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## A Gaol Chaplain's Plea

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It was recently stated in the Supreme Court of Victoria that Churches of Christ had only one prisoner in Her Majesty's Gaol at Pentridge, and he had openly confessed his association with these churches. This statement surprised press reporters, and possibly many others. As a result, both the press and radio featured the case as head-line news, and I was interviewed by both reporters and photographers. Perhaps there is greater significance in the claim than is generally acknowledged. Seeing that the membership of Churches of Christ is approximately one per cent. of the total population, such a percentage on a two million basis would credit them with 20,000 members. Of this number only one person claiming even an association with these churches, according to records, is a prisoner in our main penitentiary. It is possible that one or more may be held in one of our country gaols.

I have found one or two cases of mistakes concerning offenders claiming association with Churches of Christ. Due either to their reluctance to make their offence known to the church, or to faulty records by prison authorities, they have been recorded as members of Christ's Church, thus debiting the Church of England. However, such cases are extremely rare. Many old offenders are careful to make sure they are not known in gaol as men claiming to be exceptionally religious, or in any sense practising the faith they profess. In view of this position, it may be asked why a chaplain to our gaols is appointed? Apart from visitations of a prisoner, he has no assured conscripted congregation. The young man in question, twenty-three years

of age, had served in reformatories and for comparatively short sentences in gaols most of his life from ten years of age. In the case in which we are particularly interested, we were advised from our gaol chaplain in South Australia that the prisoner had been visited in gaol in that State, and had shown signs of genuine repentance. When he was extradited to Victoria, we were asked to regard him as a prospect for reformation, and even conversion. We wasted no time in visiting him in gaol and, in company with the Methodist chaplain, who gave valued co-operation, we were advised of the position, but not the full gravity of the charges, except that they were regarded as very serious. He had been found guilty, and had been remanded for sentence.

Next, I received a letter requesting my friendship and assistance, as he had been sentenced to eight years' imprisonment, and had appealed against its severity.

On Friday, Sept. 1, he stood before the Appeals Court, consisting of three Supreme Court Judges (including the Chief Justice) who, robed in crimson robes, were unable to hear him on that day. On Monday, 4th, he again appeared, and I again was present. The Crown Prosecutor informed the Court over a period of about forty minutes of the crimes for for which the appellant had been sentenced, some of them of a most sordid nature, which cannot be repeated here, and others of stealing, breaking and entering and armed robbery with violence. This constituted the most serious charge. The press reporting this headed its comment, "Aged Chaplain makes Plea for Gunman." Having no barrister to defend or

appeal, the prisoner, visibly moved and ashamed, in low tones stated that Mr. Clay would speak for him.

It was no easy matter for me to state a case. However, I was given grace and strength to appeal that mercy be tempered with justice. With justice we had no complaint; the prisoner had at last realised that justice had caught up with him. He had confessed to me that he expected a two years' sentence, and intended to serve it as a probationary period during which he would pledge a reformed life. In referring to the severity of the sentence I pleaded, as a man of eighty-six years, that I could not expect to give eight years at this stage of my life to help the prisoner back to decency and to lead a clean life, but I was willing to devote what years were left to me to this end.

Their Honors expressed their appreciation of my appeal, but after long consultation, over a lunch period of two hours, in view of the seriousness of the offences and taking the judgment of the Court into consideration, they felt compelled to let the sentence stand. However, they offered some consolation to the prisoner in the hope that the Parole Board would extend, if good conduct warranted it, the benefits of parole later.

The prisoner is a married man; the whereabouts of his wife are not known to him. Two children, one two years and the other six months' old, are wards of the State of New South Wales.

The reactions to this story may differ according to the view taken of the hope in the hopelessness of a deep-dyed sinner. With my brother chaplain I refuse to regard him as a no-hoper. The promises of forgiveness are too many to be disregarded, and living testimonies too strong to be doubted.

I gathered the impression that this unfortunate man was a victim of circumstances which were not entirely due to his wilful badness. His parents resigned him too early to the State and its institutions. At ten years of age he was brought before the Children's Court and doubtless warned, but this had little effect. It was not long before he was committed to a reformatory where (if his story is to be believed) he suffered harsh treatment and even the lash. His delinquency continued over the years until he was treated as an adult, and was imprisoned. The influences of prison life were not helpful; he became the dupe of hardened criminals and went from bad to worse. During these years, he appears to have been neglected by the Church, and possibly rejected as an impossible. He received little or no personal encouragement, and gaol chaplaincy had no appeal. His re-

peated claim to being "Church of Christ," came to me as a challenge to prove the gospel as "the power of God to save to the uttermost" and I, in spite of my years, accept it. In his last letter to me he appended, "God bless you"!

I invite the prayers of my brethren, especially of our young men and women in his behalf.

## OPEN FORUM

### CHURCH GOVERNMENT

A good deal of the reasoning in A. F. Cant's *Provocative Pamphlet* on church government seems to be based on two false assumptions.

First, it is falsely assumed that we must demand **uniformity** in church practices because there are allegedly "churches of the brotherhood barely distinguishable from Brethren or even Pentecostal groups." Enforcing **uniformity** in matters not directly laid down in Scripture is the best way of destroying real unity. We want to avoid building the kind of denominational structure which brings division into the Church. It is tragic when the Church is fragmented by the compiling of human creeds. But it is disgraceful when the Church is sundered by rigidly devised patterns of administration.

Secondly, it is assumed that we must change the Scriptural practice of local self-administration to fit in with the ideas of the large denominations: "It would certainly stretch the imagination to think of all Christians accepting our position in the field of church government." Also we are told that greater regulation of entry to the ministry "would give us a higher standing among our Christian brethren." This is the sort of comment which has become only too frequent in reports and sermons.

Apparently many men are hesitant to declare the counsel and plan of God's gospel in case other Churches are offended by the truth.

Our Lord did not leave us a detailed scheme of church government with a hierarchy of officials. He left us his Holy Spirit, who leads us to co-operate with brotherly love in the work of God. If a church is not obeying the Spirit, then all the regulatory powers of a Conference organisation are useless. If the Holy Spirit is working in the Church, then no powers of direction are needed.—**Keith C. Smith, Hamilton, Vic.**

### SURGERY NECESSARY?

With regard to the article by E. P. C. Hollard on the surgery done to church rolls each year, it seems somewhat futile to me for us to jump up

and down on this score unless we take definite steps to prevent it being necessary. We are all aware that some will drop away, even with the best of follow-up (they did in New Testament times), and I think few would say that people's names ought to be left on church rolls ad infinitum if they are no longer connected with the life of the church.

