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FORGOTTEN MEN

Practical Action in the Rehabilitation of Prisoners.

"If your kids were starving and you couldn't get work anywhere, wouldn't you pinch something?" The speaker was well dressed; we had seen to that. He was particularly well qualified, having held down a responsible position before his conviction. He had interviewed hundreds of employers, been frank with them concerning his misdemeanor and asked that he be placed on probation for three months to prove his reformation, but his early optimism had changed to desperation. And although we may think his reasoning is badly off the beam, he represents one of the many types who need understanding and practical help.

That the Church has an incapable responsibility toward "all kinds and conditions of men" will not be denied. But if this be true the person steeped in vice, the prostitute, the alcoholic, the criminal cannot be excluded from the Church's evangelistic programme. To use the Apostle Paul's argument, we are debtors to all men and "if a man should be detected in some sin, my brothers, the spiritual ones among you should quietly set him back on the right path, not with any feeling of superiority, but being yourselves on guard against temptation" (Philippians).

Many readers will recall the noble example of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pittman of revered memory, motivated by constraining love for people, striving against almost insuperable odds to lift fallen girls to know the life God intended them to enjoy. To meet people where they

are and lead them to find the answer to their inadequacy, their ignorance, their rebellion, their selfishness and their sin is still the Church's task.

Whilst for their own sake and for the sake of the community, thousands of men and women pass through our prisons each year, there are numerous occasions in which those who

have committed themselves to the task of prisoner rehabilitation are appalled at the mercilessness with which society treats the offender and the almost insurmountable difficulties a prisoner encounters from his fellow-man in his struggle to regain his status in the business world and society generally. Even children can be unbelievably cruel towards other children whose fathers have committed offences. It is little wonder that some prisoners have lost heart and rejoined their companions in crime, reverting to a life they would willingly have forsaken had the hand of friendship and an opportunity to prove themselves been available.

"Preaching the gospel" takes on new meaning in this work. We learn how to preach 5-minute and 2-minute sermons, as well as sermons without words. Being friendly and understanding without condoning wrongdoing; creating confidence through down-to-earth Christian action; confronting men with the real cause of their failure and, at the same time, pointing them to the source of victory over sin, constitute the most important facets of this challenging task. The straightening out of tangled business affairs; effecting reconciliations between husbands and wives, parents and erring sons; tracing missing relatives; supplying clothing, accommodation and employment; putting people in touch with spiritual advisers, are all part of the plan to make material help serve spiritual ends. Because a prisoner falls once or twice when helped does not necessarily mean that his case is hopeless. Experience proves that some men may have to be helped many times before they can "stand alone." Yet,

in direct and indirect ways to help a person to become conscious of an Unseen Friend and mighty Ally who will never fail him in his hour of deepest need, must be our constant aim. In striking contrast to normal church activity, the "successes" in this work are integrated into the community and lost to those who have helped them "bridge the gap" between those "on the outer" and the "accepted" people of the community. The "failures" stay around us. It would be easy for this to become a frustration point in all such service. But the real encouragements are found in lives that have been so marvellously transformed that the bitterest opponent of Christianity could not help but be impressed. If space permitted we could tell story after story of modern prod-

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gals who have found their way back to life with a capital "L."

Some of the strongest impressions made on the workers in this field are these:

1. The appalling depths to which people can sink, and how their minds can become so warped as to think that in certain circumstances there is no alternative but crime.

2. The tragically powerful influence of intoxicants as a prime cause of at least 70 per cent of all crime, and the percentage of young people with otherwise good upbringing whose downfall is related to social drinking, which led them into troubles they never dreamed could happen to them.

3. The strange refusal of so many Christian employers to give an offender another chance to make good. Quite apart from the ethics and morality of the question, the criminal group is a very expensive one for the community. It should be sound economics to give a man the opportunity of being honest and upright if he has a desire to be. The community should realise that an appreciable proportion of men leaving prison cannot be upright and honest without help, no matter how much they may desire to commence a new life. Even if Christian considerations did not prompt us, the appeal of expediency still remains. The writer knows of one case of a first offender for whom thirty-one employers were contacted before he secured his first interview for employment.

4. The penalty suffered by thousands of innocent wives and children where the bread-winner is incarcerated for a crime. Not only the monetary problems, tied up with T.P., and associated difficulties, but the shame and stigma projected upon the family concerned.

5. The urgent need for an overhaul of many of our methods of handling offenders; the uselessness of gaoling habitual drunks and alcoholics without a recognition that they are in need of special treatment; the futility of putting men in gaol for failure to pay debts instead of putting them into profitable work and diverting their earnings to pay these; the mixing of first offenders with hardened criminals and the creation of kindergartens of crime; the need for better classification methods, open prisons for selected prisoners and the introduction of the right type of social workers within prisons.

It was the Christian motive which so powerfully actuated Elizabeth Fry and John Howard in their campaign for prison reform. The Christian Church dare not ignore its obligation to offer its ministry to "make new creatures in Christ" of all who enter the correctional institutions of our land.

"Think gently of the erring one
And let us not forget,
However darkly stained with sin,
He is our brother yet.
Heir of the same inheritance,
Child of the self-same God;
He but hath stumbled in the path
We have in weakness trod."

There is an undying imperative in Christ's words: "I was in prison and ye visited me not . . . inasmuch as ye did it not unto the least of these my brethren, ye did it not unto me." Purposeful, redemptive visitation of prisoners and their dependents, and staying alongside them until one is no longer needed, is a Christ-like ministry.

The Happy People

○ Most People Think: Happy are the pushers; for they get on in the world.

But Jesus said: "Happy are those who realise their spiritual poverty; they have already entered the Kingdom of reality."

○ Most People Think: Happy are the hardboiled; for they never let life hurt them.

But Jesus said: "Happy are they who bear their share of the world's pain: in the long run they will know more happiness than those who avoid it."

○ Most People Think: Happy are they who complain; for they get their own way in the end.

But Jesus said: "Happy are those who accept life and their own limitations: they will find more in life than anybody."

○ Most People Think: Happy are the blasé; for they never worry over sins.

But Jesus said: "Happy are those who belong to the truly good: for they will fully realise their ambitions."

○ Most People Think: Happy are the slavedrivers; for they get results.

But Jesus said: "Happy are those who are ready to make allowances and to forgive: for they will know the love of God."

○ Most People Think: Happy are the knowledgeable men of the world; for they know their way around.

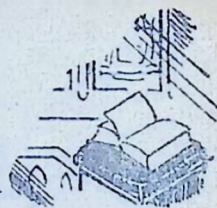
But Jesus said: "Happy are those who are real in their thoughts and feelings: in the end they will see the ultimate reality, God."

○ Most People Think: Happy are the troublemakers: for people have to take notice of them.

But Jesus said: "Happy are those who help others to live together: they will be known to be doing God's work."—Selected.

NOTES FROM THE READINGS

as Suggested for



December 4

1 SAMUEL 7: 1-12.

The Ark, which had been captured by the Philistines, was returned by them and brought to Kirjath-jearim, where Elinaz was set apart to care for it. During its 20 years' stay there, Sammel called the people to national repentance, and successfully sought the Lord's deliverance when the Philistines attacked once more.

"Baalam and Ashtaroth" (v. 4). — "These were the local fertility gods and goddesses of Canaan, with whose worship licentious rites were associated" (Caird).

"went up against Israel" (v. 7). — They assumed that "the object of the assembly at Mizpeh was to throw off the Philistine yoke" (Dummelow).

"Ebenezzer" (v. 12). — "Stone of help."

GALATIANS 6.

Paul follows practical advice and a call to untiring service with an appeal to the Galatians, in his own hand-writing, stressing the absolute sufficiency of the crucified Christ.

"rejoicing in himself alone" (v. 4). — "He will be able to take the measure of his own worth; no need to compare himself with others" (Knox).

"bear his own burden" (v. 5). — "Every man has his own pack to carry (here burden is a different word from v. 2, used of a ship's cargo, soldier's kit); i.e., his own responsibility, stewardship of which he must give an account — irrespective of his neighbors" (Dow). "One man may help to carry another man's burden, but he can never carry that man's responsibility" (Blackwelder).

"communicate" (v. 6). — "Share all good things with him who teaches" (R.S.V.). "Paul approved the principle of support for teachers, though he himself preferred to earn his living (cf. 1 Cor. 9: 11)" (Dow).

"how large a letter" (v. 11). — "These huge letters" (Phillips) — the larger letters of a man who normally used a skilled penman to write his epistles.

"the marks of the Lord Jesus" (v. 17). — Slaves of the time wore the brand of their owners, and devotees of certain gods had their marks tattooed on their body. Paul's marks were the scars from stonings, etc. "The marks he bore authenticated him and raised him beyond the slanders of such people as the Judaisers" (Dow).

A Letter to Some Young People Who Have Registered for Camp

Dear Mac and Mary,

We were delighted to learn that you have both registered again for the coming Christmas Camp. The leaders are looking forward to another happy time with you, and with hundreds of other young friends.

