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EDITORIAL

Are We Literature-Minded?

Early Christian leaders quickly realised the need to record in writing their Master's life and teaching, and their own experience of faith. They would all have agreed with John, "These are written that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that, believing, ye might have life through his name" (Jn. 20: 31). They wrote with a purpose, from the first letters which apostles began to send to their converts — seditious pamphlets in the eyes of Rome, but treasured by those who received them. Those writings must have done much to build up their readers' faith and knowledge, and strengthen them for persecution.

So what we now know as the New Testament slowly emerged as precious to the life of the Church. There were other writings, too, which played their part in helping the Church to come through recurring persecutions, undefeated, in the centuries that followed. Painstaking copyists made sure that Scripture was preserved, until at last the printing press came, not only to multiply amazingly copies of the Bible, but also to give men the chance to make their religious views known far and wide. Luther and his Reformation men showed how skilfully and effectively the religious press could be used. As the Church became once more missionary-minded, translation work and printing became all-important aids to missionaries around the globe.

The Church as a whole saw the need to make the printing press one

of its staunchest allies. Some saw the need as urgent, and among them were our own Restoration Movement forefathers. "Editor's itch" was very common among our early leaders in U.S.A., Great Britain and Australia. Stone, Campbell and Scott were all editors of magazines and authors of books. Alexander Campbell set up his own printing press in what was to become Bethany, and printed his own magazines and books. Barton W. Stone set up a general printing press in Jacksonville, after he moved his *Christian Messenger* there in 1834. It was Campbell's *Millennial Harbinger* which had such a decisive influence among Scotch Baptists in Britain when William Jones of London re-published it for 16 months. In fact, Moore goes so far as to say, "It is a rather remarkable thing that a religious movement should be started in a country simply from the influence of the writings of one man." It is even more remarkable when we remember that it was copies of the *Christian Messenger*, published by James Wallis in succession to the *British Millennial Harbinger*, which were sent to Thomas Jackson when he migrated to New Zealand. These,



passed on to Thomas Magarey, led to the start of the Restoration Movement in South Australia when Magarey moved there. Thomas Griffin, who figures so prominently in the beginning of our churches in New South Wales, was won to that position by reading the *Millennial Harbinger*.

Our early preachers in Australia were quick to make use of the press themselves. D. A. Ewers was possibly the most colorful of our writers in the latter part of last century, and A. B. Maston the most practical and far-sighted, with his establishment of the Austral Publishing Company (1891), his sponsoring of many tracts, and the launching of *The Australian Christian* (1898).

The importance of Bible school teaching helps was realised, and so there developed the Austral Graded Lessons (1918), which in recent years have been the responsibility of the Federal Board of Christian Education. A paper for children dates back to the first issue of *Pure Words* (now *Skyways*) in 1902. Missionary magazines have also been published, as well as hymn books. In recent years, *Provocative Pamphlets*, sponsored by the Federal Literature Department, have sought to stimulate the brotherhood's thinking on a wide variety of issues. A few members of our brotherhood have had books published — more in earlier days than recently.

There is ample evidence that some, at least, in Australian Churches of Christ have been literature-minded. We owe a great debt to those we have named, and to many others who did fine work. But how true is it that we are a literature-minded people today? What of the mute witness of tattered, unused literature cabinets or shelves in many church porches, or the sad fate of various brotherhood publications, pushed to the back in the wild disarray that affects most church cupboards? What of the homes in which a church publication is never read, where the Bible itself lies little studied?

That is why the Literature Week (May 21-28) to which the Federal Literature Department is calling us ought to have real significance. Let's see to it that we read more Christian literature ourselves; that we make it possible for more of it to be used by our missionaries. Let's encourage more those responsible for producing it. Let's see to it that at least some men, especially gifted in writing, are made freer to concentrate on an all-important ministry. But, above all, let us read, and set others reading — thoughtfully, creatively, demanding, until that demand helps us to produce a literature worthy of the brotherhood, worthy of the whole Church of Christ.

EVER SO TIMELY!

Stanton H. Wilson, Federal Conference Secretary.

The Federal Literature Committee **THE AUSTRALIAN SCENE.** is to be commended for holding its first Literature Week, May 21-28.

As a people, our Australian brotherhood has left the field of Christian literature uncultivated too long. In the past we have derived our impetus almost exclusively from individuals. Now this Committee plans a concerted, systematic, sustained promotion of the ministry of literature.

A HAPPY CHOICE OF TIME.

The Committee has chosen to inaugurate this project this year — 1961 — one of the greatest years in the history of literature — the year of thanksgiving for 350 years of the Authorised Version and the presentation to the world of the New English Bible New Testament. People are talking literature, sacred literature, and reading it as perhaps never before.

BUT WHAT ABOUT T.V.?

There are those who predict that now T.V. is here, books and libraries and reading are on the way out. Unfortunately for these pessimists, the facts do not support their predictions of doom. There is a common belief in Australia that T.V. is destroying people's appetite for reading, to such an extent that public libraries will eventually have to close down.

AN OLD TALE OF WOE.

The predictions of the end of reading, and the doom of books, are not new. In the early 1900's some publishing houses panicked, fearing that the craze for cycling would mark the end of the reading of all good books. Then, successively, the cry of woe went up with the coming of each new invention, the motor car, films "silent" and "talkie," and the wireless! All these in their day were thought to mark the end of the era of reading.

NOW FACTS — NOT COMMON CONJECTURE.

As each technical gadget has been accepted into the social structure, there has emerged (after a temporary and sharp decline), a greater demand for books. This is happening right now, in regard to T.V.

When T.V. sets come into homes, there is a sharp decline in reading (estimated at 15 per cent in Great Britain and 20 per cent in U.S.A.), and then as the novelty wears off, the appetite for reading rises until it reaches and exceeds the pre-T.V. level.

The development, increase and extension of public libraries in Australia goes on unabated and undaunted by T.V. In N.S.W. large metropolitan municipalities, like the City of Sydney, Canterbury and Bankstown, where the hold of television is most marked, are spending money generously and confidently on new buildings, more books and increased staff.

In Victoria, the Free Library Service Board is convinced that T.V. offers no lasting threat to public libraries. In Melbourne, Camberwell and Malvern have both recently opened new libraries and both are booming as increasing demands

Aim and Purpose of Literature Week:

D. B. McIntosh, Chairman of the Federal Literature Department.

This year our Australian churches are asked to make a definite promotion of Christian literature.

No leader of church work, I am sure, would wish to argue against the claim that Christian people lack content in their Christian faith; that they fail to learn, understand, and express its doctrines. The promotion of a Christian literature week is a challenge to this lamentable state.

The churches are asked to give encouragement to orderly reading. Too many Christians never read anything worthwhile. Too many prefer others to think out their faith for them. They do not know the soul satisfying — nor indeed the soul disturbing — experience of fashioning their own faith. Nor are they sufficiently conscious of the growth and change in our world, and the attempt of the Church to keep its faith relevant to the needs of modern man.

Therefore the churches are asked to give stimulus to Christian thinking. To feel the pulse of human need, and to know the answer, the Church must be informed. To be informed you must read, and you must allow your mind to be exercised and challenged. As Christians, we believe that man is made whole — in body, mind, and soul, by the redemptive sacrifice of Christ on the cross. Modern man needs the gospel. Before we can give the gospel, we must know the gospel.

Literature Week is launched with this in mind.

by the public continue to be made upon them. Malvern, in its first seven weeks, enrolled 6,800 borrowers — that is, 14 per cent of the total population of that suburb. In Camberwell, a recent investigation showed that 53 per cent of the issues of the adult section were non-fiction books. H. A. Gregory, City of Coburg Librarian (Melbourne), in an article on the influence of T.V. on reading, says, "Today, it is believed that not only are more people reading as a direct result of television, but that they are reading books of a higher quality than before."

EVER SO TIMELY!

— I repeat, is the decision of the Federal Literature Committee to begin this year, 1961, to implement a helpful, well planned, practical scheme to have more people reading better books on the most important subjects. May God bless their efforts, and may we, as a brotherhood, give them every encouragement and support.

The plan for Literature Week is as follows:

1. Ministers will receive a list of recommended inexpensive paperback books. They are asked to speak about and to promote the sales of these and other Christian books.

2. Churches are asked to display prominently the poster and to provide a book stall for at least Literature Week.

3. Members are challenged to read at least one of the recommended books during this week, and to determine to commence regular, orderly reading of Christian literature. State papers and bookrooms have been asked to co-operate in this venture.

Federal President's Word

K. G. Mundy, Federal Conference President, says:

"It is with my earnest wish for its welfare that I warmly commend to the brotherhood the Federal Literature Committee's proposal to inaugurate Literature Week for May 21-28, this year. The Committee is to be congratulated on its initiative in such a good cause as the encouragement of our people to read and benefit by good wholesome Christian literature. I do hope that all ministers, church officers and members will follow the suggestions made by the Federal Literature Committee."