I believe we will see this surgery happening continually until we as a brotherhood have and use effective eldership. There is a complete chaos of misunderstanding among our churches on the function of elders. This is not a treatise on eldership, except to say that the shepherding and nurturing and tending of the flock (not running the evangelistic work of the church, or being the secretary, or policing the minister's theology, or being a benevolent figurehead) is the function of an elder. Every congregation ought to have one elder for every 30 or so families, and we will continue to lop off whole blocks of names until we really get down to business and know where we are going on the eldership question.—**A. F. Cant, Brighton Gardens, S.A.**

### CARNARVON MISSION.

My phone rang a few minutes ago and the person at the other end was a high officer of the Welfare Department of South Australia. She told me that a Miss Mary Watson had just left Australia en route to England. This lady is on a Fulbright Scholarship from the U.S.A., and has lectured in every University in Australia. Her particular interest has been institutionalism in this country, New Zealand and America, and she is now on her way to England and the Continent on a similar bent.

Wherever she has been in the three countries she has made it her business to drop in on any kind of institution working for the welfare of others. In fact, she has gathered her material for two books on this subject. Miss Watson made this comment, "Not one institution has impressed me as much as the Mission station of the Churches of Christ at Carnarvon in Western Australia, and I have seen such places in several nations."

I asked permission to quote, and was told that it would be a published statement later on but could be used now if needed. I do so through our own paper simply to encourage our Aborigines Board in their great work, and to let the brotherhood know that what they are doing at Carnarvon is not in vain, and earns the plaudits of the trained observer.

If the writer sends this on with some pride it can surely be understood!—**E. P. C. Hollard, Adelaide, S.A.**

## Notes from the Readings

as suggested for

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8.

**JEREMIAH 26: 1-19.**

Following a powerful sermon preached in the Temple gate, prophesying destruction of the Temple unless the people repented, Jeremiah is arrested. In the subsequent trial, priests and prophets seek his death, while the princes and many of the people take his part.

"the beginning of the reign" (v. 1). — "It has been suggested that Jeremiah delivered this sermon at the time of Jehoiakim's coronation" (Hyatt).

"Micah the Morasthite" (v. 18). — "The quotation is from Mic. 3: 12. It is most unusual for a prophet to be quoted by name in another prophetic book" (Hyatt).

"the mountain of the house" (v. 18). — "The Temple hill" (Welch).

**COLOSSIANS 4.**

This closing chapter of the Epistle continues Paul's earlier sound advice on matters of Christian conduct, before presenting personal greetings and farewells.

"ye also have a Master in heaven" (v. 1). — "Christ holds the same authority over the master as the master holds over his slave; the master must learn to exercise his rights over others in the spirit in which Christ governs him" (Beare).

"continue (steadfastly) in prayer" (v. 2). — "The same Greek word is used by the historian Polybius to describe the obstinate continuance of a siege . . . We are urged to besiege the throne of God with our prayers" (Beare).

"redeeming the time" (v. 5). — "Make the very most of your time" (Moffatt); "make the best possible use of your time" (Phillips); "making the most of your opportunities" (Goodspeed); "use the present opportunity to the full" (N.E.B.).

"your speech with grace . . . salt" (v. 6). — "Always put your message attractively, and yet pointedly" (Goodspeed). "Speech is with grace when it is considerate of the person addressed. Courtesy is thoughtfulness" (Dodd).

"a faithful and beloved brother" (v. 9). — A tactful and gracious commendation of the former runaway slave, now returning home.

"These only are my fellow-workers" (v. 11). — An obviously incorrect translation. Note N.E.B., "Of the Jewish Christians, these are the only ones who work with me for the kingdom of God."

"the epistle from Laodicea" (v. 16). — Either the Epistle to the Ephesians, or a letter lost or destroyed before Paul's letters were collected.

# CONFERENCE WITH A FORWARD LOOK

## *S.A. Sessions*

E. P. C. Hollard.

The 87th Annual Conference of Churches of Christ in S.A. has proved to be one of the best in our history. At every point it was a "great Conference." Preaching, planning and presentation were of a high order. Even the weather joined in! We give thanks to God for mercies undeserved.

Since the closing of the Year Book and its statistics, the membership of the churches has passed 10,000, the highest on record. And this is as it should be, for increased population and untold opportunities for the gospel have opened doors. Whilst we showed an increase of 27, over 430 were added by baptism.

### NEW APPROACH.

Instead of the usual procedure of reading all the reports and commenting on them, each Department quickly got rid of the past and introduced its forward look for the following year — this was followed by the Department's budget for the year. Each church had received a copy of both. Both budget and plans were submitted for the endorsement of the Conference. And no consent was withheld!

### PROGRAMMES

were varied, and all positive. For instance, the Rest Home intends to further its plan to make available cottages for guests. The intent is most ambitious, but was received with acclaim.

The Social Service Department was authorised to purchase a £10,000 property near the City as a hostel for young people coming from the country to work and study in the metropolitan area. Through the good work of a group of our brethren, this £16,000 property was reduced to enable us to fulfil this programme.

The Home Mission Department indicated its intent to pursue a policy of evangelistic thrusts throughout the State. The Department indicated that two new churches would be commenced in the coming year. On Oct. 22, the work at Gillies Plains would commence in a home.

The Youth Department started off by having its name changed, and now becomes the Department of Christian Education. Development of a new camp site, special materials for adult classes and a lifted budget are included in its planning.

Christian Union Committee is anxious to reach out in its associations with other communions, and has plans to foster conventions and special preaching.

The Building Extension Department showed that the Mutual Fund has now reached the sum of £100,000,

and is calling for further depositors. This Department spares no effort to develop new areas with Home Missions, has purchased land in Elizabeth North, Whyalla, Christies Beach, and will soon explore one or two other places.

The Federal works, College of the Bible, Aborigines and Overseas Missions also submitted plans for the future.

### PERSONALITIES

around the Conference were interesting. No Conference ever had a more gracious President than Donald Beiler. He visited every church in the brotherhood, led us in forward planning, and then capped it all with a steady and capable hand at the sessions.

His successor is his own minister, Colin Curtis, of Glenelg, and with his wife, part of the fruits of the great church at Balaklava. In recent years the President has been set aside in a worshipful induction service, which leaves all more aware of what the brotherhood means.

This was the first Conference at which our Union Secretary, I. J. Chivell, was in a full-time capacity. His capacity for work and detail makes us wonder how we have been getting along without him! Delegates and brethren have no doubts that this appointment was a step in the direction of progress and efficiency for the churches.

Rex and Elaine Chamberlain, from New Guinea, were more than welcome — and as they spoke here and there one became conscious that this New Guinea venture was surely the working of the Spirit of the Lord. Brethren in other States will be delighted with the account which they bring to them. Don't miss them!