We noted your enquiry about the camp study for this year — and your appreciation of the work we did together last time. Thanks for that. This year we will be asking you to look with us at some of the basic beliefs of the Christian Church. One of these will concern the Christian idea of man, and our beliefs about ourselves. I am jotting down some things relating to this which you might like to think over.

When the Psalmist asked, "What is Man?" he was speaking for all of us. You know, whilst we have intimate knowledge of the anatomy of the atom and have enormous "know how" about the world we live in, we remain such a big problem to ourselves. Man is his own greatest puzzle. Can you remember who it was who said, "Man is like a recurring decimal — he won't work out!" Then there was the German philosopher who was accosted by a policeman and was asked, "Who are you?" To which he replied, "I wish someone would tell me." (That sounds like a philosopher, doesn't it?). Well I guess none of us feels as bad as that about it, but at least the question we started with is a real one: "What is Man?" "Who am I?"

Are we angels — or devils? Are we souls or machines? Are we animated automatons or are we free beings? Are we merely an elaborate compound of chemicals — the latest sport of evolution, or a divine creation? Protoplasm or persons?

Take your pick — if you can! And don't run away from the problem as some do, by saying that it doesn't matter what one thinks of Man — "Here we are whatever we are . . . so what?"

Whether we realise it or not, we are always answering this question every moment of our lives. We answer it through our relationships with other persons, and with the conduct which we bring to all of life's situations. Our actions and our attitudes to others plainly declare what is our estimate of man — the value we place upon both him and ourselves. This process is reversible, too. As we regard man, so we treat him. Those persons and societies who in ancient and modern times made use of slave systems, were say-

ing in effect that human nature was cheap — even worthless. The actions and policies of many of our industrial leaders seem to suggest that they regard persons as little better than units of production, as mere extensions of machines; to be bought on the cheapest market in order to ensure the highest profit margin. I once heard at first-hand a successful shopkeeper declare the ideas which governed his methods of attracting

"He hath a dally beauty in him, that makes us ugly."

But the other pole of the paradox is that Jesus regarded us persons as being of infinite worth and value; isn't this the point of the three parables recorded in Luke 15? You could think of many more instances in his teachings which back this up, to say nothing of the reasons why he died for us. The conclusion to all this appears to be that Jesus gives



A Camp Group.

customers; when you analysed his methods and his attitudes he was really saying that people were little better than a bundle of greedy undisciplined appetites, bent on acquisition. Coming closer home, Mac, I would think that young fellows who make use of one girl after another, leaving a trail of broken hearts just to flatter their own egos, are saying that Man (this term includes the "fair sex," of course) is a "thing," not a "person": a thing of little value, what's more.

You might well ask of yourselves — what estimate do I put on people? But far more important is the question, what estimate did Jesus put on persons? For here, as elsewhere, we look to him for guidance. How did he regard us? We will have a close look at this one when in camp. But I'll leave you both the beginnings of a paradox to think about.

Jesus had the effect of making people realise how worthless they were. Remember Peter's agonised cry, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." It could be said of Jesus, as it was said of another,

us no ground for cherishing inflated ideas as to our natural goodness; on the other hand we are very important in his eyes. If you want to express this in a neat phrase, how does "Valuable sinners" sound, as the Christian estimate of man?

Well, I'll leave you to think this one over before we come together to talk it over. You mustn't expect everyone to agree with your conclusions, but as we think through and pray through important matters like this one, we are qualifying ourselves to be better Christian citizens and stronger members of the Church. I'm sure it helps us all to be better and more intelligent Christians and better witnesses all round, if we will think through some of these important ideas and satisfy ourselves as to their importance. That's what camps are for. Also in these days it helps the ongoing of the Kingdom if we can follow the admonition of Peter, to "give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you . . ."

Yours sincerely,

"Chief."

VISIT TO NORSEMAN

"W.A. in 1960" has been the catchword over the past two years, as plans have been made for the 28th Federal Conference in Perth. This time there was the added incentive of the vision of other years, culminating in the Christian Centre in Beaufort-st. — what a privilege it was to see and share in all these things! Some of us, however, shared in still another rich experience, namely an arranged tour to our Mission at Norseman.

Our party consisted of 2 from N.S.W., 1 from S.A., 2 from Canberra, 8 from Victoria, a member of the Federal Board in W.A. (J. R. Sutton) who acted as guide, and the driver of the bus — 15 in all. From the planned starting time of 7 a.m. at the Centre on the morning of the 20th until our return there about 8 p.m. on the 22nd, we were well looked after by arrangements made ahead.

We got to know each other better in those three days in which we covered 960 miles; saw more wild flowers than we had seen in the environs of Perth; were shown a goldmine actually working; saw Coolgardie, described now as a "ghost" town; went through Merredin and remembered the announcements made in Conference of the mission just concluded there; saw and followed for mile after mile that wonderful pipeline of 351 miles taking water from Mundaring to Kalgoorlie.

But the crowning experience was the day we spent on the Mission station itself — this little community of our missionaries and their big family of children. We were shown the cottage homes — kindergarten, junior boys, junior girls, senior boys, senior girls; we met the missionaries — our representatives on the field; we met "Uncle" Olney; we came to appreciate something of the responsibility carried by Mr. Dewing, the superintendent; we shared meals and devotional periods with the missionaries and children; we played with the little ones in the kindergarten home; we saw the clothing sent forward by the women of the churches; we shuddered at the virtual "mountain" of mending which faced some of the house mothers.

Late afternoon came the cry, "Here's the school bus," and from it there poured out the great family of girls and boys who had been away at school in the town during the day. They quickly went to the cottages, changed from their school clothes, and a happy games period followed in which our bus driver also joined.

Approximately each two months they have a party night, which takes in any birthdays celebrated in the

Miss F. Haines, Secretary of Vic-Tas. Conference, relates experiences of the Norseman visit following Federal Conference.

previous two months. It had been planned to have the current party night while we were there, with the thought that we would see the children acting naturally, and what a joy that was. Excellent preparations had been made ahead by the Mission staff, and all assembled in the dining-room. How those children enjoyed lighting the candles and singing "Happy Birthday." Then followed games in which all joined (you would not, however, expect the visitors to be more fleet of foot than our Norseman children, though we did try!); then a film and a story for the children. At last the time came to say good-night and goodbye to the children as they went off to bed; we then expressed appreciation and thanks to our missionary friends for the wonderful experiences of the day, and all they had done for us.

As I look back now on that happy day at Norseman and all it meant, some things crowd to my mind and will always remain there — the text in the Norseman chapel, "Yes, Jesus Loves Even Me"; the complete and happy confidence which the children manifest so naturally towards their missionary parents; their family happiness which embraced the visitors, too; the story of the love-gift of "budgies" from some children in Perth to the children of Norseman; the witness our Mission staff and children are making in their friendship to the lonely crippled miner brought out from town to share each time in party night; the impression created by the radiant faces of the three girls brought up on the station who have chosen to remain as helpers; the unsolicited and unexpected words to the missionaries by the bus driver; the sweet singing of the girls' choir; the love of the missionaries which had gone into the preparations for this party; the picture on the cottage doors of the three students taken from *The Australian Christian*, with the words they had printed underneath — "Yes, Sonny, we will pray for you and the others" (for Sonny came from Norseman); the feeling of a little hand shyly holding mine at the party; and the surprise of finding a truck load of such happy smiling faces at the turn-off to the Mission as we left next morning to return to Perth.

So, after 960 miles of travel, we returned. Tired? Yes! But we can now visualise our Mission work there;

we know our missionaries; we can visualise other party nights; we hope the mending does eventually get done. We can close our eyes and see again the groups of happy smiling faces, hear their voices raised in praise to God, feel their hands resting in ours, share their prayers for Sonny and the others. We are the new friends they met on Oct. 21 — but while only fourteen of us actually visited them, we were the representatives of all the members of our Australian churches, all of whom are partners in this work of our brotherhood. (Note: Before and after Federal Conference a total of nearly 100 people visited Norseman Mission.—Fed. Abor. Sec.).

CARNARVON, TOO!

In addition to I. J. Chivell's report on the visit to Carnarvon (printed last issue), A. E. HURREN (Footscray, Vic.) supplied a number of interesting comments, including the following:

We all appreciated very much the opportunity given to get to know many of the native children and also members of the staff personally. We were all very proud of the way everything is kept and the care given to every child. As for the children themselves, much of their natural shyness seemed to be dispelled by our living amongst them for this short period.

The meals on the Sunday at lunch and tea time were enjoyed in the new steel-framed store shed recently erected, and the Mission staff proved their joy in the fellowship by the wonderful meals they provided. Mr. Hammer told the children they were to have a social in this new shed before it becomes a store, and a spontaneous offering following the gospel service resulted in a substantial contribution from the visitors toward the expenses of such an evening.

All the visitors came away with a deep appreciation of the work being done, and would sincerely commend the work of the whole staff to the continued support of the brotherhood. We were very thrilled at the way the children were prepared for church and Sunday school, and also deeply touched at the way in which the staff of the Mission appreciated the opportunity of the larger fellowship.