J. E. BROOKE, Balwyn, Vic., discusses the . . .

Value of Literature in Christian Life and Service

Charles Lamb confessed that he was disposed to say grace upon twenty other occasions in the course of a day besides his dinner—"for setting out upon a pleasant walk, for a moonlight ramble, for a friendly meeting, or a solved problem." Then with special emphasis, he asked, "Why have we none for books, those spiritual repasts—a grace before Milton, a grace before Shakespeare, a devotional exercise proper to be said before reading *The Fairy Queen*?"

Good literature deserves indeed such gratitude to God, for it is one of his great gifts to us, and through it there are poured into our lives many of his other rich blessings.

Books have been usually divided into three great classes—those that add to our knowledge; those that shape and direct character; those that increase our joy in life, and interpret life's lessons for us. The first appeal to our intellect; the second to our moral sense; the third to our emotional nature. There are books that teach us; books that mould us; books that stimulate us.

Any and all books that do these great things for us are of great value to our Christian life. For this reason "Christian literature" should not be narrowly defined. All authors who write with such a hope as Anthony Trollope expressed, that none would rise from the reading without the knowledge "that things meanly done are ugly and odious, and things nobly done beautiful and gracious," are rendering Christian service.

Fully recognising this, there is literature of a distinctively Christian character, and our concern now is to emphasise the value of this to every Christian.

Of course, we must set the Bible in the supreme place. In these days of many new translations and revisions, we have exhilarating opportunities of enjoying and profiting from "the Divine Library." Let us take it up and read it as a continuous record, unbroken by chapters and verses, and discover its far-stretching tracts of truth.

Then there are the great Christian classics like *The Confession of Augustine*, *The Pilgrim's Progress*, or *The Letters of Samuel Rutherford*, to mention only a few.

But there is also urgent need for literature which shall relate the Christian faith to the needs of our modern life and world, which will help to better understanding and prosecution of the Church's evangelistic task

and its quest for unity. In this our brotherhood Literature Department is endeavoring to give a lead. Its success will depend on our people's appetite for such knowledge and stimulus.

Of course, we cannot claim that reading is essential to salvation. For centuries, the majority of Christian people were illiterate, imbibing their faith from verbal instruction, or from sculpture, stained glass windows and murals in churches.

But literacy is a mighty means of grace, and having it, we should use it to the full. We should be ashamed that, with the means of knowledge and growth so plentiful



and near at hand, we are content with the minimum standard of less privileged ages.

There are reasons larger than our own personal development why we as Christians should value literature.

Literacy has been a great means of reforming the Church. The invention of movable type came providentially when men were seeking to translate the Bible into the common languages of the people and to spread the newly discovered evangelical doctrines of the New Testament. Authoritarian Churches have always taken the attitude that when people can read for themselves they are apt also to begin to think for themselves, and they have been afraid of this. But true Christian faith has ultimately nothing to fear, but everything to gain, from freedom of thought. If, then, we wish to strengthen and advance the Church's reformation, literature will be our great ally.

We must also face the challenge of the great acceleration of literacy throughout the world today. Millions more people are now able and anxious to read, and what captures their mind depends on the literature that is supplied to them—atheism and materialism, or Christian truth.

Faced with the question of whether we are reading, and how much, we may make the excuse that we have "no time." But here, as elsewhere, it is a question of wise and faithful

stewardship. Most people still manage to get through a surprisingly large amount of printed matter in the course of each week. Morning and evening newspapers, weekly journals and other periodicals, even if not read fully, nevertheless involve a considerable number of hours spent in the perusal of print. The real question, therefore, is not whether we have time to read, but how much of our reading time is wasted or invested in something worthwhile.

Then, the course of daily work for an increasing number of people entails the reading of technical memoranda, reports, and monographs, till the point has been reached at which some universities and colleges are offering special courses in rapid reading to enable business and professional men to cope with the spate of printed and duplicated matter that flows across their desks.

This, however, is not the kind of reading that usually develops moral insights, widens intellectual horizons, or builds up the reader in the things of the spirit. With so much specialised "reading for a living" there is more urgent need for "reading for life."

There is a service of special timeliness which literature can render us today. It can help to counteract the powerful influences of mass communication. While not foolishly decrying radio and television, we must yet recognise that just because they are mass media they have a depersonalising effect which gives rise to its own dangers.

The fact that precisely the same programmes are being fed into thousands of homes gives one the frightening sense of the creation of a cultural beehive or anthep. Few activities are more likely to foster the development of those high and rare human qualities which make for personality at its best than the rediscovery of the practice of book reading. To have one's own intellectual equipment and tastes and values kept on the alert is one of the best guarantees against mental stagnation and spiritual decay.

If to read is one of our own great needs, to help others to find something of the riches of literature is one of our finest services. As Thomas a Kempis put it: "If he shall not lose his reward who gives a cup of cold water to his thirsty neighbor, what will not be the reward of those who, by putting good books into the hands of those neighbors, open to them the fountains of eternal life?"

76th ANNUAL GATHERINGS . . .

N.S.W. CONFERENCE SESSIONS

Ambassadors for Christ was the theme of the New South Wales Seventy-Sixth Annual Conference, March 20-26, 1961. From the inspirational opening message of the President, Dr. A. G. Elliott, to the close of the great Service of Witness in Sydney Town Hall, this theme dominated Conference thinking and provided a source of inspiration to all attending. Those who led the devotional sessions (interspersed among the business) dealt with significant applications of this theme: In Personal Witness (L. F. Barker), In The Local Church (C. Cole), In The Brotherhood (L. Wylie).

A fine opening to the Conference meetings was given by the Youth Rally, in which a dramatic pageant was presented by the young people, depicting the activities of Kindergarten, Bible School, Christian Endeavor, Clubs, Camps and Adult Christian Education. R. Greenhalgh, Director of the Department of Christian Education, delivered a characteristically challenging address.

One of the meetings that lives most in the memory was the Missionary Rally on Wednesday evening, March 22. Members felt they were brought very close to the frontiers of our work as they heard vivid descriptions from Miss Dorothy Geyer, of the Indian field; from R. S. McLean of the New Hebridean work and from F. W. Beale of the tremendous challenge of New Guinea. Samuel Buli and Japheth Karai, from Londua, were members of the platform party, and received an official greeting. During the meeting the Bombay Appeal was launched by E. W. Roffey, State Secretary of Overseas Missions, and he was able to report £219 in hand already in N.S.W. To complete the overall picture of our missionary work, R. S. McLean, Federal Secretary of Overseas Missions, gave a most stimulating address.

On the Friday evening, the State Comptroller-General of Prisons was to have been the speaker at the Social Service and Boys' Home Rally. Illness unfortunately kept him away, but his place was most capably filled by the Salvation Army Chaplain for Prisons in N.S.W. and Queensland, who gave a vivid account of his work and showed an admirable collection of colored slides illustrating the work of prison farms in rehabilitation of men. The Boys' Home was represented at the rally by the lads themselves, who greatly impressed the meeting by their neat, well-cared-for appearance, and by their obvious enjoyment in repeating a memorised Bible chapter.

It was interesting to have together at the Home Mission and Bible College Rally three Directors of Home Missions and Evangelism — B. J. Combridge (Vic.-Tas.), E. P. C. Holland (S.A.), and H. M. Long (N.S.W.). Eleven new students of the Woolwich Bible College were presented to Conference by the Principal, and the address of the evening was given by B. J. Combridge.

Those who came in by their hundreds on Sunday afternoon to share in the Service of Witness in the Town Hall, must all have felt the thrill of this great gathering. Nearly 3,000 people filled the Hall. Among them was L. Senda, a visiting educa-



Dr. A. G. Elliott,
President.

tionist from Southern Rhodesia, who had joined Churches of Christ under the missionary work of Dr. Garfield Todd. Mrs. Helen Jones sang two beautiful solos and the choir, under the leadership of David Verco, helped greatly to set the atmosphere for a splendid gathering. Peter Verco handled the great Town Hall organ as competently as if it were his weekly task. All this set the stage for a thrilling and thought-provoking address from E. P. C. Holland, who took the theme of Conference as his subject. The service was recorded by the Christian Broadcasting Association and broadcast by station 2CH on the following Sunday afternoon.

A new feature of the business of the Conference was provided by setting aside time in the opening session for each of the major committees to give a three-minute account of one aspect of their work in which forward moves were planned for the coming year. Many commented on the value of this session in giving the brotherhood a comprehensive picture of the significant moves planned for the coming year.

ELECTIONS.

The following Conference officers were elected for 1961-62: Conference President, W. H. B. Palmer; President-Elect, L. E. Wylie; Vice-President, C. Saxby; Secretary, E. F. Morris; Associate Sec., Miss H. V. Rofe; Asst.-Sec., D. Deall; Treasurer, L. K. Wilson.

New preachers welcomed to Conference included D. A. Oldfield (Albury), S. Rogers (Bankstown), R. Ellis (Canley Vale), H. Davies (Doonside - Seven Hills), D. Beavis (Narrabeena), H. Sargent (Telopea) and R. B. Elbourne (Georgetown). The application of the new church at Telopea for membership of Conference was accepted. Conference statistics showed 342 additions by faith and baptism during 1960, giving an overall increase in membership of 72, to a total of 6,496.

