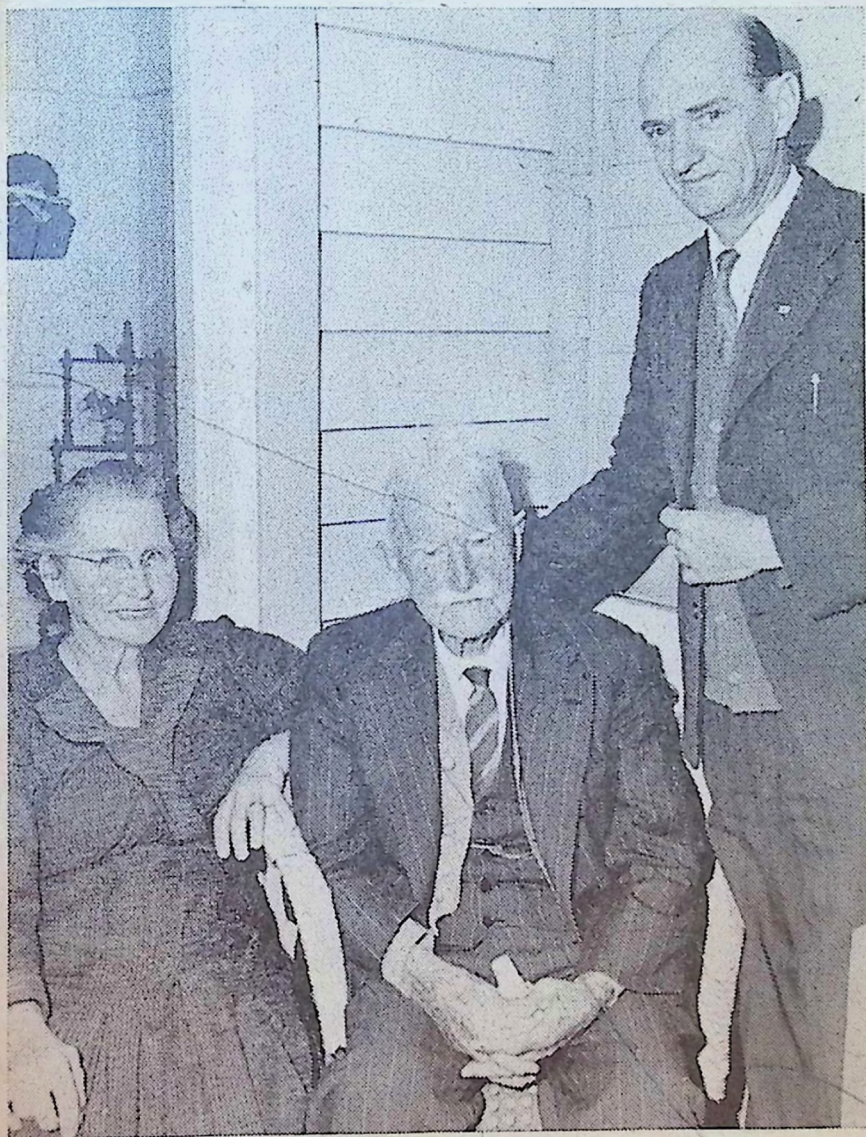


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Toowoomba Centenarian

The church at Toowoomba, Qld., rejoiced with A. Marriage in the celebration of his 100th birthday on Aug. 23. The minister (H. J. Finger) and deacons paid an official call at his home, and the ladies' groups also called during the day.

A most unusual feature is the fact that Mr. Marriage's late wife was also a centenarian, dying six years ago at the age of 101 years and four months.

The Toowoomba Chronicle (by whose courtesy we feature the accompanying picture) carried the following report:

Toowoomba's oldest resident, Alexander Marriage, received a message of congratulation from Her Majesty the Queen yesterday on the occasion of his hundredth birthday.

The message from the Queen read: "The Queen is much interested to hear you are celebrating your hundredth birthday and sends you her congratulations and good wishes."

Other messages received by Mr. Marriage were:

From the Governor General (Viscount de Lisle): "My wife and I offer you sincere congratulations on the occasion of your hundredth birthday, which we understand you celebrate today."

From the Prime Minister (Mr. Menzies): "I am informed by Mr. R. W. Swartz that you are celebrating your hundredth birthday today. Please accept heartiest congratulations and good wishes for the future from my wife and myself on this truly grand occasion."

From the Parliamentary Secretary for Trade (Mr. Swartz): "Sincere congratulations and best wishes on your hundredth birthday. We all hope you enjoy many more happy years."

Seated in a sunny room, Mr. Marriage was chatting happily with deacons of his church and other visitors when a Chronicle representative visited his home.

Mr. Marriage, who is pictured at left with his niece, Mrs. M. I. Coleman, who looks after him at 106 Stuart-st., and the minister of the Church of Christ, H. J. Finger, received numerous messages and scores of visitors.

An enthusiastic adherent of the Church of Christ, he claims that Christianity, allied with hard work and sensible living, has played a big part in his longevity.

Although his sight and hearing are "not as good as they used to be," Mr. Marriage enjoys reasonable health and his retentive memory enables him to quote long passages of Scripture.

He was born at Ballarat and has been a farmer most of his life.

Perth City Church Conducts Comprehensive Campaign

Launched on June 17 with a church dinner, the City Church of Christ, Perth, W.A., concluded its Comprehensive Evangelism Campaign with a church fellowship evening on Aug. 23.

Based on the system of Dr. Bayne Driskill, of Disciples of Christ in U.S.A., and as extensively used both there and in New Zealand over recent years, Comprehensive Evangelism incorporates fellowship, visitation, preaching and education techniques into a pattern in which the whole church shares.

After consultation with his office-bearers, who endorsed the plan, the minister of the Perth City Church (M. J. Savage) called a meeting of twenty-four church leaders and explained in detail the scheme to them. This gathering also heartily endorsed the proposal to undertake a campaign, and after prayer set the date of the proposed Decision Day, fixed on a goal of thirty-three decisions, and appointed a Steering Committee to oversee the project.

The whole church was committed to the task in a special Covenant Service, and daily prayer support was asked for in a Prayer Covenant Card. A contact list of one hundred and fifty names was compiled and a letter sent out to each person, advising them of a call to be made upon them by specially selected and trained visitors who would seek to commend the Church and its fellowship to them. Training classes were conducted weekly by C. H. Dow, minister of the Inglewood Church of Christ, who acted as Visitation Director to the campaign. After the first call made by thirty-eight visitors in teams of twos, who left at each home appropriate material commending the Church, the list was reduced to twenty-five names, and when a second letter had gone out to these, twenty visitors selected from the original teams and subjected to further training, went out to call with a view to securing definite commitments.

On Decision Day, the City Church was filled with its largest meetings in the present ministry. Eleven decisions were recorded at the morning service and a further two at the evening one. Over the campaign a total of thirty people expressed the wish to link up with the church (eleven primary decisions, eight reaffirmations of faith and eleven transfers). It is anticipated that other decisions, both reaffirmations and primary decisions, will be made over the coming weeks.

The church has immeasurably profited in spirit and has increased its attendance figures at all services and auxiliary meetings as a result of the effort. Campaign expenses were more than covered by generous giving in a special campaign offering.



News of British Churches

The Annual Conference of Churches of Christ in Great Britain was held in the city of Liverpool at the beginning of August. Registrations were not so large as at Edinburgh, 180 members came from a distance, and there were many day visitors from churches in adjacent towns.

In an attempt to revise the Conference timetable, the induction of the President (Ernest Gray, formerly of Nyasaland and now minister at Coplaw-st., Glasgow) was held at an after-church service on Sunday evening.

The President's address was on *The Challenge of Our Age and a Missionary Answer*. He said that the task of the Church is to preach Christ as Saviour and Lord, by word, sacrament and life. In meeting the challenge of the age, we must realise that the Church is in a missionary situation, and Christians at home must face their task with the zeal and full commitment expected of those who serve overseas.

