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Federal Conference Notes

Stanton H. Wilson, Federal Sec.

EXECUTIVE MEETING.

It was a pleasure to have the Federal President (K. G. Mundy) present at a recent meeting of the Federal Executive. The brethren also welcomed Dr. Trevor Turner (Vice-President from Adelaide) and F. L. Ewers, newly-appointed proxy for R. Raymond (Vice-President in Perth).

Leave of absence until December next was granted B. F. Huntsman, on the eve of a world tour. Good wishes were expressed and he was asked to convey greetings from the Australian brotherhood to churches and conventions abroad.

The Secretary reported that on a private visit to S.A., he had conferred in Adelaide on World Convention affairs. He had also had interviews with R. Raymond (Vice-Pres. in W.A.) when in Melbourne en route from Canberra to Perth; with Dr. A. G. Elliott (Vice-Pres. in N.S.W.) during a mission in Victoria; with D. Mansell (H.M. Organiser, Qld.) while on a visit to Melbourne, and also with S. Moignard (chairman, Board of Officers, Canberra church) while in Melbourne.

FEDERAL HOME MISSIONS.

Townsville - Charters Towers reports that Mr. and Mrs. R. Veal, assisted by D. Thoday (Mackay), conducted a young people's camp on Magnetic Island. Ten campers came forward for decision and re-consecration. R. Veal is editing a local church paper.

Mackay church regrets receiving the resignation (for health reasons) of D. Thoday from this centre. The

work is progressing steadily and the ministry of Mr. and Mrs. Thoday has been appreciated. Negotiations are under way to secure a successor.

The Canberra church continues to make encouraging progress. Increased attendances on Sundays are reported, and, consistent service is being rendered through all auxiliaries. A strong witness is being made in the community.

The Federal Executive appreciates the promptness with which a very high percentage of churches through-



K. G. Mundy, Federal President.

out the Commonwealth have responded to the annual appeal for support for Federal Home Missions. We express our thanks to church secretaries and church treasurers in this regard.

WORLD CONVENTION.

I. J. Chivell has been appointed Secretary-Treasurer of the Seventh World Convention Committee located in Adelaide. Sir Philip Messent is the Chairman. R. P. Morris (Melbourne) has been appointed convener of a Special Australian Finance Committee and Principal E. L. Williams is a member of the Central Study Committee.

PROXIES.

The following have been appointed proxies for the respective Federal Vice-Presidents: G. J. Andrews for J. McCormick, Qld.; R. V. Amos for Dr. A. G. Elliott, N.S.W.; W. J. Thomson for B. J. Golder, Tas.; J. Turner for Dr. T. Turner, S.A.; and F. L. Ewers for R. Raymond, W.A.

VARIOUS.

The Secretary sent an expression of sympathy to The Administrator of the Commonwealth (Sir Dallas Brooks) on the occasion of his recent sudden and serious illness. The good wishes of the members of Churches of Christ in Australia were courteously acknowledged by His Excellency's Private Secretary.

Each State Executive has been invited to appoint a Transport Officer to whom appropriate communications regarding next Federal Conference may be directed.

Hymns by R. T. Pittman and the late Alan Price were submitted by the Hymn Book Committee for use by the East Asian Christian Conference.

Certain documents of historical interest have been given by the Federal Executive to the Churches of Christ Historical Society.

Copies of the Federal Constitution, as amended at Perth in 1960, have been printed and supplies sent to each State Executive.

State Executives have unanimously agreed to the amount of £300 being the allocation for ongoing commitments.

The United Chaplaincy Board, which has hitherto represented Churches of Christ, Baptist and Congregational Churches and the Salvation Army, now includes Lutheran Churches.

The Hobart Committee is making thorough preparations for the next Federal Conference to be held in their very lovely city, Oct. 9-16, next year. People wishing to attend are already making application. It promises to be a great gathering of our people.



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NOTES FROM THE READINGS

As Suggested for

Sunday, July 2

ISAIAH 1: 1-20.

These verses present a tragic indictment of Israel in its infidelity and ingratitude towards God, and the consequent judgment which has overwhelmed the land. The people are called to forgiveness through repentance and changed lives.

"nourished and brought up children" (v. 2). — Note the tender intimacy in this lament of a Father over his faithless children.

"Holy One of Israel" (v. 5). — A favorite phrase of Isaiah's, recalling the impact made by the holiness of God in the vision which marked the prophet's call.

"daughter of Zion is left as a cottage" (v. 8). — This is a picturesque comparison for "Jerusalem, watching over her desolated environment. To keep off thieves, it was customary to erect in the fields a frail structure on poles, and there sat the farmer, in most uncomfortable pose, watching all night over his cabbages" (Rogers).

"it is iniquity, even the solemn meeting" (v. 13). — Note R.S.V.: "I cannot endure iniquity and solemn assembly."

"if ye refuse" (v. 20). — "God cannot forgive an unrepentant people" (Kilpatrick). "The modern interpretation of v. 18 as an unconditional promise of forgiveness is out of keeping with Isaiah's teaching" (Scott).

PHILIPPIANS 1: 1-18.

In affectionate style, Paul follows his opening greetings with thanksgiving and prayer, and some encouraging comments on his own situation in prison.

"saints in Christ Jesus" (v. 1). — "Saints in the sense that as Christians they were set apart from other men and dedicated to the new life" (Scott).

"bishops and deacons" (v. 1). — "Superintendents and assistants" (Goodspeed). "The words are plastic and indefinite, implying little of their later signification" (Robertson).

"perform it" (v. 6). — "Bring it to completion" (R.S.V.).

"in the bowels of Jesus Christ" (v. 8). — "With the deep yearning of Christ Jesus himself" (N.E.B.).

"preach Christ of contention" (v. 16). — "Proclaim Christ out of partisanship" (R.S.V.); "present Christ from mixed motives" (N.E.B.); "for their own ends" (Goodspeed).

Dedication to Christian Citizenship

I do not think we can take to ourselves any greater text from the Word of God to suit this occasion than Paul's words in Rom. 12: 1, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." For, as time marches on, the important occasion which we have been celebrating will become more important. You are the pioneers of a great step forward, that of local government.

But those others, those who pioneered the district, who came here so long ago, brought their faith with them. Many of them were very poor, for it took a long time to clear the heavily timbered country and plant and produce. Members of the Church of Christ built themselves a wattle and daub chapel on Nelson's Hill. For seats they had rough-hewn slabs. By it they had a water-hole, and there the late Harry Lacey and others were baptised. That was about 1875.

No longer are the Croydon people directly dependent upon the production of the soil for their living. But the work of production must go on—the work of producing good citizens of this and every generation.

DEDICATION.

This time should be, therefore, a dedication of ourselves, for if history teaches one thing it is that the greatest and most lasting conquests are those where people first gave themselves to the Lord.

One of the greatest speeches of the English-speaking world was that of Abraham Lincoln at the cemetery at Gettysburg. In that address of 271 words, the word "dedication" occurs, again and again, and is varied with the words "devotion" and "consecrated." It is only by dedication to the highest and noblest ideals that that "government of the people, by the people, for the people" can ever be accomplished.

It is a sad commentary on our democracy that pressure can too often be brought to bear upon some good man, or men, to further the interests of a trade group whose business may be detrimental to the welfare of the people in general. It will be remembered that Peter Marshall's preaching saved Senator Harding from doing such a thing. It may be that almost a whole community can be misled on some such issue.

When Jesus went into the Gadara, he was met by a man possessed of devils. He lived in tombs. His hair

Sermon preached by **WILKIE J. THOMSON** during united service, May 28, to mark **CROYDON, Vic.**, becoming a Shire, with its own Council.

was matted and unkempt. His naked body was covered with bloody scars where he had cut himself with sharp stones. Shackles could not hold him. Christ cast the devils from him, and the herd of swine into which they went ran down in their madness and were drowned in the sea. That was what the devils that had possessed the man could do to a herd of swine. But what was the result? The mayor and councillors and all the people came and besought Jesus to depart from their country. What was the life and health and happiness of a man compared with their possessions! Let the man live in his madness but don't interfere with our pigs! And so they told Christ, the lover of men, Christ the compassionate one, Christ the righteous one of God to "Get out."

We must dedicate ourselves to the task of building a good community.

You may say, and perhaps rightly so, "This is a good community."

I know of no fairer place for a community to dwell in than in this suburb. And yet "fair gardens do not always make fair souls." The story of Lot and his choice of the well-watered south land, and of the corruption and vice of the cities there, is some proof of the adage. And so, it must be remembered that every generation must learn the art of good citizenship.

THE BIBLE'S PLACE.

It was both refreshing and comforting to hear, when new councillors were presented with the Bibles upon which they were to take their oath of office, "These are not given to take your oath upon and to be put away upon a shelf and forgotten, but to be read and used constantly." And to hear the new President say, "Without this book I could not do what I have done, or hope to do."