Efforts are still being made to secure a suitable property for development as a brotherhood centre. In the meanwhile, Conference resolved that certain alteration to City Temple should proceed, to give the departments working there greater space and improved facilities.

Other significant decisions of Conference, arising out of the reports of committees, dealt with the following matters:

— Christian Union Committee and Home Mission Committee to consult with other States with a view to a nationwide Evangelistic Campaign on our position and plea.

— Churches urged to give priority to the Bible Schools in provision of accommodation, equipment, teacher training, school efficiency and status.

— Churches urged to take advantage of the training course for workers about to commence under the auspices of the Bible College, centred at Burwood.

— If churches have spare money, let the Chapel Extension Committee have it so that they can provide finances for other churches who are building.

RESOLUTIONS.

On public questions, Conference passed these resolutions:

Youth Policy: This Conference commends the State Government for its action in setting up a State Youth Policy Advisory Committee and urges that full advantage be taken of the willingness of the churches to offer their experience in this field and to help the Committee in its work.

Off-the-Course Betting: This Conference calls upon the State Govern-

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"By This Shall All Men Know" (John 13: 35) . . .

64th W.A. ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The first State Conference to be held in the Christian Centre was an outstanding success, characterised by good messages, grand singing and fellowship, with record attendances at every session.

Two additional nights were added this year, one being an Opening Rally and the other an additional Business Session. The latter gave much more opportunity for discussion on all reports. The Conference was well presided over by the President, J. J. Collingwood, who seemed able to strike the right note at just the right time. In addition to the Choral Society, a Youth Choir also gave excellent contributions to the various programmes. The two choirs combined for the Conference Sermon session. The principal speaker was J. E. Brooke (Vic), while G. Powell (Northern Districts), G. Smith (Subiaco), F. Griffiths (Kalgoorlie), and H. J. Whitney (Principal, Perth Bible Institute) also gave addresses. The ladies revelled in the facilities of the Centre, and admirably catered for the needs of the inner man.

The Opening Rally, on Friday, March 24, was not as well attended as had been hoped, but would still have been a good crowd at Lake-st. The night was an innovation, enabling the President to give a review of the year's work as he saw it, and G. Powell spoke on *The Life That Wins*.

A Pioneer Recognition gathering, held by the Women's Auxilliary on the

Saturday afternoon, was followed at night by the Youth Meeting. It is many years since Youth Night was held on a Saturday, owing to the inability of securing a large enough hall, and the Centre admirably coped with the 1,000 or so who attended this year. The programme included



J. E. Brooke,
Guest Speaker.

singing by the Youth Choir, a pageant entitled *This Is My Father's World*, and an address by G. Smith.

About 1,100 attended the Conference Sermon on the Sunday afternoon, and an offering for the Preachers' Provident Fund reached £76. The preacher, J. E. Brooke, challenged us all as he spoke on *Let It Ring Out*.

In previous years the attendance at the Missionary Night has always appeared to suffer from being sand-

wiched between Youth Night on Monday, and Women's Day on Wednesday. This year it was held on the Monday and attracted over 400 people. The speaker, H. J. Whitney (Principal, Perth Bible Institute, and a previous State evangelist for the Presbyterian Church in Queensland), spoke powerfully on *The Missionary Imperative*, and four young people responded to an appeal to consider missionary service.

A record attendance on Wednesday for the Women's Conference was followed by another large meeting at night, when J. E. Brooke was again the speaker, taking as his subject *The Home of Men's Souls*, in which he appealed to the Church to recognise the needs of those outside.

The Easter Devotional Service, which could not be held last year, was reintroduced this year, and again about 1,100 or so gathered for the service at 10.30 a.m. on Good Friday. The speaker, F. Griffiths, asked us to realise the implications *When the Church Accepts the Cross*. At night the final rally heard J. E. Brooke speak on *How They Brought the Good News*. Bibles were presented to the President, and also to the President of the Women's Auxilliary (Mrs. J. Collins), and the new President (L. G. Cooke, minister, Maylands) was introduced.

Business sessions, held on Tuesday and Thursday nights and Good Friday afternoon, were well attended, and reports were handled expeditiously. The Constitution was amended in respect to the Christian Union and Training Committees, and it was also agreed to increase the size of the *Christian Centre Board of Management* to twelve members, plus the Conference Secretary, and disband the Christian Centre Committee which has operated for so many years. The responsibility for discharging the debt on the building will be taken over by the Board of Management. Incidentally, there is an increasing demand for the use of our building by other communions, and it is indeed becoming a Christian Centre. An important decision of Conference was the endorsement of a suggested Home Mission policy in regard to new or small churches.

Statistics show that there were 266 additions by faith and baptism, compared with 718 in 1959, when there was so much activity, including the Graham Crusade. The active membership fell by 156 to 3,149, suggest-

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ment to give heed to the grave social consequences of the increasing volume of gambling in the community. Conference earnestly asks that in any consideration of proposals to introduce off-course betting, the Government weigh carefully the dangers of opening yet another avenue for gambling.

Racial Discrimination: This Conference views with deep concern the growing attitudes of intolerance and discrimination adopted by sectional groups amongst the nations of the world against less privileged people, often resulting in outbreaks of violence. We call upon our fellow Christians everywhere to display the spirit of Christ in dealing with such problems, and especially urge our own people to examine our national policy towards the Aborigines of Australia and towards Asian peoples in the light of his teaching.

Indecent Publications: This Conference views with grave concern the

attitudes and actions of those who deliberately pander to debased tastes in the community by the production of indecent publications, indecent films, indecent advertising matter and other degrading entertainments. We recommend that the Commonwealth and State Governments examine ways and means of giving greater protection to the community from these insidious moral depredations, while safeguarding works of genuine literary and artistic merit.

Appreciation was expressed to the outgoing President, Dr. A. G. Elliott, for a year of most active service, in which, through intensive church visitation, much was done to build up the brotherhood-mindedness of churches throughout the State. His leadership was commended for the way in which the churches have been helped to glorify Christ Jesus and encouraged to work the more vigorously for the spreading of his gospel. — D. J. A. Verco.

ing that there may have been some "levelling off." However, attendance at the Lord's Table (morning and evening) increased to 80 per cent of the active membership.

There are ten W.A. students in training at Glen Iris, and five at Woolwich.

Finance was buoyant, receipts for all purposes being reported by churches as £80,279, or £5,309 more than 1959. These figures do not include many thousands of pounds given direct to the Christian Centre and other causes.

ELECTIONS

Conference Officers and Committees, including members who were not required to retire this year, are as follows:—

Conference Executive: President, L. G. Cooke; President-Elect, A. J. Griffiths; Secretary, A. D. Pyne; Assistant-Secretary, G. A. Ewers; Treasurer, F. L. Mogridge; Member, E. C. Smith; Past President, J. J. Collingwood.

Home Mission Committee: Conference Executive plus F. Newcombe, R. Marshall, W. A. Smith, H. W. Seaby, L. Smith, E. Wortlehook, J. Stewart, H. R. Fitch, including Mrs. M. J. Savage and Mrs. D. R. Manning, Women's Conference representatives.

Aborigines Committee: J. Bear, Mrs. L. Burton, E. B. Clapp, H. Heyhoe, K. Croot, including Mrs. J. Pallot and Mrs. G. Moignard, Women's Conference representatives.

Advisory Board: J. W. Gordon, L. C. Peacock, W. S. Bown, J. K. Robinson, M. J. Savage, A. W. Morris.

Christian Union Committee: R. J. Brown, Mrs. W. Cooper, C. H. Dow, L. H. Park, M. J. Savage, F. J. Stephenson, A. H. Walkington.

Literature Committee: R. G. Liddle, L. C. Peacock, J. Cranwell, J. E. Gough, M. J. Savage.

Overseas Mission Committee: T. Banks, W. J. Althorpe, L. Burton, Miss R. Connelly, Dr. G. Hall, W. Lake, R. Marshall, including Mrs. J. W. Gordon and Mrs. J. A. Bridge, Women's Conference representatives.

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Properties Committee: J. J. Collingwood, A. C. Olds, W. H. Yeomans, J. M. Rhodes, K. Eaton, E. L. Berry.

Radio and Television Committee: P. Armstrong, W. Calladine, L. G. Cooke, Mrs. Henderson, A. W. Morris, R. Preedy.

Social Service Committee: C. M. Hogben, D. G. Beanland, Mrs. K. Eaton, Mrs. G. McIntyre, W. H. Nightingale, G. Smith, Miss E. Youd, including Mrs. J. Holloway and Mrs. J. Kennedy, Women's Conference representatives.

Training Committee: Miss A. Anderson, E. B. Clapp, A. Cutt, W. Paget, L. H. Park, A. B. Povey, D. R. Stirling, Miss K. Taylor.

Youth Committee: Mrs. E. F. Black, R. J. Brown, L. Donaldson, K. J. Hancock, L. T. Jones, Mrs. E. Morgan, W. Paget, L. H. Park, Miss M. Peacock, F. J. Stephenson, Dr. A. J. T. Thomas, R. G. Wishart, including Mrs. J. McIlwraith, Women's Conference representative.

THE MINISTRIES OF OUR



Borneo

Mrs. M. Robinson, Tasmania.