One of the highlights of the Conference was the presentation of cheques to the treasurers of standing committees, enabling them to write off their overdrafts. The Past-President, Paul A. W. Smith, sponsored an appeal during his year of office, and raised over £6,000 for the redemption of overdrafts.

One of the features of Conference was the number of changes in key positions. A presentation was made to J. L. Colver, who returns to the ministry after 14 years as General Secretary. F. W. White retired after serving for 24 years as chairman of the Training Committee; and Mrs. Montgomery retired after serving for 9 years as president of the C.W.F.

The new General Secretary is W. W. Hendry. The new chairman of the Training Committee is John Short, of Manchester.

Among the overseas visitors were Dr. W. A. and Mrs. Knight, Fraternal Delegates from the International Convention of Churches of Christ; Dr. and Mrs. Sikes, U.S.A. and Geneva;

and Frank Hay, New Zealand, who is to serve a church in Scotland. Dr. Dunn, Vice-President of Bethany College, was also welcomed at a later session.

Two men were ordained to the ministry, and a new missionary was commissioned for service as a teacher in Nyasaland. —G. J. Hammond.

Notes from the Readings for SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

JEREMIAH 1.

In this opening chapter, Jeremiah gives the story of his call, and describes two visions that came to him. He is encouraged to persevere against opposition.

"of the priests" (v. 1). — "The usual explanation is that Jeremiah was from a priestly family, but never functioned as a priest" (Hyatt).

"I knew thee" (v. 5). — "Note, with Gillies, the three things which Jeremiah specifies within the call: the foreknowledge — I knew you; the sanctification — I consecrated you; and the scope of his commission — I appointed you a prophet to the nations . . . Note his sense of the inescapability of his being chosen" (Hopper).

"I am a child" (v. 6). — "Only a youth" (R.S.V.). "Abraham's fighting men (Gen. 14: 24) are described by the same Hebrew word" (Welch).

"touched my mouth" (v. 9). — "This symbolic action was very important, for the Hebrew prophet was believed to be himself a spokesman or mouthpiece for God" (Hyatt).

"hasten my word" (v. 12). — Better, "watching over my word." There is a pun here, the word for almond and the word for watching being very similar in Hebrew. "Here the rod symbolises imminent judgment" (Hyatt).

COLOSSIANS 2: 13-23.

After rejoicing in the fulness of Christ's victory on the cross, Paul emphasises that new life is the mark of true religion, not ascetic and ritual practices.

"blotting out the handwriting of ordinances" (v. 14). — "Cancelled the bond which stood against us with its legal demands" (R.S.V.). "He removes the guilt and the power of sin, both of which shut us out from moral freedom" (MacLeod).

"let no man beguile you" (v. 18). — Note R.S.V. translation of this difficult verse: "Let no one disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, taking his stand on visions." "The root cause of the false asceticism and mysticism was that they were looking to the wrong source for moral and spiritual salvation (v. 19). Christ was subordinated to a hierarchy of supposed spiritual powers" (MacLeod).

E. P. C. HOLLARD (S.A. Home Mission Director) asks . . .

WAS THAT SURGERY NECESSARY?

The S.A. Year Book has just come from the press, and it reveals that the annual surgery has been as drastic as ever! This book tells us that "the Lord added to the Church" 438 by faith and obedience, and "someone" erased 452 from the Church.

This appalling piece of surgery goes on from year to year, and a look at the Year Books from N.S.W., W.A., S.A., Victoria-Tas., reveals that at the last two conferences in these States it was reported that 4,977 were baptised into Christ, and 3,283 were removed from the rolls of the churches. (Queensland does not carry a report).

Surgeons tell us that the knife is used only when it becomes apparent that other methods will fail . . . and then surgery is not entered into lightly. But Church Boards, or elders, or deacons, or churches, are not as concerned about the souls of men as medical men are about the bodies of men!

The time is here for a halt to this irresponsible habit which is being entered into with abandon by the brotherhood.

Let us examine this whole dreadful situation. Possibly some of these referred to as losses by "revision of roll" have moved into association with other church communions, but not all of them.

Let me ask, is this column intended to mean "forfeited redemption"? Is that what is meant by "revision of roll"? If it is, then someone had better do some honest thinking before God. What is the basis of judgment? What methods were adopted to be absolutely sure that redemption has been forfeited? How much prayer was behind the hand that removed the names, and how fervent were the tears that watched the dread figures?

I ask . . . what is the difference between an "inactive" member and a "removed" member? One may come three times a year and be retained on the roll . . . is that being active? By what method of judgment is this "activity" determined?

I ask those responsible for this surgery; does this column mean that as a people we have agreed for 3,283 people to be lost to Christ and the Church?

What Efforts Were Made

to offset the surgery? Were these people called on and asked if it was

Following upon last week's editorial on "A Square Look at Round Figures," we had intended to make further editorial comment on the heavy "revision of roll" figures in the reports of many of our churches around Australia.

However, we gladly make way for this provocative comment on the same situation, which has just reached us from E. P. C. Hollard. We trust that his remarks will stimulate some worthwhile discussion in our "Open Forum" columns.

Conservation of church membership is an essential feature of "Design for Development," and one which urgently needs greater attention by all church workers. Total evangelism isn't content with winning folk to Christ and the Church; its task is to hold them in a deepening loyalty to both.

their desire to have their names removed from the roll of Christ's Church, that they possibly no longer desired to be regarded as part of his people?

How many of them were asked to consider Hebrews 6: 4-6 and 2 Peter 2: 20-22, and, did those asking spare no pains to make clear the distressing meaning of those two passages of Holy Writ? Was prayer offered in their homes by men from the Church who were concerned by the fact that the revision could mean eternity? . . . that every implication spelt eternal doom?

Were these names removed after the church to which Christ had once added these people had reluctantly come to the conclusion that they were "beyond the pale", "deniers of Christ" and "lovers of this present world"? Was every conceivable opportunity given them to face Christ and the situation before this drastic decision was made by the church?

If No Efforts Were Made

. . . then certain observations are inevitable.

1. A casual and unconcerned attitude towards the eternal souls of men has been adopted by some churches. (If these people were approached, then this statement must be withdrawn.)

2. Some person/s within the church accepted the dreadful responsibility of erasing these people, a responsibility

ity which no man dare accept lightly, or even at all.

3. Who has the right to assert that anyone is out of fellowship with Christ, or to assume the judgment which determines their state of fellowship? Surely the persons concerned must make the judgment of their status, but only after they have been carefully approached and faced with the situation. I know a church where the secretary has the right to remove names at will. A Board which thrusts one man into such a position needs to re-think its own service to Christ and the Church.

4. Is it conceivable that "Conference fees" become accepted as the basis of appraising the worth of a human soul? Is it that when such "fees" amount to, say, 2/6 per year, then someone looks at the charges and then determines that certain people are not worth the charges? If this is the case, and we all know that it has happened, then the "state in Denmark" is nothing compared with the state in the Church of Jesus Christ.

5. Is it assuming too much to assert that a tight church constitution is doing despite to the New Testament as the authority of a local church? If the constitution says we lop them off for non-attendance and the New Testament over and over again pleads for the souls of men, enjoins personal contact and prayer and concern, then we walk a perilous path at the point of these human documents! And God knows that in some congregations appeals are made to the constitution before they are ever made to God's Word.

6. Have some parts of the New Testament no more meaning? E.g. "The weaker brother" of 1 Corinthians 6 and 8 can fall where he likes, and it's his bad luck! Does "Bear ye one another's burdens" of Gal. 6 only refer to slaves with large loads, and not to Christians with a spirit or faith in need of repair? "Restore such an one" of Gal. 6 necessitates some action, and we aren't prepared to take it!

How we have preached our hearts out about the thief on the cross who came with his last heart-beats. But what of these people on the crosses of denial and possible despair? There is something they already know, and yet we miss our opportunity to bring it to life again.

I ask again — "Was this surgery necessary?"

How to Handle Our Handicaps

Lord Byron and Sir Walter Scott were both lame. Byron was embittered by his lameness, brooded on it till he loathed it, never entered a public place but his mind reverted to it, so that much of the color and zest of existence was lost to him. Scott, on the other hand, never complained or spoke one bitter word about his disability, not even to his dearest friend. In the circumstances it is not so very surprising that Sir Walter should have received a letter from Byron with this sentence in it: "Ah, Scott, I would give all my fame to have your happiness."