The President-Elect is one of our younger men, and a business man of some standing in the life of the State. He is S. R. Beck, of Hawthorn church, and presently Treasurer of the Home Mission Department. He brings wisdom and virility to the office, and he and Colin Curtis will make a fine team. Thank God we have an abundance of men of mid-years who do not spare themselves for the Kingdom.

The Women's President, Mrs. May Wharton, was all that a lady President should be, and is followed by an equally charming lady in Mrs. Thelma Jones (wife of the Social

Service Director). Our women's work is a strong factor in the life of the brotherhood.

### PREACHING.

As usual it was "out of the top drawer"! The President set the pace in his address, **Christians! Wake Up!**

Superintendent of the Maughan Central Mission, **Irwin Vogt, L.Th.**, recently returned from overseas, gave a challenge at the Social Service Rally.

From practical experience through almost 30 years, **Jack Chivell** gave the ministers a down-to-earth address on **The Preacher in the Contemporary Scene**. (A visitor to this session was **Dr. Hugh Lovell**, of California, who went to America at the turn of the century, for training).

**Missionary night** faces us with Overseas and Aborigines work, and that night **David Hammer** and **Rex Chamberlain**, from distinctly different lines, gave a missionary angle which brought this work closer to us.

The Tivoli Theatre held about 1,500 people for **Youth night**. People of 'teen years simply pour into the City for that night, and they stream home again to all corners of the State. **George Wood's** address on **The Sound of Marching** was something to stir youth and old age.

The Tivoli Theatre was packed with 1,900 people on Sunday afternoon to hear **Lloyd Jones** give the Conference Sermon on **The City Without a Church**. It was great preaching, which thrilled the great crowd of people.

**Harold Norris** gave what was called a "brief challenging address" on the Monday night. He gathered up the decisions and spirit of the sessions and turned them into darts to direct into every heart. This was a cameo.

The final night introduced a new preacher among us, **Cecil Watson**, of Hobart, and now of Albert Park. **Power for a Purpose** was a theme well chosen and well served.

Let us have no illusions on this... we are still well served by men of power in the pulpit! The days of our great pulpiteers are definitely not over, and our people still thrill to the man who has something to say from God, and can send them away with it ringing in their souls. May the day never come when the "tradition" of our pulpits is lost for anaemic sermonettes and docile talks!

### OTHER THINGS.

For the first time in memory, the **Conference Tea** in the Town Hall was cancelled (this was no decision of ours, but forced through other causes), so a **Garden Party** was held on the

Saturday afternoon. It was estimated that 1,000 persons attended. The ladies catered for those present. This was fellowship in an unusual, but most enjoyable, manner. However, the men all felt that business sessions would have been of more value. We hope to revert to usual programmes in future.

Conference agreed that the work of the Christian Rest Home and the Social Service Department should become a united affair for future development, as well as present administration. This will serve to bring such social activities under the one Board.

Monies given for all purposes (as far as reported) amounted to £162,477, which was £12,374 greater than the previous year. This amount was for 11 months, as from now on all Conference books will close on May 31.

It was decided to conduct a commission into evangelism, and several Departments of Conference have been delegated to sit for one year to give exhaustive consideration to methods of evangelism employed, and their usefulness, consolidation of members, and the resultant stopping up of obvious leakages. Conference 1962 will then determine what is the best method of handling the evangelistic outreach of the churches.

Attendances at every session showed increased interest, and would possibly be the largest on record. We are now faced with the enviable task of finding accommodation to hold the greater crowds attending Conference. This City simply does not cater for great crowds of church people . . . the Showgrounds is about the only place

large enough, but it is too far out for so many.

Two musical groups always earn praise. The Youth Choir, directed by John Hall, and the Choral Association, under the baton of Will Watson, are two groups to be proud of, and their singing is always of a high order.

Bible School work increased to the tune of 550, making 9,801 in our schools, but as we write this has possibly gone over 10,000. Four schools now have over 300, and one of these is now over 400 (Edwardstown).

The presence of the President and Vice-President of the Baptist Union gave a note of goodwill to the opening night. Our own President responded at the Baptist Conference several days later. Plans are ahead for co-operation and fellowship with the brethren of the Baptist churches.

On the first of each month a Christian Forum will be conducted in conjunction with Grote-st. church. An outstanding speaker from among our own men will be featured in this afternoon session. First will be on Oct. 1, with C. G. Taylor as guest preacher.

We thank God for blessings in achievement, and seek his guidance as plans made are laid before him. It was a great Conference, and a great year coming up!

#### S.A. BROTHERS IN THE NEWS.

Football's "Man of the Year" is John Halbert, of our Clovelly Park church, and a member of the Department of Christian Education. Three times runner-up, John is now happy in his distinction. Chosen as the Magarey

Medallist, he has won the admiration of all followers of the Australian game. Great tributes have been paid to a young man who has reached the top in sport, but who is also acclaimed by secular press and bodies as a Christian gentleman. Our brotherhood is proud of John.

Retiring from office as Registrar of Deeds and Land Titles is G. A. Jessup, of the Unley church. Through his whole life he has been a keen Christian worker, associated with the youth programmes of the Park-st. church. In recent weeks he has been the recipient of considerable feting and publicity. One of his sons, Dr. Allan Jessup, is an elder in the Glenelg church.

The Government recently appointed a professional psychologist to the Law Courts, and chose Eric Price, of the Blackwood church, for the position. Mr. Price was for years in Auckland, and since coming to Adelaide has been active in inter-church and World Council matters.

State Council Chairman for the S.A. Branch of the World Council of Churches is our own Stan Neighbour, minister of the church at Prospect. His interest in Christian unity has been known for years, and this is a signal honor for him and for our brotherhood.

The appointment of Senior Chaplain for the O.P.D.'s in the Army sees Major John Baker, minister of Flinders Park church, assuming this post of leadership. This appointment was made recently by representatives of the churches in this Army grouping.

## Vic. - Tas. Half-Yearly Convention

Over three hundred from about fifty Victorian Churches of Christ enjoyed rich fellowship at Ballarat, Vic., on a truly glorious day, Sat., Sept. 9.

The ladies of the combined Ballarat churches provided the meals, and the catering was of a very high standard.

The singing of the soloists (Max Murray, Arthur Le Couteur and Miss Yoke Eygelaar) was appreciated. The fine congregational singing was ably led by Max Murray, with Miss Morrison at the electronic organ.

As is usual with Conventions, time was the greatest enemy, but thanks to the very capable President, W. A. Thompson, the schedule never got too far out of hand.

F. C. Hunting set a high tone in the opening devotional, turning all thoughts to Jesus as the Son of God and the Saviour of men, and to the pre-eminence due to him in every Christian heart.