If you have ever read the dedication of the Authorised Version then you will recall these words within it:

"But among all our joys, there was none that more filled our hearts than the blessed preaching of God's Word among us; which is that inestimable treasure, which excelleth all the riches of the earth; because the

fruit thereof extendeth itself, not only to the time spent in this transitory world, but directeth and disposeth men unto that eternal happiness which is above heaven."

There is no greater basis for our community life than the will of God as revealed in his Word. It impels us to recognise the sanctity of life, not only to do ourselves no harm but to go far beyond that and be a help to others, and to know that righteousness exalteth a people. We can never ask with Cain, "Am I my brother's keeper?", but know that we must use sound sense and place a fence around the top of the cliff rather than an ambulance down in the valley, for prevention is far better than cure. "Woe unto those by whom offences come and who cause others to stumble," said Jesus.

"God give us men! — determined, brave and strong

Who stand for Right and dare to smite the Wrong,

Wholehearted men — unselfish, fearless, bold —

Whose love of Truth outweighs the greed for gold.

Devoted men who think and pray and plan

How best to serve and help their fellow man."

SIDE BY SIDE.

Furthermore, we must unite in every good work and stand side by side in every matter that affects one or all.

A few years ago I re-visited the Preston River Valley in the South-West of W.A. A short time before that a little boy had been lost there. The whole of the State's resources were thrown into the search. Oil companies, air services, anything that anyone had to offer were given to help in the search. It was the greatest effort ever made in the Southern Hemisphere and possibly in the world, to save a small child, but the boy was not found. The hundreds upon hundreds of searchers were recalled and the organisers said, "If we are to find this boy we must march shoulder to shoulder." This was done, but, alas, too late to save the child's life. If only they had gone shoulder to shoulder at the first!

Every good cause, every moral issue, every righteous claim demands that we now stand shoulder to shoulder to preserve all that is greatest and noblest in our democracy for the generations still unborn.



(Notes supplied by R. S. A. McLean).

The Back Verandah

Marcia Eagling, Aoba, New Hebrides.

Eleven pairs of eyes peer at the blackboard, eleven pairs of feet shuffle under their seats, and eleven pairs of hands write frantically on exercise books. School is in, and the senior girls enjoy every minute of it — except arithmetic.

From Tuesday to Friday, the back verandah of our home at Ndui Ndui is a beehive of activity, as eleven young women don their "thinking caps" and try to learn English, arithmetic, Bible, writing and geography. These girls come from the villages of Nanarko, Navitora, Navuti and Natalu, which are a few minutes' walk from our home at Ndui Ndui.

Because of the increase in numbers at the school we had no room for the girls in our existing school buildings. We moved them to an old tool shed at the back of our home, but found that this arrangement would not work. Our back verandah was the next logical choice, and at the moment it is working out very well.

As we see everything, there were three reasons for moving the girls on to the back verandah. The first was the lack of seating space and teaching room in the existing buildings. We have seven grades being taught at the moment. Grades One to Four are at the old school buildings, and Grades Five to Seven are on the back verandah. The second was the enthusiastic response by all the men on the church council, who much prefer the separation of the senior girl students from the boys. The third reason is that little baby girls need attention and care, especially when they are only three months' old. However, Donna, with all her "lack of understanding" at this stage, fits into the scheme very well.

This is the first year that girls have commenced Grade Seven. There are two girls in this Grade and both will have opportunity for further training after this year. In the past, all the girls have done only a few years' schooling and then have "dropped out" because of the lack of an apparent future in Girls' Education, aside from a few positions available in village teaching and nursing training. In the last few years, however, the way has opened throughout the New Hebrides for an advanced Girls' Education. These two young women in Grade Seven

will have reached the required standard by the end of this year to attend the new Teachers' Training College, opening in Vila in Feb., 1962. This college is to be built by the British Administration during this year, at the cost of £106,000.

Throughout the school week there are many special activities in the school time-table. Every morning, from Tuesday to Friday, is devoted to normal studies. On Tuesday afternoons, however, we have a handicraft class, in which at present the girls are weaving baskets. This lesson was introduced as many of the girls were losing the art of fine weaving.

Wednesday afternoons see the girls playing basketball and baseball on the Mission property, and the boys playing their form of soccer on the football field. They all love their sport afternoon.

On Thursday afternoons, different leaders are chosen, and a Girls' Fellowship is conducted. This is carried out entirely amongst the class members, with only a little help and direction when needed. It is wonderful to hear the girls singing praises to our Lord and speaking words from the Bible. We believe that some of these girls have had a real experience with their Lord and Saviour.

Friday afternoon is the work afternoon. The whole school comes to the Mission, bringing their long knives to use in a great variety of jobs — from cutting grass to building fences. Much work can be done when using 100 children for two hours. Just recently, on one of these work afternoons, all the little boys from Grade One crowded around me as I prepared to plant seeds in our garden. They helped me to plant spinach, melons, tomatoes and pumpkins. As each package was opened the boys echoed my words: "tomatoes," "spinach," "melons," but when we came to "pumpkins" they all said, "Bump-a-kins" — no amount of encouragement could get them to say anything but this apparently new variety of Aoban vegetable. One of these little boys is called Timothy. He doesn't have to come to school as he is not old enough, but all his playmates made a general "exodus" from his village, and came to school this year. He bravely followed them, sitting in a small space of seat and following their every activity. At first he just sat and listened, deriving great pleasure from being in the company of his "mates" in a new "adventure";

occasionally he spoke in oral English (his first real effort), but now he has his own scribbling book and is trying very hard to hold a pencil correctly. August Ben teaches Timothy, along with twenty-five other little boys and girls.

It is wonderful to be able to help these young people in schooling, in their every-day problems, and especially to lead them to a knowledge of, and saving faith in, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Zella Nixon explains best our feelings as we work amongst these young people here on Aoba:

"O innocent child with questioning gaze,

Before whom life's path seems a difficult maze,

Safe, safe you may travel, secure from the start,

If you will keep hiding God's Word in your heart."



Unity With Baptists

A. C. Caldicott, Geelong, Vic.

The publication of The New English Bible has surely made it possible for renewed efforts of unity between the immersionist groups, viz., Churches of Christ and Baptists.

Hitherto in all discussions the major obstacle has been differing attitudes of both groups relating to the importance of baptism — Churches of Christ maintaining that such an ordinance is included in the plan of salvation (faith, repentance, confession and baptism), whilst on the other hand Baptists make it somewhat optional for the Christian, but most necessary for church membership.

The New English Bible unquestionably identifies baptism as part of the plan of salvation. Previously Baptists have explained away Acts 2: 38, stating that "for the remission of sins" meant "because of sins already forgiven" (this despite the fact that such translation never applied to Matt. 26: 28). However, in the new edition of the Bible we have the statement definitely given as "Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus the Messiah, for the forgiveness of your sins." Surely if it had meant "because of sins already forgiven" it would have been stated thus.

Baptists can well rethink, together with Churches of Christ, the following texts related to the ordinance of baptism, viz.,

Acts 22: 16, "Be baptised at once, with invocation of his name, and wash away your sins."

Romans 6: 3, 4, "Have you forgotten that when we were baptised into union with Christ Jesus we were baptised into his death? By baptism

we were buried with him, and lay dead, in order that as Christ was raised from the dead in the splendor of the Father, so also we might set our feet upon the new path of life."

A note on Romans 6. — The saving blood of Christ was shed in his death, and there is no better opportunity of the believer appropriating such than by entering the death of Christ through baptism. Note the text says we "lay dead." Such could not be if sins were already remitted.

I Peter 3: 21, "This water prefigured the water of baptism through which you are now brought to safety. Baptism is not the washing away of bodily pollution, but the appeal made to God by a good conscience; and it brings salvation through the resurrection of Jesus Christ."

John 3: 5, "Jesus answered, 'In truth I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born from water and spirit.'"

Note on John 3. — The age-old argument that water meant the Word of God has been shattered by this rendition, and also by that of Ephesians 5: 25-27.

Mark 16: 16, "Those who believe it and receive baptism will find salvation; those who do not believe will be condemned."

Note on Mark 16. — The contention that the latter part of this chapter is not to be found in original mss. has made no impression on the translators to leave it out, nor can we in preaching.

Immersionists can well rejoice that texts relating to baptism in The New

English Bible have more than fulfilled their hopes and expectations. Now is the opportunity to put to one side "man's interpretation" and allow the Word of God to speak for itself. The New English Bible affords a new approach to this matter of Christian union. Can Churches of Christ meet the challenge?

With due respect to the foregoing it must be clearly understood Churches of Christ firmly acknowledge that Scripture declares man is saved by faith, saved by repentance, saved by the blood, saved by baptism, saved by grace, but affirm that it is unscriptural to say we are saved solely by any one article, but rather by each in its place, a combination of the whole!

SOUTH AUST. NEWSLETTER

MEN'S CAMP.