Beware of Bitterness

We all have handicaps of some sort. They may be physical, mental, temperamental. The important thing is to learn how to handle them. Above everything else, try not to give way to bitterness. On Broadway the other night when the traffic light went green I made to help a blind man across the road. He turned on me instantly and in invective-laden language told me to mind my own business. He was having a sore time handling an uncommonly heavy handicap, but bitterness was only doubling the odds against him. If I could have got his ear I wonder whether it would have been helpful to tell him about Dr. Barnardo. His son died of diphtheria when nine years of age. At first Barnardo may have been resentful and rebellious, but he mastered the mood and rose above it. Grieving over the loss of his little boy, he made a vow that he would, by God's grace, consecrate himself to the service of small children. The Barnardo Orphan Homes were the result.

For another type of handicap the important thing to say is, Don't let the sense of inferiority take hold of you. There are people of all ages who have allowed their handicaps — poor appearance, low-grade intellectual ability, ill-health — to limit drastically their horizons. They have far too quickly come to terms with themselves and their limitations. The psychologists very properly insist on the need of self-acceptance, but there is a self-acceptance that is altogether too supine and indolent. Few things are sadder than to see men and women losing heart and hope, drifting into apathy and inertia, deliberately sentencing themselves to low levels of achievement. Whatever the handicap, the fact remains that the person who imposes a strict discipline on himself becomes a better person

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and does finer work. He may have decided limitations, but he neither feels superfluous nor useless. He keeps his self-respect. There is no dishonor in having only one talent, whereas others have five or ten. The dishonor lies in neglecting and failing to turn to full account whatever the gift that has been entrusted to our care.

Handicaps Conquered

Look at the other aspect of the case, the positive aspect. Think of the men and women who have triumphed over their handicaps. The Apostle Paul, for example. Ailing, frail, weakened by hunger and often by fever, he completed a life-work that, as a mere physical performance, challenges the admiration. All of us have heard of William James and Henry James, two brilliant brothers, but what do we know of their sister Alice? She was a real person in her own right. An invalid from her eighteenth year to the year of her early death at forty, she knew all about handicaps. But you could never tell if you went through her journal that she was a bed-ridden invalid. Reading George Eliot's letters, which contain frequent references to aches and pains, she asked, "Where was the creature's pride?" About Alice James her biographer comments, "She never accepted the horizons of invalidism." The mind has unbelievable powers over the body.

You could assemble a library of books about men and women who have triumphed over their handicaps. They have had a hard time and few advantages, but have won their way through to distinction. They have gone through life incapacitated in one way or another, but they have nevertheless produced some of the finest work in every sphere of activity. Milton was blind. Beethoven was deaf. Darwin was (the words are his own) "almost continually unwell." These are great names, but the triumph is not confined to the great ones of the earth. I knew a student, a girl, a victim of infantile paralysis, whose body was cruelly distorted and whose every movement was labored, but whose personality was radiant, and whose academic record gave no hint of the difficulties she had to contend with. And there is the story of the man, obscure and unknown but typical of countless per-

sens, who was blinded in a motor accident. His first thoughts afterwards were angry, resentful, rebellious thoughts. But by the time of the major operation, when the doctor told him that he could only save part of one eye, and that the other would have to be taken out and a glass eye put in, he surprised even himself by replying, "All right, Doctor, I consent; but if you do have to put in a glass eye, please put a twinkle in it."

"Grow Under the Burden"

We often say that such gallant souls have triumphed over their handicaps. Ought we not rather to say that they have triumphed because of them? The handicap has in so many instances proved more of an incentive than an impediment. All over the world are men ready to testify that the success they have achieved in their profession or business they owe to the challenge of early disadvantages. The very obstacles in their path were what put them on their mettle and stirred in them resolution and grit. "Doubtless," James Barrie told the students of St. Andrew's University, "the Almighty could have provided us with better fun than hard work, but I don't know what it is. To be born poor is probably the next best thing. The greatest glory that has ever come to me was to be swallowed up in London not knowing a soul, with no means of subsistence, and the fun of working till the stars went out." In such a school for character a man visibly takes on stature; his mind develops, his powers mature. One of the Scottish clans has for its motto *Sub pondere cresco*, "I grow under the burden." Instead of giving way to bitterness or slumping into inertia, the thing to do with a handicap is to accept and use it. There is no limitation, no misfortune, no burden of sorrow or sickness or suffering that the human spirit cannot rise above. These things, after all, are the raw material out of which character is made. Resentment, cynicism, self-pity, need not be the reaction. Booker T. Washington again and again made use of the phrase, "the advantages of disadvantages," a phrase illumined for us when we think of Helen Keller, blind and deaf, saying, "I thank God for my handicaps, for through them I have found myself, my work and my God."

I am concerned with a subject like this to do more than teach Stoic (continued col. 1, p. 549.)



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

Youth — A-Flame or A-Fizzle

D. Eagling, New Hebrides.

"Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes; but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee unto judgment" (Ecc. 11: 9).

Ndui Ndui has an abundance of young men and women. It is poss-

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doctrine. To the heavily handicapped the advice of the Stoic is, Keep your chin up and your shoulders squared and don't give in. You find it in Marcus Aurelius and Epictetus and Seneca — strong, robust doctrine, with the emphasis all on self-reliance. But when Paul labored under his handicap, had to live with his thorn in the flesh, he found he needed to get down to a deeper level. He was a strong personality, but self-reliance was not enough. He besought the Lord thrice that the thorn might be removed. It was not removed. Whatever it was, he had to carry it with him to his dying day. But his prayer did not go unanswered. This was the answer: "My grace is sufficient for thee; for my strength is made perfect in weakness." If your problem is the handling of a heavy handicap, be sure to get beyond self-reliance to that deeper level where your life is open to the grace of God. An atheist is a man without invisible means of support. A Christian draws on resources that are divine. "Jesus Christ came into my room last night," wrote Samuel Rutherford from a dark dungeon in the city of Aberdeen, "and every stone shone like a ruby." Abraham Lincoln, leaving Springfield for the White House, the burden of office heavy on him, reached that deeper level, for, addressing friends and associates he told them: "Without Divine assistance I cannot succeed; with it I cannot fail." When you have accepted your handicaps and sought to use them, when you have done the best you can with what you have, be sure, be very sure, to turn to the greatest resource of all: "My grace is sufficient for thee, for my strength is made perfect in weakness." —Christian World.

ible to meet well over three hundred in a few hours' travel from the Mission, and every day of the week sees Marcia and me having contact with one hundred boys and girls and young teachers at the Ndui Ndui district school. While English, Arithmetic, and other subjects such as Hygiene, Geography and Biology are taught, we place great emphasis on Bible teaching. We are constantly reminded that we have failed in our work if the children learn good English but fail to know God and his Son, Jesus Christ. 2 Tim. 3: 14-15 says, "But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them: and that from a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."

Witnessing to Christ's love happens at any time of the day or night, and in any place. Outside of school hours, many opportunities are available to speak for Christ. Walking along the road to Ndui Ndui during the day and also during the night, I have spoken to groups of young men, encouraging them to serve Christ. Out in the Mission boat, on the many trips that we make, the conversation ranges from the weather, their gardens, their homes and relatives, to what Christ would have them do.

Every Tuesday night, August Ben comes to our home for language work. August is a very good informant, and he teaches us a great deal about the Ndui Ndui language. We praise God for the way August has grown in his love for Christ. He has earned himself a reputation around the villages at Ndui Ndui for being a "good boy." He is always speaking to some other young boy who finds it hard to follow the way of Christ. During a trip to Santo, August was saying how a group of young men tried to tempt him into drinking beer. They failed in their attempt and August remained true to his Lord.

Every Friday night, another young man comes to the Mission — his purpose (to use his own words), "to find out more about the Bible, and learn about Jesus Christ." This young man will be a future leader in his village, and what a great joy it is to us to see him a-flame for the Lord in his thirst after the Word of God.