Borneo, a land of high mountain ranges, dense tropical jungles and deep fast flowing rivers lies astride the Equator, and the climate is hot and humid, with an average rainfall of some 180 inches per year.

Politically, the land is divided into four sections — two-thirds of the island is Indonesian territory, whilst the remaining third is divided into the two British colonies of Sarawak and North Borneo, and the small independent state of Brunei, which is ruled by a Malay Sultan.

To many, Borneo is a land of legends about "wild men and monkeys," but in reality it is a land of many and varied peoples. Along the flat coastal area are found Malays who are mostly fishermen, and Chinese who migrated from China many years ago and who conduct most of the commerce in the area, whilst inland are to be found the many indigenous tribes, each with their own language and social customs.

The main indigenous tribal group is the Iban Dayak. They gained the name of the "wild men" of Borneo because of their daring piracy and their ability to collect heads (human).

They are proud and arrogant, and consider themselves to be superior to the other tribes, yet they are a people who are dissatisfied with their present way of life, with a growing awareness that their old customs and animistic practices do little to give peace and happiness. Comparatively few of these Iban Dayaks have been reached with the gospel.

In 1955, the Seria Missionary Fellowship (now Bethel Mission of Borneo) was formed to seek to contact some of these inland peoples who made their way down the Seria, Brunei, to find work in the large oil-field there. At that time there were some 6,000 Ibans living and working in Seria and many of these Iban boys returned to their inland villages with Gospel portions, Gospel recordings and, above all, a knowledge of Jesus Christ as Saviour. Today, the picture in Seria has altered as the number of Ibans in the area has dwindled to several hundred only, and the emphasis of the work of the Bethel Mission in Seria is on the Chinese. The evangelisation of the Chinese is being undertaken by Lo On, a Chinese pastor from Hong Kong, and the Bethel Mission is hoping shortly to commence work amongst the Ibans of the Bakong River area

in Sarawak.

Shortly after commencing work in Seria, one of these Iban lads, Injat by name, was given a little booklet, *The Way of Salvation*, produced by the Scripture Gift Mission, in the Malay language. Although he understood very little Malay at that time, especially Biblical Malay, he immediately saw that here was something different. He was used to the Iban custom of making offerings to the spirits in order to avoid ill fortune and to appease the wrath of the spirits, but here was a Person, Jesus Christ, who had made all the offering that was necessary for his sin and he soon made his way to enquire further into this "Way of Salvation." It was not long before he was rejoicing in the knowledge of sins forgiven and in Jesus Christ as his Lord and Saviour. The transformation in Injat's life was immediate. Gone was the desire for the old way of life, and increasingly he hungered after a knowledge of God. To visit him was to find him reading his New Testament, either to himself or to someone else, and his grasp of spiritual truths showed that God had laid his hand on Injat and was preparing him to become a missionary to his own people. On Injat's first visit to an Iban longhouse after his conversion, he maintained a clear-cut testimony to his fellow Ibans.

The Iban Dayak of Borneo presents a challenge to prayer, prayer that those who have been contacted with the gospel may be led forth from darkness into the light of the knowledge of Jesus Christ, and prayer that those who still have not heard the message of redeeming grace may do so ere it is too late.



Theme for the Week:
"JACOB THE ROAMER"

Sunday, May 7

Genesis 32: 3-12.

Thought Text: "I am not worthy of the least of all thy mercies" (v. 10).

The frightened Jacob begins to see himself as he really is. Now there is no trace of the cool bargainer with God or the trickster who could even out-fox Laban. He has done all he can to protect his company from the expected wrath of Esau, but he knows it is not enough. He needs God's help, and he knows by now that Divine aid cannot be bargained for and bought. Like David long after him, he is learning that God accepts "a broken and a contrite heart."

There is always hope for the prodigal, even in our smugly self-sufficient age, when he turns homeward to God, pride forgotten, saying, "I am not worthy!"

Father, we too know ourselves wholly unworthy of all the riches of thy grace in Jesus Christ our Lord. but we thank thee for the continuing wonder of a love that we know will never let us go. Amen.

Monday, May 8

Genesis 32: 13-23.

Thought Text: "A present for Esau his brother" (v. 13).

The word "present" is used four times in this brief passage. Obviously, though Jacob had begun to learn that you can't buy God's favor, he hadn't yet given up the idea that you can buy yourself out of trouble with another man. He had yet to learn that there are some things money can never buy — like the love and forgiveness with which Esau at last met him.

No gifts, however expensive, can right a wrong or ease a man's guilt. He must give himself, in humble seeking of forgiveness. "Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all."

WHEN SOARS the SOUL

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

O God, if we have wronged another, give us the grace to set it right. Where we have wronged thee, humbly we seek thy forgiveness. Amen.

Tuesday, May 9

Genesis 32: 24-31.

Thought Text: "What is thy name?" (v. 27).

To modern readers, this seems a curious finale to that grim struggle in the dark — both the wrestlers asking the name of the other, and Jacob being given a new name. But names meant a great deal to those who first read this story.

To be called "Israel" (prince of God) instead of "Jacob" (supplanter) marked a decisive step forward in spiritual progress. Jacob's desire to know his opponent's name not only reflects the old idea that there was almost a magic power in knowing another's name, but also an eager longing to know God better. Do we long for that?

O thou who callest thy sheep by name, may we draw closer to thee in knowledge and love. Amen.

Wednesday, May 10

Genesis 33: 1-16.

Thought Text: "To see your face is like seeing the face of God" (v. 10, R.S.V.).

Touching words! But did Jacob really mean them? He seems on edge throughout the reunion, and shies nervously away from the suggestion that they should travel together. He only breathes easily again when Esau has gone.

Why? W. R. Bowie suggests, "He is distrustful of Esau because he knows that he has not deserved kindness at his hands . . . A man projects into the imagined feelings of others the condemnation he inwardly visits upon himself."

Is that why men are apprehensive about God? His grace is too good to be true, we feel. We don't deserve it. But it is true, and Jesus has taught us to look to the Father without fear.

We thank thee, Father, for those in whose love and goodness we first saw the reflection of thine own wonderful grace. Amen.

Thursday, May 11

Genesis 35: 1-15.

Thought Text: "God who answered me in the day of my distress and has been with me wherever I have gone" (v. 3, R.S.V.).

Jacob's conception of God is growing. He begins to see a pattern in his life, a guiding Hand at work. Now

he grows more worthy of his new name, Israel, Prince of God. Tragedy had struck at the heart of his family; he must show them the way to the kind of religious experience that had begun for him long years ago at Bethel, when he saw the vision of the heavenly ladder, and felt God so near. So he calls them to put away all other gods, and go to Bethel with him.

Are we parents setting that kind of example to our children today — sharing with them the wonder of our faith?

O God, give us the wisdom to help guide others to thee. Amen.

Friday, May 12

Genesis 47: 1-12.

Thought Text: "Few and evil have the days of the years of my life been" (v. 9).

Poor Jacob! What a sad summary of life, at a time when he ought to have thrilled with joy and pride at Joseph's care of him and Pharaoh's warm welcome. This self-pitying old man, forgetful at last of all that God had done for him, is a pathetic sight.

Old age has its temptations to that kind of mood. But we need not be like Jacob. Listen rather to Sir William Mulock, former Chief Justice of Canada, saying on his ninetieth birthday, "I am still at work with my hand to the plough, and my face to the future. The shadows of evening lengthen about me, but morning is in my heart."

Bless our aged loved ones, O God, and keep thy joy in their hearts. Amen.

Saturday, May 13

Psalms 51: 10-17.

Thought Text: "Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation" (v. 12).

This verse rouses memories of William Cowper's wistful self-questioning: "Where is the blessedness I knew when first I saw the Lord?" Both David and Cowper rightly remembered that joy is an essential part of man's experience of God's salvation. How had they lost it?

David had no illusions. He knew that sin had done it — his sin. Nothing more quickly robs a man of real joy than sin — unless it be the intolerance of the ultra-pious, who almost seem to rank it a blasphemy if a man enjoys his faith.

The way back to the lost joy of real religion is the way that David took — penitence, prayer and faith.

O Father, help us to let nothing rob us of the joy of knowing and serving thee. Amen.

HERE AND THERE

Owing to the Anzac Day* holiday, this issue was prepared a day earlier than usual. Copy received after first mail, Thurs., April 20, will be included in our next issue.

Literature Week (May 21-28) has been sponsored by the Federal Literature Department, with the approval of Federal and State Conferences. This week is not an attempt to promote the work of the Department, nor is it desired that the churches should use it as such. The poster to be used in conjunction with Literature Week is the work of Barry McArdle, the seventeen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. McArdle, foundation members of the church at Jordanville, Vic. Barry is doing his first year of the Art Diploma course at Prahran Technical School. He has won a scholarship and bursary in art, and received the distinction of a 100 per cent mark in art for his Intermediate examination in 1960.

The morning service at Wangaratta, Vic., will be broadcast over 3NE on May 7, at 11 a.m.