It is expected that a turning point in the on-going programme of Churches of Christ in S.A. has been reached at the Men's Camp held at Longwood over the weekend of June 18. The President of the Conference, D. K. Beiler, and the four Departmental Organisers arranged the programme as a follow up to Operation Increase and a means of introducing Design for Development.

Three of the key men of every church in the State were planned to attend, and from the ensuing programme it is hoped that there will stem into the whole brotherhood a new enthusiasm and a deeper sense of stewardship. Panels and discussion groups, films and lectures were featured in a non-stop programme from Friday night to Saturday night. Close to 200 men were involved. Themes were: Evangelism, Stewardship, Christian Education and The General Executive in the Life of the Churches. Men from every walk of life shared in this ambitious effort to make a more effective witness of the churches.

THE BAPTISTS.

Some months ago it was felt that we ought to be getting closer to the Baptist brethren. A quiet approach was made, and it was found that they felt the same way about ourselves! The result of this has been most inspiring. Both communions set up a committee of seven (four ministers and three "laymen") and this group met, with the two Presidents in control. A statement was made by Churches of Christ representatives. The Baptists found they could endorse the whole proposition.

The writer prepared the statement, which was endorsed by our own Christian Union Committee, in which

E. P. C. Hollard.

it was agreed that there are two areas of agreement, that of co-operation and that of doctrine. Both groups felt that for the time being emphasis should be placed upon the former, whilst not neglecting a careful appreciation of the latter.

Then came a smaller committee of six to set out some practical moves, and the following will be implemented:

1. The two Presidents will be guests at the Conferences of each group. As these fall closely it fits nicely.

2. The ministers of both groups will meet at fraternal gatherings. Our men have now invited the Baptists to be their guests at the Magarey Lectureship next year.

3. On a Sunday to be determined there shall be a pulpit exchange throughout the State, with the Lord's Supper being served in all of the churches of both groups.

4. On local levels, united prayer meetings are to be sought, and youth groups to exchange meetings.

5. The two Youth Directors are to arrange a camp for key youth workers from both churches, in which mutual positions can be understood.

6. As Churches of Christ have an appointed chaplain, C. H. J. Wright, to the University and Teachers' Colleges, he be used to bring both groups of tertiary students together.

These proposals will surely gain the support of our brethren in this State and the blessing of those in other States. These moves can never be assessed as unity or a basis for it, but they are a starting point for two groups of Christians to get together in mutual understanding and concern.

We ask the prayers of our brethren for this venture.

PENTECOST WITNESS.

Several years ago our own Christian Union Committee started a series of Pentecost Witness meetings, in which emphasis was given to the need for the unity of God's people. They were purely local. Two years ago the idea was passed on to the State Branch of the World Council, and they now foster the conventions. This year every church group within the Council shared. Attendances were not large, but the evident friendly relationships of the churches were manifest.

What the outcome will be we cannot state, but we feel that there is much to be gained and little to be lost.

CO-OPERATION.

The rapid development of housing areas in S.A., and in Adelaide and environs in particular, has seen the formation of a group called the Inter-church Consultative Committee, comprising Methodist, Baptist, Congregational, Presbyterian Churches and our own people. This group works to space the building projects of the churches so that over-churching will be avoided. Agreements suggest that no two churches in new areas should be any closer than three-quarters of a mile from one another.

The Committee does not presume to be authoritative, but through mutual planning it can be a ready avenue for meeting obvious needs.

Our people are represented by I. J. Chivell, D. K. Beiler, W. L. Brune and E. P. C. Hollard.

A NEW TREND IN CAMPING.

The Youth Director (K. D. Horne) has led two camps with a difference in the last months. One was a Couples' Camp, when 23 married

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THE MINISTRIES OF OUR



WOMEN

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

"Made Like Christ"

Mabel E. Harrison, Vic.

One of the most important chapters in the New Testament for the Christian is Romans 8, for it contains so many precious truths which are essential for our Christian growth and development. Not least in importance are verses 28 and 29 — "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn amongst many brethren." I wonder if you have ever realised how vitally connected these two verses are.

What is God's eternal purpose for every believer? That we should be conformed to the image of Christ — made like Christ. Christianity is not a theory, it is a life — Christ. If we have accepted him as our Saviour, then we are joined to him, and the Holy Spirit dwells within us to transform us from what we are in our-

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couples from Brighton Gardens church (Alan Cant, minister) went into camp at Longwood. A few weeks later a similar group from the Edwardstown church (P. Whitmore, minister) shared in an experience of family camping. Subjects covered included: *The Changing Australian Family*, *Worship in the Family*, *The Christian Home in a non-Christian Community*.

Audio-visuals, films and discussion groups made it an experience of high order for these couples, and the Director predicts that this could increasingly become a pattern for camping in the future.

The Youth Department has plans in hand for the development of the new property at Balaklava. On a recent Saturday, the first of 257 trees were planted and the camp committee has already approved of the lay-out and type of building needed for this camp. The present camp facilities of the S.A. brotherhood are no longer meeting the demands of the churches. It is planned that this property will help relieve the pressure of the moment and provide additional facilities for local church camps, including Couples' Camps.

selves, to what we are in Christ. Verse 29 says, "We are predestinated to be conformed to the image of Christ." The word "predestinate" means "to plan." The architect draws the plan of your house, and the builder erects it according to that plan. God's plan is that he should have a great family of sons in the Glory made like unto his well-beloved Son. He is to be the pre-eminent One (that is the meaning of the word firstborn) amongst them all, but we are all to share his likeness and his glory. Whilst that is God's ultimate goal for us throughout eternity, he intends that we should be prepared for it now, and thus allow the Holy Spirit to work in our hearts to the utmost limit to prepare us.

Before our Lord went back to Heaven, he said to his disciples, "Ye shall be witnesses unto Me." It is through those redeemed by his precious blood, infilled by his Holy Spirit, that such a witness is to be borne to a sin-stained, perishing world. The witness must be not merely of words spoken, but of a life transformed. Emerson said on one occasion, "Your life is speaking so loudly I cannot hear a word you say." How true that is. So often our words of testimony accomplish nothing, because our lives do not square up to the testimony of our lips.

By nature we are so unlike Christ — we fall so far short of all God's requirements. But through faith in his atoning sacrifice, we have become partakers of the divine nature, and the work of the Holy Spirit is increasingly to deliver us from the power and dominion of the old nature, that the new life in Christ may grow and develop, so that we become "like him" — not by trying to copy him, but by allowing him to reproduce his resurrection life within us. We are transformed inwardly, and outwardly, not by imitation, but by reproduction!

This is an intensely practical experience, and becomes possible, not by struggling, nor by feelings, but by faith in response to God's dealings with us.

So we come to the connection between our two verses. Verse 28 says, "All things work together for good to those who love God" unto that end. The two verses are joined by the little conjunction "for." Through all the circumstances of life God seeks to work the Cross and its meaning and purpose into our hearts, bringing

our old nature down into death, that Christ might completely fill the heart, and be revealed through the life. God is behind all our circumstances, permitting them for his own all-wise, loving purpose — to fulfil his divine plan. Paul says, "All things" — not some things — sorrows, trials, difficulties at home and in business, disappointments, persecutions, the break-up of human plans, the difficult personalities we constantly meet, and sometimes have to live with. All these things, and many others, are intended by God to drive us out of ourselves, to bring us to an end of ourselves, and our dependence upon our own natural resources, into Christ — to find in him our fulness and sufficiency, and to prove that he, and he alone, can supply us with all that we need to live victoriously in the midst of every circumstance, with an ever-deepening experience of Christ as our life.

You ask, "Is God really behind my difficult circumstances, permitting my great trial?" Yes, dear friend, he is, because he sees that through it he can best bring you to know him, not only as your Saviour, but also to prove him to be the very life of your life.

So often we cry to God to change our circumstances, or to lift us out of them. So often we try to run away from our difficulties, or evade them, but that way leads to spiritual poverty, and defeat. God's plan is in and through those circumstances to change us.

Only through them can we come to know our own sinfulness, and frailty and nothingness, and then come to know how completely Christ is sufficient, and able to be to us, and in us, all that we need, enabling us to glorify him in the midst of every circumstance. Oh, the glory of knowing that Christ is ours — his life and all his Heavenly resources are ours; his strength, joy, peace, love, patience, longsuffering, meekness, grace, humility, as well as his power and triumph, are all ours. Truly, in giving us Christ, God our Father has freely given us all things. What we need to do is to take by faith just all that we need to meet every trial and emergency every moment of every day, and thus prove that "In all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us." In this way only can there be borne that clear witness through our lives that God desires, and that glorifies Christ, because his own life is being perfected within us.

When everything goes wrong, and your patience has come to an end, just look up, and say, "Your patience, Lord," and he will give it abundantly.

God is waiting for the glad consent and co-operation of our wills with his gracious working. Will you say, "Lord Jesus, work in me, to conform me to the image of Christ!"?



