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New Church Building in NELSON, N.Z.

Dec. 12, 1959 marked a significant milestone in the long history of the above church, with the dedication of a new sanctuary.

This new building, which was opened by G. L. Page in the presence of over 500 people, marked the conclusion of many years of planning and ten months of hard work, and is the fourth place of worship to be erected in the 116 years the church has witnessed in the City of Nelson. First two buildings are now used for Christian Education work, and the third is home of the Annesbrook Congregation.

Built of reinforced concrete, with a forty-two foot high tower and facade facing of Takaka and Hammer marble, the building was designed by Ross Taylor, of Mairangi Bay church, and the work was carried out by C. J. Strawbridge & Son.

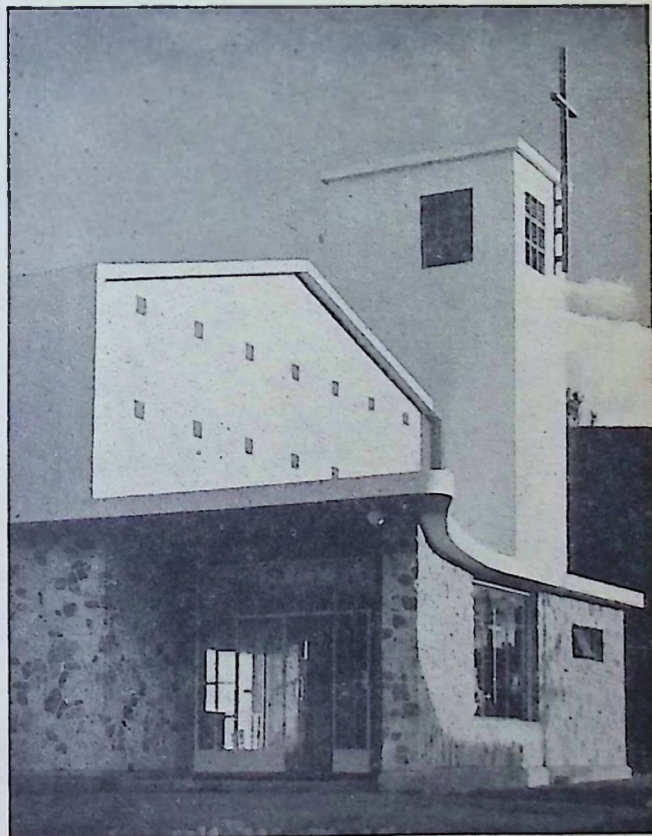
E. R. Vickery, N.Z. Vice-President of the World Convention of Churches of Christ, gave the dedicatory address, K. E. Knapp, chairman of the elders, presided. Greetings were brought by L. R. Pugh (N.Z. Conf. Pres.), S. I. Russell (Mayor of Nelson), Dr. W. A. McDowell (Chairman of the local National Council of Churches), as well as many telegrams from many parts of the country and overseas, including former ministers, W. G. Carpenter, G. T. Fitzgerald and J. K. Robinson.

Features of the building which have been the subject of much favorable comment include the use of symbols, with the cross off centre on the tower and at the pulpit end of the 74 foot long sanctuary; the symbols of the open Bible, Cross and world unity sandblasted on the foyer window to indicate the witness of Churches of Christ, the cry room for mothers with young children, the gallery which seats an extra 90 in addition to the 400 in the main sanctuary, the open baptistry with blue mosaic tiles, the Hammond organ and the use of pastel colors to give the interior a most pleasing effect.

The 37 pews are made of Pinus Radiata, and these, along with the back vestries and the James Barton Hall (named after the most active of the early Nelson pioneer members), were constructed by the men of the congregation, working under the supervision of the Nelson minister, who is now in his 17th year of ministry with Nelson church.

For the first Sunday extra seating was required to accommodate the large congregation at both services. At the evening service the Mayor and Councillors attended to mark the commencement of their new term of office. A thankoffering in excess of £800 was received, making a total of £10,000 so far raised for building purposes, which is approximately half of the amount required.

The Nelson church looks forward to a year's programme of progressive witness and worship, which will include the privilege of acting as hosts to the Dominion Conference of N.Z. Churches of Christ next Easter.



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FROM
THE
READINGS

as Suggested for

Sunday, February 7



GENESIS 12: 1-10; 15: 1-6.

In these passages we find Abram, at the call of God, leaving Ur of the Chaldees, together with his family and that of his nephew Lot, and venturing on through Canaan (which God promised to his descendants) to Egypt. In ch. 15: 1-6, he is definitely promised an heir — the prelude to God's covenant with him.

"the souls that they had gotten" (v. 5). — Their slaves.

"plain of Moreh" (v. 6). — "Oracular oak at the shrine of Shechem" (Moffatt). A sacred tree, or grove of trees; an ancient sanctuary.

"freed an altar" (vv. 7, 8). — Recognised acts of worship.

"down into Egypt" (v. 10). — "Temporary migration to Egypt in time of famine was not infrequent in Palestine and northern Arabia, for Egypt was one of the most fruitful countries in the ancient world" (Robinson).

"The steward of my house" (15: 2).

— "The heir of my house" (R.S.V.).

"counted it to him for righteousness" (15: 6). — "The Eternal counted his trust as real religion" (Moffatt).

MARK 5: 21-43.

In response to an urgent request from a ruler of the synagogue named Jairus to come and heal his daughter, Jesus goes to the home, finds her already dead, and restores her to life. On the way, his garment is touched by a woman, suffering from a chronic haemorrhage, and she is healed.

"a woman" (v. 25). — "Dr. Smith regards the woman as a Gentile, because, if a Jewess, she, as one ceremonially unclean, would not be likely to mix with the crowd. But even if she were a Jewess, the extremity of her case would probably lead her to put aside the ceremonial qualifications" (Main).

"touched his garment" (v. 27). — "It was the belief of the time that even the garments of eminent personalities had the power to heal (cf. Acts 5: 15; 19: 12), and this woman believes that by touching the tassel of Jesus' flowing robe she would find immediate remedy" (Davies).

"virtue . . . out of him" (v. 30). — Each healing act cost Jesus something.

"heard the word" (v. 36). — "Ignoring what they said" (R.S.V.).

"seeth the tumult" (v. 38). — The hired mourners were already at work.

IRA A. PATERNOSTER (Sydney) looks at . . .

The Changing Missionary Pattern

Looking back over the years of missionary work overseas, one cannot but be impressed by the great changes that have taken place.

The missionary of a few decades ago was looked upon as the great manager of the missionary enterprise. His word would not be questioned — it was law. He was also the dispenser of relief in time of famine and the healer of disease. In too many cases he was, in the eyes of the people, the representative of the ruling class, and homage was paid to him.

Today the spirit of Nationalism which has arisen in so many lands has completely altered this. The old time missionary-evangelist is no longer welcomed. Unless he has other qualifications, and is a doctor, teacher, mechanic or nurse he is no longer allowed to enter some countries.

The increase of literacy in many lands, and the higher educational standards of many nationals, has led them to seek a greater share in the development of the life of the Church in their midst. Together with this has grown up a desire to express themselves more fully in the evangelisation of their own and other lands, together with a feeling of mistrust in the competitive spirit of division within the Missions themselves, so that today we are becoming familiar with efforts on the part of the Younger Churches to meet in Conference, so that they may plan together as Churches to fulfil the command of Christ to "go into all the world" with the message of salvation.

In our own work in the New Hebrides we have evidence of this in the indigenous work of our brethren there in establishing churches on Marlo, Tatuba and Mavla, for which they are wholly responsible. Further evidence of this development of growth within the Younger Church — a growth we have prayed we would live to see, has recently been noted in the appointment of Hariba Wagmode as Secretary of the Committee of Management of our Indian Church, and we look forward to the time when more such leaders will be found, that the Church may become wholly directed by Indian brethren.