Heartaches and failures are many. The heart is proud, the eyes are full of lust and Christ seems to have no place in countless young people's fun and future. The fire of God's truth becomes a flame in the dawning revelation of Christ's love, to fizzle out amidst the temptations of this island and the beckoning "lights" and lusts of the "world" at Santo, just 40 miles across the sea from Aoba.

The last Saturday night in every month sees a youth meeting at Ndui Ndui. We have seen 160 crowd into the church building, sitting on the seats and overflowing on to the floor. The boys and girls sing heartily and with great melody on these nights. It is their night, and they practise their hymns well, to give the best of their ability. The young men are wonderful to listen to when they sing and play their guitars to praise the Lord in song. We usually show slides that have been taken around the island, of people and places. This is a time of much laughter when the young people see themselves on the screen. The meeting finishes with a special challenge from the Word of God, either in film-strip, flannelgraph, flashcard or messages with emphasis on youth.

The leaders have already been chosen for a Boys' Life Brigade unit. They are very keen to serve Christ in this way. There are a great number of boys around Ndui Ndui with idle hands and a lot of spare time. We hope to channel this youthful enthusiasm into Christian training.

A young couple, just married at the village of Navitora, have undertaken, on their own initiative, to look after an All-Age Sunday School on Sunday afternoons. The young man was very near death only 6 months ago, after drinking cold beer and working in the hot sun on the copra ship at Santo. We praise God that he now realises his sinfulness, and is repentant in his life.

Youth aflame everywhere for Christ! Whether the numbers be small or large, our Lord wants bright flames from those who say they love him. Zella Nixon says:

"O brave youth, in the conflict of life, Tried weapons you need in the desperate strife;

The Spirit's strong sword, not the enemy's dart,

Will win if you're hiding God's Word in your heart."

We write, with John. "... unto you young men and young women, because ye have overcome the wicked one; ... unto you, little children, because ye have known the Father; ... unto you, young men and young women, because ye are strong, and the Word of God abideth in you" (1 John 2: 13-14).

THE MINISTRIES OF OUR

WOMEN

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

Programme for October

Theme: "I AM IN THE FATHER
AND THE FATHER IN ME."

Mrs. W. E. Taylor, Devonport, Tas.

MEDITATION.

Jesus said, "I am in the Father and the Father in me." How simply the Lord Jesus spoke the great truths for us to believe! When his disciple Philip said, "Show us the Father and we will be satisfied," Jesus quietly answered, "He that has seen me has seen the Father."

HYMN.

No. 364, "May we thy precepts, Lord, fulfil."

PRAYER.

Dear Father, forgive us, we pray, for the times we have allowed thy words to become difficult to understand, for the times we have clothed the simple message of Jesus with big words and profound statements. Help us to accept the family relations of thee, our God, with the same joy and naturalness that we accept our own family relations. Bless our loved ones, and give to our families the same oneness and unity of purpose, that we see in thee and in the Lord Jesus. For we pray in Jesus' Name, Amen.

BIBLE READING.

John 14: 1-10.

DEVOTIONAL.

Since the arrival six months ago, of "Mark William Taylor," one statement has been made more regularly than any other, by friends and visitors to the Devonport manse. The statement is this: "Isn't he like his father?", or "You can see his father in him." How simply on the human level we accept the likeness of father and son; in fact, we are looking for it.

This was how Jesus meant us to feel about his relationship with his Father. The likeness is there; not only should we accept it, but we should be looking for it. "Didn't you know, Philip," said Jesus, "He that has seen me has seen the Father."

What was the secret of this perfect blending of two personalities into one? Why could Jesus say, "I am in the Father, and the Father in me"? The answer is found in the prayer of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. "Father, if it be possible let this cup pass from me

— nevertheless, not my will but thine be done." Though Jesus was equal with God, though he was a part of the Father, yet he had to be willing, and ready, to yield his own will to the will of his Father. The book of Hebrews explains it like this: "Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered."

Again, we understand this principle so easily in our human relations. Although our son is only 6 months' old, we can already see part of the determination and will of his parents beginning to show, and we know that if our family relations are to be happy there will be many times that "Mark William" will have to bend his will to the will of his father. He will have to learn obedience, perhaps, at times by the things he must suffer.

We understand this so easily, on the human level, and this is how Jesus means us to understand it on the divine level.

When Jesus said, "I am in the Father, and the Father in me," it was not only a oneness of personality and purpose; it was a harmony brought about by the willingness of the Son to learn obedience, and how to yield his own will to the will of the Father.

HYMN.

No. 517, "In Christ I feel the heart of God."

MISSIONARY NEWS.

MISSIONARY PRAYER.

BUSINESS.

ADDRESS.

HYMN.

No. 374, "Dear Lord and Father of mankind."

BENEDICTION.



Welfare Centre Norseman

Notes by J. K. Robinson, Federal
Secretary, Aborigines Missions.

Down the years our Mission work at Norseman and Carnarvon in W.A. has been predominantly among aboriginal children. The two Missions are large homes for the housing and

training of native children. This has been a matter of policy, and still is, but over the past two or three years there has been an increasing outreach in ministry to adult natives of the respective districts. In Norseman, these new contacts have resulted in a big, new venture. For some time consideration had been given as to what might be done to help the native people outside the Mission, and an opening came when it was discovered that a shop with attached living-quarters in Norseman Town could be purchased very cheaply. It was secured for £850, renovations and furniture costing another £500. An adjoining block of land was secured for £30.



The new Welfare Centre in Norseman. In front, left to right, D. Dewing (Supt.), H. Olney ("Uncle" to Norseman Mission) and A. M. Bell (Federal Board Chairman).

The living-quarters of the building have been well fitted up for occupancy by Mr. and Mrs. Ray Roberts and their two children. The front, or shop portion, right across the whole width of the building and entered from the street, has been reserved as a kind of common room for native people to gather. One end has been fitted with tables and lounge chairs, and the other is reserved for activities where people move about. Here in this room native people may be gathered for social fellowship, spiritual counselling and meetings. It will be a place for casual meetings, leaving parcels and so on. The new Centre is diagonally opposite a hotel where many natives congregate for want of a better place to go, when they come in from outlying areas, and it is hoped to induce them to make the Centre their meeting place.

Mr. and Mrs. Roberts, during their time at the Mission, have shown a particular aptitude for establishing friendship with adult natives and winning their confidence, and it is felt that they will conduct a successful ministry in this Centre. They are at present in charge of the kindergarten section of the Mission and cannot be released to the new work until arrangements are made for the kindergarten work. We are praying that the Lord will raise up the necessary

Eightieth Anniversary, Long Plains, S.A.

Excellent weather and attendances marked the recent celebrations of the eightieth anniversary of the church at Long Plains. As many former members as the secretary could locate were invited to attend, and the seating capacity of the chapel was taxed to the limit when a congregation of approximately 170 attended the morning meeting. Ross Graham's fine address on *The Church Within the Confines of the New Testament* set the pattern for the rest of the day.

Just on 200 sat down to lunch, prepared by the ladies in the Memorial Hall alongside the chapel. The afternoon meeting, held in the Memorial Hall, drew a gathering of approximately 300, and was addressed by W. J. Thomson (Croydon, Vic.). The singing of the Churches of Christ Choral Association Choir was an added feature at this service.

The ladies again catered for a large crowd at tea, and the day was brought to a close with a very well attended gospel service, at which J. B. Baker (Flinders Park, S.A.) was the speaker. The Long Plains Youth Choir, under Mrs. M. A. Carslake, led the congregation in singing. It was a memorable day of meetings.

Besides guest speakers and their wives, the gathering included Mrs. Pillar (nee Ethel Moyle), Mrs. Marsh-

all (nee Minnie Moyle, possibly oldest to return for the day), Mr. and Mrs. Robert May (Mrs. May, daughter of R. D. Lawrie, possibly only one present who could have attended original meetings as a baby), Mr. and Mrs. W. May (Mrs. May nee Daniel), Mr. and Mrs. John Carslake. D. K. Beiler (S.A. Conf. Pres.) and his wife were also present. Among present members in attendance were fourth generation members, Brian and Heather Zanker, descendants of E. Good, in whose barn the church first met, and Alvin Jenkins and Lesley Daniel, fifth generation members, descendants of Thos. Daniel.

