On Jan. 18, 1955, at Royal Melbourne Hospital, Kenneth Edward, beloved son-in-law of Rebecca and Robert Gray.

"God holds the key of all unknown."

LACY.—On Jan. 18, 1955, Kenneth Edward, loving friend and pal of James Hort.

"Forever with the Lord."

LACY.—A tribute to the memory of the late Ken Lacy, from the staff and teachers of Footscray Bible School.

"A faithful and much loved servant of the Lord."

IN MEMORIAM.

FISHER.—Frank Hugh. In loving memory of dear Frank, who departed this life at Darwin, on Jan. 28, 1945.

"Dearly loved, sadly missed."

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World Convention News

The Toronto World Convention is being planned for families. Bring the children. A programme is being set up for all children 14 years of age and under. The programme, which will be in charge of competent leaders and teachers, will consist of a Daily Vacation Bible School, directed play, hikes and tours, motion pictures and corporate worship. Lunch will be furnished each noon. This programme and the daily noon lunch is included in the 7½ dollars registration fee per child for the duration of the Convention.

All attending the World Convention are urged to take their vacation before or after the Convention. Plan to attend the first session of the Convention on Tuesday, August 16, and stay through to the end of the programme. The last session of the Convention will be an impressive Communion Service held in Maple Leaf Gardens on Sunday afternoon, Aug. 21, at 3.30 p.m.

Ernest Lawrence of Texas Christian University of Ft. Worth, Texas, will be the Director of Music at the Toronto Convention. A choir of 500 is being enlisted from many lands. The Chairman of the Music Committee of ten, responsible for the Convention music, is Beauford Norris, of the School of Religion, Butler University, Indianapolis, Indiana.

The Hillcrest church of Christ (Disciples) in Toronto, with a membership of 472, is host to the Fifth World Convention. Herbert Simpson is the pastor. This congregation is providing all the members of all local committees and is doing a grand job. The president of the Convention, Edgar Burton, is a member of this church. This congregation is one of the most devoted, courageous and adventurous in our world brotherhood. While this Toronto church is the special host to the Convention, it is also true that all the Canadian Churches of Christ (Disciples) are the host to all those who come into this great Dominion from other lands.

There are housing facilities for all who come to Toronto. The Convention has reserved 600 rooms at the Royal York Hotel and 400 rooms at the King Edward Hotel. The college and universities of the city are providing 700 beds. There are about 20 smaller hotels where rooms have been reserved. Rooms have been reserved also in over 16 motels. Rooms in many tourist and private homes are available. There is a trailer camp available for those who come to the Convention in trailers. Write to H. B. Holloway, 320 Lesley-ave., Indianapolis, Indiana, for a folder, which gives full information on housing and prices of rooms.—Jesse M. Bader, General Secretary, World Convention.

THE AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN

The Church and the University

All ministers, especially those in the country, are asked to read this note and take action as soon as possible.

Donald Macrae, Chaplain to the Melbourne University, appointed by the W.C.C., wishes to obtain particulars of all students with church connections who will be attending the University this year. It will be appreciated if the following details can be supplied, but if these are not readily available even names only will be helpful: Name, Home Address, Address in Melbourne, Course of Study, (e.g., Arts, Medicine, Engineering), Year (e.g., 1st, 2nd, etc.), church affiliation (e.g., Maryborough church of Christ), Remarks.

The Chaplain requires this information to enable him to get into touch with students and to assist them to link up with a congregation in Melbourne and with the Student Christian Movement or the Evangelical Union in the University.

Will ministers please act on this and write without delay to D. M. Macrae, 204 The Avenue, Parkville, N.2, Vic.

PROFESSIONAL ENGAGEMENTS

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The leaders of the major Protestant Churches in Australia will gather at "Gilbulla," near Menangle, N.S.W., early this month. The President of the Conference, which is the eighth annual meeting of the Australian Council for the W.C.C., will be the Anglican Archbishop of Sydney, Dr. H. W. K. Mowll. More than sixty delegates, including Bishops, Presidents and Moderators will attend, as well as heads of the various Committees and Commissions of the Australian Council.

The General Secretary of the Australian Council, Dr. Malcolm Mackay, said in Sydney recently that the main theme of the Conference would be the implementing throughout the nation



Miss Jessie M. Trout, U.S. Women's
Leader, will be at Toronto.

of the decisions and hopes of the great World Assembly of the Churches recently held in Evanston, U.S.A. "We in Australia have a great opportunity to present a picture of Christian unity to the Eastern world," he said. "The kind of Christianity we live in this country will more than any other affect the future of the Pacific." Dr. Mackay told how the eyes of Christians in the neighboring countries were on Australia in many ways, and especially among the Indonesians he had found a keen interest in our affairs.

Other major items of interest include the question of religious television in Australia, and plans are being evolved to make our own religious T.V. productions. The future of the Resettlement Department under the newly appointed Director, J. J. Dedman, will also be discussed, and this will have a

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days, and will end on Feb. 11.

OBITUARY

Mrs. R. E. Cosh.

Robertina Evelyn McMillan was born
in Ballarat, Vic. in 1868, and early
gave her life to the Lord—her parents
then being active in the North Fitzroy
church. We cannot give accurate dates,
but about 1894 she was married to J.
R. Thompson, who died ten years later.
For 17 years a widow, she then, in
W.A., married S. Cosh, who pre-de-
ceased her by 10 years. She came about
34 years ago to W.A., where most of
her married life was spent in the coun-
try, on farms, orchards and in mining
areas. Throughout her life she was
active in Christian service, being as-
sociated with Dorcas, C.E. societies,
Bands of Hope and Women's Con-
ference. But most will remember her
for her consecrated talent of song. Of
her four children by her first marriage,
two died in infancy and Harold pre-
deceased her by five years. To her
remaining daughter, Eve (Mrs. C.
Trotman), six grand-children and four
great-grand-children, we extend loving
and appreciative sympathy. After a
prolonged period of increasing weak-
ness, she fell asleep in Christ at
Bethesda Hospital on Dec. 29, 1954,
aged 86 years. Patients and staff tes-
tified to her cheerful and peaceful wit-
ness for Christ. The funeral was
conducted by the writer at Karrakatta
crematorium, in the presence of a
large representative gathering, when
some of her favorite solos were quoted.
—A. J. Fisher.

Leonard Lynch.

In the fuller meaning of the words,
"I'm going home for Christmas," Len
Lynch on Dec. 21, went to his eternal
home. His loved ones and friends were
comforted by the fact that so patient
a sufferer had entered into a peace
and rest so worthily deserved. During
the long weeks of his distress, his
calm and tranquil attitude testified to
a robust faith and hope in his Lord
and Saviour. His outstanding quiet sin-
cerity and unassuming nature won for
him durable friendships. He was bap-
tized by Russell Baker and with his
wife (nee Phyllis Magilton) enjoyed a
number of years of rich fellowship at
Lygon-st., later transferring to Essen-
don, where he was a keen supporter
of C.M.S. and cricket teams. In 1953,
for business reasons, he transferred to
Thailand with his wife and family, and
on return renewed fellowship at Es-
sendon. The services conducted in the
home and at Pawkner cemetery were
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