Behind the move to integrate the International Missionary Council in the World Council of Churches is the widening gap between Mission and Church. Younger Churches are manifesting a growing desire to be the Church and not just the Mission. The growing disapproval of the term Foreign Mission, with the substitution of the word Overseas, arises from the same desire to place the

Church in its right relation to its indigenous membership.

All this must tend to strengthen the witness of the Church in the eyes of the Government and peoples, and make the witness of the gospel more powerful in its appeal.

Quoting from the Newsletter of the International Missionary Council, concerning the First Assembly of the South East Asian Christian Conference, we find, "In Kuala Lumpur, Malaya, for ten days, 150 men and women from 15 free Asiatic countries convened to talk and pray together. They represented 48 Churches and Christian Councils, but were one in faith, fellowship and purpose."

In their message to the world they said, "In areas of extreme difficulty and danger the Church is growing. New ways of evangelism are being pioneered. Most of the Churches in Asia are now sending out missionaries to other lands as well as receiving them. They are helping one another with many kinds of services as well as receiving manifold help from Churches in other parts of the world. The gospel is being carried not only by organised Missions, but also by spontaneous witness of Christians going to other places as workers or traders, or even as refugees. We are beginning to see a new pattern of missionary work, in which there is no one-way traffic of giving and receiving, but all — even in the very newest congregations — share in the task of witnessing according

to the gifts given by the Holy Spirit. Every church has gifts which others need, and every one needs what others can give."

It is notable that in line with this statement "more than 200 Asians are already serving as missionaries in other lands. In this part of the World (South East Asia), extending from Pakistan to New Zealand, live 55 per cent of the people of the world. Density of population is indicated by the fact that they possess only five per cent of the world's land area. Less than three per cent of the people are Christian. It is a brave thing, therefore, for these Christians, often impoverished themselves, to say that they must go into every part of the life of their people, into politics, into social and national service, into the world of art and culture, to work in real partnership with those who are not Christians, and to be witnesses for Christ in all these realms."

All this, of course, does not mean that the task of the Churches at home is complete. On the other hand it stresses the urgency of our dedicated young men and women in our Colleges and Universities to prepare themselves to the very best of their ability to go forth, not counting the cost, but taking up the challenge of the One who "though he was rich, yet for our sakes became poor," that we might share in the blessings he bestows upon those who lose their lives for his sake and the gospel's.



New Building at Pir (Pier), New Guinea.

CANBERRA OPENING DATE FIXED

The official opening date for the new Canberra church buildings has been set for Saturday, April 23. This will be exactly six years after the opening of the first church hall by the President of the Federal Conference, then C. R. Burdeu, of Qld.

The last time Federal Conference convened in Perth, eleven years ago, the delegates unanimously decided to establish the work of Churches of Christ in Canberra, and to proceed with buildings adequate to the undertaking. When Federal Conference convenes again in Perth, it will be able to record that the buildings projected at the previous Conference have been completed, and that the work is well and truly established.

When the first utility building was opened in April, 1954, no one dreamed that in six years there would be a great sanctuary erected to cope with increasing opportunities, as well as an extensive education block to house the largest Bible School in Canberra. No one expected so soon a membership of 150, capacity attendances, a communion average of 130, and a Bible School of over 250. But the Lord blessed us far beyond the measure of our faith and hopes. A praying people found their prayers answered beyond their imaginings. Some people pledged themselves to daily prayer for the work of Canberra six years ago, and they have stayed by their pledge.

The opening of the Canberra buildings will give to the Canberra church a £17 per week debt, which they are accepting in faith. As well as this they will be spending £3,000 on furnishings, seats, cupboards, courtyard, paths and many other things. For months now they have been engaged in voluntary labor to reduce costs. Teams of men are building seats; men and women are painting; men have been paving the courtyard and putting in the floor of the education block. A skilled member has given up his Christmas holidays to erect the staircase to the balcony.

The result will be a credit to the brotherhood, which is bearing its share of the cost. Some £12,000 has been given or promised by members of Australian Churches of Christ. Only £2,000 is still needed. To meet this amount, Australian churches are being invited to give seats which will be suitably inscribed, so that churches of every State will be represented in a practical way in the nation's capital. Large seats are £35, and small ones are £25. Actually the Canberra church is paying for the seats; but contributing churches that give to the Federal Executive the amounts of £35 or £25 or more,

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to liquidate the remaining £2,000, will have seats named in their honor.

The impressive thing about this whole project has been that almost all of the money from Australian churches, so far, has come from members of churches that have their own building programmes and building debts. It has been second mile giving by people who realise that when one's vision is limited to one's own "backyard", it is limited indeed. It is very sincerely hoped that every church in Australia will have some part in paying for the Canberra buildings, not for the sake of Canberra or the Federal Executive, but for their own sake. It would be a great pity if the National Church of Christ in the Federal Capital were erected and opened, and some of our people hadn't had a share. Let this venture be truly Federal!

We hope for large crowds of visitors for the opening of the new buildings. It will be a holiday weekend, with the holiday on the Monday. It will be necessary to book accom-

modation immediately. This can be done through your local Tourist Bureau. Prices are as follows: Motor Camp Cabins, 10/- per night; Motor Camp 4-berth caravans, £2/2/6 per night (supply own linen, cutlery, etc.). Private accommodation, 30/- per night, bed and breakfast. Guest Houses, 54/- a day, inclusive. Hotels, 63/- to 65/- a day, inclusive. Hotel Canberra, £3 per day, bed and breakfast. Motel, single room and no meals, 60/- per day; double room, 40/- per person, no meals. There are excellent camping and caravan areas, both at Black Mountain, 2 miles from the chapel, and the Cotter, 12 miles from the chapel.

A strong church and a worthy building in Canberra, are not only a good witness for the message of Churches of Christ in the Capital. They are a good witness to the whole of Australia and the world, for Canberra, once a "white elephant" lost in the wilderness, is now prominent in the eyes of the Commonwealth and the world. We came to Canberra late . . . too late! But by the grace of God, we are making up for lost time.

THE MINISTRIES OF OUR



Programme for February

Theme:

"God's Greatness"

Mrs. A. F. Cant, S.A.

"O Lord of Heaven and earth
and sea,
To Thee all praise and glory be;
How shall we show our love to
Thee
Who givest all?"

HYMN

No. 40, "Now Thank We all our God."

PRAYER

"Our Gracious Father, we thank thee for the joy of knowing thee and living with thee, through thy Son, Jesus.

As we pause for a while to think of Thy greatness, help us to forget ourselves. As we look to thee, may we become more like thee. Through Jesus, our Lord. Amen."

BIBLE READING

Psalms 145.

How easy it is to become so concerned with the little things of our

daily living that we lose our sense of perspective! Our interests, our problems, our ambitions become bigger and bigger in our thinking. Like Martha, we are "careful and troubled about many things," and lose sight of our part in God's great plan for all His children.

There was once a businessman who found his domestic and business worries more than he could cope with. His doctor was unable to help, and sent him on to a psychiatrist. Again he found no solution to his problems, and his family and friends became more anxious than ever about him.

Finally, a friend came to the rescue. He was an astronomer, and invited the businessman to visit him at his place of work, the observatory. There he saw a universe expanding, new worlds appearing, and learned of speeds, temperatures and distances he had never dreamed of. In the light of such immensity, the problems which had seemed to him so important, paled to what they were —

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BUSY DAYS ON AOBA.

