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The two builders carrying out the extensions are deacons of Toowoomba Churches of Christ. Voluntary labor by members is also appreciated.

The local Home Committee works in close liaison with the Social Service Committee in Brisbane.

Donations attract a Government subsidy, and will be acknowledged by an official receipt (deductible item for Income Tax purposes).—W. Savill.

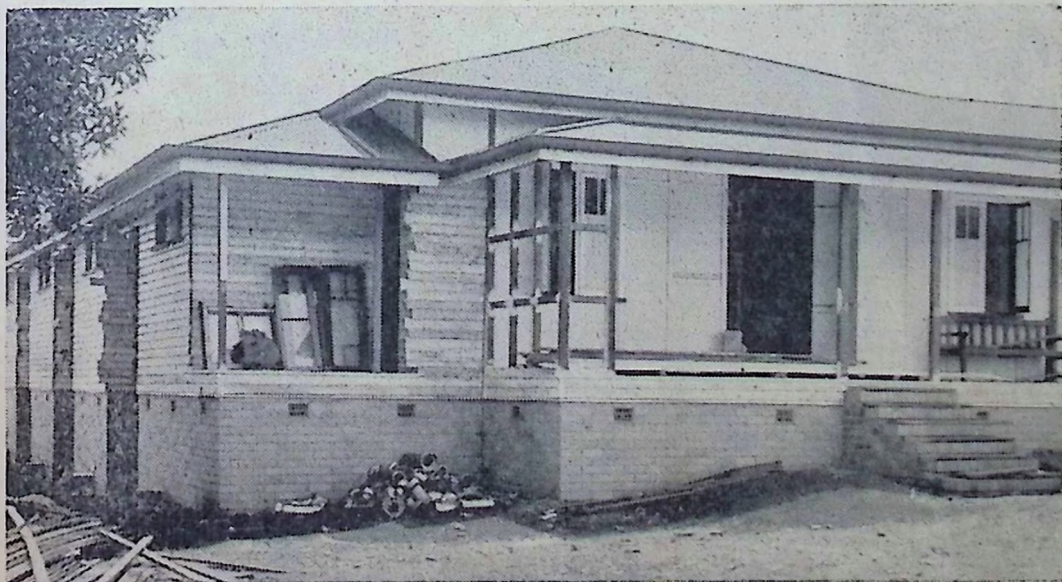
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Extensions now in progress at "Mylo" will mean that on completion the number of guests (now 13) will be doubled. Eight of the present guests and Matron are members of Churches of Christ. These extensions are costing £10,000.

The Home receives gifts of food almost every other day. These are a big help in keeping the weekly board at a reasonable figure — well within the reach of pensioners.

An application has been made to conduct a 6-bed infirmary, as from

Philip Potter, a Jamaican who is the newly appointed Africa Secretary of the Methodist Missionary Society in Great Britain, as well as Chairman of the World Student Christian Federation, is visiting Australia en route to New Zealand for the National Youth Conference late this year. His programme in Melbourne (Nov. 28 and 29) and in Sydney (Dec. 1-4) includes a public youth rally in Collins-st. Baptist Church on Monday, Nov. 28, at 8 p.m., and in St. Stephen's, Macquarie-st., on Dec. 2, at 8 p.m.



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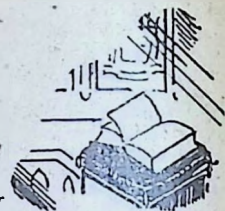
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NOTES FROM THE READINGS

as Suggested for



November 27

1 SAMUEL 3: 1-19.

The boy Samuel is called by God to the work of a prophet, beginning with the pronouncement of judgment against the house of Eli.

"the word of the Lord was precious" (v. 1). — "Prized because it was rare" (Calrd). Religion was at a low ebb. "No open vision" means that such visions were very uncommon.

"ere the lamp went out" (v. 3). — "The lamp beside the ark would be filled with just enough oil to keep it alight during the night, so that the time must have been just before dawn" (Calrd).

"made themselves vile" (v. 13). — "Were blaspheming God" (R.S.V.).

GALATIANS 5: 1-7, 13-26.

Paul sounds the call to Christian liberty as against those who urge circumcision, and proceeds to show what freedom in Christ demands for practical Spirit-guided living.

"wherewith Christ hath made us free" (v. 1). — "Christian freedom made the believer a slave of Christ, and the only way to use it rightly, and to preserve and extend it, was continuous production of the fruit of his Spirit. Actually, this freedom was harder than the way of law; hence the temptation to go back to Moses, where indecision and doubt could be resolved by the religious authorities" (Stamm).

"profit you nothing" (v. 2). — "Christ was either the only Saviour or no Saviour at all" (Stamm).

"who did hinder you?" (v. 7). — "Who cut in on you? The metaphor is that of running a race, and some one or some impediment gets in the way as one blocks a road in war" (Dow).

"serve one another" (v. 13). — "Service to legal prescription is gone, but service of another kind begins, loving service of one another" (Dow).

"fruit of the Spirit" (v. 22). — Note the singular fruit as opposed to the plural works of v. 19. The Spirit gives wholeness to the formerly divided personality. "Integrating the believer's life with God and men, centring it in the unifying love of Christ" (Stamm).

I. J. CHIVELL (S.A.) tells how

WE WENT TO CARNARVON

On Friday, Oct. 21, at the close of Federal Conference, two buses and a private car left Perth to visit our Mission Station at Carnarvon, 600 miles north of Perth. There were almost 80 members of our churches in the party, coming from all States of the Commonwealth. We spent two days in travel each way, arriving at the Mission Station on the Saturday night, and leaving for Perth on Monday morning.

We could write a good deal about the journey to and fro. Arrangements had been carefully made, with every consideration given to our comfort and convenience. The country we passed through was surprisingly good, with many fine wheat crops seen as far north as Northampton. The wild flowers were past their best, but, nevertheless, glorious. At times there were hundreds of acres of flowering trees, shrubs and plants of every imaginable color.

There was keen interest amongst the visitors to see the Mission in operation. The town of Carnarvon is not particularly inviting. One of the party described it as a typically "wild west town." The drive from the town to the Mission through miles of banana plantations, tomato and bean gardens was like driving through an oasis. The Gascoyne River is a dry sand bed about two hundred yards wide, crossed by means of a low-level bridge. Approaching the Mission property we noticed an old tractor tyre painted white, on which was printed the word "Mission." Entering the property we passed through the citrus and banana plantations, by the dining hall, to stop at the Superintendent's house. We were greeted by dozens of neatly dressed native children, whose broad smiles and waving hands indicated the excitement which prevailed on the Station as they awaited our arrival.

Our first impression of the property was that it had been well laid out, the buildings being neat and commodious and worthy of such a work. The green lawns and flowering gardens immediately made us feel that here is a home, and not just a camp. The more we inspected the property the more we felt that wise planning had prevailed throughout the fifteen years we have been working there.

Careful preparation had been made to entertain us over the weekend. Half of the party were cared for at the Mission, and the remainder were accommodated at a hotel in Carnarvon. On Saturday night the young

people of the Mission provided a programme of items, displaying their ability and reminding us that, like other boys and girls, they love to wear pretty clothes and appear on the public platform. After the children had retired, David Hammer showed some slides depicting the beginning of the work on the Mission. At the close, W. W. Saunders led in family devotions. We went to bed marveling at what had been accomplished



D. G. Hammer,
whose resignation as Supt. at
Carnarvon Mission brings to an
end a fruitful ministry by Mr.
and Mrs. Hammer.

In fifteen years by the hard toil of a consecrated staff, the generous help of the brotherhood and Western Australian Government, with the blessing of God upon it all.

On Sunday morning the boys and girls came to the Breaking of Bread service in their best clothes. It was a joy to see them. The women of our churches, who provide much of the clothing needed, would be thrilled to see them sitting in the service in their Sunday best, and so evidently proud of what they are wearing. There were about two hundred in the dining hall for the service, addressed by A. Hurren, of Footscray, Vic. After the service, outside the hall, sixteen cameras were busily clicking. There should be some good pictures around the brotherhood. We were all entertained for meals on Sunday in the newly constructed steel-

framed shed on the Mission. The food had been prepared by the staff and was fit for the table of our best hotels. On Sunday afternoon, S. E. M. Riches spoke to the kindergarten children, while I spoke to the higher grades of the Bible School. The service at night was taken by S. E. M. Riches and C. R. Burdeu.