We feel sure that prayer will be intensified in many parts of the Commonwealth that the blessing of God shall continue upon this very worthwhile work among these very needy original Australians.

THE MINISTRIES OF OUR



WOMEN

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

Interstate News

QUEENSLAND.

The monthly meeting for October was a Quarterly Report Day, so, as has been our practice for this year, one of our near country Fellowships was invited to bring devotions.

Forty sisters were present, representing 12 different metropolitan Fellowships.

Southport Fellowship, who only last Conference became affiliated, were the ones chosen on this occasion to lead the meditations, with Mrs. Philp as speaker.

Mrs. Smith (O/seas Supt.) thanked all sisters for the marvellous response for clothing for the missionary boxes; Mrs. McLane (Social Service supt.) reported on successful functions held on behalf of Social Service, and new members being gained for C.F.A. and W.C.T.U.

Mrs. Cobine told of plans for the Women's Home Mission Rally.

All Supts. submitted written reports, which were used at Half-yearly Conference at Bundaberg, on Nov. 5 and 6, in the form of a Role Play.

Mrs. Hoens (President) told of an extremely busy three months, mentioning how much the isolated churches of our vast State appreciate visits from our city sisters to encourage them in their endeavors.

A special word of thanks was given to our Southport sisters who had travelled 55 miles each way to bring us our devotions, after which the President led in a closing prayer.—R. M. Haigh, Sec.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

As we were unable to meet in the Christian Centre for November, the Auxiliary meeting was held in the Subiaco chapel. Devotions were prepared by sisters of the City Church, led by Mrs. Blackman, with a solo from Mrs. Calladine, and helpful talk by Mrs. Holloway.

Mrs. Collins welcomed all sisters present, including a number of Eastern States visitors: Mrs. Rosendale (Vic.), Mrs. Trowbridge (S.A.), Mrs. Moignard (Canberra), Mrs. Ferris, Mrs. Wyatt and Mrs. Verco (S.A.), Mrs. Holland and Mrs. Burt (Tas.), Mrs. Newham (Vic.), Mrs. G. Smith (Sydney), and Miss D. Geyer (India) — we were happy to receive greetings from these sisters. Other sisters welcomed were Mrs. Calladine and Miss D. Payne (City Church), Mrs.

Isaac, snr. (Collie), and Mrs. Peacock (Inglewood), welcomed back after her visit to World Convention. Mrs. Duke (missionary from Norseman) was also present, and brought greetings and thanks.

The prayer for Missions and missionaries was then offered by Mrs. R. Richards.

Mrs. Collins then shared her prayer text from Heb. 10: 36. Mrs. Cugley and Mrs. Smith were in hospital—Secretary was asked to send "get well" cards.

Roll call of churches showed that 79 sisters were present — apologies, 10. Financial statement as read by Mrs. Beck showed a balance in hand of £858/8/5. Thanksgiving prayer for offering was given by Mrs. Reid.

Mrs. Collins spoke of being present at Mrs. Candy's farewell (Subiaco), when a presentation was made to her on behalf of Auxiliary sisters.

A letter was read from A. Anderson expressing his pleasure at the future Mrs. K. Ludgater being our Living Link in the days ahead.

A letter was read from the Sec., Social Service Com., advising of appointment of Mrs. W. Cooper (South Perth) as Women's Representative on Guest Home House Committee.

Mrs. Frank Norton (Wembley) had contributed a number of beautiful hand-painted pieces of china, to be sold during Federal Conference — proceeds in aid of our Kitchen Equipment Fund. The amount raised was £20/19/2. Also, Mrs. McGregor (Wembley) had arranged a Doll Pageant during Federal Conference and proceeds of this (£30) also went to K.E. Fund. Both are thanked for their help.

Mrs. J. Gordon (Fed. Conf. Womens' Sec.) wrote thanking all sisters who had so splendidly co-operated in making Women's Day, Federal Conference, the success it was.

Mrs. Isaac (South Perth) had prepared Federal Conference Echoes — after she had read these, sisters received them with acclamation. Several sisters then commented on the won-

NOVEMBER W.C.W.F. PRAYER

Ephesians 6: 10. Let us pray for the women's groups in Australia, New Hebrides and New Zealand, that their growth may continue, and that we may all feel more closely drawn together in one great fellowship of love.

derful experience of Fed. Conference. Mrs. R. Pallot was specially thanked for her planning of meals, and the Floral Committee for wonderful display of flowers. Mrs. Trowbridge and Mrs. Verco (S.A.) commented on the trips they had enjoyed, and happy time of fellowship with all concerned.

Reports: Mrs. Gordon (Overseas Supt.) advised that Miss Ruth Roberts would be passing through Fremantle on Nov. 12. A nurse was going out to the New Hebrides shortly. Mr. and Mrs. F. Beale would be in W.A., Feb. 1-12, 1961.

Mrs. J. Pallot (Aborigine Supt.) said that women missionaries from Carnarvon had donated a lovely set of tables to the Christian Centre visitors' room. Christmas cakes were to be sent to missionaries this year.

Mrs. Collins reported on a visit to Corrigin for the Eastern Wheatbelt Conference, and brought greetings from sisters.

The meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. Collins.—P. Reid, Sec.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

There were 186 women at the meeting on Thursday, Nov. 3, 1960, and 150 were delegates. The meeting was held in Willard Hall, Wakefield-st., because building alterations were being carried out at Grote-st.

The President, Mrs. W. B. Wharton, presided, and led the devotions.

The Obituary Report was brought by Mrs. Holland, and prayer offered by Mrs. Riches. Mrs. Ron McLean was welcomed to the meeting and to South Australia, and brought greetings from the Missions in the New Hebrides. Miss Hart led the missionary prayer, after Mrs. C. Butler had reported on the work of Overseas Missions, and Mrs. W. Russell on that among our aborigines.

Federal Conference highlights were presented by Mrs. Riches (tours, meals, etc.), Mrs. A. R. Jones (morning session of Women's Day) and Mrs. W. Russell (afternoon session).

Mrs. M. A. K. Crosby reported that the Christian Education Dept. of Women's Conference has prepared a third set of suggested programmes for women's meetings. These programmes are set up in booklet form, they are sufficient for one year, and may be purchased for one shilling per copy. The Department is also planning TUXIS Groups to commence early in 1961. "Tuxis" means Christ in the centre (symbolised by "X"), U and I Training for Service. These groups will train women for speaking in public, reading in public, leading meetings, etc. It is suggested that membership of each group be limited to about twenty, and that two or three churches combine if they cannot start a large enough group on their own.

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The Tent on the Frontier:

BILLY GRAHAM IN BERLIN

At the end of September, tens of thousands of people from East and West Berlin streamed into the largest tent ever pitched in West Berlin, just 300 yards from the frontier of the divided city. They went to hear Billy Graham, American evangelist. He had already held successful week-long meetings in Essen and Hamburg. Here in Berlin the evangelistic "crusade" became the centre of a political dispute.

Authorities in East Berlin soon raised objections to the crowds which crossed the frontier to hear him. "For the sake of maintaining order and security" they demanded that the tent be removed from the Platz der Republik, and described the Graham campaign as a provocation for which the authorities in West Berlin would have to bear the consequences.

In West Berlin, however, the authorities indicated that they had no intention of yielding to such demands. "Billy Graham can preach in Berlin as often as he likes, and as long as he likes," they replied. "If a lot of people from East Berlin come to hear him and that makes the Communists nervous, that is their own affair. The monstrous fact that they describe a religious meeting as a 'provocation' shows that the Communists in East Berlin describe everything as a 'provocation' which is an expression of freedom and humanity."

The Communist authorities also tried in another way to prevent the people of East Berlin from attending the meetings. They established strict controls and closed the gates over the frontier. The methods they employed caused the Protestant church leaders of Berlin - Brandenburg to send a telegram of protest to Otto

Grotewohl, president of the D.D.R. The church leaders accuse the members of the East German police of name-calling and of "mocking at Christian citizens on account of their Christian faith," and of blaspheming against God and against Jesus in a way "which has never been heard in Germany except under the Nazi regime." The controversy in the East German press grew more heated and culminated in the statement in the East Berlin paper *Neue Zeit* that the church leaders in Berlin were supporting Graham's "anti-Communist campaigns" under the camouflage of religion.

Most of the press of Western Germany and West Berlin wrote approvingly of Billy Graham's campaign. *Die Welt*, published in Hamburg, commented: "Billy Graham, this clever, modern man who belongs to the age of the 'Sputniks' and 'Luniks,' doesn't say much. He is not an innovator, a ranter, a 'Mr. Know-all.' He does not make polemical statements about the churches, the confessions or the sects. He simply describes afresh the essentials of the Christian faith, in simple words and phrases which everyone understands. Hard, terse and clear, he is like 'God's machine gun.' His message attacks point-blank like a weapon."