Miss Florence Kennedy, in spite of extremely busy times recently, finds time to write and tell of some of the cases she has to deal with. She has set aside Tuesdays for a trip to the northern villages of Aoba, and these days are hectic. The day before is busy with making sure that everything is left as well as may be, and in packing the needed supplies for the village medical work. An early start is made, and a busy day is spent examining and treating the village people. The return is made, and rest is sorely needed — but not experienced. It is usual to find some one or more urgent cases waiting the return of the hospital sister, and these must be cared for before rest can come.

On return from one of these trips, a young man, Albert Vere, was waiting on the beach. He had been spitting blood during the day, and was seeking treatment. He was sent home to bed to wait the visit of Sister Kennedy, after she had got

out of her wet clothes worn in the launch. Then she learned of a mother who had come to hospital with a very sick babe, but who had got tired of waiting and wandered off to a friend's place. Miss Kennedy had to go and seek out the mother and treat the babe before making the visit to attend to Albert Vere. This young man had an older brother who died of T.B. Miss Kennedy ordered him to stay in bed, but he was up the next day, and the day after that he went to attend a wedding. After coming home from the wedding, he was feeling ill, and had to have special treatment. Desiring that he stay in bed and rest for at least a month, Miss Kennedy had to talk very forcibly and frighten him enough to make him remain quiet. Then she had to talk more quietly with him to reassure him so that he would not get too frightened, and worry. Hectic days — and nights — and worrying problems such as these constitute a heavy burden, which Sister Kennedy is carrying single-handed until it is possible to send out another nurse to help. We hope to find such a nurse soon.

TUNG SCHOOL NOTES.

Miss Aileen Draney has settled in to her teaching work and is enjoying it. She writes, "Things are settling down now, as I have

a better grasp of the language, and it seems more like home.

"I have come to the decision that there will have to be two classes in the New Year. The age range from six to fifteen years is too great to continue as one class. At the moment the brighter ones are being held by the younger ones who are slower. It will mean sixteen in the older group and thirteen in the younger. I am sure that it will be worth the extra effort that will be involved, and will pay dividends in the future.

"I have lost two pupils since the beginning of November. One is a boy from Pir, and the other from Minung. The parents wish to have them at home instead of boarding here at Tung. They will attend the school at Pir when it opens in the New Year.

"I brought a piano accordion with me, and use this in school to accompany the youngsters in singing. They enjoy it, and some of the older folk stand and watch the singing lessons. The description of the accordion, in pidgin, is 'bigfella box, pushim i go, pullim i come, fightim teeth belong it, music i come out.' The youngsters have started on sewing cards, and coloring in drawings. They are very excited over the new thing, and some of them are doing excellent work for their first attempts.

"Janet and I have started a singing class on Thursday evenings, and for the first night we had fifty there, including some women folk as well as children. As soon as possible we plan to start a Sunday school, and although it will have to be conducted in pidgin, we pray that we will be able to lead many youngsters to know the Saviour."

— Albert J. Ingham, Asst. Sec.

the petty concerns of an insignificant individual, living for a brief time on a whirling ball of dust. He went home a changed man.

It does us good now and then to just sit down and think about the greatness of God. There is surely nothing we can do that is more humbling. We marvel at the vastness and power of His creation, and at the care He has for the minutest detail. But God's greatness does not stop at creation. It were cold comfort to have a God who was mighty and powerful — but disinterested. How happy are we to be able to say with conviction "The Lord is high unto all them that call upon Him." We marvel at His handiwork — how much more so at His wonderful love!

The telescope, the microscope, tell us of God's greatness in part, but not the whole. We see the full extent of His greatness at Calvary; for there is nothing greater than perfect Love.

SOLO

"How Great Thou Art."

BUSINESS

ADDRESS

MISSIONARY NEWS AND PRAYER

HYMN

No. 205, "Our God, we thank Thee."

New Missionaries Appointed

The appointments of Mr. and Mrs. David Eagling, latterly in membership with Tempe church, N.S.W., have been confirmed by the Board, after endorsement by all State Overseas Committees. Excellent references, and satisfactory medical reports have been received, and this young couple will proceed to New Hebrides about April of this year. Before going out to their new field, they will spend eleven weeks at the Summer School of Linguistics, Melbourne. They have earnestly desired to attend this school, feeling that they will be the better fitted for their work thereby. The Board has agreed that they take the Course, and will assist them with fees and cost of books. David Eagling has just completed a successful course at Woolwich College, and Marcla has completed her educational

work qualifying as a teacher. Pray for these new workers in their final preparation, and as they go forward to their new service for the Lord.

A social evening was extended to Mr. and Mrs. D. Eagling, on Jan. 6, at Taree, N.S.W. M. H. A. Pieper presided over the occasion. Mr. Eagling is a son of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Eagling, of Taree, and he had his boyhood days in Taree church and Bible school. His wife, a former teacher in the Education Dept. in N.S.W., will continue this work at the native schools on the Islands. C. A. Norling, one of the church elders, made a presentation to the couple of a wallet of notes, and expressed the sincere wishes of the congregation in their future work and witness.



Theme for the Week: "JESUS MEETS ALIENS"

Sunday, February 7

Ruth 2: 14-23.

Thought Text: "The Lord's goodness has failed neither the living nor the dead" (v. 20, Amer. Trans.).

With quick intuition, Naomi saw in Ruth's story more than the record of a successful day's gleaning. That Ruth should have so quickly encountered Boaz, and been helped by him, was sure evidence to Naomi that God had planned it. And if that were so, who knew what might yet happen, if Boaz played his part as the next of kin, and married Ruth.

But even Naomi, with her swift joy at the prospect of a wedding in the family, could not foresee how greatly God was going to work through these two. One of their great-grandsons would be David, the Shepherd-King, and from David's line would come the Saviour of the world himself, revealing the full wonder of the goodness of God.

For that never-failing goodness, and for all that thou dost still achieve through human love at its best, we thank thee, Lord. Amen.

Monday, February 8

Ruth 4: 9-10, 13-17.

Thought Text: "Your daughter-in-law . . . more to you than seven sons" (v. 15, R.S.V.).

All mothers-in-law might well reflect on this passage! Some daughters-in-law come a bad last in a woman's affections, simply because of the underlying conviction that no woman was ever good enough for her son, anyway!

But Ruth had proved herself in love and loyalty. One of the tender, revealing touches in the story is the way she brought home choice tit-bits of food from her meals in the fields, to share with her mother-in-law. Sharing was a natural part of all their relationship — even to the placing of the new-born babe

WHEN SOARS the SOUL

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

in Naomi's arms. Is it part of our life with our in-laws?

O God, bless all our in-laws. May a genuine love remove any misunderstandings. Keep us alive to the best in each other. Amen.

Tuesday, February 9

John 4: 5-14.

Thought Text: "Jesus . . . wearied with his journey" (v. 6).

This verse has its own special comfort for tired people. Even Jesus knew what it was like to be weary, hungry and thirsty, and to ask others for help. He was speaking from experience, not from theory, when he used those wonderful words, "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest" (Matt. 11: 28). He knew men's need of physical, as well as spiritual rest, and once said to his own disciples, "Come ye apart and rest awhile" (Mk. 6: 31).

But where Jesus showed his difference was in the ease with which he could turn to ask help from those of another race, or, at other times, offer them his help. Distinctions like that meant nothing to him. Do they to us?

Friend and Brother of all men in their need, give us that spirit which is humble enough to ask for help, and never too proud to give it. Amen.

Wednesday, February 10

John 4: 19-30, 39-42.

Thought Text: "Very surprised . . . but none asked" (v. 27, Phillips).

The disciples were always being surprised by this unpredictable, revolutionary Master of theirs. But they were learning, too, and they said nothing, though startled that he should defy the conventions of his day by talking to a woman in public — and a Samaritan at that! For this was a time when men were even solemnly debating in their schools whether or not women even had souls!