On Monday morning we said farewell to this large Mission family and began our long journey homewards, thanking God for what is being done for these under-privileged dark-skinned young people, proud to have some small and remote share in this part of the work of Christ's Kingdom, and determined to be good ambassadors for our Mission as we go back to our churches.

No one imagines that all these boys and girls will become Christians. They do not, nor do all the boys and girls in our Bible Schools here at home. Some do accept Christ and stand firm in their faith, in spite of strong temptations and difficult circumstances which are unknown to us. Many others grow up to be better people because of the Mission influence. Whatever the outcome, here is a need and in Christ's name we must meet it. The quality of service rendered is all that could be desired. The happy care-free atmosphere which permeates the boys and girls indicates there is an affectionate response to the loving attitude and selfless service of the missionaries. The complete harmony of the staff makes itself evident very definitely. Each person has a task to do and does it with evident joy. This reflects great credit upon the Superintendent and his wife, and we all felt it is a pity that it is necessary for them to retire from the work which they pioneered, and to which they returned five years ago. It will not be easy to find another couple to take their place. Pray for God's guidance to be given to the Board as they make this appointment.

As we left the Mission property, we glanced back and saw again the tractor tyre. Its shape spoke of the endless tasks in which these missionaries engage, while in its pure whiteness it spoke of the purity of life into which they seek to lead these young people.



Stawell church (Vic.) announces that G. Cripps, Qld., will commence a six months' interim ministry on Dec. 18, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of H. Diprose.

MISSIONS ARE MAKING NEWS

Friendly Family Meetings,

BALAKLAVA, S.A.

The church at Balaklava (with E. W. Taylor, of Devonport, Tas.) conducted thirteen evening mission meetings, Oct. 2-16, under the above caption.

Much prayerful planning preceded the meetings. Last March eight committees were set up with chairmen as follows: publicity, S. Shepherd; literature, L. Webb; listings, A. Shepherd; preparation of church, F. Pearl; music, V. Whiting; general, T. Howard; care of new members, S. Webb; visitation, K. Patterson. Splendid service was organised and given.

Prayer subjects and daily Bible readings were printed each month, and distributed to members in the form of Bible bookmarks. Members were asked to pray for individuals named to them by the elders and the Preparation of Church committee. Prior to the meetings seven pairs of visitors visited 37 homes to talk with friends about the claims of the Lord Jesus. (There are 350 homes in Balaklava township.) They were received most cordially, and had some heart-warming discussions.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor led Happy Hours after school, Oct. 3-7, with attendances of up to 94 (av. 78), and secured an affectionate and keen response from the children.

Films were presented at the beginning of the weeknight meetings. Song services followed under V. Whiting, and after the musical items Mr. Taylor presented practical and personal messages from the Word.

It was a reward to the church to see a goodly number of non-members and some listed as "inactive" in attendance. A splendid brotherly interest was displayed in them by the church. One decision was registered during the meetings.

Appreciated delegations came from Flinders Park, Colonel Light Gardens and Mile End (60 miles), Kadina (50 miles) and Owen and Long Plains (neighboring churches).

At the 83rd church anniversary tea on Oct. 17, Mr. Taylor interested all with his talk on the brotherhood in Tasmania. At the following anniversary meeting, the church sec., R. Shepherd, and the chairman of the Board, F. Pearl, expressed the deep-felt appreciation of the church, and made presentations to Mr. and Mrs. Taylor. Mr. Taylor's messages to the church were outstanding, and his

evening gospel addresses full of human appeal and Biblical truth. We do thank the Devonport church for releasing this man of God for Balaklava's Friendly Family Meetings.—K. J. Patterson.

Tell Wagga Crusade

The church at Wagga, N.S.W., has received definite blessing through its Tell Wagga Crusade, which concluded on Sun., Oct. 30.

N. Gavros (Ormond, Vic.) maintained a good teaching note in his addresses, which were based on a series of questions.

Best attendances were recorded on the Saturday and Sunday nights, with not less than 100 and up to 130 present. The average on weeknights was about 70. A visiting delegation from Albury provided a good opportunity for fellowship with that church.

Nine responded in first decision, rededication and baptism. Other people are showing interest. Apart from contacts made with new people, the spiritual impact on the church has been a feature of this mission. Many members have expressed their appreciation of the messages given by the preacher.

Under the musical direction of J. Morrison, choir and individual items were given and greatly appreciated every night. Two films were shown, and well received.

Musical accompaniments were provided by F. Button at the organ, and Misses Marie and Barbara Powell, whilst N. Mowsar arranged recorded music prior to the commencement of each meeting.—W. J. Caspersenn.

Victorious Life Campaign,

CLOVELLY PARK, S.A.

After several weeks of careful prayerful preparation, the Campaign commenced on Sun., Oct. 16, continuing until Sun., Oct. 30. Meetings were held every evening, except on Mondays. Each school day for the two weeks, Happy Hours for girls and boys were conducted. Bill Bowden (Hawthorn), with Mrs. Mortimer (Grote-st.) at the piano, gave splendid leadership to the singing. L. S. Dewberry (Horsham, Vic.) was missionary, and gave himself unsparingly in sane expositions of the Scriptures. Throughout the effort we had most helpful vocal items, and greatly ap-

preciated support from sister churches, including delegations from Mount Compass and Strathalbyn.

The church has been much encouraged and considerably strengthened by the consecrated, capable leadership of these brethren, and there were six decisions for Christ. The church at Horsham is sincerely thanked for releasing Mr. Dewberry for this Campaign. On the closing night, the writer, on behalf of the church, presented tokens of appreciation to these leaders, who had greatly endeared themselves to all. "To God be the glory. Great things he hath done."—Jas. E. Webb.

Baptist Missioners

AT RED CLIFFS, VIC.

Messrs. White and Coleman made a valuable contribution to the life and work of the church at Red Cliffs, Vic., during their recent campaign there.

It commenced on Sunday, Oct. 6, with the B.S. anniversary. Many people came to hear the children sing; they met the missionaries, were impressed, and came again on a number of occasions. In spite of a large number of conflicting community functions during the campaign, the lowest attendance was 130, and the average over the fortnight was 170. Each weeknight, prior to the service, travel films were screened as an attraction to outside folk. These were of a very high standard and were enjoyed immensely. The missionaries conducted the services with dignity and efficiency, yet with a touch of brightness which is so essential in work of this type. The adult meetings concluded with 15 first decisions for Christ. From these the church gained two complete families, and a further three families were united in the church. It was a joy to see father and mother alongside the young people, confessing Christ.

The children's after-school meetings were a great success. Each night close on 200 children gathered for the meetings. At the close of the campaign, 36 children over the age of ten decided for Christ. These were handed over to the church where they attend Sunday School. Our own school received 45 contacts, to be followed up and won for our school. At present it looks as though we will gain about 30 of these as new scholars.

On the final Sunday, a Teachers' Conference was held. Messrs. White

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MISSIONARY NEWS

(Notes supplied by A. Anderson,
Sec. Overseas Board).

The Word of God for the World of Men

BOMBAY PASTOR.

The following article was written by Barnabbus (Balu) C. Bhosle. This young man was supported during the whole of his College days by a sister in N.S.W., who continues to keep a link with him and his new wife (sister of Mrs. Hari Waghmodi). The Bombay folk have been heartened at this increased interest in them, and will be deeply touched at what happened at the Federal Conference at Perth. First then, let us read Balu's article.

"It is so interesting to notice two different growths in India today. Since independence, she is growing fast in her industrial development. Even within a radius of twenty miles from Baramati there are five modern sugar factories, and one more is to be built shortly. Other plans are for hydro-electricity, steel, blast furnaces and irrigation. All these add to the economic development of our country.

and Coleman shared their experience in children's work with the school staff. This led to the school being entirely replanned, and the addition to the staff of six new teachers.

Mr. White, who is at present serving the Baptist Department of Christian Education, has been engaged in this kind of work for the past 28 years. Mr. Coleman, who is his present assistant, is an extremely talented and dedicated young man. Our only regret was having to go outside our own brotherhood to secure a team of this type, with the equipment and experience to do the job we wanted. We feel there is room in our brotherhood in Victoria for a work of this type. We would at this time express our appreciation to all those who, by prayer and service, assisted us in any way in this special effort. Special thanks are due to the members of our orchestra, who each night gave such a lift to the singing.

The church at Red Cliffs is really going ahead, and we would seek your prayers as we strive to advance the Kingdom of God in our area of Sunraysia.—S. K. Bannon.