We learn from R. Draney (Toowoomba, Qld.) that Miss Aileen Draney, of our New Guinea Mission, continues to make good progress following the successful skin graft operation on the leg she injured recently. The leg is at present in plaster. Miss Draney has asked us to express her thanks to the many who have written or sent cards, and to the many more who have remembered her in prayer. She treasures the interest of the brotherhood on her behalf. Her watch has been repaired and is in use again. She intends buying another camera in Madang to replace the one ruined in the accident.

K. A. Jones was guest speaker at the 61st anniversary services of the church at Warragul, Vic., on April 16. Soloists were Miss D. Ellis and J. Butcher (East Kew), Miss E. Tippet (Beaumaris) and Mrs. Fox (Nth. Essendon). Attendances were good, and the thankoffering (including £50 from C.W.A.F.) reached £198 for the Manse Fund. Lunch and tea were served by the ladies, and fellowship was enjoyed throughout the day.

Over 300 people crowded the new building at Manning, W.A., on Sunday, April 9, for the opening by the W.A. Conference President, Lloyd Cooke. Jeff Gordon presided and W. H. Nightingale (local minister) gave a report of the work achieved.

Lloyd Cooke gave the dedicatory charge to the pastor and the church, and delivered a fine address. The Conference Choir rendered anthems and Ron Raymond played the Wurlitzer organ, which had been loaned for the occasion. Jas. Gordon led in a prayer of dedication. The Mayor of Sth. Perth, R. Cleaver, M.H.R., Mrs. Stewart (Women's Pres.) and a representative from the various Protestant churches in Manning gave greetings. The building was admired by all. The thankoffering reached over £60 odd. Greetings were also received from Vic., S.A., England and W.A. 98 were present at the evening service, which was presided over by W. H. Nightingale. The soloists were Mrs. Ruth Johnson, and A. W. Morris (Wembley) gave a fine address. At the close of the service four new members were received by transfer.

The Grainger - Thompson mission at Robinvale, Vic., has been well attended, with decisions by two young men. Visitors have been present from Mildura and Swan Hill, and their messages in song have been enjoyed. Happy Hours and Mrs. Grainger's travel talks and slides have been features of the campaign.

A "New Life Crusade," sponsored by the South Qld. Conference churches, is being held at East Ipswich. David Mansell (State Evangelist and Youth Director) is the missionary, with Don Risson as song-leader. The mission commenced on April 4, and attendances are growing each night, with loyal support from many sister churches. A telegram received at this office (17/4/61) says: Mansell-Risson mission drawing large congregations. Tent packed last night; many standing. Two further decisions.—Pieper (Ipswich, Qld.).

In 1962 the Zillmere (Qld.) church will be celebrating its 80th year of continuous witness, and is planning special functions in connection with the occasion. The church would like to publish a souvenir history of the activities over the years, and seeks the assistance of any members or friends who could supply any information dealing with the early days of the church. Information will be gladly received by S. Chalmers (sec.), Larwill-ave., Northgate, Qld.

A world-wide call to prayer is being made for the Tokio Crusade, May 6-June 5, to be held in the Meiji Auditorium, with Bob Pierce as evangelist.

NOTES FROM THE READINGS

As Suggested for

Sunday, May 7

2 KINGS 5: 1-14.

An Israelite girl, captured by the Syrians, is placed in service in the home of the Syrian commander, Naaman, who is a leper. She tells her mistress of the prophet in Samaria whom she is sure could heal her master. Naaman is sent by his king to the king of Israel, who passes him on to Elisha. Elisha bids him bathe seven times in the river Jordan. Naaman at first indignantly refuses, but is persuaded to do so, and is healed.

"the Lord had given victory" (v. 1). — "Naaman, in delivering his country, had been an unconscious instrument in the hands of Jehovah" (Dumme-low).

"the letter to the king" (v. 6). — "The tone of the letter, and indeed the whole setting of the story, create the impression that at this time Israel was subject to Syria" (Snaith). "My father" (v. 13). — A title of honor.

EPHESIANS 2: 11-22.

Paul writes of the new unity of mankind made possible in Christ, who has broken the barrier between Jew and Gentile and reconciled them both to God, uniting them in the transforming fellowship of his Church.

"alienated" (v. 12). — "Outlaws from the Commonwealth" (Knox, Wand).

"having no hope" (v. 12). — Note Knox's version: "With no promise to hope for, with the world about you, and no God." "Not merely with no hold on the hope of Israel, but with hope itself dead" (Murray).

"he is our peace" (v. 14). — Christ is not only our Peacemaker by bringing us "nigh by his blood"; he himself is our peace. "The bond of peace is not a doctrine or a philosophy or any kind of abstraction, but a Person" (Beare).

"middle wall of partition" (v. 14). — The wall which divided the outer court of the Gentiles from the inner court in the Temple, which the uncircumcised were forbidden to enter, symbolises the division now abolished through Christ. Note the later reference to the one true spiritual Temple.

"chief corner-stone" (v. 20). — "The corner-stone of the foundation, not as we might imagine from the phrase, 'head of the corner,' the corner-stone of the topmost course. Still, it has an office not unlike that of the key-stone in an arch" (Murray).

WOMEN IN STATE CONFERENCES

W.A.—56th

Conference on Wed., March 29, 1961, opened in the Christian Centre with the singing of the National Anthem and prayer for the Queen and nation by Mrs. D. Manning.

The President, Mrs. J. Collins, welcomed all present. Devotional leader was Mrs. G. Ewers; Mrs. Calladine, soloiste.

Mrs. R. Johnson conducted a very helpful Obituary session, when 23 of our sisters were remembered as Mrs. Smillie placed a rose in the bowl of remembrance. Mrs. Strempel sang.

The Centre was beautifully decorated with flowers, and Mrs. Black and Mrs. Moignard were specially thanked for their work. Sisters, too, were thanked for loving messages and prayers by the President.

Roll call of churches showed that there were 298 sisters present from all parts of the State — delegates numbered 90.

Superintendents' reports showed that the work of the Committees was in good heart and had been faithfully carried out. The work of Social Service was highly recommended. This had been carried out under difficulties prior to the opening of the Centre, but is getting well under way now.

Mrs. Digwood, leader of the Nomination Committee, announced the election of officers, Mrs. J. Stewart being President for the coming year.

The afternoon session commenced with continuation of Reports — the Prayer Supt. was not continuing, and on behalf of the sisters, Mrs. Collins made a presentation to Mrs. Prosser, thanking her for her support in prayer.

The afternoon devotions were led by Mrs. L. Cooke. Greetings and telegrams were read from Conferences in other States, Women's Federal Council, and various other sisters. Mrs. R. Stanford (Harvey) was soloiste.

Mrs. Collins welcomed our special guests from kindred organisations, and Mrs. G. Smith responded on their behalf. Greetings were then given by Mrs. Jeffrey (Baptist W.M.U.), Mrs. Woodhouse (Presbyterian W.M.U.), and Mrs. Avenall (B. & F. B. S.), Mrs. Eddy (W.C.T.U.), Mrs. Baird (United Council of Christian Women) and Major O'Neill (Salvation Army). Sisters were also happy to greet Mrs. Rosie (New Zealand).

Mrs. Talbot brought the report of the Eastern Wheatbelt Women's Con-

ference, and Mrs. K. Stanford gave greetings and report from the South West Women's Conference.

Mrs. Isaac recited an appropriate poem, after which the happy ceremony of honoring veteran sisters took place, 11 of these dear sisters being present. Mesdames Brown and Dow sang a duet.

G. Smith was guest speaker for the afternoon, and his message on the Romance of Rescue Work was an inspiration and challenge to us all. Afternoon tea was then served.

Mrs. E. Black was retiring as Youth representative after 20 years of faithful service, and Mrs. Collins presented her with a marcasite brooch in appreciation. Mrs. C. Cugley also retired from the position of chief usher, and opportunity was taken to present her with a gift with love from the sisters. Mention was then made of a Visitors' Book in charge of Mrs. Cugley, and all sisters and visitors were invited to sign this.

As there was some time left before the tea break, Mrs. L. Cooke suggested sisters might like to discuss problems or give helpful ideas in connection with Fellowship meetings. This proved to be most acceptable

and the subjects discussed were most interesting and keenly delved into.

Mrs. Isaac thanked the President for her gracious leadership during the day and her year of office.

The evening meeting commenced with a bright song service conducted by J. Brown, followed by hymn and prayer by Mrs. Smillie. A welcome was extended to all, and those who had any part in making Conference so happy and successful were specially thanked. A lovely duet was rendered by Mesdms. Brigatti and Marshall. Mrs. Collins introduced the new President, Mrs. J. Stewart, who gave her motto for the year, "O, magnify the Lord with me and let us exalt his name together." The officers for the ensuing year were named, and a prayer of dedication given by Mrs. R. H. Richards.

President of General Conference, J. Collingwood, brought greetings and thanked sisters for their support.

The Bible reading was given by Mrs. R. Fallon, and Mrs. Armstrong sang.

J. E. Brooke was guest speaker, and his message on the Home of Men's Souls was an inspiration and challenge to all.—P. Reid, Sec.