There are still surprises in plenty for those who get close to Jesus. He still sweeps aside our conventions and prejudices when they get in the way of his living encounter with those in need.

Lord, help us to get rid of any prejudice that stops the real expression of thy heart and mind through us. Amen.

Thursday, February 11

Matthew 8: 5-13.

Thought Text: "When Jesus heard it, he marvelled" (v. 10).

Later in the chapter (v. 27) we read that "men marvelled" at Jesus. They often did that. Only twice do we read that Jesus "marvelled" — and the other instance is in Mark 6: 6, where we read that he marvelled at the unbelief of the Nazarenes. He expected better things of his own townspeople.

But, in joyful contrast, he found in this Roman centurion a faith that not only astonished him, but made him rejoice at the prospect that many more Gentiles would come into the Kingdom.

Is it our faith, or lack of it, that makes him wonder at us today?

Lord, forgive our feeble venturing. May we face each day with absolute faith in thee. Amen.

Friday, February 12

Luke 17: 11-19.

Thought Text: "Where are the nine?" (v. 17).

In defence of the nine, let it be said that they were doing just what Jesus had commanded them to do. But their mistake, as they hastened on to find the priests and be officially pronounced clean, was that they thought only of themselves. It took a despised foreigner to remember the debt of love they all owed to the man who had given them new life and hope.

Jesus wants more from us than the routine doing of things he asks. How often do we spontaneously turn aside to thank him?

O Lord, help us never to forget all we owe to thee, and to those through whom thy love has been made real to us. Amen.

Saturday, February 13

Mark 7: 24-30.

Thought Text: "He could not be hid" (v. 24).

This is one of those small details that sometimes highlight eternal truth. Wherever Jesus is livingly present, in a home or a life, his presence cannot be disguised. William Barclay translates this phrase, "He could not be there without people knowing about it." We are reminded of that fine comment in Acts 4: 13, concerning the courage of Peter and John before the Sanhedrin, whose members "took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus."

Do all our friends and work-mates know us as Christians? It is a tragedy when men try to camouflage his presence — and lose it. He cannot stay hidden.

So manifest thyself, O Lord, in all I think, and say, and do, that others may find thee through me.



OUR FAMILY PAGE

How to Kill a Fellowship

Here are ten infallible rules for killing a Fellowship or Sunday School.

1. Don't attend.
2. If you do attend, always arrive late.
3. If its warm, or cold, or rainy, don't even think of going.
4. When you attend, find fault with everything and everybody.
5. Don't accept office, as you may be criticised.
6. Get sore if you are not appointed to the committee, but if you are, don't serve.
7. If the chairman asks you for an opinion on some matter, tell him you have nothing to say. After the meeting tell everyone how it ought to be done.
8. Do nothing you can get out of doing, but when the willing ones work overtime to keep things moving, howl that the whole thing is run by a clique.
9. Hold back your dues, or, better still, don't pay at all.
10. Don't bother about getting new members. "Let George do it."

— The Anglican.

Getting Along Together

William Mander, B.A.

How far have you advanced in the difficult art of getting along with others? It seems to have troubled people from the beginning of time. Perhaps there will always be angular people; but at any rate if we're among the number we ought not to be content to remain so. Let's begin by rubbing the corners off our awkwardness and by being a little more considerate of the feelings of others.

One would think that of all the places where folk should get along well, the Christian Church is the most likely. There are repeated appeals in the Bible to love one another. They were not always heeded. The Apostle Paul had to ask two members of the church at Philippi to try

a bit harder to hit it off. "Euodias and Syntyche I beg you to make up your differences as Christians should." We don't find their names in the modern Church, but who will say that we don't have their malady? Make up your differences. Stop standing on your dignity. Life's too short to harbor hurt feelings. Not to be on speaking terms is the sharpest denial of the Christian profession.

Of course the art of getting along is needed from the bottom to the top of society. It's needed in the smallest group where people meet, but isn't it also needed in council chamber, State congress and international gathering? It's comparatively easy for some people to be tolerant of the views of others; but what of those whose nature has an ugly twist, who say the awkward thing, who put a wrong construction on what others say and who are certain that their judgment is the final verdict? Don't all of us need a little more imagination?

There is a story told about two farmers who quarrelled for years concerning the right place for the fence between their properties. Finally one of them sold out, and soon after the new owner made an appointment to visit his neighbor near the fence about which there had been so bitter a dispute.

"Where do you think it ought to be?" he asked.

"A foot on your side," he was told, "At present it's giving you that much of my land."

Then the new owner indicated a line two feet from the fence on his side. "Suppose we move it to here?" he said. "But that's giving me more than I claim," said the other. "I know," said the new farm-owner, "but I'd rather have peace with my neighbor than two feet of ground." For some moments there was silence and the old farmer, who had been at law with his old neighbor, about the fence for years, gave a smile and, holding out his hand, said, "Neighbor, we'll leave the fence where it is," and at once the ancient quarrel died.

That's it. Give and take, bear and forbear, try to get along with your neighbor and what a different place the world would be. If differences are to be made up, a bit more of the new farmer's spirit is needed. The fine art of getting along always has to be cultivated, but now that modern science has annihilated distance and the means of communication and transport have made the world a whispering gallery, the need is greater than ever before. It has

become essential. Perhaps the survival of the race depends on it, and like all forms of charity it should begin at home.

Clearance Sale

A lot of prejudices that have ceased to be of use to me: A stock of envy for the rich; some slightly shopworn jealousy; a large supply of gloom that I shall have no use for from today.

I offer bargains—who will buy?

A lot of wishes I've outgrown; a stock of foolish old beliefs; some pride I once was glad to own; a bulky line of misfit griefs; a large assortment of ill-will; a job lot of bad faith and doubt; some harsh words that have their sting in still:

Come on, Come on, I'm selling out.

I need more room for kindness for hopeful courage and good cheer: FOR SALE — the hatred I possess, the dark suspicions and the fear: a large supply of frailties I shall have no use for from today:

I offer bargains — Who will buy? Come, bid, and take the stuff away!

—Selected.

The Clock of God

The clock of God ticks surely on From dawn to night, from night to dawn.

It ceases not as ages go, And never varies fast or slow; It keeps time while the worlds endure

For Him Whose purposes are sure, Whose careful plans will come to flower,

Full and complete, when strikes the hour.

The clock of God has told the day

Of nations that have passed away, And tells the judgment now as then On evil deeds and evil men.

It points the moment of release, Of fear and hope, of strife and peace;

And promises with steady pace The coming Kingdom of His grace.

—Clarence Edwin Flynn.

Harold had taken his girl friend to lunch and she had spoken to a nice looking man at the next table.

"Is that man a friend of yours?" asked Harold.

"Yes," she replied.

"Then I think I'll ask him to join us."

"Oh, Harold, this is so sudden."

"What's so sudden?"

"Why — why, he's our minister."

HERE AND THERE

J. Wiltshire, a well-known preacher throughout our brotherhood, passed peacefully away in Hamilton Russell House, Melbourne, on Jan. 20, following surgery on the 18th. The funeral service was held in Bentleigh chapel on 23rd. A later issue will contain a larger coverage.

Induction service for L. F. Barker (from East Kew, Vic.) was held at Kingsford, N.S.W. on Jan. 9. D. J. A. Verco (Conf. Pres.) was chairman, and A. W. Stephenson and E. T. Hart gave charges to the minister and church. Greetings were received from individuals, local churches and Churches of Christ Ministers' Fraternal. Mrs. Barker was presented with a sheaf of flowers from C.W.F. An excellent supper was served by the ladies. The church has greatly appreciated the ministry of A. Leane and B. Benz.

Mr. and Mrs. V. S. Dallinger received tokens of esteem from the church at Hornsby, N.S.W., at a farewell evening held on Jan. 10, on completion of an effective 3½ year ministry.