"Now some think that along with economic development people are becoming more careless about God and their religion. Several 'isms' in the country are adding to the atheistic and materialistic outlook of the people. But as we go preaching we



Barnabbus C. Bhosle,

Newly appointed pastor of the Bombay church group. He brings training and evangelistic zeal to the task. This Field should prove an excellent centre for the preaching of New Testament Christianity.

also see signs of the spiritual hunger in the people. Some are becoming careless about the things of the Spirit, but many more are taking part in their festivals and pilgrimages.

"Their places of pilgrimage, during the festivals and fairs, are most exciting centres for Christians to preach in. Within the short space of ten months we have had opportunities to proclaim the gospel in many weekly bazaars and at two holy Hindu shrines, where many thousands of pilgrims had gathered. At one important shrine there were more than one hundred thousand worshippers. We were surprised to see their zeal for religion as strong as before. As we started preaching they were eager to listen to us also. In only thirty-six hours, our team sold eleven hundred copies of the Gospels. This may seem unbelievable. We are surprised

that even though we do not distribute these Gospel portions free, many non-Christians buy them because they hear the story of Jesus and their need of a Saviour.

"As we see these big crowds we are moved with compassion and remember the words of our Lord that 'they are as sheep having no shepherd.' Will you pray for us, that we may be strengthened to give them the Bread of Life?"—Barnabbus C. Bhosle.

Annual Report, Macwo-New Hebrides

Gradually the work in the New Hebrides is being knit together as a whole. The process has been going on for years, but today, because of better communications, radio transmitters, etc., this is becoming more a reality. Field Councils have been held for some time at regular periods, but the first Annual Meeting was held in recent months. We hope to present some of these reports as space permits.

Nasawa Hospital. — The Medical Work has rapidly increased over the last 12 months, causing overcrowding in the village and confined buildings on the Hospital ground. At times patients who should have remained as in-patients had to be treated as out-patients, and sent away because of overcrowding and lack of accommodation. Because of the overcrowding, Beryl has had to walk from one end of the village to the other several times a day giving injections and treatment, as well as that done at the dispensary.

New Dispensary. — This building greatly facilitates the work and provides far more hygienic surroundings in which to work. Without the full-time assistance of Abel Rassa, it would have been impossible to do the work that has been done.

Village Work has been done frequently over the last 12 months, although we realise that much more could be done.

General figures show: in-patients, bed days, 1,271; babies born, 7; ante-natal cases, 27; examinations, 127. Out-patients, treatments, child welfare work or village work have not been counted.

(At the end of the year Mr. and Mrs. Combridge will be home on furlough, and consultation regarding new wards and maternity wards will be considered. Some work has been done towards the new wards, but the maternity ward will probably materialise because of a grant from the British Government.)

Schools. — At Nasawa Secondary School, progress is being steadily maintained, especially with the help

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THE MINISTRIES OF OUR



WOMEN

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

A Love That Unites

Mrs. J. K. Robinson, W.A.

The United Council of Christian Women in W.A. has been in operation for approximately ten years. Its beginning arose from the inspiration received by visiting representatives to our Women's Conference at that time. As a result, a meeting of women from the various Churches, with representatives from the W.C.T.U. and Y.W.C.A., was held in one of the city halls. A large number attended, and the desire for Christian unity was very much in evidence. As a result, the U.C.C.W. was formed, and the following simple platform used as a basis:—

1. To organise periodic Conferences to promote knowledge and understanding among the denominations, and to educate women in all aspects of Christian citizenship.
2. To unite for combined action to put forth the Christian viewpoint on questions concerning the community.

of Stephen, a Londua graduate, who is of great assistance. The carpentry workshop is under construction, and should be completed within six weeks, everything being favorable.

Inspection of the village schools shows progress in some respects, but unfortunately we are hindered from more effective teaching by very willing but inefficient untrained teachers.

Beryl has started a class in the Mission house, which she takes every morning. This is for the benefit of the younger girls, and will pave the way for nurses and school-teachers of the future.

General. — Spiritually we feel the tone of the work is very good. Despite the failure of some to measure up to the standard of Christ, we are confident that an excellent Christian spirit prevails, and sincerely thank God for progress thus far. All churches are functioning well, and the general tone of the work is excellent.

A bridge across the Nasawa Creek is completed, and has stood up to the flood waters exceptionally well. This bridge now provides a way of reaching the Hospital in all weathers.

The teleradio, a donation of the Boonah-Silverdale churches, has now

3. To provide a common ground on which women of all shades of Christian thought and opinion may meet.

In working together over the years much good has been achieved in the way of understanding and fellowship.

It was decided to invite three representatives from each Christian group to form the Council, while any visitors would be always welcome. An annual affiliation fee of 10/6 per year from each group, and an offering at the Half-Yearly Conference, were to be the only sources of income.

Discussions have been held regarding women's place in the life and service of the Church; also talks given regarding some phases of church work in the various denominations. It would seem there are more uniting than dividing factors amongst us, and the deep desire is to take each step as it is shown towards visible unity. Regular prayer is made that this may be so.

At the 1960 Half-Yearly Conference, an address was given by a representative to the National Confer-

been installed and is rendering an excellent service.

A new store shed, purchased by the Board, has now been erected, and provides an excellent means of storing School and Mission supplies.

Two tanks have been made, one supplying water for the new dispensary, the other to the Mission house.

The Mission property at Nasawa has now been properly marked and fenced. The other Mission property at Sanasun (the old site where Alf. Chappell pioneered the Maewo work) is being cleared, and 150 cocoa trees have been planted.

The Mission boat has entailed a tremendous amount of work during the year, as the engine has given unceasing trouble. Twenty-six new ribs were fitted into the Grace, thus bracing her and making her stronger for the new engine. (Now installed and functioning splendidly.)

The church at Bytara has now completed its new building, which is a credit to the people.

As we look back over a very strenuous year, we thank God for his rich blessing that has sustained both us and the work in general, which has progressed under his hand.—Reg. and Beryl Cambridge.

ence of Australian Churches, thus sharing in the richness of the fellowship of that wonderful occasion.

Another sphere of united activity by the Council is responsibility for organising and contacting groups throughout the State in regard to the World Day of Prayer. It was decided to make donations from the offerings received each year to the British and Foreign Bible Society, after the account for printing and literature had been met. So great has been the response, with so many new centres formed, that the donation possible has increased from £10 to £200.

The Council also took part in preparing the Australian Programme for the World Day of Prayer, The Bread of Life, and sent a representative to be on the committee drawn from all States to prepare same.

So, through the channel of this United Council, the way is being kept open to prepare hearts and minds for the unity of all Christians.

Whatever the reasons have been in history for the various setting up of Churches with different names, which at the time seemed expedient, a new need is being brought home to us daily — the need for a united front that the world may believe that Christ is indeed the Head.

At present our divisions cause much heartbreak and confusion. Missionaries in other lands are embarrassed when asked, "Why are there so many different Churches when there is only one Christ?"

The Christian work amongst the Aborigines is often spoilt and nullified because, as the young people go out to various walks of life, they are confronted with so many different Churches and become bewildered.

Young people need the inspiration of a united Church, which would give them real purpose and direction for life.

Also, a united Church would have almost unlimited resources for every phase of its ministry, and manpower could be used to much greater advantage. All talent could be used to the full. The Church could speak with one voice on social evils, and a Christian standard of social justice would become more evident in every department of life. Scripture from the New Testament could be taught in the schools without dividing up the classes into various sections.

As Christian women, let us pray earnestly that it may be so.

Because you belong to Christ, you are akin to me,
One in bonds unbreakable, spirit with spirit joined,
Who can the ties undo,
Which bind the Christ within my heart,
Unto the Christ in you?



Theme for the Week:
"WORK AND COURAGE"

Sunday, November 27

Romans 12: 1-11.

Thought Text: "Outdo one another in showing honor" (v. 10, R.S.V.).

This is an arresting translation. As a matter of fact, ordinary living is so fiercely competitive that most people's lives centre round the bid to outdo the other person — live in a better house, hold down a bigger job, wear smarter clothes, drive a more expensive car, etc. Much of modern advertising is geared to foment that kind of competition.

Yet this passion to outdo the other person in the matter of possessions brings no lasting satisfaction or happiness. It was this spirit which almost destroyed the fellowship of the Last Supper. Only the humble love of a Master prepared to do the work of a slave redeemed a situation made unbearable by his disciples' jealousy.

Master, keep us from resenting others' successes, or becoming obsessed with any ambition that would clash with thy Lordship over our lives. Amen.