Bishop Otto Dibelius, of Berlin-Brandenburg, was away on holiday during the campaign, but he sent a message of greeting to Billy Graham, whom he had met in Germany and in America, welcoming him as the bearer of the pure message of the New Testament. "It does us all good to hear this message again," wrote Bishop Dibelius, "in the way that you give it: forcefully, concentrating on the essential, and demanding that decision without which no one can be a Christian."—E.P.S., Geneva.

Mrs. Kimpton then brought to the sisters her impressions of the floral arrangements and the menus at Federal Conference, making special mention of the beauty of the new Christian Centre.

Mrs. Saxby then brought her impressions of the General Conference, the theme of which was *The World May Believe*. Mrs. Saxby spoke of the many missions which had been held, of the new buildings which had been erected, and the progress of the Aborigine work.

Mrs. Wylie then brought to the sisters her impressions of Women's Day, the theme of which was *The World May Believe* in the

Missionary Movements

Mr. and Mrs. Ron McLean arrived home from the New Hebrides mid-October, and will locate in Adelaide. Mr McLean will assume office as the new secretary to the Overseas Board in February. During the interim period the family will settle in, have some time to themselves, and visit some of the churches. Keith Ludgater hopes to reach Aoba in time to take over the Londua Training School at the beginning of the school year.

Mr. and Mrs. Reg. Combridge will be leaving Maewo, New Hebrides, at the end of November, and will be staying in Victoria for a period. Miss Pauline Jones will live on Maewo to help in general Mission work as far as possible, and with a good deal of attention to the medical needs of the people on Maewo. Practically the whole of the population depend on our Mission to look after them medically.

Miss Ruth Roberts arrived in Sydney, Nov. 19, and will proceed direct to Qld., which is her home State. This worker was stationed at Dhond Hospital as a nursing sister for the past few years — a good term of service which, unfortunately, leaves Dhond without the services of an Australian nursing sister.

Miss Win Walker. — The need appears and God seems to answer the prayer before a real difficulty arises. For some months past Miss Walker, a former nursing sister at Dhond, has considered returning for a further term of service in India. Two terms have already been given. This means that this worker can enter right into service because the language difficulty has been overcome. Miss Walker will probably go to India in February, 1961. The Committee of Management has already been advised regarding the availability of Miss Walker. This news will give great joy in India, both to our Australian and Indian workers. — Notes supplied by A. Anderson, Fed. F.M. Sec.

Christian Fellowship. Mrs. Wylie spoke of the splendid leadership of Mrs. Ewers at this meeting, and of the presence of two Aboriginal girls. Mrs. Elliott led the devotions at this meeting and Mrs. Leach rendered a solo. Mrs. Wylie announced that the next Federal Conference would be held in Tasmania.

Mrs. Elliott followed on Mrs. Wylie's thoughts with her impressions, and spoke of the way in which the spirit of love had been evident throughout Conference.

There were 85 sisters present at this monthly meeting from 25 city churches and 1 country church.—E. Robertson, Recording Sec.

Executive gave notice of the intention to purchase a gas stove for the Grote-st. kitchen in the near future. —Barbara B. Fitzgerald, Asst.-Sec.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

The theme of the November meeting of the Fellowship was *Echoes of Federal Conference*, with the room decorated with souvenirs from Western Australia.

Mrs. Bell led the devotions, and Mrs. P. Verco was soloiste.

A special welcome was given Mrs. Wotherspoon, present at the meeting on her way back from World Convention. Mrs. Wotherspoon spoke of the time of rich blessing received whilst away.



WHEN SOARS the SOUL

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

emotional experience we want, or are we prepared for what Isaiah faced—confession, renewal, dedication, and an eager "Send me!"

O God, give us eyes of faith to see thee, ears of hope to hear thee, and the voice of love to speak for thee, day by day. Amen.

Tuesday, December 6

Isaiah 41: 1-13.

Thought Text: "Every one helps his neighbor" (v. 6, R.S.V.).

This verse reads well — until you realise that the prophet is writing of people encouraging each other in idol-making, providing a man-made centre for living. Modern man's idols may be less crude, but so often it is still what he makes and wants that dominates life — not what God wants.

The men of the New Testament, on the other hand, found that life was at its best when self was denied, and Christ became the "secret centre of their living." Because of him, their attitude to others was changed — "We love, because he first loved us." Is that true of us, in all our relationships?

Helper of men, make us the kind of people to whom others will turn instinctively for help, in the big things of life as well as the small. Amen.

Wednesday, December 7

John 15: 1-8.

Thought Text: "Without me, ye can do nothing" (v. 5).

Just as no vine-branch can bear fruit without being a living part of the vine itself, so no Christian can bear the fruit the Master longs to see unless he abides in a living relationship with his Lord. In actual practice, what does that mean? William Barclay says that "for most of us it will mean a constant contact with Jesus Christ. It will mean arranging life, arranging prayer, arranging silence, in such a way that there is never a day when we give ourselves a chance to forget him."

It is even possible to be too busy doing things for him, and spending too little time with him. In our own strength all we achieve is nothing!

I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord. Amen.

Thursday, December 8

John 16: 22-23.

Thought Text: "In that day you will ask me no questions" (v. 23, R.S.V.).

Jesus looks at their puzzled, questioning faces, and assures them that fuller knowledge lies ahead for those who follow him with absolute trust. The Christian life here is an adventure in seeking, spurred on by the kind of prayer that obsessed Paul, "That I might know him!" His eager mind knew only too well that "Now I know in part," but he was certain that "then shall I know even as also I am known."

As William Barclay has put it, "When we are fully with Christ the time of questions will be gone, and the time of answers will have come."

O thou who art the Answer to all our seeking, keep us adventuring with thee in faith until at last we know as we are known. Amen.

Friday, December 9

2 Corinthians 6: 1-10.

Thought Text: "Giving no offence in anything" (v. 3).

We can hardly take these words at their face value, when we remember that Paul himself was anything but a negative, inoffensive personality. He would have had no time for a religion that was always afraid of offending.

What he means here is well conveyed in the R.S.V. translation: "We put no obstacle in anyone's way," or, as J. B. Phillips has it, "We do not wish to stand in anyone's way." Sometimes crowds had blocked people from seeing Jesus; Paul didn't want anything in his life to come between the needy and the Saviour.

May nothing in the way we speak or act this day, dear Lord, make it harder for others to find thee.

Saturday, December 10

Romans 8: 31-39.

Thought Text: "If God be for us, who can be against us?" (v. 31).

Paul was certain that the man who earnestly seeks God's will and does it, is undefeatable, however strong the forces against him. John had the same confidence: "Greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world" (1 John 4: 4).

One man of our own century, imprisoned for his faith, put it this way: "I shall manage to hold out to the end, physically and spiritually. For I have a clean conscience before God and man; and then I am not alone, but am certain of the nearness and presence of the living God."

Lord, keep us from giving up too easily, or forgetting that, with thee, all things are possible. Amen.

Theme for the Week:

"COURAGE & STRENGTH"

Sunday, December 4

Psalms 121.

Thought Text: "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills" (v. 1).

This was one of the two Psalms which David Livingstone's father read aloud on that November morning in 1840, which was David's last at home. As he listened, perhaps David turned to look out at the beloved Scottish hills he was to leave behind, as he went out to the land to which God had called him. After the readings were over, the father walked with his son to Glasgow, where David was to catch the Liverpool steamer. Farewells were said and the father turned back, with his face toward the hills.

Both David and his father knew the reality of the Psalmist's experience: "From whence cometh my help? My help cometh from the Lord." Scottish hills or African jungle, that help was sure, right to the end.

Lord of the heights, keep our vision ever high, our faith expectant, and our service eager. Amen.

Monday, December 5

Isaiah 6: 1-8.

Thought Text: "Then said I, Here am I; send me" (v. 8).

For the young courtier, Isaiah, it seemed as though an era had ended when King Uzziah died. But with the vision in the Temple, and his own response, a new and wonderful life opened up. He saw, in that moment of worship, the Eternal breaking through the temporal, the Divine touching all with glory.

Do we give God the chance to break through to us during our worship hours, or do we go too often to church with minds cluttered up with other things — the incidentals of daily existence instead of the great essentials of eternal life? If we look for something to happen, is it just an

HERE AND THERE

Latest reports from the J. K. Bond tent mission at Cottesloe, W.A., tell of six first decisions and three reconsecrations up to the fourth week, with 180 present for a Sunday night baptismal service in the tent.

The final meeting for 1960 of the N.S.W. Ministers' Fraternal will be held on Monday, Nov. 28, at the home of Mrs. Winter-Little, "Bethel," Woodlands-ave., Pymble, at 10 a.m. The guest speaker will be Principal A. W. Stephenson, who will speak on the World Convention and subsequent experiences in England and America. The Fraternal will be guest of their hostess for lunch—Eric T. Hart, Sec.

The church at Coburg, Vic., raised £2,000 in gifts and loans in two weeks to put down a deposit on a house, 150 yards from the chapel, which it is planning to use as a manse.