Theme for the Week:
**"HEALER AND KING'S
 ADVISER"**

Sunday, July 2

2 Kings 4: 8-16a.

Thought Text: "As oft as he passed by, he turned in thither" (v. 8).

There was nothing condescending about the hospitality these wealthy folk offered the man of God. Not content with having him drop in for a meal any time he passed by, they thoughtfully arranged a room to be Elisha's own quiet retreat whenever he was with them. It takes rare understanding and grace not to try to monopolise or lionise an important guest; these people knew a tired man's need for rest and meditation.

"Hospitality" is one of the great words of practical Christian faith. Both Paul and Peter (who knew all about it from their own experience) had something to say about it. J.B. Phillips' translation of Peter's comment is worth noting: "Be hospitable to each other without secretly wishing you hadn't got to be!"

Help us, O Lord, to make our home a place in which every guest will feel a warmth of friendship and of faith. Amen.

Monday, July 3

2 Kings 4: 18-30.

Thought Text: "He arose and followed her" (v. 30).

The woman refused to budge until Elisha himself went with her. She had no faith in Gehazi, even with the prophet's staff in his hand. As events worked out, she was right. Her only hope lay with the prophet, and she persisted until he did what she wanted.

In all this there is something of the persistent faith a Syrophenician woman showed hundreds of years later when she refused to be deterred by a Jesus who seemed strangely unwilling to listen to her pleas. Both got what they wanted because they persevered, with the kind of tactics Jesus himself urged when he said, "Ask! Seek! Knock!"

WHEN SOARS the SOUL

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

Do we give up too easily? Do we go straight to the only One who can help?

O God, give to all thy servants, now facing dark and difficult days, the faith to hold on to thee, believing. Amen.

Tuesday, July 4

2 Kings 4: 31-37.

Thought Text: "He put his mouth upon his mouth" (v. 34).

A moving picture, this — the great prophet as close as possible to the child, in a grim struggle for the boy's life. Victory didn't come easily, despite the earnest prayer before he began. Physically and spiritually exhausted, he needed a pause before one last bid to save the boy. How he must have prayed then!

Have we this kind of costly concern for the boys and girls in our care? Do we pray for them enough? Do we make the effort to get as close to them with the Word of Life, as Elisha did with the breath of life for this boy?

Lord, we pray for all the children whom our lives may influence — those in our own family, our Sunday School class, our club. Help us to bring them to living faith in thee. Amen.

Wednesday, July 5

2 Kings 5: 1-19.

Thought Text: "If the prophet had bid thee to do some great thing" (v. 13).

Naaman had it all planned — his chariot drawn up at the prophet's door; Elisha dramatically calling on his God, thrusting his hand over the leprosy, and — presto! — all disease gone! Instead of that came a seemingly casual instruction via a servant, to dip himself in the dirty Jordan. No wonder he was furious! It took greater courage to do it, finally, than to go into any of his many battles.

Is it pride that keeps us from some of the humble tasks God sets us?

O Lord, bless all thy servants who have the courage and humility to do life's meanest tasks as gladly as they would the work that wins men's plaudits. Amen.

Thursday, July 6

2 Kings 6: 8-23.

Thought Text: "They that be with us are more than they that be with them" (v. 16).

Elisha was sure of the unseen resources of God all around him. Paul was equally sure, with his dramatic cry, "If God be for us, who can be against us?" John expressed the same confidence, in words very much

like Elisha's: "Greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world."

Do we live as those who not only see, but daily draw upon, those inexhaustible resources of God's grace and strength? If fear and doubt are stifling our souls, why do we do ourselves and God such wrong that we do not pray like this:

Lord, open our eyes to the wonder of thy nearness, the fulness of thy strength, and the joy of working together with thee. Amen.

Friday, July 7

Acts 9: 1-9.

Thought Text: "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" (v. 6).

It was typical of Saul, who had flung himself with such restless energy into the persecution of Christians, that, once convinced of his tragic mistake, his first thought was of what he could do for Christ.

But before he could do any of the great deeds by which we remember him, he had to learn the hard lesson of waiting (v. 6). Later still, he needed experiences in Arabia and Tarsus before he was fully ready for the Master to use. But Saul's question here implies that he had already learnt the first lesson of discipleship — it was the Lord's will for him that mattered most.

Ponder William Barclay's comment: "The Christian is a man who has ceased to do what he wants to do, and who has begun to do what Jesus Christ wants him to do."

Lord, make us humble enough to seek thy will; perceptive enough to know thy will; and consecrated enough to be ready to do it. Amen.

Saturday, July 8

Acts 9: 10-22.

Thought Text: "Saul grew more and more powerful" (v. 22, Goodspeed).

On his way from Jerusalem to Damascus, Saul had relied for his power on the letters he had received from the high priest. "I think when I get to heaven," wrote Campbell Morgan, "I shall want to know what became of the high priest's letters."

Certainly Saul never used them, and equally certainly, he never needed them. For the power he revealed in the Damascus synagogues was something totally different from any authority delegated by the high priest; it was a spiritual power which amazed his listeners. It was the beginning of his own discovery of a truth he expressed so vividly later: "I can do all things through Christ."

Father, we thank thee for that power in the surrendered life, which no earthly might can destroy. Amen.

HERE AND THERE

G. W. Wood, minister of the Hawthorn (S.A.) Church of Christ, has been elected President of the S.A. Christian Endeavor Union.

R. J. Anderson (Wollongong, N.S.W.) was guest speaker at the 55th anniversary services of the church at Belmore, N.S.W. The presence of many past members, the fellowship at the tea-table, and the help of those who contributed items during the P.S.A., were other features of a memorable day.

The church at Gardiner, Vic., recently held an enjoyable and well attended evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Youens and family, to mark the completion of their tenth year of ministry with the church.

The members of the N.S.W. Ministers' Fraternal are asked to note that the next meeting of the Fraternal will be held on Monday, July 3, and not as previously announced, June 26. The change of date will enable the Fraternal to be guests of the Baptist Ministers' Fraternal for a meeting commencing at 11 a.m., and followed by luncheon, when a report will be presented by Dr. Watson concerning the Christ is the Answer mission campaigns now current in Baptist churches. The guest speaker will be Dr. E. Roberts-Thompson, author of the book, *Baptists and Disciples of Christ*. A full attendance of members is urged, since this invitation springs from the recent discussions at Conference Executive level in regard to the resumption of a combined Christian Union discussion Committee. The meeting will be held at the Bexley Baptist Church, Forest-rd., Bexley.—Eric T. Hart, Sec.

At Beulah-rd., S.A., June 4 was a day to remember, when the building for which members had worked, planned and prayed was dedicated to the service of Christ. Mrs. White (the only foundation member present) unveiled the foundation stone of the church extension and hall. F. Fisher (who has completed 25 years as B.S. supt.) unlocked the door into the hall and extension. The dedication service was conducted by R. Clymer (resident minister). Greetings were received from the Conference President, the Mayor of Burnside, and delegates from Maylands and Koongarra churches of Christ. The dedicatory address was given by D. K. Beller. Morning attendance was 123, afternoon 320, and evening 141. Temple Day thanksgiving offering reached £346.

Phone calls and letters received since the telecast service from the church at Doncaster, Vic., on Sunday morning, June 4, show a wide area of appreciation. The service was conducted and addressed by the resident minister, C. G. Taylor, with readers and helpers taking part as in a normal communion service. D. Morrison and H. Read were the readers, the choir was conducted by G. H. Tully and D. W. Petty was organist. In accordance with normal A.B.C. custom, it is possible this service will be seen on their T.V. channels in other States in coming months.

F. Rees, J. Morrison and K. Bowes, of the Federal College of the Bible, led the church at Brooklyn Park, S.A., in an inspiring "Crusade into Faith." Attendances were even greater than anticipated, and eight young people made decisions for Christ. J. W. Lewis (resident minister) has followed up new contacts and visited homes of B.S. children. A thank-offering of almost £75 was received at the close of the Crusade.

A group of German youths, who have joined the "Atonement Campaign" of the Evangelical Church in Germany, have undertaken to build a church at Taizé, France. The work will take about 60,000 hours, which is equivalent to about a year. Dr. Lothar Kreyssig of Magdeburg, who founded the campaign, saw them off in Cologne in the middle of April. The group consists of 26 boys and four girls. Their aim is to help to wipe out the guilt of the Nazi regime by giving voluntary service abroad.

C. W. Jackel, Mile End, S.A., will commence a ministry at Peel-st., Ballarat, Vic., at the end of 1961.

IN APPRECIATION

Dr. W. A. Kemp, Chairman of Directors of The Austral, writes, "It was a pleasure to read the review editorial in the issue of June 6, covering the ten years of C. G. Taylor, B.A., as Editor.

"On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Company, as well as for myself, I express deep appreciation of Mr. Taylor's ten years' direction and administration of our church magazine, as well as for his splendid editorials.