Monday, November 28

1 Corinthians 3: 7-15.

Thought Text: "God alone makes the seed grow" (v. 7, Moffatt).

"You are God's garden," Paul tells the Corinthians, in a lovely figure of speech. "He represents a Christian community as a garden that one preacher or evangelist may plant and another may water, but the true source of its beauty and vitality is God" (Short).

The preacher does not make converts. He is simply a tool in the hands of the Lord, who still "adds to the Church daily such as are being saved." But the Master depends on us to scatter the seed and till the ground. Are we faithful stewards of the gospel?

Lord of the harvest, give all thy

WHEN SOARS the SOUL

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servants the courage to go on steadily, bearing precious seed, content to leave the increase to thee. Amen.

Tuesday, November 29

2 Corinthians 5: 18-6: 10.

Thought Text: "As having nothing, and yet possessing all things" (v. 10).

J. B. Phillips' translation admirably sums up Paul's meaning: "We are penniless, and yet in reality we have everything worth having." If, as is often assumed, Paul lost heavily financially as well as in position and worldly honor when he became a Christian, he never had any regrets. As he told the Philippians, "For his sake I have lost everything . . . in order to win Christ."

In Christ the believer has spiritual resources far surpassing anything the world can offer. "Everything is yours!" cried Paul to the Corinthians. "For you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God!"

For all thy saving grace, for resources more than sufficient for each day's needs, for the gift of thyself, we give thee thanks, O Lord. Amen.

Wednesday, November 30

Galatians 6: 1-10.

Thought Text: "Unless we throw in our hand, the ultimate harvest is assured" (v. 9, Phillips).

Paul is eager that his sorely tested readers should have "the power to see it through." He would have fully endorsed the words of a later Christian martyr, who, when urged to deny his faith, retorted, "What! Would you have me quit the race so close to the goal?" Men like these lived in the challenge of their Master's words: "He that endureth to the end shall be saved."

Can any of the things that sometimes tempt us to "throw in our hand" compare with the joy of harvest for the man who sees it through?

O God, thou knowest our disappointments and problems. Help us to face them with thee, and go on, undeterred, with thy work. Amen.

Thursday, December 1

Joshua 1: 1-9.

Thought Text: "Moses is dead; now therefore arise, go!" (v. 2).

When a great leader dies, it seems that no one can really fill his place. Joshua, like all the rest of Israel, must have felt that way about Moses. How could God take him from them in that crucial hour, with the Promised Land spread before them?

But God had his man for the hour, as he always has, and gives him no time for brooding on another man's greatness. The Divine commands ring out: "Arise! Go!" — and with the commands, the promise of his presence. Can any man want more?

Lord, we thank thee for those whose lives have shown us how to serve and follow thee. Let their mantle of faith and courage fall on us, we pray. Amen.

Friday, December 2

1 Kings 22: 1-14.

Thought Text: "Say a good word" (v. 13, Moffatt).

By "a good word" the messenger meant, "Be diplomatic! Agree with the rest. Say what the king wants to hear." But, as Ralph Sockman so finely comments, "Micah was no sycophant, no private chaplain to the privileged. His sturdy independence stood foursquare to the passing winds. He was not a weather vane but a sign post." "As the Lord liveth," he said, "what the Lord saith unto me, that will I speak."

Paul scornfully dismissed the temptation to be "men-pleasers," but modern Christians know how subtly the temptation can come, and how hard and lonely may be the lot of the man who says what God wants him to say — not the comfortable things people want to hear.

Lord, help us to say a good word for thee at every opportunity, and to be true to our commission, whatever the cost. Amen.

Saturday, December 3

Psalms 91.

Thought Text: "I will be with him in trouble" (v. 15).

How precious this promise has been to those who have proved by experience that "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." In no crisis of life or death is the believer bereft and helpless; always his God is with him, in the shadows as surely as in the sunshine.

Jane Stoddart tells us that the great Scottish preacher, Dr. Alexander Whyte, was asked by his wife, on what proved to be his last day of suffering and pain, "Is there anything you would like?" "A draught of life," he answered, and she read him this Psalm. Its rich promises still give life and hope.

God of all comfort, be especially near the troubled and sad today, and use us to bring hope to others. Amen.

HERE AND THERE

Older members will have many happy memories of the Chandler-Clay missions. Will H. Clay, M.B.E., who was the song-leader of the team, has written to us concerning the sudden passing of Gilbert Chandler, whom he calls "a great evangelist and a prolific soul-winner." "For some years," writes Mr. Clay, "Gilbert was resident in Florida, U.S.A., where he continued his active ministry in the church as minister emeritus." Many, like his former mission associate, will be saddened by news of his death.

The church at Latrobe-terr., Geelong, Vic., has invited its minister, Arnold C. Caldwell, for a further term of two years' ministry, on completion of present term in March, 1962.

The church at Maryborough-Baddow, Qld., has ended a successful two weeks' mission. The missionary, Ross W. Beadle (Beverley Hills, N.S.W.), was assisted by the song leader, Kevin Reade (Salisbury, Brisbane). To these men, the church is deeply indebted. Four young people made their decision, and one of these was baptised, as well as another lad, who had previously accepted Christ. The mission has revived the church. A Happy Hour was held at Baddow during the last week. It was led by Messrs. Beadle and Reade, assisted by Sisters L. Miller and D. Brooks.

A. W. Cleland, chairman and treasurer of the Victorian "Centre" committee, is almost due in Melbourne on his return from the World Convention, and will soon be in the midst of preparing the financial statement of the second year's report. He has asked us to draw the attention of members to this, and also to ask church treasurers to forward their returns and cheques covering amounts received to date. Those who have been acting during his absence would also like to be in a position to pass on a complete report. All correspondence should still be addressed to A. W. Cleland, Churches of Christ Centre, 217 Lonsdale-st., Melbourne, C.1.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. O. Todd were welcomed by the church at Wagga Wagga, N.S.W., on Sat., Nov. 5. There was a good crowd present, including ministers of the churches of Wagga. Mr. Roberts (Methodist) brought greetings from the Ministers' Fraternal, and Chaplain R. K. Redman spoke on behalf of the Services. Dur-

ing the evening orchid sprays were presented by Mrs. Donohue to Mrs. Todd and to Mesdames Morrison, Powell, Button and Caspersenn, as the wives of those who led in the work during the 21 months without a minister. Presentations were also made to Mr. Button and Mr. Caspersenn, who did much of the preaching. On Sunday 6th, Mr. Todd preached to large congregations morning and evening. There were 91 communicants for the day. Some newly-interested friends who attended the recent mission in the "Tell Wagga Crusade" were present on the Sunday night, when four young people were baptised. The Mayor of Wagga, Ald. I. J. Jack, was also in attendance. A large number of men helped on Sat., Nov. 5, in pouring the foundations for the new manse. A contract has been signed and work should now proceed.

The Chairman of the Australian Broadcasting Control Board, R. G. Osborne, will open new broadcasting studios in Sydney suburb of Five Dock on Feb. 18, 1961. Built to latest designs by the Christian Broadcasting Association, the studios will be the new home of a church production unit which distributes 10,000 Christian broadcasts every year to radio stations throughout Australia, without charge. For seven years C.B.A. has operated from three rooms in the back of a small church building. Archbishop Gough will dedicate the new C.B.A. studios in the presence of representatives of all Churches.

The Christian Youth Fellowship (C.Y.F.) Committee in Victoria continues to do good work in maintaining a liaison between city and country young people. The operations of its "Flying Squad" are deeply appreciated. Recently a group journeyed to Castlemaine, where they provided the evening programme for the Midlands Youth Fellowship District Rally, attended by young people from Castlemaine, Bendigo, Harcourt and surrounding districts. The programme, entitled "Consider Your Call," featured worship, study and recreation on the theme, "Job or Vocation?" A return visit will take place on Nov. 27. On Tuesday, Nov. 1, more than 50 members from C.Y.F. groups took advantage of the public holiday to join together in a service project at the Monbulk Camp. Concrete pathways were laid, lawns mowed, windows cleaned, hymn books repaired, the foundations of a barbecue laid and some encroaching blackberries laid

low! The young people "out-buzzed" the busy bees themselves! Some further projects are planned to take place before the end of this year, when young people will assist in brotherhood and community projects. —Stan. McCredden, Hon. Sec.

N. Flint, the present minister at Warrawong, N.S.W., has accepted a call to Gilgandra, where he will commence a ministry in March, 1961.