The church at Pendle Hill, N.S.W., where T. Beaman is in a part-time ministry, recently held its 22nd B.S. anniversary in the new church hall, which was the result of four years' voluntary effort. A manse and full-time work are involved in plans for the future. Interstate visitors are always welcome at Pendle Hill.

An Abundant Life Crusade, under the direction of C. H. J. Wright (Unley, S.A.), was conducted at Chatswood, N.S.W., for two weeks, concluding on Sun., Oct. 9. Prayer meetings were conducted in ten homes each week for six weeks prior to the mission. Studies written by the minister of the church, Leslie Green, were followed. A week of intensive visitation was carried out during the week just before the mission, with a prayer meeting with more than 100 present held on the Friday before the mission commenced on the Sunday. Open air meetings were conducted by students from Woolwich Bible College, and were much appreciated. Mr. Wright preached powerful messages every night, setting forth Christ as Saviour, with the cross as central to the gospel. Attendance averaged more than 100 during week-nights, and 200 on Sunday evenings. There has been a real deepening of the spiritual life of the congregation since the mission, which was followed by visitation evangelism. After the closing service, at which a young lad gave his life to Christ, a supper was held and Mr. Wright was presented with a gift to express the appreciation of the church. Everyone agreed that the Crusade was very successful.

The chapel at Lygon-st., Carlton, Vic., was crowded out for the concert by the Vic. Churches of Christ Choral Society on Thurs., Nov. 10. Main feature of the evening was the first rendering of conductor Valentine Woff's new oratorio, Abraham, in which the work of conductor, soloists and choir was enthusiastically received by the large audience.

During the first week of the Ban-non-Jenkins mission at Loxton, S.A., approximately 50-60 attended each evening, with 85 present on the Sunday evening. One young girl from Moorook made decision on the Friday evening. Happy Hours were conducted by the team each afternoon.

Delay in completion of the new chapel at Swan Hill, Vic., has caused the opening date to be postponed until early in the New Year.

Opening ceremonies for training for youth dedication rites — the Communist equivalent of church confirmation — are taking place in East Germany. The dedications will be held at the end of the current school term. The government seeks to enrol at least 85 per cent. of eligible teenagers in the programme, according to an announcement. The figure last year was about 70 per cent.

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Bombay Appeal

As already announced the appeal for the Bombay Church has been launched. Approval was sanctioned by Conference, with the aim £3,500. About £900 is already in sight. The Field has been advised of this move to help our Christians in Bombay. Some donations act as boomerangs. The Indian Conference sent £30 as a donation to Canberra when the new chapel was opened, and a further sum was subsequently sent from the Conference to the Canberra church. This week the C.W.F. sent a gift of £25 to help the brethren secure their own building.

In a recent letter the following appears re Gordon Stirling's article on Bombay Church: "On reading the article I realised that I was personally challenged to help out. I shelved the idea until Sunday when our lesson came from 2 Corinthians 8. I realised then, as the churches in Macedonia had done, that I, too, must help a struggling brotherhood with a small gift." Already a preacher is located at Bombay.

New Superintendent Needed

Our Aborigines Mission at Carnarvon, W.A., is in good heart spiritually, and vastly improved materially. With the blessing of God it has made splendid progress under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Hammer and the faithful co-operation of the Mission Staff. As previously announced, the Federal Aborigines Mission Board has, with great regret, accepted Mr. Hammer's resignation, and now seeks God's guidance in the appointment of a suitable successor.

The Board believes that somewhere among his people the Lord has the man of his choice for this most important sphere of service. We cannot find him by our own ingenuity. We therefore ask all friends to pray earnestly that the Lord will put this man and the Board in touch with each other. Please also pray that men of suitable qualifications and circumstances will lay themselves open to the call of God and be ready to answer should he challenge them to take up this work.

The position calls for one of the best men our brotherhood can supply. Part of the work is that of a business manager, involving the tactful handling of staff. Along another line the Superintendent is the minister of a church. A love for and understanding of children is required, and a missionary vision. The Board invites confidential inquiries from any brother who feels the bigness of the task calling to the bigness of his soul. Initial investigation is often necessary to test a call to service and enquiries may be made without any commitment by either the enquirer or the Board. All questions will be answered and information supplied to assist toward a final decision. Please address all correspondence to the Secretary, J. K. Robinson, 23 Coronation-st., North Perth, W.A.

The need is urgent, as the new Superintendent will be required early in 1961. Let us all join in prayer and self-dedication that the need will be supplied according to the Lord's will.—J. K. Robinson.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. Fielder, after seven years' service at the Waterman Memorial Camp, Monbulk, Vic., have resigned their position. They have earned the gratitude of the brotherhood in Victoria for their splendid work in building up the property, and in the care of thousands of young people and adults who have lived at the Camp. The Department of Christian Education has regretfully accepted their resignation, and is now seeking applications for a resident property supervisor.—L. A. Trezise.



INTERSTATE-CHURCH-NEWS

Discipleship

Shirley Field, Kerry Stodden, Marie Bruce, Robyn Croxon, Glen Waverley, Vic.

W. Wyatt, Robert Kroon, Alice Stuffers, Suzanne Wyatt, Berri, S.A.

Max Darby, Collingwood, Vic.

J. Feary, P. Vandenberg, N. Mitaxa, G. Crossley, York-st., Ballarat, Vic.

John Fletcher, Chatswood, N.S.W.
Carol Grose, Janice Carnaby, Blackburn, Vic.

Ian Prentice, Elizabeth Stubbs, Mr. and Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Hogan, Margaret Patterson, Mitcham, Vic.
Peter Willox, St. Kilda, Vic.

Mr. and Mrs. Vallins, Mrs. Russell, Douglas Russell, Malcolm Campbell, Rocklea, Qld.

Mr. and Mrs. Cornwell, Mrs. Parker, snr., Carramar-Fairfield, N.S.W.

Lynette Donaldson, Jeanette Verity, Norman Pummeroy, Pam Jones, Mrs. Simmons, Caulfield, Vic.

Miss C. Geier, Coburg, Vic.

Vincent Tully, Ken Wake, Doncaster, Vic.

Membership

Mr. and Mrs. Humphries and Malcolm, West Preston to Glen Waverley, Vic.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hughes and Nicci, from North Balgowlah; I. Samuel, from Wollongong to Chatswood, N.S.W.

Miss Wilson, Thornbury, Vic. to Kedron, Qld.

Mrs. P. Pickering, Semaphore to Hindmarsh, S.A.

Miss Y. Conway to Henley Beach, S.A.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Westaway, Dorothy and Alan, Brian Nicholas, North Williamstown to Maldstone, Vic.

Mrs. Boyd, to Caulfield, Vic.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Notman, West Preston to Montrose, Vic.

G. Byard, Warragul to Camberwell, Vic.

Marriage

Miss E. Taylor to T. Arnott, Ulverstone, Tas.

Judith Mock to Gordon Montgomery, Blackburn, Vic.

Benita Iacono to Reg. Green; Suzanne Leng to Russell Mansell, Mildura, Vic.

Paquita Arnold to Bryan Kretschmer, Murray Bridge, S.A.

Robyn Cowie, Maldstone, Vic.

Jennifer Follett to Stan Sheppard, Cheltenham, Vic.

Fallen Asleep

Mrs. M. Lewis, Berri, S.A.

Mrs. K. Mellowship, Dulwich, S.A.

Mrs. M. A. Hopgood, Milang, S.A.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

North Perth (E. C. L. Ots). — Many visitors were present during Fed. Conf., including former ministers, A. J. Ingham, F. Buckingham, and their wives. Church and Boys' Brigade honored Bill Tatten on his 21st birthday. C.M.S. held picnic and barbecue on Nov. 5. Miss D. Geyer (India) addressed combined meeting of local and Methodist I.C.E. at home of Mr. and Mrs. Dearden. C.Y.F. conducted a District Y.P. social. Miss H. Skuce (India) spoke to J.C.E. on 11th. Boys' Brigade attended special celebrations of the movement. Bunbury boys were their guests for weekend. A kitchen and store room is to be built at rear of building. Mrs. Verge (Woorloo and Chest Hospital) addressed C.W.F. on Oct. 26.

TASMANIA

Devonport (E. W. Taylor). — Speakers during absence of minister interstate were Messrs. Walshe and Reese (Ulverstone). Church welcomes home all those who have been absent from State. C. Adermann, M.H.R., was guest speaker at morning service on Oct. 23. After gospel service, film, Like a Mighty Army, was screened. On 27th, C.W.F. packed parcels for Bethany, Carnarvon, New Hebrides and U.A.M. In addition, ladies have made and donated all gifts needed for Kinder, and Cradle Roll Christmas tree. A party of 30 Y.P. met Caveside Y.P. at Chudleigh on Nov. 7, and

all proceeded to Alum Cliffs, Mole Creek, for enjoyable day together. C.W.F. joined with similar groups from other centres, at Caveside, on 10th, in a Women's Conference. Happy and helpful time was enjoyed.