"I am sure the brotherhood joins in this sincere expression of acknowledgment."

Miss Norma Byard is worshipping with the church at Ulverstone, Tas., after retiring from the Carnarvon Mission, W.A. Miss Byard, a three-certificated nursing sister, spent five years serving at the Mission.

Mission to Elizabeth S.A.

Seventeen miles from Adelaide a city is being built on what were once valuable wheat fields. Elizabeth, only 5 years of age, is now a city of 20,500 people, and as she continues to grow at the same rate will be a city of 40,000 by 1965.

Recently our church launched a two weeks' Mission to Elizabeth, conducted by V. T. Parker (Qld.). Pre-mission visitation concentrated upon families directly associated with the church, and this, together with the successful application of Operation Andrew, resulted in nearly 50 invited people coming within the sound of the gospel.

Features of the mission included:

(1) 10 decisions and 3 reconsecrations in response to powerful gospel messages by the missionary.

(2) A midday luncheon, when 85 mothers sat down to a 3-course meal. Over half of the mothers present were from non-church homes. Ladies from Hawthorn church assisted at the meal, allowing the Christian mothers to sit with those invited. Ladies from other Elizabeth churches convened a creche for a "multitude" of children, thus allowing an excellent atmosphere for Mr. Parker to deliver a challenging message.

(3) The Youth Dept. transferred A.C.Y.F. for May to Elizabeth. 265 were present to enjoy items from the Youth Choir and Mr. Parker's message.

(4) A family tea was held prior to the final service, when 125 attended.

Les. Milne capably led the singing. Items and delegations from other churches were appreciated.

Lessons learned by the local church:

(1) That publicity and visitation are insufficient in themselves to get people to attend meetings.

(2) Operation Andrew, which ensures personal follow-up, does work, when prayerfully attempted by a committed membership.

(3) Two-week missions, sponsored through Operation Increase, are totally inadequate as an effective means of outreach. Elizabeth proved, with many other churches, that at the end of a fortnight the mission was only just beginning.

At a function held after the final service the church secretary, G. M. Pederson, expressed to Mr. Parker, on behalf of the members, their sincere gratitude for blessings received from his ministries. Appropriate presentations were made.—R. B. Evers.



OUR FAMILY PAGE

Rejection

H. R. L. Sheppard has told the story of an artist who in his old age said that he could remember perfectly the first time he had ever deliberately turned his back on the Kingdom of God.

He was a schoolboy at the time, home for the holidays. He was walking down the street one morning and a small girl, to whom he was something of a hero, came running out of a cottage with a bunch of rather faded flowers in her hand and offered them to him. They were doubtless the very best she could procure, but the boy walked on without taking the gift. Then, a little bit ashamed of himself, he turned and looked back. The child was in tears, the flowers were scattered on the street.

Dr. Sheppard said, "I believe the offer of the kingdom is the invitation which Jesus daily gives to you and me to permit love and not hate to prevail here and now in our life, our work, and our home." The Kingdom of God is as near as that.

"Weekly Nodding Toward the Sky"

According to *The Baptist Messenger*, one of America's leading intellectuals has casually expressed an appalling view concerning the place of Christianity in American life. In a recent interview, Arthur Miller, well-known playwright, was asked, "The American theatre has no religious content; do you have an explanation?"

Miller replied, "There's one possible clue in this schizophrenia of the American mind in that respect. We're probably the most church-going nation in history. But there is a sharp line drawn between going to church and thinking that way. In daily economic life there is no more materialistic or efficient population. However, on Sunday it's quite the other way. Life is lived, so to speak, without reference to a religious ideology, excepting the weekly nodding toward the sky."

If Miller's analysis is correct it has disastrous implications. For weal or for woe the leadership of those

nations who think themselves Christian, and the way of life and faith they profess to espouse, is in the hands of the citizens of the U.S. more than any other people. But America or any other nation cannot meet and match Communism or other rivals of the Christian faith with a Christianity it only pretends to believe.

Let it should be thought we are throwing stones across the Pacific let it be said that if the indictment is true of Americans it is also true of us; the only difference being that a smaller proportion of Australians even take the trouble or make the pretence of nodding to God on Sunday.

Jesus was speaking about this sort of empty formalism and hypocrisy, when he said, "Except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish."—Editorial, *The Australian Baptist*.

Antidote for Worry

"Fret not thyself!" This is a very good piece of advice because many of us go on fretting and worrying about many things.

We worry about the task of today and the duty of tomorrow. We allow worry to develop into fear, which casts a shadow over our lives. Then fear stimulates our imagination, until, as Henrik Ibsen said, "Life is a constant battle with the phantoms of the mind."

We can become addicted to too much introspection and start pitying ourselves, which is fatal to all healthy activity. It is worth remembering that others have their troubles too. "I complained that I had no shoes until I met a man who had no feet."

It is remarkable how bravely some people face their difficulties and their tragedies. Do you remember how Donald Hankey in his book, *A Student in Arms*, tells of a soldier — probably himself — lying badly wounded in no-man's land?

In the darkness he felt so terribly small and weak and lonely. Yet after all he knew he was of finer stuff than the cold impersonal stars. He, at least, could feel — if only the pain of great suffering.

What was it, he thought that was in him and not in them? Then, forgetting all anxiety and fear, he whispered, "God — God everywhere." And into his tired brain came a new phrase — "Underneath are the everlasting Arms."

This then is the open secret of our faith, the perfect antidote for all worry and fear. The Psalmist used

the word "trust" — "trust in the Lord," said he. There is a power stronger than ours and a love that is willing to help us bear our burdens. — Selected.

A Girl The Church Lost

Once a highly talented, vivacious girl was to be found enlivening the youth club of a certain church in Great Britain.

Her dramatic gifts were clear for all to see. She rejoiced to play her part, both on and off the stage, as a hard-working member of the Christian community — like a million more youngsters do today.

She wasn't a committed disciple. She was on the road to spiritual awakening, as untold multitudes of young people are now.

Then there was a rebuff. Older members of the church, unused to the ways of youth, and set in their ways, took her to task for — of all things! — her practice of using cosmetics! It seems incredible. But it happened.

The girl was upset. She rebelled. "If that's the church," she said, "I want none of it."

She shouldn't have said it — yes, we know. But she wouldn't have said it if Christians old enough to be her parents had learned the art of speaking the truth in love.

That church saw the girl no more, to its loss. She is today one of the best-known actresses in Britain. She told me her story herself; and there was sadness in her voice and on her face as she told me.—L. P. Barnett.

THE REASON WHY

Man's life is laid in the loom of time

To a pattern he does not see,
While the weavers work and the shuttles fly

'Till the dawn of eternity.

Not 'till each loom is silent,

And the shuttles cease to fly,

Shall God reveal the pattern

And explain the reason why.

The dark threads were as needful

In the Weaver's skilful hands

As the threads of gold and silver

In the pattern he has planned.

It's nice to see people with plenty of get up and go, especially if some of them are visiting you.—Paul Caruth.



Discipleship

A. Byrne, B. McDowell, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Burns, Wendy Hall, Margaret Bowring, G. Croft, Mr. and Mrs. C. Martin, P. Burden, Lynette Corbett, Dianne Deuter, Doreen Mitchell, Cheryl Culmer, Ringwood, Vic.

R. Strudwick, Meredith Mitchell, Margaret Pfeiffer, Berri, S.A.

Mrs. J. Williams, Mrs. Vickers, Hans Van Rooyen, Ulverstone, Tas.

Mrs. G. Hughes, Mrs. Peale, Mr. and Mrs. K. Dunnett, R. Fisher, M. Svendsen, David Peale, Rockhampton, Qld.

Mrs. Omond, Margaret and Jeanette Omond, Keryn Watt, Margaretha and Hinderika Bierman, Gillian Turner, Joan Haddock, Margaret Rumble, Heather Thomas, Mrs. Woodhouse, Anne Woodhouse, Mrs. McLeod, Susan and Janis McLeod, Christine McNiece, Gaynor and Barry Jones, Frankston, Vic.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Aworth, Murray Bridge, S.A.

Peggy Maxwell, Mr. and Mrs. M. Rigby-Meth, Canberra, A.C.T.

Mr. and Mrs. Lees, Robert Battersby, Peter Bartlett, Mrs. Bucknerfield, Croydon, S.A.

Miss Beverley McNeil, Auburn, N.S.W.

Carol Sprigg, Judith Steward, N. Graetz, Clovelly Park, S.A.

Miss Carolyn Kerr, Subiaco, W.A.

W. Layther, Warrnambool, Vic.

Morris Dumesny, Port Fairy, Vic.

Miss Patsy Werner, Peel-st., Ballarat, Vic.

Gloria Smith, Margaret Irwin, Vivienne Smith, Townsville, Qld.

Mrs. M. Collett, Mr. and Mrs. E. Pavils, Mrs. Huxtable, John Natt, Lynette Venaskie, Jill Pitkin, Janice Huxtable, Philip, Lindsay and Noel Holmes, Mount Gambier, S.A.