Jan. 10 marked the close of B. W. Manning's ministry at Williamstown, S.A. People came from surrounding districts to say goodbye, and to thank Mr. and Mrs. Manning for their wonderful service and help during the past 4 years. After the evening service, supper was served, and a presentation made. Members have painted manse preparatory to the coming of Mr. and Mrs. D. Hughes on Jan. 24.

The 28th National C.E. Convention commenced in Melbourne on Jan. 20. Nearly 2,000 interstate delegates were entertained at the welcome tea, when greetings were extended by the State C.E. President, R. A. Haley; Principal E. L. Williams, representing the Council of Churches, and Councillor Daly, representing the Lord Mayor of Melbourne. Attendances of almost 3,000 were recorded at the Wednesday and Thursday night meetings, when speakers were W. S. Manzoney (National President) and Joseph Blinco, U.S.A. (guest speaker). Mr. Blinco visited W.A. prior to the Convention, and will address meetings in other States on the following dates: Tasmania, Jan. 28-29; South Aust., 30-31; Lismore, N.S.W., Feb. 1; Brisbane, Feb. 2; Sydney, Feb. 3.

Graduates of the Federal College of the Bible, Glen Iris, studying at an Australian University, are reminded of the assistance available to them

through the T. E. Rofe Settlement. Application should be made immediately with the secretary, together with a report of progress in studies.

Georgetown church, N.S.W., recently conducted an open-air film mission. The meetings were held on a vacant lot opposite the chapel for seven nights, with an attendance of 250 nightly. Screening of films and short address by church elder, G. Barber, made an effective witness.

Fremantle chapel, W.A., was packed on Jan. 8 to welcome Mr. and Mrs. L. Donaldson. Words of welcome were extended by A. W. C. Candy (Conf. Pres.), A. W. Morris (W.A. Ministers' Fraternal), Mr. Genot (Fremantle Ministers' Fraternal), Mrs. Henderson (C.W.F.), and S. R. Thomson (church sec.). Opportunity was taken to make presentation to church elders, Messrs. Hughes, Taylor and Johnson, who ably ministered over last year. Buffet supper in the church hall later allowed the newcomers to meet church members informally. The chapel was again filled on 10th, when A. Johnson led an inspiring induction service. Charge to the minister was given by G. E. C. Hughes, and to the church by S. G. Taylor. The healthy state of the church augurs well for the future, and Mr. Donaldson's address in reply challenged the church to still greater service. After the evening service the church bade farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Hughes as they depart to commence their ministry at Williamstown, S.A.

The first Council meeting for 1960 of the Christian Women's Fellowship will be held at the Brotherhood Centre, on Friday, Feb. 6, at 11 a.m. The speaker is to be C. Cole, who will bring "Impressions of the Christian Endeavor Convention." The leader of devotions will be Mrs. Harold Steele, Blackburn. All friends and delegates are urged to attend.

Graham Gilmour, a member of Blackburn church, Vic., is representing our churches in the Epilogue over Channel GTV9 on Feb. 9, 19 and March 2.

Hope is expressed that many of our members in Tasmania, and also Victorian country districts, are planning to attend the sessions of the 95th Annual Conference to be held in Melbourne, during the Easter period — from April 13 to 21. Conference this year will commence with the women's sessions on Wednesday, April 13. Offers of hospitality are invited from Melbourne and suburban mem-

bers, and applications for hospitality invited from country and Tasmanian members planning to attend. All correspondence regarding hospitality should be sent to Mrs. E. L. Williams, 1 Elm-rd., Glen Iris, S.E.6 (Phone 25-6541). Early application is desirable.



Two of "Our Own"

(Hymns for January — Nos. 258 and 256 — Jan. 31.)

The present writer is unaware whether two hymns by Gilbert Young Tickle appear on the same date accidentally or intentionally. This is, however, a fitting opportunity for recognising one described amongst British Churches of Christ as "our one and only poet of outstanding ability . . . a cultured man, a poet who wrote real hymns marked by perfection of form and strength of devotion." With the Church of Christ at Liverpool for over 40 years, he presented truth fearlessly and indefatigably, both as preacher and writer.

With a full tally of over 100 hymns, diminishing use in British books and non-recognition in America or by other communions need not "minish aught" from the honor due to his name. Because of his affiliations, it is not surprising that his best hymns are those for the Lord's supper (Nos. 231, 258, 283, 286), or that his others relate, one each, to the Lord's Day (222), the proclamation of the gospel (611) and Christian baptism (750).

If first glances at No. 286 ("When to thy table, blessed Lord") are concentrated on strict poetic technique or on continuity of thought, one is a trifle uneasy, but it would be tragic if our thought ran thus as we used the hymn. Turning instead to spiritual values, we find from the outset a drawing power, a wistfulness and a strong sense of the reality of our faith — a merging of both hearts and songs into the medley of memories which the Lord's Table evokes. Phrase after phrase seems to be "just the kind of thoughts we ought to be thinking" at the Table. Even the language is refreshing, with the more commonplace words fittingly weighted by more dignified and more "dated" terms of two or three generations ago.

Look at some sample expressions from throughout the hymn. "Thy saints draw near with joyful feet — Thy wondrous death — Emblems meet — More than earthly happiness — All needful joy — Bread divine, given, dispensed, our souls to feed — Life from the Father's bosom given — This bright hour that tells of all thy saving power." Now ask yourself where they could be matched — and assess the hymn accordingly! —F.J.F.



INTERSTATE CHURCH NEWS

Fallen Asleep

Mrs. C. Brown, Maylands, W.A.
Mr. Gamble, Ormond, Vic.

Discipleship

F. Wise, Dorothy Wise, Mrs. K. Wilson, Adrian Cooper, Collins-st. Hobart, Tas.

Jeffrey Wrathall, Blackburn, Vic.

A. Ray, Mrs. V. Drury, Geraldton, W.A.

Wayne Alvolotits, Hawthorn, S.A.

Mrs. Webb, Pascoe Vale, Vic.

T. Williamson, Fremantle, W.A.

Miss T. Dummit, Tamworth, N.S.W.

Pamela Heard, Maldstone, Vic.

Shella Ackerley, Jill Marchant, Pauline Priddle, Hamilton, Vic.

D. Butler, Unley, S.A.

Membership

Mr. and Mrs. H. Watkins, from Black Rock, Vic.; Mrs. Hurle, from Ulverstone; M. Wilson, from Invermay to Collins-st., Hobart, Tas.

Mrs. Collier, Blackburn, Vic.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Plenty; V. Drury, from Bassendean to Geraldton, W.A.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Gruhh, from Murray Bridge to Victor Harbour, S.A.

John Wills, Warracknabeal to Portland, Vic.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Connor, Margaret Connor, Surrey Hills to Malvern, Vic.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Donaldson, Corrigin to Fremantle, W.A.

Mrs. C. Smith, from Horsham; H. Clark, from Chatswood, N.S.W. to Hamilton, Vic.

Marriage

Wendy Nelson to Max Dempster, Blackburn, Vic.

Lola Thomson to Douglas Adam, Malvern, Vic.

Rosemary Weatherley to David Ryall, Maldstone, Vic.

Margaret Turner to John Sallis, Unley, S.A.

AUST. CAPITAL TERRITORY

Canberra (G. R. Stirling, B.A.).—Avge. attendances for Jan. have been: 11 a.m., 111; p.m., 98; communicants, 124. Interstate tourists have been welcomed to all services, and many others have inspected new building during weekdays.