Mr. Good's barn still stands almost opposite the present chapel, and is owned by a son. Meetings began there following permission being given at a meeting in Mallala on July 5, 1881, the new church to form a circuit with Mallala. A meeting on July 11, 1881, duly formed the church at Long Plains. Thos. Daniel, Robert Daniel, R. D. Lawrie, Robt. Barr, snr. and Andrew Barr were elected to preside at the Lord's Table, and Thos. Daniel, R. Barr, snr., R. Barr, jnr., E. Good, R. D. Lawrie and J. Barnden nominated as first deacons of the church. Sometime within the next two years a meeting place was built at Wild Horse Plains.

The membership of the first church formed at Long Plains was 39, but over 20 years passed before they ventured to build a chapel on land given by Mr. Parker. Numbers have remained steady over the years, and at present stand a little higher. The church has given three members to the full-time ministry; Mr. Baker and Gilbert Daniel, who went to study in America, where Mr. Daniel remained to preach until his death at the age of 64; and H. Prime, at present attending the Federal College of the Bible and ministering at Bayswater, Vic.

The church originally formed part of a circuit with Mallala and Wild Horse Plains. In 1943, during the ministry of W. J. Thomson, a circuit was formed with the church at Owen, meetings having ceased at Mallala and Wild Horse Plains. Avon became an officially constituted church during J. B. Baker's ministry, and was added to the circuit. In 1948, just after the commencement of Mr. Baker's ministry, the old chapel was completely gutted by a fire which swept through the district. It was replaced by the present chapel, opened for worship in 1953. Within the past few months, a youth hall has been added to the property.

The following have ministered to the church: R. Woodcock, E. Griffiths, G. P. Cuttrise, F. Goodwin, Ross Graham, W. J. Taylor, T. G. Mason, Ira Durdin, Garfield Rootes, A. O. S. Baker, W. J. Thomson, Mr. Noble, J. B. Baker, M. D. Williams, M. A. Coombs, G. Mathieson, jnr., and C. Badcock. — M. H. D., sec.



Vic. Church News

Reservoir (F. B. Alcorn). — Church anniversary services addressed by F. Ewers (Bentleigh), R. Francis (International Harvester Co.) and W. A. Thompson (Vic.-Tas. Conf. Pres.). Former members shared in anniversary tea after P.S.A.; items by C.E. Quartet and Mrs. K. Wookey appreciated. Monthly youth teas successful, last being addressed by Milton Drake (C.O.B.). Sickness amongst members has affected attendances. Interest at C.E. meetings encouraging. C.E. member recently made decision. Junior basketball team won Northern churches' premiership. Jan Clift, from senior team, has gained interstate selection. C.M.S. addressed on Aug. 20 by R. Fitzgerald (Fairfield). C.W.F. provided new clothing for aboriginal boy. Effective wayside messages prepared by Mrs. McKenzie. Church suffered in loss of foundation member, W. Welsford.

Dunolly (R. Sidler). — Church celebrated 89th anniversary; G. Andrews (Bendigo) guest speaker. Good attendances included visitors from Bet Bet, Kangaroo Flat, Bendigo, Maryborough and St. Arnaud.

North Williamstown (R. C. Bust). — Speaker at a.m. service, Aug. 13, was R. Patterson (Maidstone). Mrs. Myerscough welcomed back after illness. C.Y.F. very active under leadership of minister. Church to conduct planned giving programme under directorship of A. Avery (Dept. Home Missions and Evangelism). Good Companions had part in combined service at Churches of Christ Centre. Half-yearly church meeting reported 8 additions by baptism and 1 by transfer during period.

Jordanville (D. B. McIntosh). — Two young people recently baptised. Young married couple welcomed by transfer. C.W.E.F. celebrated 6th birthday, Aug. 21. Good Companions' and Explorers' membership totals 150. B.S. leaders taking training at Centre. Junior cricket team being formed. Trees and shrubs planted around buildings.

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workers. The kindergarten section is the largest of the Mission, 23 little ones being enrolled there. Two single ladies who could work together as a team, with the help of some native girls, would probably be the best arrangement.

So far, we have referred to the new venture as a Welfare Centre, but a more suitable name might emerge when work actually starts there. It must be emphasised that this is not a new Mission, but an extension of our children's Mission work, because it will minister to many relatives and other adult natives who have contact with our children, and also with many of the girls and boys, now young men and women, who have graduated from the Mission. Prayers are earnestly requested that this will be blessed of God to help meet the desperate spiritual need of the great majority of our native people. The purchase price of the building was provided by free-of-interest loans from two of our Norseman missionaries. These will need to be repaid in due course, and donations towards it will be welcomed. Donations are authorised income-tax deductions.

HERE AND THERE

On and after Sept. 18 the business and registered office address of The Austral Printing and Publishing Company will be 119-125 Hawke-st., West Melbourne, C.3, telephone 30-1848, 1849. The Bookroom will continue to trade at the Churches of Christ Centre, 217 Lonsdale-st., Melbourne with the new telephone numbers. Accounts can be paid personally at Lonsdale-st., and advertisements lodged for "The Australian Christian." All mail should be addressed to Hawke-st.

A. E. Hurren, minister at Footscray, Vic., has notified the church that he wishes to conclude his present term of 15 years, at the end of January, 1962. Mr. Hurren has given 20 years of ministry to Footscray, serving for 5 years in an earlier ministry.

The church at Caringbah, N.S.W., announces that B. Armstrong will take up the ministry there when he graduates from the N.S.W. Bible College. He will succeed K. Crawford, who is being released for a wider ministry as N.S.W. Director of Evangelism and Home Missions. The excellent work of Mr. and Mrs. Crawford has been greatly appreciated by the church, which reports three additions by faith and baptism and one by restoration. The church is proceeding with the erection of a new hall to cater for expanding work amongst young people and men of the district.

J. C. Cunningham has intimated to the church at Fullarton, S.A., that he will conclude his ministry there early in 1962.

George B. Davis, of Dominion-rd., Auckland, N.Z., has accepted the joint invitation of the N.S.W. Home Missionary Committee and the church at Murwillumbah, N.S.W., to commence a ministry there as from the beginning of 1962.

Film of the telecast service from Doncaster (Vic.) Church of Christ will be shown over ABN-2, Sydney, from 11 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 10.

The Horsham (Vic.) church is pleased to announce that T. V. Weir, at present ministering to the East Preston church, has accepted its invitation to succeed the present ministry of Les. S. Dewberry. Mr. Weir will commence duties about April, 1962.

H. M. Arrowsmith, Commonwealth Secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, is at present on his way to Fremantle, W.A., aboard the Oriana.

He will disembark at Fremantle, and from there fly to visit Bible Houses in a number of Asian countries. Journeying on to Britain, he will meet with the London Committee, and also attend United Bible Societies' Conferences, before returning to Australia early in October.

Morning service is to be broadcast over 3AK on Sunday, Sept. 17, 11 a.m. to 12 noon, from the Croydon (Vic.) Church of Christ, with W. J. Thomson preaching.

The church at Queenstown, S.A., announces that H. Cave will conclude his ministry there in January.

The morning service at Chatswood, N.S.W., will be broadcast over National Station 2BL at 11 a.m. on Sept. 17.

Wanted! — Teachers for New Guinea

Two teachers for New Guinea are urgently needed, to be ready any time after December, 1961, either for permanent missionary service, or for a term of 3 years.

Preference — 2 single lady teachers, or 1 married man and one single teacher.

Early application to the Federal O.M. Secretary, 53 Tarragon-st., Mile End, S.A., will assist the Board in its planning.