Workshop on Evangelism was introduced by B. J. Combridge. He spoke on the booklet, Design for Development, dealing with an overall evangelistic programme for the Church.

The key to the group study was the fact that evangelism is the personal responsibility of every Christian.

Other findings were:—

1. Pray as if everything depends upon God; work as if everything depends on us.
2. Seek first by prayer, rather than ask God to bless our actions.
3. Evangelism is more than just winning men to Christ; conservation is a "must" for every evangelistic programme.
4. It must be an evangelism of love.
5. Greater expression of love between brethren.
6. Every church action should be geared for vital evangelism.

After lunch the visitors were taken on a conducted tour of the city, and

as many places of interest as possible were visited in the time available. The tour was arranged by J. Price and G. Allen.


C. Terry led the afternoon devotional, challenging all to loyalty to Christ in a world of expediency.

This was followed by a thought-provoking discussion between G. K. Scambler and A. E. White, B.A., which revolved around brotherhood work.

Thoughts that came from this and the discussion that followed included:

1. If every Christian gave as he ought to give, the Church would not lack or need to ask for money.
2. If you can't afford to give it, would you please lend money to the Properties Corporation.
3. Our best men should be used in new areas.
4. Best facilities are necessary in every department, both overseas and at home.

## THE MINISTRIES OF OUR



# WOMEN

## FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

## Interstate News

## NEW SOUTH WALES.

At the N.S.W. Christian Women's Fellowship meeting, Sept. 1, at City Temple, Mrs. Baker was in the chair. She welcomed all to the meeting. The worship theme was **Whose God Is the Lord?**

The devotions were in charge of the Belmore sisters, with Mrs. Knights leading, Mrs. Milne opening in prayer, Mrs. Harrison reading, and Mrs. Christie and Mrs. Tandy rendering a duet. Mrs. Knights spoke for a short time on God's love, and then a group of ladies sang the hymn, "O Love of God."

At the roll call, 94 ladies responded from 27 churches; there was one visitor from Canberra and one from Inverell. Mrs. Stanhope brought a greeting from Dr. and Mrs. J. Stanhope in New Guinea, with whom she had been visiting for a brief time.

Miss Moody, from Gospel Recordings, addressed the meeting, and gave

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5. Our commitment to Christ determines our stewardship in all these things.

C. G. Taylor, B.A. (Doncaster) was the afternoon speaker, on **Unity as Others See it**. He gave a comprehensive survey of the work being done by various people in the interests of church unity.

During the afternoon helpful sessions were conducted for the ladies in the lower hall, led by Mrs. R. V. Amos (C.W.F. President).

A. E. White, B.A., led the devotional for the evening session, and spoke on worship. True devotion is obedience to God's will, rendering to God the things which are God's, and being in right relationship with God and man.

W. W. Saunders extended thanks to all who had shared in the Convention.

Allan Avery gave the evening address on **Our Primary Purpose**. Once again the spotlight was on evangelism as the life and mission of the Church. He drew together all the threads of the day's discussions of stewardship, evangelism, conservation and commitment, and sent us forth with the command of the King of kings, "Go ye, and be my witnesses."  
—H. J. Trezise, Mt. Clear.

a very interesting and informative insight into the work that is being done with the recording of languages and dialects of many tribes, in order that they can hear the gospel message in their own tongue. Miss Moody said that already over 3 million records had been made in over two thousand tongues, and these, backed up by the prayers of God's people, must bring results.

After thanking Miss Moody, Mrs. Baker closed the meeting with hymn and benediction.—J. Torode, Asst. Sec.

## VICTORIA-TASMANIA.

The President, Mrs. Amos, opened the September Council Meeting with a call to worship, after which all joined in singing the C.W.F. hymn, followed by prayer.

A welcome was given to all, especially mentioning Mrs. Roffey (Sydney) and Mrs. Cottee (Ballarat).

The retiring offering at the August meeting resulted in £4/15/- to go towards purchasing sandshoes for the Aborigine Mission children at Carnarvon.

Amongst the correspondence was a letter from Mrs. Win Beale, which accompanied a lovely oil painting of a New Guinea village done by a brother of Frank Beale, and which Mrs. Beale suggested might be hung at Ludbrook House. It was admired by all and thanks expressed for the generous gesture.

Mrs. Amos again stressed the new emphasis on **woman to woman evangelism**, telling of the importance of this field of work and the potential of women in this work. The invitations for the inaugural ceremony were ready for distribution, and any secretaries requiring extra invitations could procure same from secretary (State).

The roll call revealed 141 ladies present, representing 57 churches; also 12 apologies. The Missionary Committee passed on to delegates envelopes containing W.C.W.F. newsletters, Missionary News and "S" forms for local groups. Our President expressed sympathy to the members of the families who had recently suffered bereavement, after which Mrs. Shaw led us in prayer.

**Superintendents' Reports: Hospital Visitation** — Mrs. Manning read a letter from Kew Cottages, who advised that socks and feeders were always needful. A request was also

made for two ladies to visit the Eye and Ear Hospital and the Queen Victoria. It was asked that all jams, etc., given for distribution to hospital patients, be in good condition and with cellophane covers. A sample woollen cap was displayed, made from men's socks; there was a need for many of these; also large size feeders for use at Will H. Clay Hospital.

**Social Service** — Mrs. Ward thanked all for parcels received and announced that buttons for Lord Mayor's Hospital Appeal were available at Social Service office — our Hospital receives ten pence out of every button we sell for this appeal.

**General Dorcas**. — Mrs. Haden reminded us of "Give and Buy" at our next Council meeting, Oct. 6.

Greetings were received from Mrs. Sewell (Maryborough); all present were saddened to hear of the illness of Mrs. Millar (former Matron of Oakleigh Guest Home); we commend her to our Father in heaven in prayer.

We then participated in the **W.C.W.F. Birthday service**; this programme was prepared by Miss Itoko Maeda, and a picture of her was screened for all to see. Mrs. Cleland led the service, with Mrs. Stafford taking the Bible readings and prayers. The service was followed with a message from Mrs. Morrison, entitled **W.C.W.F. and a Challenge**. The meeting closed with the singing of the W.C.W.F. hymn and benediction. — N. Newham, Sec.

## TASMANIA.

**Caveside sisters** have re-commenced meetings. Margaret-st. and Devonport ladies have been busy preparing refreshments for the men working on their working bees. Sandhill, Margaret-st. and Ulverstone all sent nice parcels to be included in the parcel for the Islands. Nubeena sent money to Bethany. Collins-st. ladies are doing mending and sewing for Bethany, and are also busy preparing and planning for Federal Conference.