TASMANIA

Collins-st. Hobart (C. E. Watson).—Dec. avges. were: a.m., 160; p.m., 169; communion, 173; offering £65. During month there have been 5 additions by faith and baptism, and 4 by transfer. Large number of visitors were welcomed during holiday period. Mr. and Mrs. Watson are on holidays. J. Park, W. Rushton, B. J. Golder, H. England, L. C. Moore and C. Neville have been speakers.

Nubeena (E. K. Morrison).—Christmas night was occasion of annual B.S. concert. Chapel was filled and some sat in vestry for programme, while B.S. scholars remained on platform whole evening. Annual picnic followed on New Year's Day, when usual activities of a picnic sent people home tired, but happy. During the festive season many visitors have had fellowship with church; some assisted in services. B.S. has had three-week recess. Prayer meeting group, although small in numbers, is enjoying studies. H.M. offering reached just over £50, which includes £20 raised at Southern District Convention.

Highcroft (E. K. Morrison).—C.E., which is combined with Nubeena, held debate on Sport should be a dominating factor in one's life; both teams presented their case ably. Annual picnic and B.S. concert was held on Jan. 13. Attendance at both was quite good. C.E. presented a play, Thy Kingdom Come. H.M. offering was £35.

Kellevie (E. K. Morrison).—Annual picnic and school concert was held on Jan. 2. Everyone enjoyed the full day's activities. Fortnightly Bible classes are still meeting in the homes of various families. Regular assistance by brethren from Hobart, who

take the services once or twice a month, is appreciated by church. For next six months the church will increase their circuit contribution by almost 30/-, and thus assist Home Missions to that extent.

QUEENSLAND

Aiblon. — M. H. A. Pieper commences his ministry on March 13. Alterations to manse in preparation for his arrival are nearing completion. Average attendance at morning services has been 106, evening 56, and 100 communicants. Addition of 16 by faith and baptism during past year was highest for several years.

Bundaberg (S. W. Vanham). — Mr. and Mrs. Vanham were welcomed on Jan. 2. Good attendances continue at all meetings. One decision was recorded on 10th.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Manning (W. H. Nightingale). — B.S. anniversary and family tea were greatly enjoyed. Mrs. J. Collins spoke at afternoon meeting. R. Stevenson, A. and L. Cutt addressed services during minister's vacation in Qld.

Maylands (L. Cooke). — Minister and family have been holidaying at Esperance; during his absence W. Paget, W. Harris Booth (B. & F.B.S.) and J. K. Robinson filled his position in pulpit. Special offering to Bowl of Remembrance on Christmas Day, and supplemented by C.W.F. and 21 Fellowship, amounted to over £50. Church prayers have commenced, and are continuing for Mr. Digwood, who is gravely ill. Church was saddened by the passing of Mrs. C. Brown, a foundation member. Miss Shirley Cant has left for an extended stay in Eastern States; she will be greatly missed.

Geraldton. — Church has welcomed two by baptism and three by transfer. By making crayfish-catching pots for sale during the year, the C.M.S. has realised over £100 towards fund for extension of church building. It is proposed to build a small hall, including kitchen, at rear of chapel. Despite absence of many regular members, numbers at services have kept around 50 mark, thanks to visitors whose fellowship has been enjoyed. On Jan. 7, ladies were hosts to 36 mission children for their breakfast, as they travelled from Carnarvon to Perth for holidays.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Georgetown. — Church has enjoyed a vacation ministry with R. Elbourne (C.O.B.). Y.P. held successful camp, with B. Baxter and R. Elbourne as leaders. Three campers made rededication of their lives and one confessed Christ as Lord.

Hornsby. — "My Christmas Gift to the Lord" offering amounted to £35/16/-. Monthly sing song was held at conclusion of gospel service on Jan. 10. Mr. Glazier conducted social on 15th. Recent speakers have been Messrs Dallinger, Ellerby, Fennell, Morton and Oswald.

Tamworth (A. M. Surtees). — Three persons rededicated themselves on Jan. 3, and a young woman was baptised into Christ on 10th. First of the 1960 programmes has begun, with the College for Christians. Forty-five attended the first night. R. Grosvenor has been transferred to Tamworth. Many members are on holidays and a number of Y.P. attended youth camps. K. Harman is in Inverell Hospital.

Taree (M. H. A. Pieper). — There have been three recent additions to church through faith and baptism. All three converts reside at Comboyne, a preaching appointment that the church keeps once a month, and where a steadfast band keeps their witness true. Over the holiday season the church had many visitors, greatest number on any one Sunday being 22. Services on Jan. 17 were attended by visitors from Bangalow, on way to C.E. National Convention in Melbourne. They were entertained in church homes as they made Taree headquarters for the weekend.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Beverley (W. A. Russell). — Several visitors were welcomed during holidays. There have been 3 additions by restoration and 2 by transfer. Working bees have cleaned up chapel grounds, and erected garage at manse. Offering of £6/4/- was given to Christmas Bowl appeal, and B.S. also gave £6 to the appeal.

Victor Harbour (F. Burt). — Church was pleased to welcome two into fellowship by transfer. All auxiliaries have recommenced for new year. One young man made his stand for Christ.

Unley (C. H. J. Wright, B.A.). — Many strangers attended evening service on Jan. 17. Recently formed male quartette provided special music. Owing to numbers being on holidays attendances have been slightly smaller. Mr. and Mrs. Wright and family are on vacation.

Hawthorn (G. W. Wood). — Church has been pleased to renew fellowship with two C.O.B. boys, Reg. Brand and Graham Lord, and both have addressed church. Misses B. and G. Davis have accepted a nursing engagement in Auckland, N.Z. Mrs. Jarvis has been greatly missed during her absence owing to continued ill-health. W. Jackson is at present in hospital. Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Mossop and Mrs. Alb. Glas-tonbury on death of husband and father.

Owen - Long Plains. — Av. attendances for Dec. were: Owen, a.m., 35; communicants, 30; p.m., 19; Long Plains: a.m., 46; communicants, 36; p.m., 34. Final circuit service for year was held at Owen. At after-church fellowship, appreciation of thanks was expressed to G. Mathieson, jr., for his time in the circuit as interim minister. Kitchen evening was tendered to Coral Carslake in Avon school hall prior to her marriage. Mrs. H. Freebairn has recovered from minor accident.

VICTORIA

Maldstone (R. A. Ryall). — Gift night for Hall Fund resulted in £453 being given, representing the work and gifts for 1959 from church members, clubs and auxiliaries. As Dist. Conf. Pres., minister chaired annual conference meeting at Sunshine. Dec. averages were: a.m., 48; p.m., 43; b.b., 48. Interior of chapel has been painted, and floor sanded and sealed. Concreting has also been completed around front porch. 130 attended combined service on Christmas morning, first worship service in redecorated chapel. Mr. and Mrs. Honeycomb provided a duet and solo. Sympathy is offered to Mrs. Curnow in passing of her sister, Mrs. Armstrong.

Malvern (W. J. Thomson). — Chapel has been repainted, but floor has still to be sanded and sealed; meantime services are continuing in school hall. Owing to holiday period, attendances have been light. Church has enjoyed fellowship with Miss Warr (Croydon, S.A.).

Pascoe Vale. — B.S. resumed on Jan. 17, and a lady made decision for Christ on same day, when a girl from B.S. was baptised. Thanks to Messrs. M. Barnden, Dowling, Thompson, Hammon and Cheal for addressing church in absence of preacher.

Ormond (E. H. Randall). — Two girls have confessed Christ, and a man has been added to the membership. Fellowship has been enjoyed with many visitors. Number of Y.P. attended youth camp at Qld. and renewed fellowship with former preacher, D. Mansell. Mr. and Mrs. Tinkler, snr., Mrs. Hunt, snr., and

Mrs. Sands are ill. Church expresses sympathy to Mrs. Gamble and John in passing of Mr. Gamble. R. Alabaster (leader) and members of C.E. completed good year of service. Many delegates to C.E. National Convention are being entertained.