The Pacific Broadcasting Association recently sounded an alarm. Looking back over ten years of gospel broadcasting in Japan, the P.B.A. pointed out that all Christians, including both Protestants and Catholics, use only .0071 of the total time on radio — less than one per cent. After a decade, the number of well-produced Christian programmes is minute, and Christian script-writers still undiscovered. Nor have many Christian producers and announcers been trained. Most serious of all, there is not a single, nationally-broadcast gospel programme geared for the new generation of teenagers and children, numbering more than 30 million, and being courted constantly by the Communists. Who will win their minds and hearts and thus shape the future of Japan: Christianity or Communism? The answer may lie in the Church's response to radio's challenge in the next five years!—F.E.N.S.

A Local Preacher

During this year, C. M. Wheaton, of Miram, Vic., has had to give up his activities as a local preacher because of failing health. A little book has come to light, in which Mr. Wheaton kept a record of addresses used so that duplication would be avoided. Though the book does not contain the whole story, it tells of over fifty years of faithful ministry, taking services in the slowly developing country area of N.W. Victoria. At least 1,250 sermons have been preached, necessitating travelling approx. 2,500 miles on foot, bike, jinker and car. At nearly all meetings Mr. Wheaton gave a children's talk. In addition, he has addressed anniversaries, C.E. Society meetings, and so on. These alone must total some hundreds.

Meetings in some places mentioned in the book have long ceased — Bleak House, Bill's Gully, Dinnyarrack, South Lillimur, Leer, are some of them. Meals have been eaten on the roadside between meetings. Often, Mrs. Wheaton and the children journeyed with him. Mr. Wheaton has taken services for other Christian bodies as well; the book mentions 136 meetings for Methodists, 30 for Salvation Army, and in all, 25 churches have been included in this ministry.

It is a grand record of faithfulness over a long period, worthy of mention because it is a ministry which others are taking up and keeping going in this particular area. I voice the gratitude of all preachers to our preaching brethren — the "locals" — indeed, the gratitude of our brotherhood. —G. A. Grainger.



Money — Beautiful or Grimy

Proper handling of money is an "essential part of honest religion," Dr. Robert J. McCracken, pastor of Riverside Church in New York, declared recently.

"Money can be a beautiful thing," Dr. McCracken said. "It is we who make it grimy when we send it where it has no business to go, and tarnish it with unhallowed transactions in shop and market place."

The New York clergyman said the church had been "unrealistic" in much of its talk about money. He said it concentrated on the "power it may have for evil" rather than on its potential as a "tremendous power" for good.—Religious News Service.



Theme for the Week: "MERCY"

Sunday, September 17

Romans 14: 10-21.

Thought Text: "Follow after the things which make for peace" (v. 19).

Real peace among the nations has never seemed more desirable, or more elusive, than today. The word "peace" itself has been so abused as to become a suspect word. But, as the Bible reminds us, those who cry, "Peace, peace" when there is no peace are no modern phenomenon.

But in seeking for peace, have we honestly sought the things that make for peace? Have we been deluded with tempting short-cuts, and failed to work at right relationships between men and nations, regardless of race and color — freedom, justice, straight-dealing, etc.?

Have we piously prayed for peace and never made peace, not even with those with whom we have quarrelled?

O God, bless all who work for peace and quicken within us all the will to peace and true brotherhood. Amen.

Monday, September 18

Isaiah 55.

Thought Text: "Why spend . . . your earnings on what never satisfies?" (v. 2, Moffatt).

The clamorous lust for things is part of the pattern of much modern living. It has been said of America that 364,000 different articles are sold there today — but the people still want more. We still have not learnt the truth of the Master's words: "A man's real life is nothing to do with how much he possesses" (Lke. 12: 15, Phillips).

What are we doing with our money that really satisfies us? What percentage do we give to the Lord — to the ongoing of his work and the help of his servants?

Lord, make us ready to spend all that we are and have in the one thing that really satisfies — thy glad service. Amen.

WHEN SOARS the SOUL

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

Tuesday, September 19

Hosea 6: 1-6.

Thought Text: "Your goodness is as a morning cloud" (v. 4).

Like the morning cloud vanishes before the rising sun, so mere formal goodness disappears in life's real testing-times. God is not deceived by man's pretensions of pious self-reformings. He looks for that real surrender of heart and life to him without which no goodness is lasting or worship of any avail: "For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God, rather than burnt offerings" (v. 6, R.S.V.).

Jesus expressed the same thought when he talked of seed sown on rocky soil, springing up quickly but scorched by the rising sun — "and because they had no root, they withered away" (Matt. 13: 6). Are our lives "rooted and grounded in love" — the kind that stay true to him, whatever the cost?

Strengthen, O Lord, all those tempted to surrender or deny their faith this day. Keep us ever loyal. Amen.

Wednesday, September 20

Hosea 14: 4-9.

Thought Text: "I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely" (v. 4).

Hosea makes it clear that the tender loveliness of this and succeeding verses must be preceded by his nation's repentance. Once they made the first step, how joyously God would move in to heal his people's sin! In that combination of penitent people and forgiving God, Hosea sees the one real hope for the future.

In our own tottering world, a Church that is penitent itself for wasted opportunities must sound anew the message of repentance — for there is so much that God is waiting to do through truly penitent men.

O thou who dost love with an everlasting love, heal our faithlessness and make us the kind of instruments thou canst use for the winning of men to thee. Amen.

Thursday, September 21

Psalms 103: 1-12.

Thought Text: "Forget not all his benefits" (v. 2).

The Psalmist knew the constant need of such a warning. Men take so much of God's goodness for granted, almost as though it were their right; when things go wrong, they cry out petulantly, as though God had let them down.

Paul and Silas showed us the way to meet reverses when, in the Phil-

ippian gaol, they sang praises to God at midnight. Here was no peevish blaming of God, but a praising of him for all that he had meant and was still meaning to them, even in the midst of sorrow. Their secret was well expressed by Paul to Timothy: "Never forget Jesus Christ, crucified and risen from the dead!"

We thank thee, O God, for all thou hast meant to us, in darkened hours as well as bright, and above all for thy presence with us all the way. Amen.

Friday, September 22

Psalms 103: 13-22.

Thought Text: "Like as a father pitieth his children . . ." (v. 13).

Jane Stoddart has told how Dr. R. W. Dale, famous Birmingham preacher towards the end of last century, wrote while recovering from a serious illness in 1892: "Years ago, when death came to me first and took a child, the anguish was great; watching her while she lay dying, I learnt for the first time what is meant by the words, 'Like as a father pitieth his children.' Only so could I be taught the pity of God. And I learnt, too, at the same time, what God must feel at the loss of his children."

If God feels like that, how can we be casual and unconcerned about our responsibilities to his children?

Father, keep us from ever doubting the fulness of thy love and keeping care. Help us to share thy concern for the lost and needy. Amen.

Saturday, September 23

Romans 8: 31-39.

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

Paul had an unshakeable assurance that the man who earnestly seeks God's will, and does it, is undefeatable, no matter what forces may line up against him. John had the same confidence: "Greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world" (1 John 4: 4).

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

Lord, may we never forget that without thee we can do nothing, but that with thee all things are possible to those who believe. Amen.



INTERSTATE CHURCH NEWS

Mrs. R. Perkins, Chatswood, N.S.W.
Albert Collings, Oakleigh, Vic.
R. Hugh Chandler, Boronia, Vic.

day. B.S. bus proving its worth.
School still leading in competition.
Mrs. Griffiths home from hospital.

Discipleship

Elva Lunn, Mitcham, Vic.
Janice and Lynette Mullins, Clovelly Park, S.A.
Margaret Johnstone, Mrs. R. Bargwanna, Janice Bargwanna, Georgetown, N.S.W.
Mrs. W. Tawnes, Dawn Astbury, Beris Varidel, Carmel Jeffries, Robin and Jack Hardy, Toowoomba, Qld.
Jennifer Fulton, Horsham, Vic.
D. Howard, Devonport, Tas.
Adrian Taylor, Moreland, Vic.