On Friday, Oct. 28, a party of 16 C.M.S. men left Victoria for Gernania on the "Princess." After arrival at Devonport the chartered bus took us to Launceston, visiting King Solomon's Cave on the way. We were guests of the Margaret-st. brethren for tea, after which a very fine model C.M.S. rally was held. Our brethren assisted at Margaret-st., Invermay and Sandhill at 11 a.m. communion services. By 1.30 p.m. we were on the bus again, and arrived at Hobart in time for tea and evening service. On Monday evening, an enjoyable time was held with our Hobart brethren. An early start on Tuesday sent us on our way back to Devonport, via the Great Lakes, where the spectacle of falling snow was much enjoyed. We boarded the "Princess," weary but happy, after a very enjoyable time. Our building advisory representative was kept very busy, and altogether the fellowship enjoyed made the tour well worthwhile. —J. D. Watt.

John Garrett, director of the Department of Information of the World Council of Churches since 1954, has been named principal of Camden College, Glebe, Sydney, Australia. He will also teach church history in the united theological faculty at the University of Sydney. He takes up his new duties as head of the Congregational theological college in November. M. Philippe Maury, general secretary of the World's Student Christian Federation, becomes the new World Council Information director in April, 1961.

Highlight of the church work at Henley Beach, S.A., has been the "Inner Spiritual Mission," with speakers F. Hunting, Lloyd Jones, K. Horne and S. Matthews. Choirs assisting came from Grote-st., Queenstown, Croydon and the local church. Recently formed Youth Quartette, and violinist, Charles Schwab, brought contributions to Youth Night. Meetings were splendidly attended and the church is grateful for attendance of sister churches and prayer support.

B. F. Goldsteen will commence a part-time ministry at Sunshine (Vic.) in February, 1961.

C. E. Watson, minister at Collins-st., Hobart, Tas., has agreed to extend his ministry there for a further twelve months from July, 1961.



INTERSTATE CHURCH NEWS

Discipleship

Stanley Mitchell, John Renfrey,
Maryborough - Baddow, Qld.
Richard Jones, Hamilton, Vic.

R. Allen, P. Coombs, Mrs. R.
Westaway, Mrs. B. Goode, Jillian
Mitchell, Dawson-st., Ballarat, Vic.
Robyn Ellis, Essendon, Vic.

Patricia Walkley, Beulah-rd., S.A.
Mr. and Mrs. M. Portors, Margaret
Judd, Judith Chappel, Jenny and
Bruce Mott, Philip Button, Wagga
Wagga, N.S.W.

Pam Harris, Fay Methven, Box Hill,
Vic.

Mrs. Bob Morris, Mrs. I. Macdonald,
Miss Val Draper, Mrs. A. Thompson,
Mrs. L. Goldsworthy, Mrs. R.
Merrett, Mrs. C. Goldsworthy,
Mrs. J. L. Goldsworthy, Miss Beth
Champness, Mrs. J. Kennett,
Kaniva, Vic.

Allan White, Mrs. Hopgood, Pres-
ton, Vic.

Membership

Mrs. Page, Hamilton to Hawthorn,
Vic.

Mr. Goode, to Dawson-st., Ballarat,
Vic.

L. A. Finger, St. Kilda to Malvern,
Vic.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Jenkins, West Pres-
ton to Doncaster, Vic.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Vayne, from
Lenswood; Mr. and Mrs. M. Scudds,
from Queenstown; Mrs. Schonfeldt,
from Moonta to Kilburn, S.A.

Mrs. M. M. Beasley, Mrs. M. M.
Edmondson, Mrs. E.A. Butland, Mrs.
M. Thornton, to Manning, W.A.

Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Collyer, Balwyn
to Boronia, Vic.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Holmes, Northcote
to Montrose, Vic.

Marriage

Lois Thomas to Max Birch, Bal-
larat, Vic.

Barbara Blair to Don Yorston,
Essendon, Vic.

Pauline Smith to Ian Parkinson-
Cumine, Collins-st., Hobart, Tas.
Jennifer Bell to Brian Flew, Forest-
ville, S.A.

Regina Wisby to Denis Jacobson,
Nubeena - Kelleve, Tas.

Nanette Griffen to Harold Bennett,
Margaret West to Ross Simons,
Merbein, Vic.

Fallen Asleep

E. Davey, Dawson-st., Ballarat, Vic.
A. J. Brown, Kaniva, Vic.

Mrs. Comer, Mrs. F. Strack, snr.,
Essendon, Vic.

AUST. CAPITAL TERRITORY

Canberra (G. R. Stirling, B.A.). —
C.W.F., on Oct. 27, enjoyed Dr. G.R.J.
Terpstra's film and talk on Albert
Schweitzer. Boys' Brigade, Lifeboys
and Cadets have presented displays.
Girls' Life Brigade has had Christ-
mas party, and Boys' Brigade has
visited Sydney for Founder's Day
parade and service. Church was host
to Canberra Inter-Church Fellowship
on Nov. 4, when G. R. Stirling ex-
plained the position of Churches of
Christ. Recent Sunday attendances
have been: Oct. 30, a.m., 104; p.m.,
134; communion, 126; Nov. 6, a.m.,
166 (youth parade); p.m., 117; com-
munion, 136. Mr. and Mrs. R.
Smalley (Reservoir, Vic.) and L. Cairns
(Beulah-rd., S.A.) are among recent
arrivals in Canberra.

TASMANIA

Collins-st., Hobart (C. E. Watson).
—Averages for Oct. were: a.m., 172;
p.m., 149; communion, 184; offering,
£68/17/4. Ten members have been
to Fed. Conf., and with a number
journeying to Geelong most Sun-
days, the averages have suffered.
During month there have been five
baptisms, three of these being wel-
comed into fellowship. Minister was
guest speaker at Margaret-st. (Laun-
ceston) B.S. anniversary on 30th. J.
Park was speaker at morning service,
and C. Harbury conducted gospel ser-
vice, when 16 members of Vic. C.M.S.
were present. Evening president (R.
J. Boxhall) welcomed visitors, one
member responded and another
brought a message in song. On the
following evening these Victorian men
conducted a "model" C.M.S. meeting
with local members. Cricket club

has made good start, having had
comfortable wins in first two matches.

Nubeena - Highcroft - Kelleve (E.
K. Morrison). — Nubeena: Averages
for Oct., a.m., 28; p.m., 23; com-
munion, 24; offerings, £11/8/8. High-
croft: Averages for Oct., a.m., 28;
p.m., 20; communion, 28; offerings,
£7/11/1; C.O.B., £12/3/7. C.E.
Country Life concert proved enjoyable
evening and raised £35/4/2 for a
widow and her family. C.M.S. took
as a theme for month The Cross and
the Resurrection. Kelleve: Averages
for Oct., a.m., 25; p.m., 38; communion,
19; offerings, £5/19/-. Visitation
team held final study meeting on
21st, and appreciated Mr. and Mrs.
Watson coming to give final advice.
Team has been busy contacting folk
for Religion and Life Campaign —
Nov. 8-20.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Manning (W. H. Nightingale). —
New church building is to the roof-
ing stage. Four members from Mt.
Henry Guest Home have been wel-
comed into fellowship. S. and A.
Lawrance (S.A.) have been visitors.
On Fed. Conf. Sunday, visitors in-
cluded Mr. and Mrs. Searle (Vic.),
Mr. Searle preaching at morning ser-
vice, and H. E. Greenwood (S.A.),
who preached at gospel service. Other
visitors assisted. C.W.F. raised £62
at spring fair for Furnishings Fund.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Mosman (L. E. Wylie). —On morn-
ing of Oct. 30, Mr. Hodgson (North
Balgowlah) exhorted church. On Nov.
6, B.S. anniversary was held. Dr.
A. G. Elliott (Conf. Pres.) spoke at
morning service. In the afternoon
the kindergarten session was held,
with R. Bartholomew (Hornsby) as
speaker. Afterwards the parents and
friends inspected the class rooms, and
the work of scholars. A fellowship
tea was held at 5 p.m., when R.
Greenhalgh (Christian Education
Director) screened a film strip, And
Something Happened, then spoke on
the work of adult Christian Educa-
tion. Mr. Greenhalgh also gave gos-
pel address in the evening at anniver-
sary service.

Warrawong (N. Flint). — South-
Coast Fellowship meetings were held
at Warrawong on Nov. 5, when over
80 people from Wollongong, Bowral
and local church attended. Guest
speaker was Dr. Elliott. Mrs. Elliott

gave a helpful greeting to women present. Church was pleased to have M. Leask (Asquith) as guest preacher at 10th anniversary services on 6th. There were good attendances morning and evening, with a number of former members present.