Women's Day, Queensland

Sisters from as far north as Townsville and Charters Towers, and south to Southport, and west to Chinchilla, gathered together at 9.45 a.m. on Wednesday, March 22, to hear Mrs. Hoens (President) declare open this year's Women's Conference and call on Mrs. C. G. Flood (Ann-st.) to bring the Resolution of Loyalty to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

After the singing of the National Anthem, devotions were led by Mrs. Ray Veal (Townsville-Charters Towers), with Mrs. Hampson (Sunnybank) as soloiste.

Mrs. Hoens welcomed all sisters present and called on the Secretary to bring the greetings and correspondence, which included greetings from Win Beale (on furlough from New Guinea), and all our sister States, as well as Federal Women's Council.

Mesd. Harvey (Camp Hill), Nelson (Maryborough), Veal (Townsville), Woolford (Dalby) and Norling (Chinchilla) were welcomed as wives of ministers new to our State, and Mrs. Harvey responded briefly. Greetings on behalf of all country sisters were brought by Mrs. H. Finger (Toowoomba).

210 sisters from the various Fellowships responded to the Roll Call and

inter-church representatives were specially welcomed from Inter-Church Council, Methodist Women's Federation, Baptist Women's Union, Presbyterian Women's Missionary Union, Congregational, Church of England Mothers' Union, Salvation Army, National Council of Women, World Day of Prayer committee.

Reports of Fellowships were well presented by our President, asking questions of the different Fellowships with regard to their reports.

A Notice of Motion setting out the percentages for the Budget Allocations for the present year was introduced by the Secretary and seconded by Mrs. McLane. It revealed the following allocations: Home Missions, Social Service, Overseas Missions and Youth, each to receive 3/6 in £1; General Fund 5/9, and College of the Bible, 3d. in £1. Carried.

A most encouraging report of the Young Women's Fellowships was presented by their retiring President, Mrs. Finger. This showed among other things that over £90 was given to Home Missions and Youth projects for the year, and a closer bond of fellowship cemented with Women's Conference.

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INTERSTATE CHURCH NEWS

Discipleship

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Burford, Graham and Anthony, Mt. Gambier, S.A.
 Kay Scantlebury, Mrs. Gilbert, Michael Whelan, Oakleigh, Vic.
 Lorraine and Neil Walker, Shepparton, Vic.

Josephine Clarke, Janet Sonnarschenz, Marrillin Bishop, Francis Anderson, Eileen Blackmore, Laurel Cross, Veronica Milera, Barbara Henderson, Elizabeth Lansbury, Forestville, S.A.

Mrs. Watson, Inverell, N.S.W.
 Beverley Viney, North Williamstown, Vic.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Higgs, Mrs. Weight, Mr. Boota, Ray Clarke, Subiaco, W.A.

Julie Strack, Margaret Dempster, Heather Strack, Jennifer Quayle, Essendon, Vic.

Des. Smith, Terry Mannix, Robinvale, Vic.

Mrs. A. A. Thomson, Kadina, S.A.

Membership

Mr. and Mrs. R. Pitkin and Philip, Mr. and Mrs. J. Rehn and Dianne, from Maylands; Mr. and Mrs. A. Jones, from Naracoorte to Mt. Gambier, S.A.

Mr. and Mrs. Passmore, Merbein, Vic., to Clovelly Park, S.A.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Esplan, Mr. and Mrs. E. Scott, South Perth to Manning, W.A.

Mrs. Warne, Glenelg to Dulwich, S.A.

Mrs. Edwards, Bankstown to Inverell, N.S.W.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward-Smith, Albion to Boondall, Qld.

Sis. Cooper, Roma to Boondall, Qld.
 Kevin Bray, from Merredin; John Berridge, from Kalgoorlie; Helen Vincent, from Shepperton-rd., to Subiaco, W.A.

Mrs. Manton, from Maryborough; Ian Cochrane, from Gardiner, to Essendon, Vic.

Mr. and Mrs. Dow and Janet, Balwyn to Box Hill, Vic.

Mrs. Barnden, Miss Vi. Barnden, B. Barnden, Coburg to Mitcham, Vic.

Mr. and Mrs. Telfer and family, Tarpeena, S.A.

Marriage

Daphne Tuton to Keith Albury, Zillmere, Qld.

Shirley Chislett to Joe Smith, Robinvale, Vic.

Yvonne Cooper to Bruce Murray; Glenda Champion to Brian Russack, Kadina, S.A.

Fallen Asleep

H. Louey, Lygon-st., Carlton, Vic.

C. E. Larcombe, Kadina, S.A.

TASMANIA

Ulverstone (N. Reese). — B.S. picnic happy occasion. Painting of exterior of chapel completed. Working bees well attended. Three clubs, junior, inter., and senior, now in operation. Attendances for church services encouraging.

QUEENSLAND

Bundaberg (S. W. Vanham). — C.Y.F. barbecue at Elliott Heads. Y.P. attended Easter camp, Caloundra. Barolin-st. B.S. staged Easter drama prior to Easter service. Barbara Dunning and E. Muller now teaching, and Robyn Kreiger is B.S. organiste for Barolin-st. Sims-rd. screened B.S. films Easter morning. J. Wissman in hospital; N. Linderberg and Mrs. Roberts convalescing.

Kedron (J. McCormick). — W. Allen resumed as choir-master, after being disabled for many weeks. Easter attendances up on last year. W. Davidson (Rockhampton) recent guest speaker. Lorraine Slater in Princess Alexandra Hospital. Presentation made at farewell evening to Donaldson family, transferring to Melb. Church appreciated help given by Misses Wilson and D. Bailey in absence of B. Bailey (sick). Y.P. attended Easter camp, Caloundra.

Stafford (C. J. Williams). — Batchelor family moved to Mt. Mee (Qld). Mrs. Dorreboom elected pres. C.W.F., Mrs. Clarke sec., Mrs. McDonald, treas.

Mr. Kerr (Presby.) spoke at youth tea. Sympathy of church extended to Mr. Perkins in loss of brother. Easter services well attended.

Boondall - Zillmere - Redcliffe (D. H. Paddon). — Redcliffe B.S. anniversary (Mrs. H. Wiltshire, guest speaker) great success; children's singing led by Sis. Neil, Fletcher and Brown. Church extends sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Paddon on Home call of Mr. Paddon, snr. Mr. Paddon flew to Sydney for funeral. Mr. Van-Laar and Judy Boettcher slowly recovering from accidents; David Chalmers back to work after five weeks' absence through injured hand. Men's Society has commenced training classes for presidents, readers and helpers at morning services; Mr. Paddon, leader. Mr. Kemp leader of Men's Society. Extra seating required on occasion of combined Boys' Brigade and Life Boys' parade at Boondall a.m. service. Girls' club entering in church competition.

Maryborough (D. G. Nelson). — Annual business meeting elected elders: Messrs. Popp, Oakley, Bauenfeind, Dau; deacons: Messrs. J. Deutschmann, Clow, Brooks, Stewart, Bell, Heitman. Camp site acquired, Hervey Bay. Y.P. work is growing; screening of *Story of Ruth* attracted 65. Dedication service for parents in respect of 2 infants conducted Apr. 16. Mr. and Mrs. Oakley withdrew from B.S. work at Baddow; Mr. and Mrs. D. Stewart fill vacancy.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Midland Junction (E. B. Clapp). — M. Lindsay (South Perth) a.m. speaker, Mar. 26. Basket lunch held in church hall after service, so that distant members could attend Conference Sermon in Perth. Youth tea, 16th, addressed by V. Nainby (Bellevue Baptist).

Subiaco (G. Smith). — Ten received into fellowship. 190 at gospel service, 9th. Period of counselling on problems and difficulties commenced in gospel service. *Friendly Messenger*, edited weekly by minister, printed by Mr. and Mrs. Spreadborough. C.W.F. donated £130 towards new hall kitchen. Ladies visit Home of Peace monthly and assist in canteen at Perth Chest Hospital and Claremont Mental Hospital. C.M.S. donated £88 to new Hall Fund from talent boxes. C.E. conducts gospel services at Home of Peace, also raising funds for chapel furnishings at Carnarvon

and extensions of hospital in New Hebrides. B.S. increasing under leadership of H. Vawser. At Women's Day of Conference, Sis. A. Black presented with brooch in appreciation of 20 years' active service for youth work in churches.

South Perth (H. R. Fitch). — New chapel building well advanced. Church transferred several families to new Manning church: Mrs. Bearsby (foundation member), Mr. and Mrs. John Wesley, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Scott. Visitors have included Mr. and Mrs. W. Bailey and family (Leicester, Eng.) and K. Jenner (Vic.). Members farewelled Mr. and Mrs. Heiduk, visiting Europe. Messrs. Lindsay, Stephenson and E. C. Smith addressed meetings during minister's mission work in S.A. W. Samuels is chairman of Official Board; L. Hicks, sec., and K. Ballentine, treas.

Kalgoorlie (F. H. Griffiths). — Monthly feature of gospel services is youth leading. Youth tea also held supervised by selected married couple. B.S. making solid progress, with formation of adult class. J.C.E., under joint leadership of Misses J. Wishart and S. Brazier. Envoy Cooke and V. Smythe have been a.m. speakers. Transfer of Mr. and Mrs. Tinetti to Perth regretted. Appreciation of their services expressed at farewell gathering.