Sixth **W.C.W.F. Birthday programme** is planned for Sept. 28 at Invermay. All ladies are busy preparing for a fair to be held at Bethany, to coincide with the opening of the new wing.—Mrs. D. Lee, Sec.

## ANNUAL CONFERENCE—

## S.A. Churches of Christ Women's Conference

A very wonderful day of Christian fellowship was enjoyed on Sept. 7, when more than 450 women gathered in Conference sessions. Mrs. Whar-ton capably presided over all gatherings. The morning devotions were led by Mrs. A. R. Jones, who spoke

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on our need for God at all times. The various Departmental reports were presented briefly, and each Dept. told of plans for future work. The country reports were presented under District Conferences.

#### Constitution.

A clause was added to the effect that members of the Executive may not serve in any one capacity for more than five consecutive years; also that the President may not serve for two consecutive years.

Those elected to office this year are: President, Mrs. A. R. Jones; Pres.-Elect, Mrs. Fax; 1st Vice-Pres., Mrs. Lawrance; 2nd Vice-Pres., Mrs. C. Cunningham; Sec., Mrs. E. Holland; Asst.-Sec., Mrs. C. L. Fitzgerald; Treas., Mrs. Johnson.

Mrs. Hodgekiss conducted brief devotional period in the afternoon. After a welcome extended to visitors, a representative from Women's United Church Assoc. responded. It was a delight to have Mrs. Chamberlain with us, and she brought a challenging message. She told also of the great patience needed by our workers as they endeavor to educate the native folk in New Guinea.

The soloist was Miss E. Muir. Mrs. Wharton gave the President's highlights, and stressed the need for individual prayer for world peace. At the conclusion of the afternoon pro-

gramme, a "Question and Answer" session proved helpful; topics under review were the various phases of our women's work.

Two offerings were received, amounting to over £56. During the year the following gifts were made: Overseas Mission Dept., £778; Aborigine Missions, £185; Home Mission Dept., £358; also gifts were made to Social Service and Youth Dept. and Christian Rest Home. Our treasurer has handled over £2,248 this year.

The Catering Committee was once again busy; over 400 dinner meals served, and approx. 200 meals at tea-time.

At the evening session, when the attendance was 350, we were assisted by our Youth Choir, conducted by J. Hall. Miss B. Pitt, who is President of the National Council of Women, spoke on **Women in the Life of the Community**.

#### Pioneer Social Afternoon.

This was held at Grote-st. in two halls on Sept. 6, when 170 folk gathered at the invitation of the Women's Executive. Those who have been in membership for over 44 years were entertained. Reminiscences were given by Mr. and Mrs. Webb and W. N. Bartlett; devotions, solo and community hymn singing were included in the programme. Afternoon tea was served.—L. F. Holland, Sec.

About an hour later two school boys arrived to tell the folk that they had to go down immediately. They all said no, but some of the men said that some of the children could go, with a couple of the women folk. They then also asked me if, when I went past the new camp the following day, I would call in and see him. Well, on Friday morning I did. When I arrived at the camp the children told me that the father was out at his house — the church and house I might add, being about ten minutes' walk out into the jungle. Coming up the path to his house, I saw him standing at his door, looking at me, but he made no effort to come and greet me, or to say good morning. I introduced myself and told him that the folk had asked me to come and talk to him. He then wanted to know what I was doing at the Asau village. I told him that we had been approached as a Mission to send a teacher to them just on 12 months' ago. He was very interested to hear that. I told him that we were hoping to be able to do the same. He then said, "Oh, is that so? We will see about that a little later." He had no wish to talk at all, just asked me if it was true that we were going to the village of Bwaier (I said no), but it seems apparent that they too must be interested in asking us. I then said good morning, and off we went.

When the children came down to the edge of the river it was obvious that they were a bit scared, but the men of Asau told them that they were not to worry, and that they were not to take any notice of anything he said to scare them.

On Saturday we had our field council meeting at Pir. We do hope and pray that it will not be long before we see a carpenter and some new teachers coming to the field, and most of all I think we need evangelists.

There are new places opening up to us each day almost; must we refuse them all? If we don't get to them soon, someone else will. The people are beginning to see that in two years or so, here at Tung, we have done more for the people than the "Popes'" have done in thirty years, therefore the interest in our Mission is being increased.

Next Monday Jan and I go on a week's patrol around the Makarap villages, and then back around through Pir. It's going to be a pretty long trip, but it will give us a chance to check up on the health of the people in that area. From all accounts there have been a number of stillbirths in that area. It has also been encouraging to us to note that the only two births that we have had in our house carry-em so far have both been women from the Makarap villages.



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

## ASAU VISIT — Part II

Sister Betty Anderson.

While I was there I was also able to find out about the water supply and building materials. At the village there are about three soak holes where they get their water. These holes are about 6 feet in from a rather dirty creek. According to the people these have never been known to dry up. The water from them seems very clear, but I thought that it was advisable to boil it just the same. The village itself is very flat, but seems to drain very well; there can be a real downpour, but within a couple of hours the ground is dry. All around the village there is thick bush and jungle. At the back of the village, but toward the Sepik area, is thick swampy country. Close to the village there is any amount of timber and leaf suitable for buildings.

While I was at Asau, the folk also mentioned a village called Irunong, which is very interested in getting

our Mission to sit down with them. This village is inland toward the Sepik. It is situated on an island in the middle of the swamp country. If there had been more time I was going to go across and see just how far it was, thinking of perhaps working it in conjunction with Asau, but with the Asau people being so keen for schooling, etc., I felt that it would not be right to leave them just then to go and look at another place. They tell me that most of the villages inland toward the Sepik have now not got a Mission. Some were S.D.A.'s and R.C.'s, but nothing very much was done by them and as a result they have loosed them. If it was possible for us to send a teacher to Asau, I think that it would not be very long before we would be able to contact many more folk in the region out behind.

On the Thursday night we happened to hear the garamut from the new Asau camp. The folk told me that the "Popes" father had arrived, and that he wanted everyone in the village to go down to the new camp.



**Theme for the Week:**  
**"STEPHEN"**

**Sunday, October 8**

Acts 4: 32-37.

**Thought Text:** "Joseph . . . sur-named by the apostles Barnabas" (v. 36).

Here is a nickname that stuck! Barnabas meant Son of Consolation, Son of Comfort, Son of Encouragement, and the character of the man fits all the translations. He was big in the things that really mattered — as one preacher once put it, "He was born on an island, but he had the sweep of a continent in his soul." There was nothing little about Barnabas, either in his own self-giving or in his assessment of others, from whom his generous confidence always won the best.

As Campbell Morgan says, when commenting on Barnabas' first act as a Christian: "Barnabas had land and he sold it. That was his investment." The dividends that followed were incalculable.