Taree (M. Hall). — Whilst student preacher has been on brief vacation, good pulpit ministry has been maintained. On Oct. 23, H. Davies (Woolwich exit student this year) spoke, his visit being appreciated. Friendly Youth Council invited a party from New Tribes Mission for their monthly rally on Sat., Oct. 29. At morning service on 30th, Director of this Mission, H. W. Jackson, gave the message. Evening service was conducted by Richard Trigg and T. Palmer, two other members of visiting party. Local branch of B. & F. B. S., in its financial return for year ending Oct., raised sum of £743, of which Taree church, through its collector (Mrs. N. Branch), and gift from church treasury, subscribed £110/14/-.

Merewether. — Church celebrated 74th anniversary on Oct. 15 and 16, with F. D. Craig (Belmore) as guest speaker. Herb. Robson (Mayfield) was chairman for Sat. evening meeting, at which were representatives from sister churches of Newcastle district, and many friends of church, including B.S. parents. There were musical items, and a highlight of meeting was cutting of church's birthday cake by Mr. Cockerill, sen. Church sec., J. R. Adamson, thanked all the brethren who have preached during the period since last November, when church has been without a full-time preacher. He also presented a floral bouquet to their wives. Mr. Craig gave inspirational addresses at all services. Visitors during the month have included Sis. Parsonage (Enmore). Attendances have been maintained at both morning and gospel services.

Albury - Lavington - Wodonga. — Albury C.W.F. joined with Albury Baptist Ladies' Guild for inter-guild visit on Oct. 26. Theme of *Our Hands, His Hands*, was handled by three speakers. Annual business meeting reports showed all auxiliaries to be working well. K. Kircher and D. Van der Pol have been elected to Official Board — the church rejoices in having these New Australian Christians in its midst. Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Pettitt in tragic death of her grand-daughter.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Albert Park (M. A. Coombs). — Annual church business meeting was held on Oct. 27. During election of officers for coming year, J. Bain, who is an elder, was made a life

member of the Board. On 30th, B.S. anniversary was held, when S. E. Matthews (Henley Beach) was afternoon speaker. On Nov. 6, kindergarten gave a special afternoon programme, and in evening, older scholars rendered candlelight pageant. Church is happy to have Mrs. Fax meeting again, after recent illness. Mrs. G. Smith is progressing favorably after surgery.

Beulah-rd. (R. Clymer). — Baptismal service was held, when a girl obeyed the command of her Lord. Sympathy of the church is extended to Miss Lindquist and relatives at passing of Mrs. Hadgert, and to Mrs. Starr, for loss of her mother. B.S. picnic was happy gathering of scholars, parents and friends at Morialta. G. Hearn addressed scholars at anniversary service on Oct. 29. Items were rendered by kinder. and primary dept's. R. Clymer gave evening address, when the inter and senior scholars sang, under the baton of Athol Anderson. Church regrets that Mr. Gairn's work takes him to Canberra, where his wife and family will join him later. Walls of new building are being erected and it is hoped the structure will be completed early in new year. Mr. Pearce (B. and F.B.S.) addressed I.C.E. and friends and showed slides of work in Africa. C.W.F. journeyed to Colebrook Home for a mending day. Lynette Clymer is home from hospital.

Kilburn (I. Durdin). — B.S. picnic was held on Oct. 29, at Hazelwood Park, with an increased number of parents attending. Beverley Springgay, Glenda Lawrance and Vincent Marr have been added to teaching staff. At youth gospel service on 30th, film, *Teenage Challenge*, was screened. Visiting speakers have been D. K. Beller (Conf. Pres.) and H. Walmsley, representing Mission to Lepers. T. Penhearow was speaker at C.M.S. gospel service. Five have been added to membership by transfer. Two ladies from Adelaide Floral Art Club gave a demonstration at last C.W.F. meeting. Good Companions Club said farewell to one of its leaders, Elizabeth Wilton, who sailed for England on Nov. 7.

Semaphore (R. H. Sercombe). — Jubilee building project (new vestries and open baptistery) is well under way, and services are continuing with good attendances. Av. number of communicants for Oct. was 105. Despite difficulties because of building project, B.S. recently had record attendance of 128. Teachers have conducted visitation for new scholars, and are encouraged by results. Y.P. joined Queenstown Y.P. in hike and barbecue to Marino on evening of Nov. 5. Scrap drive is being conducted by church members to benefit funds for building project.

Stirling East - Aldgate Valley (B. Crowden). — Oct. was B.S. month, and on 16th, A.V. held Parents' Sunday, when an invitation was extended to see scholars at work. Helpful books were on display. B.S. teachers in both schools visited parents during Oct. H. Walmsley (Mission to Lepers) visited both churches on 23rd, A.V. for morning service and S.E. at evening, after which film, *Lifted Hands*, was screened. Bible study groups have resumed after break for counsellor training. Church has had fellowship with several visitors recently, also with Mr. and Mrs. Siesling (residing in district) and Mr. and Mrs. Baulderstone (living at Clarendon). Mr. and Mrs. Valladares and family have recently left A.V. to reside at Cowandilla. Mr. Valladares was B.S. supt. On 30th, S.E. held B.S. anniversary. D. Beller (Conf. Pres.) conducted teachers' dedication service and exhorted church. In afternoon and evening, scholars rendered items and K. Horne (Youth Director) was speaker at both services. On following evening, scholars gave a concert and prizes were presented. A.V. church anniversary services were held on Nov. 6, when speakers were D. Kilpatrick and B. Crowden. Choir assisted with special items. A.V. Dorcas and S.E. C.W.F. continue to meet monthly. S.E. is still visiting local hospital monthly. Church is planning and praying for mission to be held in March.

Forestville (N. Kingston). — A happy spirit prevails throughout the work. Visit by Campaigners for Christ was inspiring treat for C.E. Societies. C.W.F. had visit from Mr. Darwin, who spoke on his Inland Travelling Library, and supported same with pictures. C.M.S. had excellent monthly meeting, when three men spoke on *My Occupation*. After-church fellowship was held on 30th, when film of *Inter-Church Aid for Refugees, Anna Finds Out*, was screened.

VICTORIA

Dawson-st., Ballarat (F. C. Huntington). — Ladies were addressed by Mrs. E. L. Williams and Mrs. R. Lloyd, on 17th, in interests of women's work. Second tennis court has been laid, and two senior and three junior teams have entered comps. Junior cricket team has also been formed. Church rejoices that J. A. Wilkie is able to attend meetings without aid of his wheelchair. C.W.E.F. held open night, when freewill offering was taken to defray cost of linen sent to New Guinea.

Dandenong (R. N. Gilmore, B.A.). — B.S. anniversary services were concluded on Oct. 16, with A. C. Male and L. Brooker as speakers. During the afternoon, kinder, and primary

prizes were distributed, and at evening service two B.S. girls made their decisions. Three Y.P. were recently baptised and received into membership. C.Y.F. held happy fellowship night on 22nd, when 16 Y.P. from Cheltenham joined them. Monthly C.Y.F. tea was held at manse on 23rd, with Wal. Tanner as guest speaker. Morning service on 30th was an "every member present" service, with the theme, **Commitment**. Every member was urged to share in an act of commitment as they set their faces to the coming mission in February with J.K. Bond. Church was overjoyed, on 29th, to welcome home from New Hebrides, on their first furlough, Jack and Barbara Edwards, and baby Gwenyth. Church regrets sudden passing of Mrs. Alloway, and sympathises with her family. C.W.E.F. conducted market stall, when profit of £34 was made. Youth auxiliaries combined to present concert on 28th.

Colac. — Oct. 30 was 50th anniversary of building of chapel. Prin. E. L. Williams gave message at morning service. Mr. Williams spoke on his visit to Russia, at P.S.A. At 7 p.m., all local churches met in the City Hall, where Mr. Williams gave address. Ballarat male quartet provided items at afternoon and evening meetings.

South Melbourne (K. R. Bowes, M.A.). — Successful B.S. anniversary was held on Oct. 23 and 30, with good attendances at all services. Appreciated talks were given by P. Perry, K. Harvey and K. R. Bowes. Miss M. Horsburgh led the kinder. and primary service. Teachers' dedication service was held on morning of 23rd, led by K. Masterton. Y.P. held halloween social on 26th. Owing to large number of girls attending Good Companions, the club has been divided into a senior and junior club. Miss J. Donnelly has been appointed leader of juniors, and Miss M. Adams with the seniors. Increased attendance at church services of late has been most encouraging. Church has accepted, with regret, the resignation of the preacher as from early 1961.