Ulverstone (N. Reese). — B.S. anniversary services were conducted on Oct. 23. R. Edmunds (Invermay) was guest speaker for both services, which were well attended, chapel being filled to capacity at 3 p.m. service. T. Arnott (B.S. supt.) conducted children's singing. Av. attendances for month were : 42 a.m.; 72 p.m. (this is unusually high, owing to anniversary service).

QUEENSLAND

Kedron (J. McCormick). — Appreciation of church was expressed to all who assisted in services while minister was on holidays. Mr. Paget (Wembley, W.A.) addressed church on Nov. 6, whilst minister, with other members, attended Half-yearly Conference at Bundaberg. Many members have been sick; T. Basile, E. Cane and baby Thompson have been hospitalised. C.W.F. had successful musical luncheon on Oct. 20. Cricket team continues to be successful. Y.W.F. recently visited ABQ Channel 2. Sympathy of church was extended to A. Thomson in passing of his father.

Stafford (C. J. Williams). — Mid-week meetings continue to be a time of rich fellowship. An interesting visit to T.A.A. at Eagle Farm was enjoyed by C.Y.F. Girls' club "Irish Stew" evening proved successful and over £8 was raised towards Baptistery Fund. Both boys' and girls' clubs shared in presentation of a new worked communion cloth to Women's Fellowship. Recent visitor has been B. Nielsen (Mackay).

Sunnybank - Rocklea (B. M. Nowitzke). — Recent baptismal service was held, when five followed their Lord. Attendance has been very good and chapel packed to capacity. Several from Sunnybank attended Half-yearly Conference at Bundaberg, and Messrs. Collard, Woff and Roberts addressed services at Sunnybank and Rocklea. Recent visitors have included Mr. Hart, snr. (Ann-st.) and Mr. and Mrs. Flett (Chinchilla). Sickness has caused drop in numbers attending B.S. On an "Open Sunday," Mr. Barham showed pictures and Mrs. Sganzerler showed flannelgraph. Rocklea B.S. anniversary, on Nov. 13, was well attended by parents. J. Sherriff

was guest speaker at afternoon session and older scholars presented a tableau at gospel service. Mr. Marler addressed church at Sunnybank while minister was at Rocklea. C.Y.F. had visit from Ipswich C.Y.F. for barbecue and cracker night on 8th. C.W.F., on Oct. 17, had well attended meeting, addressed by an ambulance man, who gave an outline of everyday dangers and their treatment.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Belmore (F. D. Craig). — B.S. 54th anniversary services were held on Nov. 6 and 13. It was preceded by a special meeting of teachers and minister at the home of Mr. Webb, snr., to pray for God's blessing on the services. That prayers were answered was seen in the harvest of 13 scholars, who truly accepted the theme and decided to Follow in His Footsteps. Church thanks Mrs. Pat Horton for her splendid illustration and Colin Tandy for lighting arrangements. Newly painted hall, with its new blinds, provided an excellent setting. Speakers were L. Barker, A. Webb and F. D. Craig. Kinder, afternoon was conducted by Miss B. Kent, kinder. supt. Four other Y.P. were received into fellowship on morning of 13th. It was with regret that church learned of resignation of an elder, Geoff. Sloman, who has accepted a call to the full-time ministry at Earlwood. Mr. and Mrs. Sloman will be greatly missed.

Beverly Hills (R. W. Beadle). — B.S. anniversary services on Oct. 23 and 30 were well attended, and singing of the scholars, conducted by Miss Olive Walker, was much enjoyed. School presented her with a book in appreciation of her services. Church presented her with a camera on eve of her departure for England, as an exchange teacher. Minister is giving a series of special addresses on *This Is the Life* campaign during Nov. and Dec., and church is having a prayer chain every Sunday during these months. On Nov. 6, a man made the good confession. Church is delighted to have esteemed organiste, Miss Norma Cook, back after long holiday in England.

Chatswood (Leslie Green, B.A., B.D.). — B.S. anniversary was conducted Oct. 23 and 30. Visiting speakers, who both brought challenging and interesting messages, were J. Tressler (C.S.S.M.) and M. Hall (Woolwich). Approx. 240 attended afternoon kindergarten session, with more than 200 at the two evening gospel services. Work on new Christian Education classroom block is progressing nicely, with brickwork up to first floor and concrete slabs laid for both ground and first floors. Mr. and Mrs. A. Graham have recently returned from

a trip to U.S.A., where they visited with their grandson, Robert, who is in his second year of study at Harvard University, working toward a Master's degree in business.

Burwood (Dr. A. G. Elliott, M.A., Ph.D.). — Favorable reports of both Federal and World Conferences come from members returning home. There has been disappointment over attendances at regular services, particularly gospel service. After-church fellowship was held on Oct. 31. On night of Nov. 6, a Youth Afflame for Christ service was very well presented, but rather poorly attended. Youth auxiliaries of church are preparing for their annual displays.

Hornsby. — Soloists at recent gospel services have been Mrs. Dallinger and Mr. Glazier. Delegations from church have attended missions conducted at Belrose and Lidcombe. J.B. Ferry conducted monthly sing-song on Nov. 6. Y.P. conducted a devotional meeting on 13th, at 5.30 p.m., at Bingley Hall. A number of members joined with Asquith church at Asquith to say farewell to M. Leask, on 13th. Recent speakers have been Messrs. Bartholomew, Cole, Dallinger, Ellerby, Fennell, Norling and Schofield.

Carramar - Fairfield (E. McIlhagger-B. Armstrong). — Carramar. At annual church meeting following were elected: deacons: G. Marley, J. Harrison, K. Walther; elders, A. E. Stevenson, E. Stevenson; deaconess, Mrs. E. Stevenson. Plans for building extensions were discussed at the meeting, and interested members are to submit all schemes to a special committee. B.S. anniversary was held on Oct. 30 and Nov. 6, with a large crowd present at each session. Special speakers were Mrs. McLean (Kinder.), Noel Thomas (Senior), Haydn Sargent (Primary). Special tableau was presented on the last Sunday evening, by senior scholars. C.W.F. held an apron social on 12th. A recent preacher was J. Hamilton.

Fairfield. — Mrs. Whalan has been present at the services after long illness. During a concentrated week in Oct., a special Happy Hour programme was held, under leadership of Bruce Armstrong, each afternoon, after school. Good numbers attended and some visible results have already been noticed in B.S. Recent preachers have been D. Foletta, G. Wladysulk, Ed. Chadbourne. Work amongst G.L.B. and boys' club has shown a marked improvement, with over 30 girls and 20 boys being present at meetings. Ray Dwyer has been leader of boys' club, assisted by Dennis Shadlow and Bert Gude. At a recent parents' and scholars' night, conducted by B.S., a record attendance of over 130 was present. Mrs. White is recovering in Fairfield Hospital after major surgery.

Wollongong (R. J. Anderson). — Meetings of church and auxiliaries continue to be well attended. On Nov. 5, a rally of South Coast Churches of Christ Fellowship was held at Warrawong. Building was packed. Guest speaker for both sessions was Dr. Elliott (Conf. Pres.). Mrs. Elliott (Women's Conf. Pres.) brought a greeting and special message to ladies. An exchange of speakers, arranged between churches in the Fellowship, is proving very successful, bringing churches into closer touch with each other. Annual church business meeting was held on 9th, with representative gathering. All reports showed excellent progress, including new chapel and manse and successful Bond-Greenhalgh tent mission. Ivan Glover is now church sec. and Frank Rose, asst. Ron Hutton (B.S. supt.) is recovering after weeks of illness.

North Sydney. — Fellowship tea was held on Oct. 30 to farewell Mr. and Mrs. Todd, who have now commenced a ministry at Wagga Wagga. Gathering was presided over by F. Horsey, and appreciation was expressed by various members and church sec. Messrs. Wiley and Lee (Mosman) were present, and Mr. Wiley spoke on behalf of Mosman and Conference Committees. C. Lawrence (sec.) made a presentation. B.S. anniversary was held on Nov. 6, when guest speakers were Mr. Tanner (Baptist), Miss Arnold (C. of E.), who also presented prizes, and C. Bowser.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Dulwich (G. A. Hearn). — B.S. anniversary on Oct. 23 had as speakers: G. Clymer, F. Wiseman and G. Hearn. At concert, on 28th, each class gave an item and attendance prizes were presented. The A. M. Ludbrook Memorial prize for highest total marks was won by Dennis Grover. Officers' installation service was feature of morning service on Nov. 6. Mr. and Mrs. Fishburn (N.S.W.) were visitors. Family church services, starting at 10.30, with adult classes to follow, are of great benefit to all who attend. Two B.S. scholars accepted Christ as Saviour on 6th. After many years' illness, Mrs. K. Mellowship has been called to Higher service.