Portland (C. G. Henderson). — Many holiday visitors are attending church services. C.W.E.F. held mid-week social on Jan. 13, in Free Library Hall, enabling visitors to meet in fellowship with church members. Native folk of surrounding districts were given a picnic by Friendship Circle; 80 were present, 50 being native folk. Picnic was held at Whittlebury State School, where services are conducted by Portland Church of Christ. Before dinner a short service was conducted by C. G. Henderson, assisted by other church leaders. S.Y.C. has planted 3 acres of potatoes on property of D. Quayle. Potatoes were given by R. M. Goldsworthy. Church paper, prepared by preacher, is now being issued weekly instead of monthly. Cottage prayer meetings and family prayer hours have been commenced in preparation for J. K. Bond mission. Av. weekly offering for Dec. was another record, £26/8/11.

Swan Hill (A. A. Avery). — Attendances throughout holiday period were exceptionally good. Speakers at morning meetings during minister's holidays were S. Scott, L. Baxter and W. Cockroft. Combined evening services were held with Methodist and Presbyterian congregations on Jan. 10, 17 and 24. Lieut. F. Sellar (Salvation Army) was speaker at combined service in chapel on 10th, when there was a more than capacity congregation of 140. Painting of exterior of building has been completed.

Hamilton (A. B. Clark). — Church rejoices with minister's family in reunion with their son, Harvey, who has arrived from N.S.W. Three girls from B.S. were recently baptised and church thanks B.S. supt., F. Kennett, for his valuable service during 1959. School this year will reopen on Feb. 7, at 9.45, under leadership of K. Smith. Speakers during minister's holidays included T. Davey, R. MacPherson and Federal F.M. sec., A. Anderson.

Middle Park (C. A. Latimer). — R. G. Thompson, T. Keating, B. Benson were speakers during preacher's holidays. Sis. L. Walsh (Tas) was visitor on Jan. 3. Sis. Hawkes is still ill.

Parkdale (P. Perry). — A young man was baptised on Jan. 3. After three weeks' recess, the two Bible schools resumed on Jan. 17. After a number of years' very valuable service in commencing and building up East Parkdale B.S., John Flavin has

tendered his resignation as supt. J. Mathieson has taken over this office. The debt on East Parkdale B.S. hall is now fully paid off. C.W.E.F. paid

visit to Emmaus Home on 19th. Bowl of Remembrance offering realised £50. Church greatly feels passing of Mrs. E. Clark at age of 97.

Queensland Newsletter

YOUTH CAMPS.

The youth campers were the favored section of the Queensland brotherhood at Christmastime. They had the most comfortable accommodation ever at Caloundra. During the year, a new building was added, to provide the girls' dormitory, cooks' quarters, and office. This enabled the central building to be remodelled as one huge room for services, studies, recreation and meals.

This means the camp is now equipped with three main buildings, in addition to the extensive ablution block added a few years ago.

This year's improvements were done mainly by working bees, and most praise for the effort goes to the Toowoomba people who travelled the long distances to Caloundra many weekends to see the project through. The new dormitory was opened by Mr. Adermann, Minister for Primary Industries, on December 10.

Three camps were held over the holidays — two for seniors and one for juniors. Attendances were excellent, studies were profitable, and leadership of the camp was effective — although Mr. David Mansell, youth director, was on crutches at one stage after something had gone wrong in a volley ball game.

CHANGES OF MINISTRY.

After a good start to 1960 by the youth camps, Queensland churches saw one of the biggest reshuffles of ministers for years get under way.

First, S. W. Vanham went from Maryborough to Bundaberg, to succeed P. T. Kavanagh, who has gone south. Other moves planned were:

D. K. Thoday, from Glen Iris to Mackay; Denby Holmes, from Woolwich to West Moreton Circuit; B. M. Nowitzke, from Ipswich to Sunnybank; R. Acland, from Kingaroy to Ipswich; C. Wheat, from Chinchilla district circuit to Kingaroy; T. Hallop, who is returning to the ministry, to be joint minister with V. T. Parker in the Annerley-Moorooka-Short Street circuit, Brisbane. W. W. McDowell, who has successfully maintained the oversight of Sunnybank for many months, can now relinquish the work to concentrate on his accountancy business.

The formation of the Annerley-Moorooka-Short Street circuit is a forward move in South Brisbane. Under Mr. Parker, Moorooka church has been steadily growing; and now it is hoped that under a joint min-

istry the three churches will grow more rapidly.

In preparation for the formation of the circuit a three-weeks' tent mission was held at Short Street by the State evangelist, D. Mansell. The effort was well supported by metropolitan and near-country churches. Fourteen decisions were taken, and it is hoped to have a strong nucleus for the development of the Short Street work.

EVANGELISM.

The Home Missions Department is in touch with the churches as it shapes final plans for the Year of Evangelism programme. Mr. Mansell will be taking tent missions at Warwick, Kingaroy, Moorooka, Boonah and Toowoomba.

Good news has been coming in from two of the smaller churches. Since the South Queensland Conference brought P. R. Baker to minister at Warwick, he has taken 20 decisions. In Brisbane, the Hawthorne work, subsidised by Home Missions, is growing under the leadership of G. H. Eager. A team of Woolwich students will conduct a mission for the church in Hawthorne Park from the end of January.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Through the Queensland Council of Churches the State Conference is co-operating in the provision of telecasts. Already J. McCormick (Kedron) and C. G. Flood (Ann-st.) have appeared on T.V. programmes.

A growing asset to the Queensland brotherhood is the Girls' Hostel, at Kedron. Saturday working bees provided by the churches in rotation have carried out improvements worth thousands of pounds. The capacity of the hostel consequently is being greatly enlarged. The Department of Men's Work, as a project, provided a cement mixer.

The Youth Department has bought a piano for the Caloundra camp from the proceeds of monthly get-togethers, which have included special entertainments, a devotional rally, and a river trip. Attendances have exceeded expectations. Contingents from country churches have travelled many miles to share in the fellowship.

The Conference President, G. V. Haigh (Kedron), has visited many of the Queensland churches and hopes to meet with others before his term expires at Easter. — G. McKelvie.

Woolwich Bible College, N.S.W.

The opening date for College is Feb. 17. Resident students must be at College on 16th. The public opening is arranged for March 5, at 3 p.m.

Public Examination results are very encouraging.

The students and their teacher, Miss MacKanness, are congratulated on the results.

An increasing number of churches are seeking the help of student ministries. We shall do what we can to give the help sought. Any church needing the help of a first-year student should write to the College as soon as possible. These young people will be available to assist a full-time preacher, and so gain experience in church work.

HONORS LIST, Third Term, 1959.

Homiletics I.: J. G. Main, D. M. Surtees; twelve others passed.

Homiletics II.: A. L. Webb; ten others passed.

Homiletics III.: G. R. F. Ellis; two others passed.

New Testament: B. Armstrong, Miss N. C. Cole, H. T. L. Davies, D. J. Eagling, G. R. F. Ellis, D. A. Folletta, M. A. G. Hall, M. Hodgson, G. J. Hopson, G. C. Jackel, J. G. Main, D. A. Oldfield, R. A. Powell, H. G. Sargent, D. J. Scholfield, D. W. Smallbone, D. M. Surtees, A. L. Webb; fourteen others passed.

Research Essays: Miss N. C. Cole, D. J. Eagling, Miss H. Richardson.

New Testament II.: D. J. Eagling, G. R. F. Ellis, D. W. G. Holmes.

Old Testament: M. C. Campbell, D. G. Hammer, G. C. Jackel, D. W. Smallbone, A. L. Webb; six others passed.

Church History: D. J. Eagling; seven others passed.