West Preston (T. T. Robinson). — Annual meeting of C.Y.M. was held on Nov. 1, and those elected were: pres., R. Robb; treas., R. R. Green; sec., R. Gilbert. At crowded meeting of C.W.F., Mrs. Kenworthy spoke on America. B.S. anniversary was celebrated on 23rd and 30th. Speakers were K. J. Clinton, G. W. Barnett, R. Hillier and T. T. Robinson. Song leader at all services was R. Arnot. A young lady surrendered to Christ at evening service. B.S. picnic was held at Whittlesea on Nov. 1. Tennis club has had successful season. Mr. and Mrs. Lang (Tootgarook), former pioneer members, were present on 30th.

Malvern. — Explorers held successful Lads' and Dads' night, when 11 dads and 18 boys attended. Roster of evening service soloists has been prepared. Those to assist in the ministry of song to date are E. Obejat and Samlyn Hattam. Efforts are being made to reorganise the choir. Elder, J. Holloway, has returned from World Convention. Morning speakers have been F. Illingworth, E. L. Williams and W. T. Atkin, while T. Flanders (Ormond) has presided. Delegations of members have attended Bambra-rd. mission. Sympathy is expressed to Mrs. Lane in loss of her sister, Mrs. Smith. Hospital Sunday offering amounted to over £17. Mrs. C. Smith is unwell.

Gardiner (F. A. Youens). — On Oct. 16, C.E. visited Emmaus Home. A B.S. lad made the good confession at close of gospel service. H. Sedgman was morning speaker on 23rd. On 25th, P.B.P. drama competition was held in hall, the local club participating. During B. & F.B.S. Field Day on 30th, S. R. Baker addressed church morning and evening and also spoke at combined after-church service at Presbyterian. An enjoyable B.S. picnic was held at Templestowe on Nov. 1.

Warnambool (F. W. Bradley, interim). — Chaplain C. Young addressed morning and evening services on Oct. 16, also Y.P. tea, attended by 32. Thirteen Y.P. have made decisions in four months. B.S. held anniversary on Oct. 30, W. Newham being speaker at both meetings, also a.m. service. Mrs. Groves led special singing by scholars. Mrs. Newham addressed late afternoon meeting of C.W.F. Church enjoyed fellowship with many visitors.

Box Hill (W. A. Wigney). — C.Y.F. held successful concert on 21st, with 200 attending. On 23rd, speakers were R. Clarke and R. Sandells. At C.W.F. meeting, on 25th, Mrs. Nicol (W.C.T.U.) was visiting speaker. On 30th, R. Muller was speaker at worship service, and R. Ryall at gospel service, when J.C.E. held their anniversary. B.S. picnic at Glen Waverley was enjoyed on Nov. 1. Baptismal service was held on 6th, when two young ladies obeyed their Lord. On 8th, Mrs. Wigney spoke to C.W.F. about her visit to Fed. Conf. C.W.E.F. speaker was Mrs. Conning, hospital visitor.

Lygon-st., Carlton (R. J. Duckett). — B.S. picnic at Aspendale on Nov. 1 was a happy function. Last of mid-winter special film services was screened before good congregation on Oct. 23. On afternoon of 29th, a large party gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. Berry (Upwey) in connection with W.M.B. appeal for funds towards the Churches of Christ Homes. Enjoyable time of fellowship

resulted and good response in cash received. Gospel sing song was held on 30th, song leader being H. Hince. Soloiste was Miss Grey (Thornbury). A lady was received into fellowship of church at morning service. Midweek prayer and Bible study was attended by 46 at last meeting. Sunday morning Bible class is also having good meetings. 106th Homecoming Day was held on Nov. 6, with large congregations at all services. 150 sat down to lunch in hall. Guests included officers of Swanston-st. church, and their wives. Thanks was expressed to Miss Nell Snooks and her workers for preparation of meals. L. Dewberry (Horsham) was special speaker at morning and evening services. At P.S.A., J. W. Searle (Principal, M.B.I.) gave address. Guest soloiste was Miss E. Renton. Prior to the gospel meeting, a song service was conducted by L. McClean. Special reference was made by minister to late Miss M. E. Pittman who, for over 40 years, had faithfully served as organiste of the church. A memorial bowl of flowers was received in her honor. Some are absent from services because of illness.

Footscray (A. E. Hurren). — F. T. Morgan was speaker on morning of Oct. 30, and Mr. Norton at night. B.S. scholars, along with parents and friends, enjoyed picnic at Mt. Evelyn on Nov. 1. C.Y.F. held "follow the leader" evening on 5th. Welcome home from Fed. Conf. was extended to minister and three other delegates, on 6th. C.W.F. took leading part in gospel service. H. Easton has been elected pres. of C.M.S.

Boronia (J. Manallack). — During absence of minister, conducting a mission at Belrose, N.S.W., services have been conducted by A. O. S. Baker during Oct., and H. I. Walmsley on evening of Nov. 6, at which the film, *Lifted Hands*, was screened on behalf of The Mission to Lepers. Oct. averages were: a.m., 116; p.m., 44; communicants, 105. C.Y.F. held successful variety concert during Oct. and raised £20 for its library. Church welcomed home Mr. and Mrs. H. Finger, on Nov. 6, after their return from Europe and World Convention. P. Jordan has resigned as supt. of B.S. after 19 years' dedicated service, and his position has been taken by M. Collyer.

Essendon (V. Quayle). — Av. attendances for Oct. were: a.m., 104; p.m., 87; communicants, 111. Ladies recently held successful fete, proceeds of which were donated to Hall Fund. During minister's absence at Shepparton, on 30th, speakers were B. J. Cambridge and P. Retchford. B.S. picnic was held at Eltham on Nov. 1. New B.S. supt. is L. Croxford. Church was saddened at the passing of Mrs. Comer and Mrs. F. Strack, snr., on Oct. 28.

Kaniva (G. A. Grainger). — Much interest was shown in recent mission conducted by T. Fergusson (Shepparton). Ten ladies made their decision during the meetings, and nine have since been received into the fellowship of the church. There were good attendances at B.S. anniversary on Nov. 6, when D. Clarnette (Yanac Methodist) was speaker. Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Williams and Mrs. A. Williams, snr., have returned home after world tour, including Edinburgh Convention. Explorers' Club membership is now 29, an increase of 17 new members for year. Social evening was held recently at Lillimur, to farewell Bill Welsh, who has left for Geelong.

Swan Hill (A. A. Avery). — During Oct., B.S. attendance averaged 110, with the highest being 117 on 23rd. Teachers' dedication service was conducted during the morning meeting on Nov. 6. C.Y.F. held "ranch night" at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Burge, at Tudor, on 11th. Monthly meeting of United Men's Brotherhood took place in chapel on 6th, when 46 men were in attendance. The Mayor of Swan Hill, Cr. R. Mellor, was speaker, and gave an interesting talk on his former work in Papua-New Guinea. Miss Betty Anderson (Wollongong, N.S.W.) has been a visitor at recent services. C.W.F. held an all day fair on 4th, in R.S.L. Memorial Hall, when £260 was raised toward the cost of furnishing new chapel. B.S. scholar, Ellen Baker, is making a good recovery in Alfred Hospital, following a serious heart operation.

Wangaratta. — Recent speakers at Wangaratta and Whitfield have been M. Young, P. May, A. S. Jackel, M. McDonough and A. L. Jackel. Enjoyable church anniversary tea was held on Oct. 28, when, under chairmanship of Mayor (Cr. Aub. Jackel), the church welcomed delegations from Albury, Wagga, Yarrawonga, Shepparton, Benalla and Whitfield. Guests for evening were K. Bradbury, M.L.C., K. J. Clinton (C.O.B.) and Mrs. Clinton, also missionary-elect, Miss Betty Anderson. Following tea, Mr. Clinton addressed gathering. Opportunity was taken to farewell Miss Anderson, and a gift of money was presented to her from Nth. Eastern District and Riverina Conference churches. On 30th, Mr. Clinton delivered appreciated messages to churches at Wangaratta and Whitfield, as well as to C.M.S. anniversary tea. Paul May (Whitfield church) is in charge of fortnightly devotional period from 3NE (4.30 p.m. Friday).