Henley Beach (S. E. Matthews). — Church services are maintaining high av. attendances, over 100 a.m. and 65 p.m. Budget system of church finance has been in operation 12 months and has fulfilled all expectations, with over £48 a week. Enlarged and renovated chapel is adding greatly to convenience and atmosphere of meetings, particularly in the ordinance of the Lord's Supper. Re-

cent weekend camp, held at Gumeracha, was attended by over 40 Y.P. An excellent production, *The Coronation*, was recently presented by Bible Class with assistance of choir. B.S. anniversary in new chapel also had fine attendances. C.M.S. tents have been revived with about 20 present. Two teams are playing in Churches of Christ Tennis Assoc. A camera club for camera fans has been formed. Mrs. J. R. Laurie has been very ill for 6 months and is still in hospital; Mrs. Perry is convalescing after surgery, and Mr. Short is a patient in Dawes-rd. Hospital.

Hindmarsh (H. E. Greenwood). — During absence of minister at Fed. Conf., addresses were given by Denzil Ritchie, A. Anderson and Malayan student, Charles Aw, who was assisted by several other Malayan students. Y.P. took charge of services on Oct. 23. Three tennis teams are competing in comp. Film, *Living for Christ*, was screened at evening service of Nov. 6. Several visitors attended services whilst returning from Perth.

Maylands (I. J. Chivell). — Attendances at worship and gospel services are maintaining high level. Youth activities are flourishing, particularly the teenage groups. New Guinea Transceiver Fund has reached the first £100. Youth Council gave £50 to Brotherhood Centre. C.M.S. held successful dinner, this preceding a talk and film on South Africa. B.S. anniversary featured the theme, *The Church Is Here*, and was well presented and received.

Milang (W. J. Philp). — Successful B.S. anniversary services were held in Oct. Guest speaker was B. Crowden (Aldgate Valley - Stirling). Children sang well, with G. Wilson conducting, and Mrs. Dalling, organiste. Picnic was held following Saturday on Mr. Nicalle's property. B.S. supt., Mr. Goodwin, is present again after time in Adelaide Hospital. Miss E. Mann and Mr. Hedger are attending meetings again after being in hospital. Some members of C.W.F. have attended meetings of other groups within Southern Conference. Circuit Men's Fellowship arranged a visit to Northfield. Church mourns death of Mrs. M. A. Hoggood.

Naracoorte (M. D. Williams). — During absence of minister, pulpit was filled by A. Dinning, W. H. Francis, W. Pomeroy and W. Davie. At after-church fellowship on Oct. 30, Mr. Williams spoke on his visit to Norseman Mission. On Nov. 1, C.W.F. entertained ladies from other churches within circuit, and from other denominations in town, at annual social. Despite cold weather, a large gathering of children and adults attended B.S. picnic at the Caves on 12th. On 13th, Mr. Williams visited Hamilton, where he was guest speaker at anni-

versary services. In his absence, messages were brought by V. Hoskin and L. Davie.

Prospect (S. Neighbour, B.A.). — During absence of minister conducting a mission at Ungarra, the following visiting speakers occupied the pulpit: Cliff Butler, K. D. Horne, G. Mathieson, C. L. Fitzgerald and S. E. M. Riches, who screened leper film, *Song of Deliverance*. In Nov., the sec. of B. & F.B.S. presented a film covering aspects of the work to aid the blind. Mrs. Curtis and Mrs. Rowlands are both home after period in hospital. C.W.F. held its birthday meeting in Oct., speaker being M. C. Trenorden. C.W.E.F. held election of officers in Nov. Election of officers of B.S. was held on 13th. All auxiliaries are busy planning for Christmas breakups.

Berri (R. W. Saunders). — Members have been visiting a lot of sick folk lately. Get well wishes go to Miss Joy Brand, Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Chandler, Margaret Saunders, Mrs. Morrell, snr., and Fred Bloch. Eight members have returned from Fed. Conf. with glowing reports of its sessions.

Elizabeth (R. B. Ewers). — Attendance is well maintained; over 70 break bread each Lord's Day. Church held first family camp, Oct. 29-30, which proved real blessing to all. At climax meeting, held in Elizabeth chapel, three Y.P. gave their lives to Christ and 12 believers gave themselves in full surrender. All Y.P. depts. are working well under consecrated leaders. Church 2nd anniversary was held on Nov. 13, when a special thankoffering was received for much needed kinder. room.

Mount Gambier (R. V. Holmes). — During Oct. there were four additions, two by transfer and two by faith and baptism; membership is now 39. Happy Hour children's mission resulted in 93 children returning information cards, of whom 20 did not attend any B.S. Some of these have commenced with us, and others are likely. School roll is now over 70, including C.Y.F. 'Av. attendance for month was 51. C.W.F. is purchasing stage curtains. Five men of church attended Youth Leaders' Conference at Bordertown.

Tarpeena (R. V. Holmes). — Gospel services are now being held monthly. Girls' club is ready to be affiliated with G.L.B. Boys' club is having good attendances. B.S. anniversary on Nov. 6 was excellent day, with over 60 children on platform. Bright Hour ladies are preparing for Christmas tree.

Victor Harbour (F. B. Burtt). — C.W.F. had enjoyable birthday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Gruhl (Murray Bridge) showed pictures of their trip

to W.A. A number attended from other churches in the district. B.S. anniversary was a great day, with children excelling themselves under leadership of Cliff Thorpe. Mr. Callam was visiting speaker for afternoon service. This was followed by prizegiving and social night on Monday.

Grote-st., Adelaide (L. E. Jones, B.A.). — With members returning from Fed. Conf., services are back to normal, with continued good attendances. Two young men recently made their decision for Christ. On Nov. 13, morning service was broadcast over 5KA, with fine singing by choir, under W. Watson. Minister's wife, in hospital for surgical treatment, is improving. Church welcomes G. Mathieson, jnr., back from overseas. C.W.F. was entertained at Woodrooffe's cordial factory on 15th. Many members attended and had enjoyable evening. Due to coming exams, C.Y.F. has curtailed weekly meetings for present.

VICTORIA

Preston (G. W. Barnett). — Gospel service on Oct. 16 was conducted by T. Robinson, who exchanged platforms with minister. Mr. Barnett was speaker at West Preston anniversary. A young man accepted Christ at close of Mr. Robinson's address. K.S.P. conducted morning service on Nov. 6, and at night a married lady made her decision. Minister has been appointed State Chaplain of K.S.P. C.M.S. enjoyed car trial on picnic day, concluding with a barbecue at home of Mr. and Mrs. Mill.

Sunshine. — Annual business meeting was held in Oct. when officers elected were: elder, Mr. Morton; deacons: Messrs. Cordy (treas), Dorgan, Petrie, Patterson, Hurwood (sec.), Iliff; deaconesses: Sis. Cordy, Coupland, Dorgan, Osterman, Robinson, Waring. P.B.P. held presentation social, when awards were made to successful table tennis team; also best and fairest for basketball were announced. Phi's won first place in spiritual and devotional comp., held by State Council, and thus completed a very successful year. Mr. Dorgan and Mrs. Hocking were re-elected as leaders.

Merbein. — B.S. held successful anniversary on Nov. 6, afternoon service being addressed by Mr. Kinsman (Merbein Methodist), while at the evening service R. Hilford (Mildura) spoke to the children. At this service one young boy made his decision. Anniversary was continued on 8th, with tea and prize distribution. Visiting speakers in recent weeks have been F. Stone (C.O.B.), Mr. Curtis (Methodist) and R. Simons (Barmra). Recently church lost two

families by removal to other States. Mr. and Mrs. H. Passmore going to Adelaide, and Mr. and Mrs. L. Jarvis and family to Sydney. On each occasion a farewell luncheon was held and presentations made. Two kitchen teas were held recently in honor of young couples, and presentations made to each couple.

Blackburn (R. V. Amos). — An interesting evening, in the form of a talent quest, was conducted by C.M.S. on Oct. 24. £60 was raised at an "avalanche of aprons" night run by C.W.F. on 28th. Church school picnic was held at Templestowe on 29th. Over 300 people attended church family dinner on Nov. 9, when matters relating to new building project were brought before members. Thanksgiving Day was held on 13th when, in the morning, guest speaker was J. Cain (Ringwood) and guest soloiste, Miss J. Milne. R. V. Amos was speaker in evening, and a choir, led by W. Carnaby, rendered items. Attendances for day were a.m., 256; p.m., 152.

Chelsea (K. Hank - A. Storay). — Meetings have been well attended, and all auxiliaries and clubs are in good heart. On Boys' Sunday, Nov. 13, 100 boys and men sat down to tea in church hall, provided by ladies of church. At 6 p.m., Dr. Alan King spoke on the theme, *Boys Reach Out Towards God's Vast Tomorrows*, illustrated by colored slides, of his recent overseas trip. At 7 p.m., film, *Something to Die For*, was screened in chapel, after which three came forward to confess their faith in Christ.

Geelong (A. C. Caldicott). — Church honored Miss A. Vercio, and minister, with kitchen tea on Nov. 5. Mrs. E. Johnson (Glenelg, S.A.) was present. Two decisions were recorded on 6th. At morning service of 13th, six decisions were registered. 66 men and boys heard Dr. Millikan at tea session on Boys' Sunday. Attendances are maintaining near record averages for some years. Visitors include Mr. Hosking (W.A.), Mr. and Mrs. Smith (Surrey Hills), Brian Welch (Kaniwa). New B.S. at Thomson Hall has 44 on roll.