O God, make us as ready as Barnabas to invest our possessions and ourselves in ministries of encouragement. Amen.

**Monday, October 9**

Acts 5: 12-20.

**Thought Text:** "Go, stand and speak all the words of this life" (v. 20).

Release from prison meant a quick return to duty for the apostles, rather than a reprieve. That word "Go!" had the same ring about it that the Master's "Go!" of the Great Commission had sounded, and they responded immediately. Nor did they choose a safe place for their witnessing; from early in the morning they were at their task in the Temple itself. Here was the living proof of Peter's earlier words to the persecutors: "We cannot but speak the things that we have seen and heard."

Are we actively at the task of making sure that "the words of this life" are heard today?

# WHEN SOARS the SOUL

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

Father, strengthen all who bear witness in difficult places. Keep them — and us — from the sin of silence when we ought to speak. Amen.

**Tuesday, October 10**

Acts 5: 21-32.

**Thought Text:** "We must obey God rather than men" (v. 29, R.S.V.).

The Christian is no stranger to the conflict of loyalties. Choices tug at his mind every day, and only to his peril dare he forget that he owes his supreme loyalty to God. No matter what the cost, God must come first.

John Bunyan knew that — and paid the price with long years of imprisonment, even though it tore at his heart to be parted from his loved ones, and especially from his blind girl, Mary. Martin Niemöller, of our own time, and a host of others like him, have dared prison and death with the same steadfast devotion to God. What of our own actions — easy compromises or costly loyalties?

Lord, bless all those men in high positions, for whom principle counts more than policy, and obedience to thee than safety of compromise. Amen.

**Wednesday, October 11**

Acts 5: 33-42.

**Thought Text:** "If it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it" (v. 39).

Many since Gamaliel's day have thought they could overthrow the Church — and have failed. In our own generation, Soviet Russia has witnessed a most spectacular failure of the policy outlined in May, 1929, which rashly prophesied that "by May, 1937, no church is to be left in the Soviet Union. God will be expelled as a medieval relic." But instead it was the membership of the League of the Militant Godless which crashed from 7,000,000 in 1932 to less than two millions in 1937 — as against a census declaration by sixty millions that they were Christian.

As our Lord said long ago to his disciples, "Fear not, little flock. It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."

Help us to live as those who know thy victory is already won. Amen.

**Thursday, October 12**

Acts 6: 1-7.

**Thought Text:** "There arose a murmuring" (v. 1).

The word Luke uses here also means "muttering" — the steadily gathering grumble of complaint. It was a dangerous moment for the young Church. Wrongly handled, it could have sparked off trouble leading to open division. Instead, the ranks of

leadership were widened with the choice of men who not only dealt happily with this situation, but enriched the Church with wider service.

C. H. Spurgeon once said characteristically, "If you have an angular, peculiar person in your church, always put him into office and keep him at work." But, we might add for the preachers' sakes, don't elect them all to the Official Boards!

Lord, give us the wisdom and grace to draw the best out of difficult people, remembering thine unflinching patience with our weaknesses. Amen.

**Friday, October 13**

Acts 6: 8-15.

**Thought Text:** "His face shone like the face of an angel" (v. 15, Moffatt).

"Full of faith and of the Holy Spirit . . . of grace and of power" (vv. 5, 8). No wonder there was a radiance about Stephen that compelled even his biased judges to note it — a quality with which fear and compromise could not live. It is reminiscent of the way that Moses' face shone, fresh from communion with God. But here there was no mountain-top aloneness with God; instead, he was face to face with man's hate and false witness. Yet still his face shone! The Christian's inner peace grows more real, not less sure, in the face of opposition.

Under today's tensions, is it Christ's fragrance or our fretfulness that shows through?

May something of thy beauty, Lord, be seen in what we think and say and do. Amen.

**Saturday, October 14**

Acts 7: 1-7, 51-54.

**Thought Text:** "The God of glory . . . said, Get thee out" (vv. 2, 3).

For us the word "glory" implies something secure as well as splendid, but for Stephen the full splendor of God's glory lay in the way he ever urged men on to faith's new discoveries. As Abram had left all behind him at God's call, sacrificing man's well-loved securities, so still must men of faith respond to that same insistent divine summons.

In obedience to God's call lies the discovery of life's real glories. Look at what came to Abram! Look at the promise to the Christian — "heirs of God and joint-heirs with Jesus Christ"! But how long is it since we ventured out in some new act of faith, for him and with him?

O God, make us ready to go with thee wherever we can serve thee best, no matter how unknown or hard the way may seem. Amen.

# HERE AND THERE

B. H. Crowden has accepted a further 12 months' engagement with the churches at Stirling East - Aldgate Valley, S.A.

The next meeting of the Vic.-Tas. Ministers' Association will be held at the Churches of Christ Centre on Monday, Oct. 2, at 2 p.m. Lunch at 1 p.m. Allan Read, M.A., minister of the Springvale Presbyterian Church, who has had extensive experience amongst the industrial life of Chicago, will be the speaker. His subject will be *The Church and the Industrial Community*.—R. E. Hillbrich, sec.

To mark the tenth anniversary of the Will. H. Clay Nursing Home, Murrumbidgee, Vic., on Friday, Oct. 13, guests there will provide the programme for the well-known National radio programme, "Hospital Half-Hour," at 8.15 a.m. E.S.T. on that day.

The British and Foreign Bible Society's headquarters in London reports that in the first six months of 1961 an average of 7 tons of Scriptures were despatched every day from the London Bible House. These Scriptures were packed in 30,000 freight cases and parcels, addressed to distributors in many parts of the world. Over 8,000 vans of Bible paper have been manufactured in England for printing Scriptures for the Society in South Africa, Hong Kong and Korea. The number of volumes of Scriptures produced during the six months totalled over 2,500,000 copies. This is one of the highest production rates in the Society's history.

Ann-st (Brisbane) church celebrated its 79th anniversary with an inspirational rally on Friday, Sept. 15, in which representatives of all auxiliaries took part; the singing by the choir, under the baton of W. H. Hack, was particularly pleasing. K. J. Harvey (Camp Hill) was guest speaker on the theme, "Thanksgiving," in which he stressed the need for thanks to express itself in action. S. Chalmers (Qld. Conf. Pres.) also brought a greeting from the Conference Executive. Following the rally a buffet supper was enjoyed in the social hall. Anniversary services were continued by resident minister, C. G. Flood, on Sunday, Sept. 17, "Committal" being the keynote at the morning service, and "Surrender" in the evening.