Malvern. — Good services are marking evening ministry of G. Crossman. On Nov. 6, good attendance was present when Christian group from Laverton conducted service and rendered gospel in song. At conclusion

of service, an after-church fellowship was held at which visitors fraternised with members. These services are proving very popular. During service, an old Russian couple, who have been attending church, were immersed. K. A. Jones was morning speaker, and an offering was taken for Christian Education in Schools.

Stawell. — Services have been maintained by local brethren, with assistance from other local churches, also from Horsham church and H.M. Dept. Church is most grateful to all who have assisted. B.S. anniversary was held on Oct. 30, with good attendances at both services. Mr. Ritchie (Baptist) was speaker in afternoon, and N. Livett at evening. Happy social evening was held on Nov. 1, when prizes were distributed. J.C.E. held breakup function on 5th, when prizes were distributed by leaders, I. Williams and B. Marshman. Youth club enjoyed a visit from Ararat club, also on 5th, when Ararat provided programme.

Warragul (M. D. Keatch). — Echoes of World Convention were heard at evening service on Oct. 30. Tape recordings had been made by K. Chandler who, with Mrs. Chandler and Mr. and Mrs. C. Pedersen, was recently welcomed home after a world tour. Mr. Pedersen conducted the service in the same order and used the same hymns as at Usher Hall, where about 4,000 people had attended. A solo, choir anthem, and address given by G. R. Stirling (Canberra church), entitled *Redemption and Reconciliation*, were played and church shared some of the atmosphere of that great meeting. Church is grateful for this experience, and forethought of Mr. Chandler with his recordings. Despite inclement weather, C.W.F. was pleased with success of fair held in School Hall for Manse Fund. Other auxiliaries also are working toward the fund. Bus transport has been organised by Ministers' Fraternal to bring scholars to all Warragul Sunday Schools, and on return to pick up church-goers. C. Waters continues to progress after serious operation. Bernard Buntrock is recovering after illness.

Warracknabeal (R. H. Patterson). — R. C. Bolduan (Conf. Pres.) was guest speaker at church anniversary on Oct. 30. Mr. Bolduan spoke at Minyip that afternoon and conducted two nights of teaching at Brim. R. Argent is recovering in hospital from surgery. Mrs. L. Nix and family have been visitors. Picnic held on Oct. 22 was great success. Warracknabeal Band provided hymn accompaniments and items at recent evening service.

Geelong (A. C. Caldicott). — Excellent reports are to hand of well received broadcast service, on Oct. 30,

from 3GL. At gospel service three Y.P. decided for Christ when Boys' Brigade and Girls' Life Brigade paraded. Annual business meeting was held on Nov. 2, when D. Drayton presented comprehensive reports from all auxiliaries. Progress has been made in all depts. Twenty-two additions were recorded, with 10 other re-dedications. Financial receipts amounted to almost £5,000. Centenary Hall debt has been reduced, with £5,000 outstanding. Officers elected for 1961 are: elders, B. Rodda, A. MacDonald; sec., D. W. Drayton; treas., P. H. Drayton; diaconate, A. L. Carr, D. Carr, C. Carr, H. Coleman, A. Brown.

Hamilton (A. B. Clark). — M. Williams (Naracoorte) was speaker for B.S. anniversary. Communicant av. is now about 75 per week. There has been one addition from B.S. by faith and baptism and one loss by transfer. Sis. B. Hadden is still in Perth, where she was taken ill during holiday trip for Fed. Conf. On Oct. 30, there was a church parade of members of men's cricket and basketball teams. Enquiries are being made for renovation or purchase of another organ for chapel.

BIRTH

POLLARD. — To Dorothy and Gordon, on Oct. 22, a daughter — Debbie Joy. Sister for Vivienne and Julianne.

IN MEMORIAM

BENN. — Treasured memories of our beloved father, Adam Rea, called to be with the Lord, Nov. 13, 1939. "In heavenly love abiding." — Lovingly remembered by his family.

PETTIFER, Maria. — Loving memories of our dear mother, who passed away on Nov. 20, 1957. Always a beautiful memory of one we loved so dear. — Inserted by her daughters, Carrie and May.

STURGES. — In fond and loving memory of my dear wife and our loving mother, Lylla, who was called Home suddenly.

"God has her in his keeping,
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A Hymn for November - No. 221,
Nov. 20.

Every denomination of the Christian Church has contributed liberally to the treasury of hymns of the Church Universal. Although the Unitarian principle of freedom in religious thought has been so extended that it is difficult to label as Christian at least those on the outer fringe of the movement, Unitarians have contributed notably to hymnody and to social thought and progress.

One scholarly hymnologist, writing on *Unitarian Hymnody* (1830-1864), separates Unitarian hymnwriters into 14 who were also hymnal editors, 11 clergy, 3 laymen, 8 women and 11 "poets and literary men who were also hymnwriters." An honored name amongst the "clergy" is that of Dr. Stephen Greenleaf Bulfinch (1809-1870).

Dr. Bulfinch was for nearly 40 years a minister amongst New England Unitarians and, if one is to judge by the topics of his hymns, must surely have been on the "right wing" of the movement. Repeatedly Jesus appears as "the Saviour" or as "Holy Son of God," and a whole section in one of his volumes of hymns is headed "Peter's confession of Christ." Some of our readers - like the present writer - may have been "brought up on" the Bulfinch hymn, "O suffering Friend of human kind," with its final triumph-note "and rise, through death, to endless day."

It is difficult to credit of any publication the statement made concerning Dr. Bulfinch's first little volume of poems - that only three people purchased copies of it - yet today's hymn first appeared in that notably unsaleable work, and was originally "Hail to the Sabbath day." Rightly enough, revisers have altered the first line to a less inaccurate form, "this holy day," but either stumbled over an alternative to "Sabbath" in the fourth verse or found themselves unable to clarify the lines "Thy Sabbath the stupendous march of vast eternity." An original fifth verse has been omitted, largely because of the clumsy word-order of its last line, the verse reading: "Lord, may that holler day dawn on thy servants' sight; and grant us in those courts to pray of pure unclouded light." - F.J.F.

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The Home call came to Miss Louise Olney on Sept. 9, 1960, after a comparatively brief illness. Miss Olney became a member of the church at Preston, Vic., 57 years ago, and there found an avenue of service in a ministry amongst the young people. She taught in the B.S. for many years, and soon became loved as a true friend of those whom she served. Her ministry was a quiet one, but wherever there was work to be done she was always ready to serve with cheerfulness. She is remembered at Preston as one who could always be relied on to lend a hand when opportunities arose. She came to North Fitzroy 30 years ago, and will be recalled there for her quiet consistency and her regular attendance at the Lord's Table. Her unselfish and uncomplaining spirit won her many friends. Those who knew her best state that she never lived for herself, but for others. To her sisters, Mrs. A. J. Fisher and Miss Jeanette Olney, to her brother, Harold Olney, of the Norseman Aborigines Mission, and to other members of her family, we extend our sympathy, and rejoice with them in the Faith.—J. Turner.

Mrs. E. Hawkes (nee Werner).

On Oct. 14, 1960, the church at Middle Park, Vic., suffered the loss of one of its most faithful foundation members, when Mrs. Eva Hawkes was called Home. She was baptised in her early teens by the late W. Meekison, at South Melbourne. In 1905, she transferred to Middle Park and taught in the B.S. until her marriage in 1919, when she transferred to Fairfield. After the loss of her husband she returned to Middle Park in 1945, where she served faithfully until her illness a few months prior to her Home call. She leaves behind her a memory of loving loyalty to the Saviour she served so well. The service at the chapel and Springvale was conducted by the preacher, A. Mathieson. Loving sympathy is extended to her son, daughter and sister, Mrs. H. Green.—H. A. Annetts.

Ernest Samuel Crossfield.

The loved ones of E. S. Crossfield, and the church at Drumcondra, Vic., suffered a severe loss in his Home call on Oct. 18. Mr. Crossfield was baptised by Andrew Hutson at North Melbourne in 1914. He was in membership at Coburg, and was also a deacon and B.S. supt. While a member at Newmarket he was church sec. and a B.S. teacher. Later he, with his family, transferred to Geelong (Latrobe-terr.), and then, for the last 7 years, was a faithful member at Drumcondra. During almost the

whole period he was doorkeeper, and was most diligent in this position. It can be said of our brother that he not only finished the course, but throughout he kept the faith. After a service in the Drumcondra chapel, his remains were laid to rest at Fawkner. The church, where he is sadly missed, extends sympathy to his wife, one daughter and two sons. He was a good man, one who earned the "Well done, good and faithful servant."—R. A. Banks.

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