Membership

Mr. and Mrs. Brown, Hawthorn to Clovelly Park, S.A.
Mr. and Mrs. C. Mullins, Mt. Compass to Clovelly Park, S.A.
Mr. and Mrs. J. Jelley, Robinvale, Vic. to Barmera, S.A.
Mr. and Mrs. G. Gray, Berri to Barmera, S.A.
Mr. and Mrs. W. Dean, Noble Park, Vic. to Canberra, A.C.T.
Mr. and Mrs. M. Fielder, Boronia - North Essendon to Blackburn, Vic.
Mrs. A. Stuchbery, Reservoir to Blackburn, Vic.
Mr. and Mrs. H. Woodberry, from Caveside; Mr. and Mrs. Ratcliffe, to Devonport, Tas.

Marriage

Ruby Gentles to James Hater, Horsham, Vic.
Beverley Jordan to Norman Crisp; Margaret Somerville to Roy Hone, Boronia, Vic.
Joan Rowe to Roger Stevens, Ivanhoe, Vic.

Fallen Asleep

Mrs. V. MacNamara, Kalgoorlie, W.A.
Mrs. Piggott, Miss Fairy Blackman, Wollongong, N.S.W.
Mr. Hamblin, Mrs. Shiels, Mrs. E. T. Wilson, Toowoomba, Qld.

AUST. CAPITAL TERRITORY

Canberra (G. R. Stirling, B.A.). — Mr. and Mrs. Rex Chamberlain welcomed on furlough from New Guinea, Aug. 13. Mrs. Chamberlain addressed large C.W.F. meeting, 17th. Mr. Chamberlain preached a.m., 20th, and gave illustrated talk on Mission work at after-church fellowship at night. Attendance for the day: a.m., 175; p.m., 178; communion, 162. Bible Sunday celebrated, 27th.

TASMANIA

Devonport (E. W. Taylor). — On Aug. 6, an aged and partially paralysed man was baptised. Much sickness among members and B.S. scholars. During absence of minister on holiday, church appreciated help given by Messrs. Walshe, Cooper, Dr. Bushby, R. McLean (O.A.C.), T. Scotland. At close of gospel service, 27th, film, *Dust or Destiny*, screened.

Margaret-st., Launceston (C. J. Robinson). — Aug. averages: a.m., 150; p.m., 86; communion, 132. Recent a.m. speakers: M. Davis (Hobart), K. Barton (Camberwell) and K. Edwards (C.O.B.). Film, *The Sin of John Harrison*, screened p.m., 20th. At C.W.F. all-day sewing session, many articles made for project trading tables. At C.W.F. musical afternoon, 20th, several well known Launceston artists took part. C.M.S. and C.W.E.F. combined for social evening, 21st, to raise funds for Cricket Club. Two large cartons of Christmas gifts for Mission fields packed and forwarded. B.S. won shield for quiz section at Bible Society Eisteddfod. Recent visitors included R. Minter (Gardiner), F. Elliott (East Kew), A. Patterson, W. Chapman (U.S.A.), and Miss A. Wright (Adelaide).

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Kalgoorlie (F. Griffiths). — Young man made reconsecration, Lieut. Jarvie (S.A.) gave message. First S.U. rally on goldfields held in chapel was success. B.&F.B.S. youth rally also held; excellent documentary on Australian aborigines screened. C.E. visited hospital, Orange and Flower Sun-

QUEENSLAND

Toowoomba (H. J. Finger). — Tape recording from Aileen Draney played at recent fellowship tea. Singing was good, and message in Pidgin to the one who helped pioneer the work (Harold Finger) was also greatly appreciated. Y.P.F. made tape recording of greetings to return to missionaries and New Guinea folk. Y.P. again active with other church groups making flowers for combined youth float for carnival of flowers procession. Margaret-st. ladies held successful annual floral afternoon. Working bees held to improve accommodation for teaching B.S. at Crown-st. Sister Mary Pedler has gone to King George Memorial Hospital, Sydney, to further her nursing studies.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Albury - Lavington - Wodonga (D. Oldfield). — 100 ladies attended Albury C.W.F. birthday, Aug. 24. Mrs. O. Jackel, guest speaker, spoke of Indian Mission work, showing handiwork procured on her recent visit to India. Mrs. D. Oldfield chaired meeting; Mrs. I. Jackel (Wangaratta), soloist. Sis. Sproule, snr., and Silvan are ill. Recent visitors included Misses Croker (Sydney) and Renison family (Wagga). Tennis and basketball teams doing well.

Georgetown (R. B. Elbourne). — Recent elections to Officers' Board: sec., W. M. Fraser (entering 22nd year); asst. sec., R. N. Langford; treas., W. F. Reeves. 4 infra-red heaters installed in chapel. P.M. attendances steady; many Y.P. attending.

Wollongong (R. J. Anderson). — Combined South Coast Fellowship of Churches of Christ youth held enjoyable weekend house party at Youth Centre, Lake Illawarra, with approx. 70 from twelve years of age; theme, Fellowship. At close, two took stand for Christ. This outing followed hard on Youth Aflame rally, week previous, when building was packed to capacity. B.S. continues to grow. A number on the sick list, some in hospital. On 20th, Men's Monthly Fellowship had as guest speaker Cliff Brown, on Alcoholics Anonymous.

Murwillumbah (B. E. Cavill). — Annual business meeting, Aug. 2, well attended. Appointments: elders: F. C. Brown, R. F. Goode; deacons: A. J. Bartrim, D. L. Bartrim, J. Partland, G. Stewart, D. K. Thompson, D. Way; sec., F. C. Brown for 50th term; asst.-sec., D. K. Thompson; organist, Mrs. Peg Bartrim; asst.-organists, Mrs. F. Brown and Mrs. Partland. Geo. Stewart, jnr., sustained injured back in fall and is being treated in Brisbane. Church much in prayer for Mrs. R. F. Goode, dangerously ill in Tweed District Hospital. Other churches of community prayer partners for her recovery.

Chatswood (L. K. Green, B.A., B.D.). — At guest night service, Aug. 20, young married woman baptised. Vacation B.S. conducted during school holidays catered for over 100 children. Mrs. Ruth Perkins, foundation member, passed to her reward. Young Adult group formed; held successful social evening. Another canvass being conducted for B.S. children to make full use of free bus. Prayer group formed to pray for forthcoming Graham team Crusade.

Earlwood (G. Sloman). — Two confessions of faith and two reconsecrations. Messages continue to bless. At Y.P. rally, Decision screened. On 26th, Mr. and Mrs. Donnelly showed colored slides of tour of Tas. and Qld. Special youth night (R. Greenhalgh, guest speaker) poorly attended, but all present received much blessing.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Fullarton (J. C. Cunningham). — Church purchased Housing Trust home of four rooms to be used for B.S. classrooms and auxiliary activities. Men worked well to set up house, nineteen being present one Saturday. Church will adopt budget system. Ladies' Guild annual meeting, 16th, had 80 present.

Koongarra Park (H. G. Norris). — Three of four basketball teams are in final four. Girls' successful in retaining Crowhurst Shield against Beulah-rd. Recent annual business meeting decided to hold teaching mission, conducted by minister, early next year. Report shows 31 additions to church during year, 19 by letter and 12 by faith and baptism. Active membership is 151, isolated, 14.

Barmera. — Good meetings continue. Church appreciates help of local and Adelaide speakers. Annual business meeting, Aug. 1. Inter. and Junior C.E. started on a Sunday afternoon, with good success; Mr. and Mrs. Jelley and Mr. Hooper, leaders. B.S. now has 82 scholars,

9 teachers. G.L.B. and Guilds functioning well.

Clovelly Park (J. E. Webb). — Record attendances, 13th; B.S., 169; church a.m., 122, p.m., 108. Two young ladies recently baptised and four others welcomed by transfer. Following youth tea, 13th, Y.P. assisted in evening service, with John Steward and Helen Hollard sharing message with minister. Y.P.S.C.E. visited Rest Home, 17th, with variety programme.

Cheltenham (H. Cave). — Reports at annual meeting, Aug. 23, showed progress in all depts. H. Watkins retired from position as sec., after 26 years' service; succeeded by Ivor McGuire. Boys' Club successful gymnastic display, 25th.