Morawa (G. Powell). — On youth night several Y.P. took part. Local and Wubin Y.P. commenced monthly service at Perenjori on Apr. 9; some local people present, Arthur Harris (Wubin) speaking. Kevin Wornes and Ted. Watson elected deacons to fill Board vacancies. Helen Carslake left for Vic. to further nursing career. Lorraine Evans returned home after nursing in Vic., Elma Heier is at Bruce Rock Hospital. G. A. Carslake returned home after illness in Perth. Mrs. Powell recovered after surgery.

North Perth (E. C. Ots). — Harvest Thanksgiving, Apr. 9. C.Y.F. attended Operation First, Subiaco. C.E. held junior rally, 14th. Youth service on 2nd; addresses given by D. Mayer, J. Stephens, J. Moyle. Boys' Brigade visited City fire station. C.W.F. held cottage meeting at home of Mrs. York. Sympathy extended to loved ones of Julie Moyle. Mrs. K. Roberts out of hospital. A. Pyne, R. Marshall, G. Ewers, F. Stephenson, speakers during minister's vacation.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Burwood (A. G. Elliott, M.A., Ph.D.). — Adult Christian Education continues helpful. Nearly 50 Y.P. at youth tea and service, held Apr. 9. R. Isbister (Woolwich) speaker. Annual business meeting elected: S. Laney,

P. H. Morton, H. B. Palmer, W. Small, W. D. Smith, R. H. Wakeley, A. Wilson (elders); P. Chipperfield, A. Fox, M. Gray, E. Leach, A. Morris, W. Stow, R. D. Wakeley (deacons). Meeting paid tribute to N. H. Somerville, resigned as sec. after 12 years' service. B.S. picnic held at Northmead.

Inverell (G. H. Earle). — Woman made decision, a.m., Apr. 9, baptism at gospel service. B.S. picnic on 8th on J. Jackson's property, on MacIntyre River.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Clovelly Park (J. E. Webb). — Visiting speakers during minister's vacation were D. Fitzgerald, N. Kingston, N. Oxenbury, C. Pederick (B. & F. B. S.), A. Ingham, H. Walmsley (Mission to Lepers). Members enjoyed visit from Miss Bulpitt (Borneo Evangelical Mission) at midweek meeting. B. Bowden (Hawthorn) spoke to Y.P.C.E., Apr. 7. C.W.F. meeting elected pres., Mrs. H. Steward; vice-pres., Mrs. Kruger, Mrs. Western; sec., Mrs. Curtis; treas., Mrs. Brand. At C.W.F. birthday on 11th, G. Mathieson gave illustrated talk on Edinburgh Convention. G.L.B. recommenced under leadership of Mrs. D. Hunt and Mrs. S. Page.

Dulwich (G. Hearn). — C.M.S. addressed by Dr. Crowley (Adelaide University and A.B.C. news commentator) and A. Wilson (returned Methodist missionary). Church forwarded £92 to Inter-Church Aid (£67 Christmas Bowl, £25 Congo Relief). Weeknight services, communion service Thursday, and combined Good Friday service at Rose Park Congregational marked Easter.

Forestville (A. E. Brown). — Attendances well maintained during interim ministry. Av. March attendance, 111. 9 additions by faith and baptism recently. C.W.F. 2nd birthday, Apr. 6. Good Friday service had 101 communicants. Y.P.S.C.E. visited Jewish synagogue. Mr. Archbold (Sudan United Mission) showed slides at after-church fellowship.

Mount Gambier (R. V. Holmes). — Baptism of two teenage boys and parents, with two by transfer, brings membership to 51. Mission with E. P. C. Holland and K. D. Horne arranged. Committee appointed to commence C.M.S. Many visitors present over Easter; 69 broke bread for day.

Prospect (S. Neighbour, B.A.). — Family School well established, with increased attendance at 10 a.m. communion services and at B.S., 11.10 a.m. Gospel services have also increased in numbers. At meeting of Officers' Board, Youth Director made suggestions for future programme of Family School; also work of Y.P. C. Hughes (Temperance Alliance) addressed a.m.

service, 9th. Mrs. Green and Mrs. Trevor Turner, guest speakers at C.W.F.

Tarpeena (R. V. Holmes). — Telfer family welcomed by transfer. Mr. Telfer joined B.S. staff; Judith Telfer, kinder, teacher and church organist. B.S. av. attendance March, 59.

Bordertown (F. Langford). — B.S. anniversary, Mar. 19; R. Holmes (Mt. Gambier) guest speaker. B.S. picnic held at McGrice's sandhills. D. K. Beiler (Conf. Pres.) speaker at a.m. service, 9th. C.Y.F. "Flying Squad" (Adelaide) visited weekend, 16th. Film, *The Gates of Glory*, screened at after-church fellowship.

Kadina (M. T. Lawrie). — Services well attended. B.S. av., 90. C.Y.F. very active. C.M.S. pres., Eric Oliver. Lady made decision on 2nd. Church suffered loss of C. E. Larcombe and sympathy goes to his wife and daughter. C.Y.F. sponsored Town Hall screening of *Souls in Conflict*; attendance was 250.

VICTORIA

Shepparton (T. A. Fergusson). — Several visitors welcomed recently. Two B.S. scholars made decision and were baptised, Apr. 9. Keen interest shown in "Give a thousand (farthings)" appeal, launched for new Building Fund; Progress Board stands at £1,638. Church appreciates *Youth Times*, published by Y.P. monthly.

Wangaratta (A. E. Stevens). — F. Beale's visit and New Guinea pictures enjoyed. Y.P. joined various camps at Easter. District leaders' C.E. training camp held at Cheshunt. Film, *Black Gold of New Guinea*, shown to Good Companions and others on 5th. On 8th, Explorers travelled to Melbourne for swimming carnival; good performances. Church reviewed Budget on 14th; R. Bartlett elected B.S. supt.

Malvern (G. J. Crossman). — Mar. 26, 85 present at pre-Easter service. Av. morning attendance, 70. Recent night soloists, Cliff Heywood, Jean Milne, Les Stewart, Ron Lang. Church finances healthy. A. Gray elected treas. Prayer meeting changed to Wed. nights, to enable C.Y.F. to meet on Fridays; about 10 attend this society each week. Explorers took part in swimming sports, Richmond Baths, under leadership of Robert Pfeifer. Over 20 boys now attend each week. L. Finger has returned from hospital; and Mrs. Flatman and Doris leave on overseas trip.

Doncaster (C. G. Taylor, B.A.). — Over 100 communion Good Friday. C.W.A.F. and W.C.T.U. resumed. A.m. attendances growing. C.M.S. enjoyed Mr. Cresswell, discussing T.V., 13th. Work begun on improving chapel frontage. On 17th, choir held successful practice at home of leader, G. H. Tully.

Mitcham (K. Bowes, B.A.). — April is fellowship month, families inviting another family to their homes. Chapel filled for morning services; extra seating purchased; chapel renovated. 24 at C.M.S. tea, 16th. Combined after-church rally conducted by B. and F. B. S.

Balwyn (J. E. Brooke). — B.S. picnic, Ferny Creek, well attended. Auxiliaries working well. C.W.F. "Hostess Day" in aid of new manse. Joan Turnham and Jessie Smith now nursing in Canada. Church delighted to have Mr. and Mrs. Kelly home from U.S.A.

Essendon (V. Quayle). — W. A. Thompson (Pres.-elect, Conference) spoke a.m., church anniversary. N. Hutton, G. Strack, J. Strack, J. Hemsley re-elected deacons for 2 years. Mr. and Mrs. Beale gave illustrated talk, 29th. C.M.S. arranged church picnic at Riddell. A. E. White (Nth. Essendon) addressed their meeting on 9th. Officers and wives entertained older members and friends of church at evening, 11th. Miss D. Cornelius (missionary, Japan) spoke to C.W.F.

Lygon-st., Carlton (R. J. Duckett). — Sympathy expressed to relatives of late H. Louey and T. Haines. Miss A. Craigie now residing at Emmaus. Mrs. H. Swain gave talk on overseas tour at W.M.B. Attendances well maintained; 82 at gospel service, 9th. Young woman confessed Christ on 16th. Mrs. O'Malley recovered from sickness; Mr. Mitchell home after surgery. Minister giving lunch-hour talks at Hawthorn Gospel Centre and speaking on radio session, Green Pastures.

Surrey Hills (R. A. Ryall). — B.S. picnic at Kalorama. "A" grade tennis team successful in summer comps., winning new Eddie Dicken's Memorial Shield. Explorers successful in winning swimming championship on 8th. F. Beale spoke at evening service on 9th, and showed N.G. films to combined after-church fellowship. Church mourns loss of loved sec., J. T. Haines. L. Ramsbottom is new sec.



DENICE MAREE COMBRIDGE.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Combridge on the birth of a little daughter, Denice Maree, on April 8. Mr. and Mrs. Combridge return to the New Hebrides with their two little girls on May 30. The people on Maewo will be thrilled to have another white child living amongst them.