Delegates of district churches met in the Essendon (Vic.) chapel on Sept. 6, to consider together the booklet, *Design for Development*. Vic.-Tas. H.M. Sec., B. J. Combridge, and

Field Officer, A. A. Avery, introduced the booklet in a thought-provoking way which left no doubt that the church's task was to integrate evangelism into its programme in such a way that the whole church was involved. A period of discussion followed, and after the meeting delegates continued their fellowship and discussion over a cup of tea. If the whole church can be as enthusiastic in implementing and carrying through the suggested programmes as these two brethren were in presenting them; there is no doubt that a rich harvest will result. We understand that similar area meetings will be held in other centres. If there is one in your district, be sure that you attend it.—V. Quayle.

The fortnight's "Let's Look at Life" Crusade, which followed the 80th church anniversary at Long Plains, S.A., with R. M. Wilson (Launceston, Tas.) as missionary, was a challenging and spiritually beneficial time for the whole church. The messages were of a very high standard. There were two decisions. The singing was very capably led by L. W. Marshman (Owen). The church is most grateful for the help given so willingly by Owen members, singers, and the delegations from other churches. A thankoffering was received on the last night, amounting to £65.—C.S.B.

Cr. W. Fordham, a member of Camberwell (Vic.) church, has been re-elected unopposed to the Camberwell

## "Text For Today"

W. A. Thompson (Vic.-Tas. Conf. Pres.) makes this appeal to Victorian readers:

"The appearance of the *Text for Today* on page 2 of the *Age* during September, is refreshing and stimulating. It is appearing for one month as the result of the joint action of the Bible Year Council and the British and Foreign Bible Society.

"It could possibly become a daily feature for an indefinite time if Victorian ministers and church members would write to the Editor of the *Age* expressing thanks for its appearance, and the earnest hope that it may continue.

"Any delay in doing this may lose an opportunity that will not come again, and I therefore urge upon our people everywhere not to fail in this request."

City Council. He has also been appointed chairman of the Town Planning Committee for the ensuing year.

The church at Ulverstone, Tas., has received a great uplift from a thirteen-day mission, conducted by P. R. Baker. There were fourteen decisions and reconsecrations; twelve will be added to the local church. A feature of the mission is that eleven of the converts are of mature years. This result, we feel, has been achieved, largely through the prayers of brethren throughout Tasmania, Western Australian and other groups.—Harry A. Crowden.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Warne are leaving Brisbane in November for the U.S.A., and will be absent for about ten months. Mr. Warne has tendered his resignation as secretary of the Ann-st. church, and K. W. Ludgater (61 Manstead-st., Wellers Hill) will be acting secretary for the remainder of the year, after which R. Bateman will take over.

Large attendances marked the ninety-eighth anniversary services of the church at Doncaster, Vic., on Sept. 17. Speakers were A. E. White (Nth. Essendon) and C. G. Taylor (resident minister). The choir, led by G. H. Tully, sang splendidly both morning and night, with R. J. Tully as evening soloist. A widely representative group attended the fellowship tea served in the church hall, which had just been renovated by the C.M.S., with new carpet in the porch supplied by the ladies. An outstanding feature of the day was the presence of no fewer than fifteen of the eighteen who have been in continuous membership at Doncaster for 50 years or more, plus five more who will reach the fifty mark next June. The oldest member, still a regular attendant, is Mrs. Rose Petty, who has been in membership for just on 72 years.

The Vic.-Tas. Christian Women's Fellowship will hold its next Council Meeting in the Reception Room, Churches of Christ Centre, Melb., on Friday, Oct. 6, at 11 a.m. Devotions, led by Mrs. R. Haden, Supt. of General Dorcas Committee, will be followed by a report of the recent Evening Fellowship Camp held at Monbulk. All ladies are asked to remember the pre-prayer session in the Board Room at 10.30 a.m.; also the "Bring and Buy" stall (sponsored by the Dorcas Committee) at the close of the meeting—N. Newham, Sec.

Keith Skillcorn, Australian missionary with the British Churches of Christ Mission, India, begins four days of meetings in West Bengal on Oct. 29. He will have an intensive programme of Bible study, morning and afternoon, with gospel addresses at night — all in Hindi.



## How long will you last?

Francis W. Dixon.

The other day I listened to a programme entitled, *A Day With Churchill*. In this intimate chronicle, Michel Saint-Denis tells of October 21, 1940, when he spent the day helping the then Prime Minister to translate his first broadcast to the French people in their darkest hour. At one point in the episode Churchill announced that he was going for his afternoon rest. When Michel Saint-Denis looked very surprised at this, Churchill said to him, "Don't you take a rest after lunch?" And when he received a negative reply, he said, "My friend, you won't last!" Undoubtedly, one secret of Churchill's amazing powers of endurance and concentration is revealed here.

Now it may be quite impossible for most people to take a rest at midday, and especially to do it seriously by getting into bed, as was Churchill's custom. Nevertheless, it is undoubtedly true that many Christians are in danger of wearing out because they are so caught up in the rush and tear and quick tempo of modern life that they do not know sufficiently what it means to relax — to rest.

Some men and women whom God calls into his service may be called by him to burn out. Time is short and their kind of temperament demands that they make an all-out effort all the time, with hardly any let-up at all. It is probably true to say, however, that for every one whom God calls to live like this, there are a hundred others whom he calls to obey the rules for health of body and mind. This involves getting the right amount of sleep, the right food, regular and suitable exercise and recreation, and plenty of work.

It is a sad thing that many Christians are "edgy," nervous, touchy and below par, physically, mentally and spiritually. This is not glorifying to God, and there is not the slightest doubt that if such Christians would seek to "be still" more frequently, and to pray Whittier's prayer for "thy

still dews of quietness," they would find that their irritability and touchiness would cease.

Some of us may have to fight the temptation to laziness and lethargy, and our great need is to show more energy and to do more work. But this is not the danger that faces many Christians. All too frequently our danger is that of pressure from all directions, which forces us to do too much and to "burn the candle at both ends."

If you are one of the lazy Christians, please do not take any notice of this article. But if you are one of the hurried, flurried, nervy, tensed-up Christians, pray that the Lord will slow you down and give you to experience his peace and calm. In this way you will last longer and render better service for your Lord day by day.—Condensed from *The Lansdowne Magazine*.

## Inviting Others

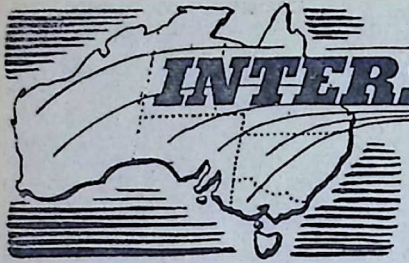
A commercial traveller named Rigby, when he was in Edinburgh, used to stay at the Waverley Hotel, and on such Sundays always made his way to Free St. George's Church during the great ministry of Dr. Alexander Whyte. He could not preach, and found difficulty even in discussing spiritual themes with others. But before setting out for the church he would always look around for someone else in the hotel whom he could invite to accompany him.