Judith Miller, Rhonda and Julie Whyatt, Elizabeth Hahn, Janice O'Brien, Colleen Beëckon, Helen Colwell, Philip Vivien, Brooklyn Park, S.A.

Robert Barnett, Terry Matthews, Tony Hughes, Lloyd Amor, Horsham, Vic.

Mrs. C. Mottram, Robinvale, Vic.

Mrs. Lowrey, Croydon, Vic.

Membership

Mrs. G. Croft, from Camberwell; Mrs. L. Smith, Geoffrey Smith, Chelsea, to Ringwood, Vic.

Mrs. M. Strudwick, Henley Beach to Berri, S.A.

Miss N. Byard, from Carnarvon, W.A.; H. Taylor, from Launceston; Mrs. Rowe, from Hobart to Ulverstone, Tas.

Miss M. Parkinson, Brisbane to Rockhampton, Qld.

Mr. and Mrs. Jordan and family, Naracoorte, S.A.

Mr. and Mrs. Wollmer, Reservoir to Frankston, Vic.

Miss Coxhill, Northcote to Moreland, Vic.

Mrs. K. McNicol, Brisbane to Kingaroy, Qld.

C. H. Payne, Brisbane to Dalby, Qld.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Stocks, Brisbane to Kedron-Stafford, Qld.

R. Roach, Kadina to Clovelly Park, S.A.

Misses M. Vincent and W. Brown-ing, Shepperton Rd. to Subiaco, W.A.

Mr. and Mrs. Trembath, Mrs. Cook, Prahran to Ivanhoe, Vic.

Mrs. Saunders, Wembley, W.A. to Beulah Rd., S.A.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Wade, Wagga, N.S.W. to Canberra, A.C.T.

B. Snoxall, Red Cliffs, Vic.

Marriage

Ruth McKelvie to R. Rowan, Ann-st., Brisbane, Qld.

Val. Alderson to John Brodel, Maryborough, Vic.

Beverley Chislett to Malcolm Bennett, Red Cliffs, Vic.

Joan Rieske to George Sander, North Perth, W.A.

Margaret Oliver to John Taylor, Horsham, Vic.

Dawn Elbourne to John Kelm, Horsham, Vic.

Fallen Asleep

Les. Ogden (formerly of North Williamstown), Vic.

Stan. Annear, Frankston, Vic.

Mrs. Morrison, Gardiner, Vic.

Mrs. L. Bradshaw, Miss C. Stewart, Subiaco, W.A.

Mrs. M. Morris, Northcote, Vic.

AUST. CAPITAL TERRITORY

Canberra (G. R. Stirling, B.A.). — 300 present at annual display of G.L.B. in Lyneham High School hall on June 6. Party from Gardiner, Vic., among visitors on 11th, when attendance was 181 a.m.; 97 p.m.; 164 communion. Three baptised p.m. service. Newcomers to Canberra welcomed at recent meetings include Mr. and Mrs. Paul Chen (Taipei, Formosa), Mr. and Mrs. R. Furler (Wagga, N.S.W.), Mrs. McFarlane and Mrs. White (Hartwell, Vic.).

TASMANIA

Ulverstone (N. Reese). — Morning meetings well attended. Building exterior painted, and interior improvements made. Two decisions, three baptisms.

Tasman Peninsula (E. K. Morrison). — Nubeena-Highcroft: Combined with Commonwealth Youth Service, 7th, Warden chaired, scouts and minister took part. Miss M. Bender showed slides on Carnarvon on 13th, £11 raised. C.M.S. resumed after fruit season. C.E. held 5-10 night, 5 different people led for 10 minutes. Kellevic: In Mother's Day service B.S. children took part; Reg. Jacobson, speaker. Decided to continue meeting at Copping Hall indefinitely. C.E. held courtroom on stealing and its associated evils.

QUEENSLAND

Rockhampton (W. J. Davidson). — Combined schools from William-st. and Craig-st. enjoyed picnic in Botanical Gardens. Seven received into membership, following decision and baptism; one also welcomed by transfer. Churches much in prayer for tent mission. 28 members from Rockhampton journeyed to Gladstone to support new cause at that centre, where R. Greenhalgh (N.S.W.) has just concluded mission. On May 28, C.Y.F. attended ecumenical gathering of Y.P. at Congregational church. Miss Margaret Parkinson ably represented group in delivering paper on traditions and beliefs of Churches of Christ.

Ann-st., Brisbane (C. G. Flood). — Mr. and Mrs. G. McKelvie (Longreach)

visitors, June 3-4. Mr. McKelvie presided, 4th. Three Ann-st. members seen in Churches of Christ T.V. half-hour on Channel 7, afternoon, 11th; C. G. Flood, Mrs. K. Ludgater, K. E. Hack. Unseen pianist also from Ann-st. Discipleship classes held each Sunday evening, 6.15 p.m., conducted by minister. W. H. McKelvie is acting organist, and to relieve him from double duty, K. E. Hack continues as supt. B.S. J. H. Smith, deacon for many years, has regretfully tendered resignation; Army has posted him to Wewak (New Guinea). Keith Power, for 12 months radio operator in Antarctic, was guest speaker at C.M.S. tea, May 21. Church has lost 4 members by transfer.

Townsville (R. Veal). — Y.P. travelled to Mackay for C.Y.F. rally. Mr. and Mrs. F. Beale visited; Mr. Beale spoke on work in New Guinea at combined luncheon between Ch. Towers and Townsville Ladies' Guilds; Mrs. Beale spoke on women's aspect of work. Among visitors during month were Sis. Waterman, Baker, Mitchell, Dolfer (Vic.). Home dedication service held at home of Mr. and Mrs. P. Garner. Three girls baptised. Messrs Jones and Duval recovering from illness. B.S. picnic, Black River. C.E. working for piano for church; planning social activity toward funds. Camp committee planning for youth camp. Plans for new chapel being drawn by architect, Council approval of site having been granted.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Subiaco (G. Smith). — Attendances good. One received by baptism, 2 by transfer. Marriage renewal service held, 300 members attending welcome back to all couples married in Subiaco chapel. R. Raymond, W. Manning, M.L.A., and G. Smith brought messages. Many greetings from ministers who had served over years, were read. A. D. Pyne screened films of overseas tour to aid Bombay Appeal, £84 being donated. J. Hunting showed pictures of his visit to Palestine. Collection for J.E.W. resulted in £11/11/-. Shenton Park joined in service. C.E. active in Convention, assisting with donation of £15 towards hospital at New Hebrides. Youth offering, £94. C.W.F. Oriental Festival raised £105 towards new hall. Sympathy extended to loved ones of late Christine Stewart and Mrs. L. Bradshaw. Miss M. Sanderson improving in health. C.Y.F. visited Perth C.I.B., also held "round the houses" evening, with progressive supper. Midweek attendances have improved.

North Perth (E. C. L. Ots). — Bible study and prayer meeting held at Mrs. Schurmann's home. C.Y.F. were guests of C. of E. Y.P. Large

group of Y.P. attend services. B.S., under leadership of Graham How, is practising for anniversary. Mrs. Humphrys welcomed home, June 11. Mrs. J. K. Robinson in hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson meeting with church, also good number of visitors in recent weeks. J.C.E. film evening raised £6 for Carnarvon Mission Chapel Furniture.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Berri (R. W. Saunders). — C.M.S. re-elected pres., Chas. Williams; sec., W. Campbell; treas., K. Parker. As project for year they propose painting B.S. buildings. Mrs. A. Crook and Mrs. C. Phillips, although out of hospital, are still very ill. J. Hunt, C.Y.F. pres., led happy evening of games, devotions, and barbecue at home of Haines' family, Winkie. After training by elders in reading and presiding, several more men and older boys have taken their share in these duties.

Edwardstown (P. R. Whitmore). — 50 attended helpful church family camp at Longwood, led by Youth Director, K. Horne. Jointly with L. Jones (Grote-st.) he was source of inspiration again to B.S. teachers and others at recent special meeting on youth organisation. With av. attendance of 300 scholars and teachers, the need is urgent. C.W.F. invited men to their "5-minute talks from church auxiliary reps." night recently. Men were visited by Hawthorn; interesting subject matter. Film followed gospel service, and D. Beiler (Conf. Pres.) gave address at guest night during May. Large attendance at both meetings.

Hawthorn (G. W. Wood). — Attendances well maintained; May av., a.m., 189; p.m., 204. R. Butler (C.I.M. Director) and Miss D. Cornelius recent speakers. Dr. Chas. Duguid spoke at youth tea. C.M.S. visited Edwardstown C.M.S. Mrs. Brune showed Indian Mission slides to C.W.F. Girls' basketball teams playing well.