Grote-st., Adelaide (L. E. Jones, B.A.). — Large attendances at gospel services despite cold weather, with many visitors at all services. On Aug. 29, C.W.F. entertained inmates of Christian Rest Home to evening, soloists being Mrs. J. Collier and Miss P. Orr. Church extends sympathy to Mrs. De Laine in passing of her sister. C.Y.F. enjoyed illustrated talk by Detective Barry Cocks, C.I.B. Work among Y.P. flourishing; both boys and girls concluded successful basketball season.

Kadina (M. T. Lawrie). — 61st church anniversary great success, Aug. 13; D. K. Beiler (Conf. Pres.) speaker. Annual meeting, 2nd, elected R. Patterson, treas., to fill vacancy of late Mr. Larcombe. Some changes in election of deacons. Monthly youth service well attended. C.Y.F. visited Balaklava, 4th. C.W.F. now doing handicraft work. C.M.S. had illustrated talk by Mr. Dunstan; ladies invited. C.M.S., 13th, speaker D. K. Beiler. Elders' and deacons' dedication service, 20th. Many still on sick list. C.Y.F. visited Maylands, July 28-30. Midweek prayer meetings well attended and helpful. Many visitors to services.

Mundalla (F. Langford). — Attendances remain average. All-age B.S. continues successfully. Valmai Schuster, B.S. teacher, is in hospital. Minister, who is also ill, is away receiving treatment. C.W.F. met at home of Sis. E. L. Milne for regular meeting.

Queenstown (H. Cave). — August saw annual meetings of church and B.S., C.W.F. picnic, youth camp at Longwood and Back to Queenstown footballers' service. Choir won section of competition arranged by Youth Dept. A. R. Jones (Prison Chaplain) addressed women's meeting. S. Quilliam new B.S. supt., succeeding John Mildrum after 5 years in office. Elders J. Hall and F. Broadbent recovering after illness.

VICTORIA

Belmont (D. Hamilton). — Membership stands at 80, communicants 61. Much sickness amongst members. Prayer meetings well maintained; all youth clubs functioning well. C.M.S. joined in camp at Hall's Gap, conducted by Drumcondra church. Church members enjoyed snow trip to Mount Donna Buang, Aug. 5.

Swanston-st., Melbourne (K. A. Macnaughtan). — Meetings well attended. Considerable interest in series of sermons *Prophecies of the Word of God*. Number of children attending B.S. increased by 100%, result of visitation of homes by teachers and provision of transport by various members.

Brunswick (R. E. Burns). — Sickness affecting attendances. Mrs. Andrew back after convalescing in country. Two girls from Senior Bible Class made good confession. Men's basketball team won final. Tennis team reached semi-finals. C.M.S. enjoyed talk by Dr. R. Killmer on Bible study. Successful social held by Tennis Club raised £12. Max McColl now B.S. supt. Sis. Scott meeting again after illness. Mrs. Kinnear still sick. Thanksgiving and dedication, baby Paul Gillespie.

South Yarra (W. A. Wigney). — Recently held B.S. anniversary services well attended. Thanks extended to visiting speakers and members who assisted with speaking in recent weeks. Church warmly welcomes Mr. and Mrs. Wigney to the work. Oldest member, Mrs. Griffin, still ill and unable to attend. Films recently screened, *Martin Luther* and *Windows of the Soul*, enjoyed. Two members recently transferred to Cheltenham, but one young man welcomed from Ivanhoe.

Mitcham (K. Bowes, M.A.). — Large group of Y.P. travelled to Glen Waverley for missionary night and film. L. Prentice preached a.m., Aug. 13. In evening, C.M.S. had Essendon footballers (John Birt, Ken Fraser and Ron Evans) as speakers, at tea attended by 45 men and boys. These three assisted also in evening service, and Doug Beasy (captain-coach, Box Hill) spoke to large congregation. Minister ill that day. B.S. girl baptised, 20th. R. Amos (Blackburn) spoke on visitation evangelism at midweek meeting, introducing programme of regular visitation. 22 attended quarterly tea of Eastern District Conference. Missionary Day, 27th, with speakers W. Searle, a.m.; youth tea, Miss Rosemary Rodda; J. Reid, p.m. Slides shown of work in Philippines and New Guinea.

ENGAGEMENTS

LUCAS-CHEAL. — Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Lucas, 47 Emu-pde., Broadmeadows, happily announce the engagement of their only daughter, Valda Grace, to Jeffrey, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Cheal, 60 Primrose-st., Essendon, Vic.

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MARRIAGE

RANDALL-MILES. — On Sept. 2, 1961, at Bambra-rd. Church of Christ, Caulfield, the marriage of Carol, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Miles, Oakleigh, and John Randall, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Randall, Brighton, was solemnised, the bride's father officiating.

DEATHS

HAMS. — On August 16, at her daughter's residence, 46 Edward-st., Macleod, Lily Jane, loved wife of Sydney (dec.), loving mother of Mona (Mrs. Smith), Clyde (dec.), Rex, Austen, Isabel (Mrs. Cooke) and Hazel (Mrs. Morcom); 82 years. "Always remembered."

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JENSEN. — On Aug. 15 (suddenly), at Ipswich General Hospital, James (late of Rosevale), beloved husband of Violet May, loving brother of August, Andrew, May and Annie. "At rest."

JEROME. — On Aug. 25, 1961, at 3 Cecil-place, South Melbourne, Arthur, loved father of Rupert (Briar Hill), father-in-law of Jess, grandad of Barbara, Peter, Anthony, Bob; great-grandad of Deborah and Elisabeth Holmes. Age 90 years. "At rest."

IN MEMORIAM

PRYOR — Edward John. Treasured memories of my dear husband and our dear father and grandfather, who was called Home on Sept. 7, 1952. "In God's care."

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WHITE. — In loving memory of Alice Scambler White, who passed away on Sept. 11, 1951. "An unfading splendor glows through the passing years."

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Coming Events

EAST KEW (Vic.) BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY, Sept. 17-24. 17th: 11 a.m., W. A. Wigney; 2.30 p.m., Alan Rowe; 7 p.m., Alan Waters. 24th: 11 a.m., V. Longthorp; 2.30 p.m., J. Prescott; 7 p.m., A. W. Candy. Concert and prizegiving, 29th at 8 p.m. Welcome to past members and friends on these anniversary days.

FAIRFIELD CHURCH, Vic. Homecoming Day, Sunday, October 15.

DONCASTER (Vic.) 98th CHURCH ANNIVERSARY, Sept. 17. 11 a.m., A. E. White, B.A.; 5 p.m., Church Family Tea; 7 p.m., C. G. Taylor, B.A. Choir at both services, led by G. H. Tully. Former members and friends cordially invited.

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N.T. Greek II: K. Bowes, G. Carslake, K. Edwards, M. Giezendanner, T. Lawrie, K. Mason, F. Rees, B. Ricketts, A. Storay, B. White; 4 others passed.

N.T. Greek III: R. Brand; 10 others passed.

Old Testament: D. Andrews, G. Carslake, K. Edwards, T. Lawrie, A. Matheson, A. Page, B. Ricketts, R. Sidler, A. Storay, B. Wells, B. White; 11 others passed.

Comparative Religion: R. Brand, S. Graham, A. Male, F. Stone, K. Bowes; 9 others passed.

Religious Education: K. Bowes, G. Carslake, T. Lawrie, K. Mason, A. Matheson, B. Ricketts, R. Sidler, B. White; 6 others passed.

Homiletics I: D. Andrews, B. Dowsett, G. Harrison, T. Mason, G. Setzman; 5 others passed.

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Apologetics: R. Brand, K. Hank, T. Lane, A. Male, B. Marriott; 9 others passed.

Practical Church Work I: D. Andrews, G. Harrison, T. Mason; 5 others passed.

Practical Church Work II: K. Bowes, R. Brand, T. Lane; 11 others passed.

Church History I: D. Andrews, T. Mason, B. Wells; 7 others passed.

Church History II: K. Bowes, G. Carslake, A. Matheson, B. Ricketts; 9 others passed.

Doctrine: T. Ede, S. Graham, A. Male; 9 others passed.

Ethics: T. Lane; 10 others passed.

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