Hartwell (H. J. Patterson, M.A.). — During absence of minister at Fed. Conf., church appreciated the addresses given by Kevin Edwards and D. Nelson (C.O.B.), R. Geyer, M. Symes, D. Stewart and L. Seath. Mr. and Mrs. E. Bell have left on holiday tour to New Zealand. D. Ferguson is in hospital. C. Staley and R. Reld have returned from a year's tour abroad. Annual business meeting of church was well attended. A. Illingworth was added to eldership and following were elected to diaconate: W. Baker, B. Genat, I. Greenwood (sec.), P. Hancock, M. Hurren, A. Killpatrick, N. Ross (treas.), L. Seath

(chairman), R. Tyler (B.S. supt.). All regretted that L. Smith was unable to continue as an elder. B.S. anniversary proved successful, in spite of inclement weather on Nov. 13. L. Butler led school choir very effectively. Offerings for two Sundays totalled £91. School enrolment showed an increase over year. C.W.F. had successful "apron night," through which £126 was raised, and the ladies have handed to the Board a cheque for £200 towards renovations. Newly elected C.W.F. leaders are J. Seath (pres.), E. Rankine (sec.) and D. Layton (treas.).

Mildura (R. Hilford). — Church school recently completed anniversary celebrations. Garden party, opened by Mayoress of Mildura, and held in the grounds of the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Mansell, was successful afternoon in aid of school building programme. C.M.S. held monthly meeting, at which their works programme was discussed. Church members strongly supported working bees at new district campsite, which was officially opened on Nov. 12. Visitors came from Melbourne and Murray Valley churches in Vic. and S.A. Speakers on Nov. 13 were a.m., B. Snoxall (Robinvale), and R. V. Longthorp, Asst. Director, Dept. Christian Education. Mr. Longthorp also spoke at combined girls' and boys' clubs and parents' tea, held in the afternoon.

Mitcham (R. Elbourne). — On morning of Oct. 23, a dedication service for Mr. and Mrs. Sims and babe Deborah Ann, was conducted. Baptismal service was held in evening. B.S. anniversary was held on Oct. 30 and Nov. 6, with good attendances at all services, also anniversary concert and distribution of prizes, on 11th. On 13th, Ron Elbourne, student preacher, gave farewell messages to church. At night, four people were baptised and a girl made the good confession. After evening service a presentation and farewell good wishes were extended to Ron Elbourne, who is leaving for full-time work at Newcastle.

York-st., Ballarat (C. Terry). — There have been four further decisions since last report. F. Johns and R. Feary have been elevated to diaconate. Adult visitation campaign was most successful. V. Longthorp (Asst.-Director, Dept. Christian Education) was guest speaker at fellowship tea on Nov. 6.

Robinvale (B. C. Snoxall). — B. J. Combridge was guest speaker at church anniversary. G. Chislett spoke at a gospel service in absence of minister at Swan Hill. P. Kavanagh (Albury) spoke at B.S. anniversary on Oct. 23. Social and prizegiving was held on 26th. Visitors to services were welcomed and there was

a noticeable increase in attendance over previous year. Explorers and Good Companions have had a combined party night, and C.Y.F. held a bonfire and barbecue on property of Mr. and Mrs. Keating. C.W.F. annual meeting elected Miss B. Ratten (pres.); Mrs. W. G. Chislett (vice-pres.); Mrs. J. Chigwin (sec.), and Mrs. M. Roger-son (treas.).

St. Kilda (O. R. Clark). — Y.P. attended North Balwyn on Oct. 29 for screening of *Teenage Rock*. A young man, who made his decision at the "Mission to Melbourne," was baptised into Christ on 30th. B.S. held picnic at Ferntree Gully on Nov. 1, and thanks Mrs. Willox for assisting in catering. On 25th, newly formed C.W.F. held a meeting at which Mrs. Sterling (C.W.F. Pres.) was present. Other representatives attended from local and district churches, making an attendance total of 30. Ladies held meeting at home of Mrs. Dockery, on 8th, and packed Christmas parcels for Social Service. B.S. teachers' are attending special training classes at Prahran church. Mr. and Mrs. Clark, snr., from Qld., were present on 6th, and Mr. Clark, snr., gave a stimulating address.

Collingwood (H. E. R. Steele). — B.S. anniversary services were successful, particularly demonstration of scholars at first service. Enjoyable B.S. picnic was held at Montrose on Cup Day. At C.W.F. meeting, on Nov. 7, Mrs. Darby gave an interesting talk, together with still and movie pictures, of her recent trip to Qld., including boat tour of Whitsunday Passage Islands. Church rejoices that a young man confessed his faith in Christ at Ivanhoe on Oct. 30. Continued assistance from North Fitzroy church is greatly appreciated.

Glen Waverley (B. Goldsteen). — Frame for manse is almost completed. Church membership is now over 100 and attendances have been good. Morning service on Nov. 6 followed format of communion service at Edinburgh Convention. Film night at chapel, on 13th, was held to raise funds for manse furnishings. Films of World Convention were screened by I. Gillespie. Four young girls were baptised recently.

Brunswick (R. E. Burns). — Attendances have been affected by illness of many members, but most of these are on the way to recovery. Mrs. Manning addressed birthday meeting of C.W.F. and told of her work amongst the patients at various hospitals. Mrs. Gullidge was soloiste. 78th church anniversary was day of great blessing and fellowship. At the morning service many members of past years were present when President-Elect, W. A. Thompson, gave address. Afternoon service was P.S.A., arranged by C.M.S. Opportunity was taken to dedicate the

new baptistry, stained glass windows (which were all donated), and renovated chapel. Preacher was assisted in dedication by a former preacher of the church, R. Vautier. F. Funston conducted a favorite hymn service in the evening and Youth Quartette rendered items. Temple Offering reached £80. Good Companions had a mother and daughter night, which proved quite successful.

Highbury-rd., Burwood (D. Nelson). — For Oct. the average morning attendance was 70, with 57 communicants each day, while B.S. av. was 165. There were five new scholars. There was one decision for Christ. Much needed new kinder hall is nearing completion and will prove welcome addition. Newly appointed officers, in conjunction with Hartwell, are N. Wickham (sec.), E. Patterson (treas.), and M. Symes (B.S. supt.). Des. Nelson concludes his ministry with the church at the end of Nov. and Ken Clinton will take services over Christmas vacation.

Coburg (F. Rees). — All auxiliaries are in good heart. I.C.E. Halloween social attracted 98 teenagers. C.W.F. has appointed following: pres., Evening, Mrs. Bullock; Afternoon, Mrs. Rees; sec., Evening, Miss V. Williams; Afternoon, Mrs. Comley. L. Snow and C. Latimer have brought gospel messages recently.

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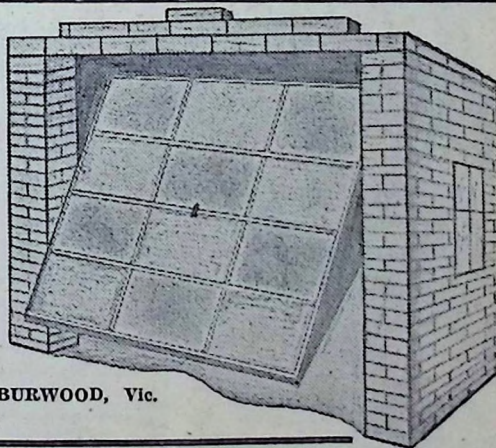
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Gordon Stirling's Provocative Pamphlet on the Edinburgh World Convention is exactly what he says it is: A Post-Mortem. The writer first acclaims the success of the Convention, and then proceeds to make some searching and constructive criticisms. He commends the organization, praises the preaching of some speakers, writes some scathing sentences about others, comments with feeling and concern about the worship and devotional services of the Convention, and submits a list of thoughtful and practical suggestions for future Conventions. It is evident that Mr. Stirling's underlying concern is the well-being of our World Brotherhood and the improvement of future World Conventions. Every member of Churches of Christ should read this Pamphlet.

Another significant feature of Pamphlet No. 71 is that it contains, as an insert, the first Club Quarterly of the Pamphlet Club. This is introduced to readers as a quarterly review of Christian literature and as a common meeting ground for Club members. As such this first Review contains Pamphlet Club News, Recommended Reading and a Book Review.

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To those who have read Provocative Pamphlet 71, I can say that, in every respect, I agree with Gordon Stirling's comments, and I can only use what Bruce McIntosh calls the occasional "outbursts" through the columns of the A.C.

The Edinburgh Convention was a delightful experience from a social and fellowship point of view, and leaves behind a never-to-be-forgotten appreciation.

I trust that a copy of Pamphlet 71 will be sent to the Convention organizers.

One thing Mr. Stirling failed to mention was that he delivered the most outstanding address of the Con-

vention, and in this opinion I am supported by many American brethren, as well as others.—J. Holloway, Boronia, Vic.

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