Clovelly Park (J. E. Webb). — Attendances very good. At annual meeting, May 31, officers elected: elders: Dr. Steward, Mr. Passmore; deacons: R. Bailey, R. Battersby, D. Hunt, D. Kruger, S. Page, J. Coventry, J. Halbert. C.Y.F. commenced 27th; 30 present. Co-leaders, D. Hunt, E. John. Three baptised at conclusion of midweek meeting, June 7. Successful B.S. anniversary, 4th and 11th; singing under leadership of W. Watson (Grote-st.). Visiting speakers, N. Kingston, K. Horne (Youth Director), R. Sercombe, A. R. Jones. Two B.S. boys confessed Christ at service on 4th and one B.S. girl on 11th.

Croydon (W. N. Bartlett). — Operation Increase mission, led by C. E. Watson (Hobart), wonderful success. Bi-monthly youth tea, June 11, followed by after-church meeting, when representatives from Wycliffe Bible Translators screened film of their work. June is Loyalty Month, prior to Golden Jubilee celebrations.

Murray Bridge (E. S. Sanders). — Mother's Day and church anniversary same day. Leaders of all church auxiliaries took part in act of dedication at gospel service. Local churches shared in week of combined worship Pentecost week, with great enthusiasm and togetherness. Bob and Barbara Eisemann farewelled as they left to live at Moculta. Mrs. I. Schultz joined B.S. staff. Married couple made decision and were baptised. Mrs. Downing and Mrs. Peter unable to attend services. Officers purchased Revised Standard Bible for use on Sunday mornings in pulpit.

Nailsworth (A. M. Norris, B.A.). — Mrs. McQueen, recently returned from abroad, gave illustrated address to Ladies' Guild. Proceeds devoted to Guild's Aborigine Mission project. Youth Council organised comprehensive Talent Exhibition; display extended over three evenings; large audience enjoyed final session, when prizes were presented and meeting closed on devotional note.

Naracoorte (M. D. Williams). — Members supported mission conducted at Mount Gambier by E. P. C. Holland. Film, *Story of the English Bible*, screened at midweek meeting during Family Week, and repeated on 28th at after-church fellowship. Dr. Sibyl Reis, guest speaker at C.W.F. meeting. Family social held, compered by Mr. Collins. During May vacation, Trevor Lawrie (C.O.B.) brought p.m. message. Dorothy Cornelius (C.I.M.) gave lecture and showed slides of work in Japan. Family welcomed into fellowship.

Prospect (S. Neighbour, B.A.). — During May, 70 Y.P. from various churches in district gathered at Prospect for ecumenical tea, speaker being R. Sercombe (Ascot Park). John Halbert spoke at evening service. Y.P. attended camp at Aldinga over June holiday weekend. B.S. attendances maintained at steady average. Special offering received for Bombay Mission appeal. Plans in hand for friendship visitation.

Mount Gambier (R. V. Holmes). — Mission followed with well attended midweek meetings, studying *Continuing Steadfastly*; after-school class for young members. Membership now stands at 65. S.E. District Women's Conference raised £200 toward Mt. Gambier building debt. C.W.F. catered for wedding in kinder. hall. C.Y.F. had 20 at barbecue at Creeper farm.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Inverell (G. H. Earle). — Midweek service has taken form of College for Christians. Broadcast service June 4 well received. Large congregations at services during holiday weekend; many visitors welcomed. Hector Spratt, former minister of church, a.m. speaker.

Auburn (L. G. Read). — Heartening evidences of development. 103 present at recent morning service. One young woman baptised. Youth work buoyant, with B.S. making progress and new Life Boys' Club overtaxing accommodation. After completing period of initial training, new leaders for Brigade opened senior club for boys, with encouraging attendance. Plans in hand to begin training for leadership in Girls' Brigade. Plans for new building taking shape. Temple Day realised £1,170, and youth concert, organised by Alan Crouch, added £45 to appeal. Morning creche proving helpful. Financial response pleasing. Visit of R. McLean to C.M.S. appreciated. Sympathy extended to family of late W. S. Watts.

Broken Hill (W. Greenwood). — S.A. Youth Dept. Flying Squad visited June 10-12; conducted family social Saturday evening, after which they were taken kangaroo spotlight shooting. Youth tea held Sunday evening, followed by gospel service. Speaker, Mr. Johnson, assisted by squad. Visit to Zinc Corp. mine was enjoyed.

Asquith (D. Wakeley). — On May 24, B.S. held bonfire night. Bible Class held film evening, 27th; raised £10/19/7, climax of 16 months' work to pay for piano and hymn books costing £86. Theme for forthcoming mission is *Abundant Life*. Mr. Webb (Evangelism Com. conv.) addressed church on June 4, and introduced counselling classes. Evening service was given over to strip film on *Evangelism*, discussed afterwards at fellowship hour.

Belmore (F. D. Craig). — Past year has been one of blessing and encouragement. C.W.F. continues good work. Visit paid to Canterbury District Hospital, where every mother received gift. These small attentions appreciated and friendships made.

Merewether (G. Jackel). — In all-out effort to bring scholars' parents to gospel meetings, fellowship tea arranged by B.S., June 4. Film, *Does Christ Live in Your Home?*, screened, followed by address by G. Jackel. Response of parents to invitation to attend, given personally by B.S. teachers, was good, chapel being almost filled. Half-night of prayer held first Saturday each month. Half-hourly sessions con-

ducted by members. Church spiritually uplifted since commencement of student ministry. Sis. Williams, snr., recovering from serious illness.

Rockdale (C. J. Mackenzie). — May 28 morning service featured pipe organ, with Mr. Atkins (West Botany-st. Methodist) guest organist. He presented religious music as prelude to worship. Instrument dedicated to glory of God. On Commonwealth Youth Sunday, march of Y.P. included clubs, C.E. and school; service in Rockdale Town Hall. At C.W.F. on 31st, Mrs. Frost (Boys' Home committee) was speaker. Sympathy extended to Mr. Hooking in loss of wife. June being used to initiate missionary support venture. Christian Cafe for Y.P. commenced June 11, is designed to give after-church fellowship. Minister conducting counselling sessions in midst of gospel service.

VICTORIA

Berwick (A. C. Male). — Church anniversary held June 4. A. R. Pigdon a.m. speaker. B.S. social held 2nd. Mrs. Grenfell (Toowoomba, Qld.) has been visitor. Sonny Graham gave items at adult fellowship, 6th. Minister exchanged pulpit June 11 with J. G. Shaw (Springvale). On Queen's Birthday C.O.B. students visited Berwick. Football and basketball game played on Beaconsfield Oval. Tea enjoyed in B.S. hall. Inspirational rally in evening; Gus. Setsman (C.O.B.) gave talk. Sonny Graham gave item, accompanied by guitar.

Ivanhoe (H. W. Street). — In absence of minister on holidays, speakers have included Miss Holli-day (sec., Sudan Missionary Soc.), A. Launder, C. Young, E. Prentice. Five teams in tennis competitions are all doing well. Sixteen Y.P. over 18 in camp at Tootgarook Queen's Birthday weekend, and enjoyed fellowship with Tootgarook's members with barbecue on Saturday and church services on Sunday. Other Y.P. enjoyed picnic to Warrandyte 12th. Twenty-first birthday party held for Greta McEwan. Mrs. Reed convalescing after illness.

Shepparton (A. T. Fergusson). — Church appreciated visit of Miss Hazel Skuce, when she spoke to congregation in the morning and showed slides of her work in India, at the gospel service, May 28. Temple Day meetings, June 3-4, were well attended; fellowship enjoyed. Church met for tea and meeting on Sat., with R. F. Geyer as guest speaker. Film, *Dust and Destiny*, screened. Mr. Geyer also addressed church on Sun. morning. Temple Day offering, £225. R. Fitzsimmons, asst. supt. B.S., has offered his services, and is now supt., Mooropna B.S.

Wangaratta (A. E. Stevens). — Many visitors in recent weeks. Miss Hazel Skuce (India) addressed morning meeting, May 21. Budget plans for £50 a week in operation; aim should be reached. C.M.S. meeting, June 4, planned for social work and effort to augment Car Fund. Tape-recording prepared, including greetings, song and message of encouragement to Indian churches. Miss Ruth Roberts acted as interpreter and will carry tape with her on return to India.

Footscray (A. E. Hurren). — C.M.S. used booklet, *Christ the Light of the World*, for discussion. C.W.E.F. held street stall, 26th; £18 result. C.W.F. visited Ascot Vale W.M.B. birthday, 31st. Good Companions and Explorers portrayed *The Good Samaritan*, p.m., June 4. Two B.S. girls made decision. C.W.F. held jumble sale, 6th, resulting in £19/10/-. Brethren exchanged with North Williamstown for morning service, 11th. £22/4/6 received toward Bombay Appeal.