Christian Ethics: H. T. L. Davies, D. J. Eagling, G. R. F. Ellis, D. A. Oldfield; four others passed.

Christian Doctrine: S. C. Rogers, Miss N. C. Cole, H. T. L. Davies, D. J. Eagling, G. R. F. Ellis; five others passed.

Christian Education: B. Armstrong, B. Benz, R. Baxter, Miss N. C. Cole, D. K. Croot, M. C. Campbell, M. A. G. Hall, R. Harrison, M. Hodgson, G. J. Hopson, A. G. Leane, J. G. Main, R. A. Powell, D. L. Reid, D. J. Schofield, J. Sedman, A. A. Smith, D. W. Smallbone, D. M. Surtees, Miss G. M. Stewart, J. T. Timms, A. L. Webb; three others passed.

Ancient History: D. J. Scholfield, M. C. Campbell; ten others passed.

Leaving English: Five passed.

Comparative Religion: B. Armstrong, B. Baxter, B. Benz, M. Campbell, Miss N. C. Cole, D. K. Croot, M. Hall, D. G. Hammer, R. B. Harrison, M. Hodgson, G. J. Hopson, G. C. Jackel, A. G. Leane, J. G. Main, R. A. Powell, B. Reid, D. J. Scholfield, D.

Smallbone, A. Smith, D. Surtees, A. Webb; five others passed.

Public Examinations: Leaving English: Pass A: R. Baxter, D. W. Smallbone; Pass B: D. K. Croot, A. G. Leane, S. C. Rogers.

Ancient History: Pass A: B. Armstrong, R. Baxter, B. Benz; Pass B: D. K. Croot, D. Foletta, R. B. Harrison, A. G. Leane, R. A. Powell, B. L. Reid, A. Smith, D. M. Surtees.

Modern History: D. K. Croot, B. L. Reid.

General Mathematics: Pass A: D. M. Surtees.

Accountancy: Pass A: R. A. Powell.
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Eleven Preachers Meet in Tasmania

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The occasion was the welcome on Dec. 4, to R. S. Hoffman, from New Zealand, who had arrived with his wife and daughter to take up work at Invermay.

Dinner was served at the home of A. W. Gilbertson prior to the public Induction Service.

Of those present, eleven were either in the full-time ministry or preparing to enter it: E. K. Morrison (Tasman Peninsula), E. W. Taylor (Devonport), C. J. Robinson (Launceston), C. E. Watson (Hobart), N. C. Reece (Ulverstone), R. S. Hoffman (Invermay), Roy Wilson (Tasmanian Govt. Social Service), A. W. Gilbertson (B.&F.B.S.), Brian Snokall (soon to commence at Robinvale, Vic.), Kelvin Parry (C.O.B.), and myself.

There are signs of new life and growth in the churches there. To have six men engaged in the full-time ministry is a big advance on former years. Several of the churches have building programmes in hand. Expansion into at least one new area is also contemplated. Over the holiday season camps were planned for young people at Port Sorell, under the direction of E. W. Taylor.

There are also hopes that a property may be obtained for use as a Brotherhood Conference Ground — where future camps could be held.

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Reading Provocative Pamphlet No. 59, Church, Delinquent and Society, by J. E. Gough, prompts me to express deep appreciation of its realistic and objective method of treatment of an important problem.

The informative first half of the Pamphlet on "causes" of delinquency is a valuable summary of such. The distinction of "implicit" and "explicit" phases of the subject is a source for much thinking on the part of the Church. Then the second half relating to solutions of the problem is penetrating and practical. The paragraphs commencing "Success has become a god" through to "All this adds up to sheer materialism" certainly require our attention.

Then comes the question on page 9, "What is the role played by the Church in this problem?", and on page 10, "Is it possible, for example, that the Church has taken over many of the implicit values of society?" The matter in connection with these should be studied by all of us, and should be the subject of teaching by all Church ministers towards awakening a conscience on these matters amongst their congregations.

It is pleasing to note the wide scope with which the subject is treated, touching basic matters of our current standards of life which require the impact of the full message of Christianity.

It is to be hoped the Pamphlet will have consecrated attention of all its readers, and be used by the various groups in our brotherhood when opportunity for discussion operates. — L. O. Collyer, North Balwyn, Vic.

BIRTH

WALLIS (Hemsley). — On Dec. 21, to Shirley and Keith, a daughter, Jillian Ruth.

IN MEMORIAM

CANT. — Cherished memories of my dearly loved and devoted friend (Dulcie), who was called home, Jan. 29, 1958.

— Sadly missed by Eva West.

DEATHS

GORDON. — On Jan. 17, 1960, at Kilmington Park Hospital, Gardiner, Helen, of 1697 Malvern-rd., Glen Iris, widow of the late G. K. Gordon, and loved mother of Joan (Mrs. Noel Carmel), mother-in-law of Noel, and dear grandma of Ian, Robert, Barbara and Richard. "Rest after weariness."

MOSSOP. — On Jan. 7, 1960, at 86 Dinwoodie-ave., Clarence Gardens, Robert Edgar (Ted), (late of Beverley), dearly beloved husband of Henrietta Maud Mossop, loving father of Glad, (Mrs. H. E. Mortimer) and Verna (Mrs. A. A. Glastonbury), loved grandpa of Kay, Lynne and Kim. Aged 78 years.

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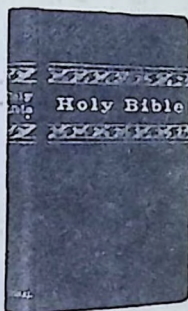
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OBITUARY

Isabella Mair Turnbull.

Mrs. Turnbull passed away to be
with her Lord on January 1, 1960,
at the age of 85 years. She came
to Wagga district with her husband
in 1913, and has had membership
with the Wagga Church of Christ,
living for part of the time at Ardie-
than. Coming out from Scotland at
the turn of the century, she first
lived at Drummond, Vic., and it was
while there that she and her late
husband joined the church, largely
through the influence of the ministry
of Stephen Cheek. She was a loyal
member of the church for many
years, and regular in attendance until
the last six years of her life, during
which time she lived with Mrs. Allen
(Leeton). She was ill for some
months towards the end of her life.
The sympathy of the church at Wagga
is expressed to members of the family.
S. Rogers officiated at the funeral,
assisted by elders of Wagga church,
A. E. Powell and W. J. Caspersonn.
—W. J. Caspersonn.

Alfred and Fairlie Mann.

Fairlie Amy Mann, at the age of
67, passed into the presence of her
Lord. Mrs. Mann, as Fairlie Tebble,
confessed Christ in the Drill Hall,
Brighton, on April 29, 1912, under
the ministry of George Manifold, B.A.
Since that time she remained a
devout follower of Christ, and a loyal
worker in his Church. She was a
woman of faith and prayer and practical
qualities. For almost 40 years,
she and her husband were highly
regarded members of the church at
Brighton. In 1951, Mr. and Mrs.
Mann removed to Boronia, where they
enjoyed the esteem of the church and
the community. J. Manallack, min-
ister of Boronia church, conducted
the funeral services in Brighton
chapel and at Lawn Cemetery, Spring-
vale.

Alfred John Mann, at the age of
68, was called to the Higher life.
He had just completed the wording
of the epitaph for his wife's grave,
when he suddenly collapsed. After a
separation of only six weeks, these
two, who had been such devoted
partners through life, were eternally
reunited. S. H. Wilson (owing to the
indisposition of J. Manallack) con-
ducted the funeral services in Brighton
chapel and Lawn Cemetery Spring-
vale. Alfred Mann united as a lad
with the church at Brighton, where
the records indicate that "Master
Mann" confessed Christ and was bap-
tised. He loved his Lord with un-
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Herbert James Leasom Hoskin.

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