BIRTHS

RICHARDSON (nee Hobbs). — To Gaylene and Jack, on Mar. 31, 1961, at Devonport, Tasmania, a daughter — Bronwyn Anne.



(Notes supplied by R. S. McLean.)

NEW GUINEA NEWS

Latest reports from New Guinea indicate that Miss Draney is making good progress at the Lutheran Mission Hospital at Madang. Miss Draney received a nasty leg injury when travelling to Madang to consult Dr. Stanhope. The school children at Tung are anxiously waiting for Alleen to return. They have written to her saying they were "sorry too much" and "Please, Miss Draney when your sore is dry, come back quickly."

From hospital, Miss Draney wrote, "I have written enough about my sickness and accident, you will be more interested in news from Tung. School has settled in and is going smoothly. I am sad to say I have lost the five boys from Giri 2. This is a Roman Catholic village about three-quarters of an hour's walk away. Two of the boys have been coming to school since just after school started, and the other three were new boys this year. The Roman Catholics have been waking up and the priest has been speaking to the boys and they will only say they have been 'washed' by the priest and so have to go to his school. The boys are afraid, and although they say they do not want to leave school, they have left. Speaking with their parents, there is not one parent who wants his boy to leave school at Tung, but he, too, is powerless. Pray that the youngsters of Tung will be a witness.

"The younger ones have settled down and seem to be enjoying school. Betty Anderson wrote the other day that she had some of them in school looking at some books, and she writes, 'Kunaram and a couple of the older ones wanted to draw on the blackboard so I let them. I got quite a surprise when I turned around and saw what they had done. There were sums, copies of odd pictures and, I noticed with interest, all the points of the compass, then names of places around here. They were really good.'

"So you can see they love school and are remembering a little of what is taught.

"I have a hand sewing machine and have started to teach one of the boys to use it. When I got it out for the first time most of the children crowded around to see it, some even standing on the desks. Those on the desks were called Zacchaeus by the others.

"I have started to go down to the village each night just on dusk, to have an evening prayer with the children. Most of the children come along and some of the adults come regularly. We have a prayer, a talk (generally accompanied with a picture) and another prayer.

"In addition, Betty and I have a little C.E. group of a Sunday afternoon. Again, most of the children come along and again most of the adults. Our aim is to get the children taking part and leading their own meeting. One day each was given a sentence prayer, and all except one boy took part. Small beginnings, like the mustard seed, but pray for a great harvest.

"Again, Betty writes of the last meeting, 'I had quite a number at C.E. I took my pictures of the trial, crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension. Before showing the pictures and giving the talk, I read about two chapters of Mark on the crucifixion. You wouldn't believe it, but there was hardly a murmur as I read, and then when I came to tell the story and show the pictures they all came and stood around and really appeared to take everything in. After the meeting they all came and asked me to show them the pictures again. They stood and looked at them for ages, and also quite a few of the adults. One old man seemed quite moved and kept on sighing and saying to the others that the woman at the foot of the cross was 'sorry too much.'

"Please pray that results will come from these and everything that is done here in New Guinea."

BACK TO RANWADI.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwards leave for their second term of service at Ranwadi, on Pentecost, in the New Hebrides, on May 2. Mr. Edwards spent three months of his furlough studying linguistics at the Summer Institute of Linguistics at Belgrave Heights. Concerning this he writes, "I feel I have learned how to learn a native language from an informant. As I return to the field my desire is to be able to preach to our people in their own language. This will not be easy to achieve and I would value your prayers in this matter."

Seventy boys and girls are anxiously waiting the return of these missionaries. Some of the older lads from Ranwadi, having passed an entrance examination, commence studies at Londua this year.

IN MEMORIAM

BURTT. — In loving memory of our dear husband and father, Fred. T. Burtt, who was called Home, Apr. 25, 1957. Always remembered and sadly missed by his loving wife and family, Devonport, Tas., Victor Harbour, Strathalbyn, S.A.

HINRICHSSEN. — Cherished memories of our kind and loving Doctor, who was called to a Higher service on Apr. 30, 1960. Sadly missed.
— Inserted by Mrs. Holyoak and family.

COMING EVENTS

COLLINGWOOD (Vic.) SPECIAL HOMECOMING SERVICES, Sunday, April 30. 11 a.m., Morning Worship Service. Guest Speaker: T. A. Fitzgerald; former members occupying platform. Soloists: Mrs. Maddern. 1 p.m., Lunch provided. Afternoon: free to enable members and friends to attend Conference Sermon. 5.15 p.m., Tea. 7 p.m., Gospel Service. Speaker: S. Wilkerson. Music by C.E. Quartet. Former members and visitors welcome.

BOX HILL (Vic.) 50th JUBILEE. Homecoming and Thanksgiving, Sunday, May 7. Speakers: 11 a.m., A. E. White, B.A.; 7 p.m., K. J. Clinton, B.A., B.D., Dip.R.E.; 2.45 p.m., Pageant Historical Exhibition. Challenge of the Future, Sunday, May 14. Speakers, 11 a.m., R. C. Bolduan; 7 p.m., W. A. Wigney. Meetings every night between these dates. For details contact church secretary. Let us know your address if you have not received your invitation.

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Thurs., April 27—

3 p.m. At Centre, Preachers' Session. Guest Speaker: G. H. Gunson.

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7.30 p.m. Speaker: L. A. Trezise, B.A., "A World Look at Our Witness."

Departmental Focus: Christian Union and Literature.

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Qld. Women's Conf.

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The various Superintendents presented their reports, commenting on highlights of their work. All reports revealed progress and consecrated service. Mrs. Parkinson spoke in appreciation of the work of C.F.A., and Mrs. Draney brought a brief report from the ladies' committee for Mylo House, Toowoomba.

Mrs. Chalmers, who retired as Prayer Meeting supt., was commended for her excellent leadership through 11 years.

The Treasurer's balance sheet, presented by Mrs. Smith, showed a most satisfactory year of service, when over £550 was given by women through the Budget alone. Mrs. Flood commended the Treasurer on a job well done.

Mrs. Haigh presented the Secretary's report on the year's activities and was thanked for her work by the President, Mrs. Hoens.

At this time, Mrs. Hoens introduced the incoming President, Mrs. Finger, and presented her with the President's Bible to be used by her during her term of office.

Mrs. Finger then replied, pledging herself in service for the cause of Christ among the women of Queensland. She then presented Mrs. Hoens with a gift on behalf of all sisters associated with Conference, expressing grateful thanks for her devotion and wonderful leadership to the Women's Conference during her two years of office. Mrs. Hoens responded, thanking all sisters. She hoped they would give the same co-operation to the incoming President.

V. Parker, President of General Conference, was then welcomed and brought greetings, after which the new officers were charged and dedicated in prayer by Mr. Parker.

Mrs. Parkinson (Camp Hill) brought forward a suggestion to Conference that a Home for unmarried mothers be considered. After much discussion it was moved that this Conference direct the incoming Executive to go into this matter of establishing a Home for unmarried mothers, and that each Fellowship be contacted and report back to the Executive, the matter then to be brought back to Conference next year.

Luncheon was enjoyed by all at the close of the morning meeting.

The afternoon session opened with a short obituary service, conducted by Mrs. H. Payne, Obituary Supt. The Scripture lesson was then read by Mrs. H. Horne, newly-elected Y.W.F. President, and a solo beautifully sung by Mrs. C. Wheat (Kingaroy). Our guest speaker, Mrs. Agnes Spalding,

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holidaying from one of our English churches, brought a very informative message on women's work in England. Mrs. Burdeu also brought to us briefly some delightful "tit-bits" from World Convention (Edinburgh), and after a comprehensive vote of thanks from Mrs. W. Cobine, Sunnybank (Vice-President), our closing hymn was sung, and another Conference day came to a close.

At the special Women's Rally in the evening, held in conjunction with General Conference, Mrs. Hoens presided and introduced the Young Women's Fellowship, who beautifully presented a most challenging tableau on service. The theme for the whole day was Christ's Unchanging Consecration to Service.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mrs. W. Finger (Annerley); Vice-Presidents, Mrs. W. Cobine (Sunnybank), Mrs. G. V. Haigh (Kedron); Secretary, Mrs. G. V. Haigh (Kedron); Treasurer, Mrs. S. Smith (Albion); Asst. Treasurer, Mrs. H. W. Wiltshire (Albion).—Ruby M. Haigh, Sec.

OBITUARY

Dorothy Elizabeth Lehmann.

The church at Reservoir, Vic., was shocked with sadness at the sudden passing of our sister, D. E. Lehmann, on March 15, at the early age of thirty-six years. She had grown up in the church at Reservoir, having attended B.S., C.E. and P.B.P. She was baptised when eleven, and became an active member, serving for several years as a B.S. teacher until her marriage. For some time until her death, our sister was a keen worker in C.W.F. She leaves a husband and six children, including a new babe. Her Christian influence could be seen in the lives of her young family. Services were conducted at the funeral parlor and at the Fawkner Crematorium. The sympathy of the church is extended to her husband and children, and to her mother, father and brother, who are faithful members of the church at Reservoir, and to all others of her loved ones.—F. B. Alcorn.

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