Moreland (C. Latimer). — Church appreciated addresses from I. Mackey (East Preston), B. Jenkins (Coburg), G. Harman and A. Jenkins (Moreland) during preacher's holidays. Lady welcomed by transfer. R. Pearson is acting B.S. supt. prior to G. Harman taking over later. Interest in tennis club high and membership growing. C.W.F. held social afternoon for its special appeal. C.W.E.F. enjoyed lecture by hair stylist. C.M.S. held monthly tea with N. Skillicorn, guest speaker. Several members ill. Sympathy extended to Mrs. A. Barber in passing of father, and to Mrs. Mutimer and family in bereavement.

Frankston (D. A. V. Thomas). — Baptismal services, May 21 and June 4. 5 decisions on 4th. Sunday prayer meeting at 6.30 p.m.; song services under leadership of John Arthur. Arthur Cocks' leadership of Explorers' club appreciated. Boys had excellent mothers' night during May, with 14 mothers present. Y.P. guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herbertson at after-church social hour, May 28. Dr. Killmier, representing Overseas Mission Dept., addressed church, a.m., June 11.

Kangaroo Flat (J. K. Martin). — Successful church school anniversary June 4; J. K. Martin a.m. speaker. Brian Greenwood (O.A.C.) talked to children afternoon and evening. K. Lacy conducted children with help of orchestra. Tea meeting, concert and prize distribution, 7th. G. J. Andrews and J. K. Martin speakers 11th.

Maryborough (R. E. Pritchard). — Y.P. hosts to group from Surrey Hills, Queen's Birthday weekend. Fellowship tea held Sunday afternoon, following youth service, with Kevin Walters preaching. Ladies' Aid preparing for annual fair. Mrs. Chamberlain gave coat hanger demonstration.

West Preston (T. T. Robinson). — Teenager baptised June 4. Church has instituted **Bring Your Bible Campaign**, with gratifying response. Responsive readings from N.T. commenced. C.M.S. giving services to property repairs, etc., for needy members. Y.P.S.C.E. visited Victorian Helping Hand Centre (Northcote). G. Henderson showed slides of beneficial work done for subnormal children. Services well attended. C.E. visited Janefeld, and conducted service in afternoon.

Northcote (A. B. Withers). — A. Pigdon a.m. speaker, May 28. Minister leading Adult Education group on Wednesday evenings. On 12th, C.Y.F. held hike which finished at Sutherland Homes, where they provided entertainment and tea for inmates. Miss N. Baxter in hospital for surgery. Much sickness among members. Church sympathises with family of late Mrs. M. Morris.

Gardiner (F. A. Youens). — During May school vacation, Happy Hours campaign conducted by A. Male and K. Turner (C.O.B.), assisted by their wives. New scholars recruited for B.S. as result. May averages: 183 a.m., 119 p.m. B.S. lad made good confession on 14th. Church sympathises with Mr. and Mrs. S. Mudie and family in recent bereavement. Mrs. Peters, missed from fellowship, is now at Emmaus. Social in home of Mr. and Mrs. Fleer raised funds for football club.

Red Cliffs (S. K. Bannon). — Men's series of working bees completely painted interior and exterior of church buildings. C.W.F.A.G. purchased new carpet for aisle and porch. Number of our boys attended Boys' Club camp at Murray Valley Youth Camp site, in May holidays. C.W.F.A.G. street stall, May 26, raised about £50. Mr. and Mrs. Rex Heazlewood on caravan tour to Cairns. Mr. Nixon (B.&F.B.S.) a.m. speaker, June 4. Meetings well attended.

Robinvale. — Addresses from Messrs. Keatch, McWilliams (Mildura), A. Brown (Geelong), local brethren, and first address from J. Rogerson have been enjoyed. Young lady accepted Christ. C.E. meets on Saturday night, training for service under leadership of Mal. Smith. 80 from Swan Hill and Robinvale enjoyed barbecue tea and fellowship at Boundary Bend with Graham Harrison (C.O.B.). C.W.F. delighted to have visit from Mesd. Amos, Rusden, Goldstein, Ferguson. Number of visitors welcomed to services. D. Chislett is making satisfactory progress after surgery.

Horsham (L. S. Dewberry). — National Marriage and Family Week observed culminating in Mother's Day services. C.W.F. enjoyed Ask the Minister night at manse, June 2.

Monthly teens and twenties night on 3rd enjoyed "mad hatters" programme. Youth service on 4th; all auxiliaries on parade and Y.P. participating. Four teenage lads confessed Christ. Av. attendances for May: a.m., 156; p.m., 106; highest a.m. attendance for month, 174.

Mount Evelyn (W. F. Nankivell). — Church appreciative of service rendered by G. Lord (C.O.B.) following W. F. Nankivell's interim retirement. Increasing interest and attendance in B.S. and newly-formed youth group encouraging. Faithful service given over past months by church sec. (H. Graham) and other volunteers, during building programme; plans now in hand for opening of new youth hall. During May, C.W.F. celebrated third birthday; Mrs. Foote (local member) spoke on mission work in Islands. At "every member present" service, May 21, B. Cooper (Croydon) was speaker.

Peel-st., Ballarat. — Young lady made decision and was baptised. Av. weekly breaking bread 61; p.m. 75. Speakers at morning services are from Baptist, Congregational and sister churches. Boys' club growing; 16 attending and most boys coming to B.S. Prayer meetings in members' homes creating interest. R. Davies re-entered hospital for further treatment. Quote accepted and work begun on painting of exterior of chapel and school buildings. C.W.F. purchased cover for piano. Badminton and basketball teams doing well.

Brunswick (R. E. Burns). — Illness affecting attendances. Mrs. Kinneer, Mrs. French, Mrs. Colvin still unable to attend through illness. Basketball team continues to perform well. Mrs. Daniluc shifting to Noble Park. Working bee cleaned grounds of chapel and will continue in laying lawns and paths. Annual business meeting held. Sec. and elder A. Marsh; treas., W. Jenkin; officers, A. Cornish, R. Gray, M. McColl, F. Lowery, K. Marsh, Miss B. Marriner. Sec. reported work in good heart and finances sound. Mrs. Andrew appointed pres. C.W.F. Youth Club had outing at Mt. Macedon, Queen's Birthday.

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MORGAN. — Treasured memories of David Francis, beloved husband of Beanie, and dearly loved father of Deryn, Gwen and Kent. Called to Higher service, June 19, 1952. "Forever in our hearts."

KEMP — Maggie Craig Abercrombie. In loving memory of a gracious and devoted wife who passed to Higher service, June 23, 1959. "Entered into the glory Where Faith is changed to sight, and Hope lost in fruition, And death in Endless Life."

SUMPTON — Frederick J. Loving memories of our esteemed friend and elder, who was called Home from this life, June 27, 1958. Always remembered by his friends at Garden-vale church, Vic. "Resting where no shadows fall."

PARKER. — In loving memory of dear Harold and Daddy, called Home, June 21, 1959. "The one who did so much for us is resting in God's will."

— Betty and children.

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OBITUARY

Mrs. Margaret Feary.

Over two years ago Mrs. Margaret Feary, wife of the York-st., Ballarat (Vic.) church sec. and elder, H. G. Feary, and mother of Bill, Geoff., Mrs. M. Murray, and Bob, suffered a stroke. The effect was partial paralysis of the brain, plus impaired sight and inability to read, write, knit or do crochet work. This, plus other physical sufferings, kept our sister in a state of living death. The throwing off of this mortal coil was a relief to her and to all those who loved her, when it occurred on May 25. The singular characteristic of Mrs. Feary was her devotion to her Saviour. Fitting tributes were paid to her at the service on May 27, when the church building was packed to capacity for the service conducted by F. Hunting and the writer. After the service, the large assemblage of mourners moved in dignified procession to the Ballarat Crematorium for the final committal. It was truly said of her that she had fought a good fight, kept the faith and finished her course.—C. Terry.

William Stanley Watts.

In his 99th year, William Stanley Watts has gone to be with Christ. So has ended the earthly course of a very genial and pleasant old man, blessed to the end with excellent health, and a thankful disposition. His wonderful wife, whose service we fondly recall, predeceased him just a few months ago, and from this time he began to lose ground. But for him it was a very gentle "merging," and to the last we could say of him that "his eye was not dim, nor had his natural force abated." We shall sorely miss this last link with two very lovely people, yet we rejoice in a certain fitness, as one of ripe age and rich faith goes home to be with his Lord. The sympathy of the church at Auburn, N.S.W., is lovingly tendered to their daughter Lois, and the children of an earlier marriage.—L. G. Read.

Eneta Florence Tinney.

The church at Albion, Qld., was saddened recently by the news of the passing of Mrs. Eneta Florence Tinney at the age of 58 years. Mrs. Tinney had been in ill-health for about nine months, but no one realised the extremely serious nature of her sickness until just a few days prior to her death. Her association with the church at Albion goes back over a number of years, during which time she took her place in the work and worship of the church in a loyal and devoted manner. Mrs. Tinney's Christ-like spirit was evident in the fact that all through her suffering she was continually concerned about the welfare of her family. The

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