One Sunday morning, on approaching a man with this invitation, he received something very like a rebuff. The stranger at first refused, but finally consented, and was so moved by the service that he asked Mr. Rigby to take him again in the evening. That night at Free St. George's he found Christ. Next morning in the course of his business Mr. Rigby chanced to pass the home of Dr. Whyte. Acting on the impulse of the moment he made up his mind to call and tell the minister of his experience on the previous day, and what the service had meant to his companion.

Dr. Whyte was deeply moved. "I thought," he said; "that last night's sermon fell very flat, and I have been feeling very depressed about it. But what did you say your name was?" Mr. Rigby repeated it. "Why," exclaimed the doctor in delight, "you are the man I've been looking for for years!" He then went to his study, and returned carrying a bundle of letters, from which he read such ex-

tracts as these: "I was spending a weekend in Edinburgh some weeks ago, and a fellow commercial traveller, called Rigby invited me to accompany him to St. George's. The message at that service changed my life." "I am a young man, and the other day I came to hear you preach, at the invitation of a man called Rigby, and in that service I decided to dedicate my life to Christ." Dr. Whyte went on to say that twelve of the letters were from young men, of whom four had already entered the ministry.

Rigby was not a member of Free St. George's — he was only a visitor — but in this matter of being a contact between the Church and those outside he must have been an example to many a church member there as Dr. Whyte told his people of Rigby's zeal. Let him be an example to us of what can be wrought by inviting others to accompany us to the Sunday services. Let his activities inspire us afresh to use the opportunities that week by week confront us, and for which we each individually are answerable to God.—*Gospel Tidings*.



# INTERSTATE CHURCH NEWS

## Discipleship

Linda Newton, Burwood, N.S.W.  
 Robert Fleming, Stirling East, S.A.  
 Malcolm Pollard, Neil Ronayne,  
 Cowandilla, S.A.  
 Kym Brown, Flinders Park, S.A.  
 Ian Highdale, Mildura, Vic.  
 James Schwab, Henley Beach, S.A.  
 Mrs. B. Russell, Miss B. Carpenter,  
 Geeveston, Tas.  
 Mrs. Dutch, Mrs. Brown, Mrs.  
 Twaddle, M. Hopson, Misses S.  
 Brown and C. Dressler, Subiaco,  
 W.A.  
 Catherine Collard, Ken Hodby,  
 Sunnybank, Qld.  
 K. Carter, Misses G. Yeomans, J.  
 Ford, Perth, W.A.  
 J. Quinlan, Miss W. Watt, Ormond,

## TASMANIA

Collins-st., Hobart. — Averages for Aug.: a.m., 163; p.m., 126; communion, 156; offering, £55/4/2. A.m. service Aug. 13, E. Morrison (Peninsula churches) spoke on behalf of Annual Bethany Appeal. Married lady and teenager from Geeveston baptised. F. Manning (Regions Beyond Missionary Union) speaker p.m. and screened films. Other speakers during month were B. J. Golder, W. Rushton, J. Park, C. Horbury, R. Boxhall, R. Edmunds (Invermay). At monthly C.W.E.F. meeting Sis. Ward (Hobart City Mission) was speaker. 23 C.M.S. members met for tea, 18th.

## QUEENSLAND

Sunnybank - Rocklea (B. M. Nowitzke). — C.W.F. (Sunnybank) held birthday luncheon, Sept. 6. Junior Club well attended. Gospel service, Aug. 27, conducted by B. Scott, Church enjoyed visit of Val. Woff (Melb.) and many other visitors have been present. B.S. anniversary, 17th, addressed by J. Fitzroy and minister. Chapel packed for services. B.S. scholar confessed Christ. C.W.F. addressed by State President, 18th, and after meeting helped pack Christmas boxes for Overseas Missions.

Ipswich (R. Acland). — During absence of minister, Sept. 3, S. Chalmers (State Conf. Pres.) preached a.m. and F. Smith, p.m. At midweek prayer meeting, minister is leading study on book of Acts.

Kingaroy - Murgon (H. C. Wheat). — During Aug., minister was with Gladstone church. Local services were conducted by members. New property purchased in Kingaroy, which will enable church to have chapel, hall and manse on same block. Land and building purchased in Murgon and building is to be shifted.

## WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Cottesloe (A. J. Griffiths). — On three occasions midweek prayer and Bible study viewed missionary pictures, when J. Arnott showed slides on India; Mr. Dawson; film on N.G., and Matron Hill, pictures on Palestine. Margaret Hayes and Allen Fletcher, missionaries-elect for Chungribu, N.G., were honored at after-church fellowship prior to marriage. C.W.F. concert raised £20 for Bud-

get effort. Sewing days held for Missions and Social Service. Fremantle ladies paid visit and conducted meeting. C.M.S. conducted flower and craft show in aid of New Guinea Mission work. During absence of minister, conducting two-week mission at Geraldton, services were addressed by J. Giblett and Mr. Whitney, who, with assistance from Perth Bible Institute students, took services, Sept. 10. J. Gordon, T. Banks, A. Pyne, Mr. Cook, also gave addresses.

Maylands (L. G. Cooke). — Attendances have improved. Whilst minister has been visiting other churches in capacity of Conference President, visiting speakers have been R. McLean, F. Stephenson, J. Hunting, W. Paget, G. Ewers. Men's A Reserve and Junior C basketball teams won respective divisions; Bruce Jones and Chris. Pearton won fairest and best awards. H. Hollett and Miss L. Toms recovering from illnesses; J. Cant still ill. Mrs. Langley visiting U.K. Visitors have been Mrs. Hillford and Mrs. J. Harland (Vic.).

Midland (E. B. Clapp). — During Aug.-Sept., youth organisations held special functions. Second Real Life Rally held, Sept. 2, with J. K. Bond, speaker. Girls' basketball team finished second in division. Miss Iris Burt chosen to play in State team. John Burt transferred to Norseman in employment. E. Boor spoke, 17th, in absence of Mr. and Mrs. Clapp at Norseman.

Perth (M. J. Savage). — Church anniversary, Sept. 17, was first held in Christian Centre, and marked conclusion of eventful year, which was climaxed by Comprehensive Evangelism Campaign. Special anniversary services included J. Sewell as guest speaker, P.S.A., and church tea. Three recently baptised. Members of Grand Lodge W.A. International Order Good Templars attended p.m. service, World Temperance Day. Church made presentation to Mr. and Mrs. Savage on occasion of their silver wedding. During their absence on leave, A. D. Pyne and H. Hayhoe were speakers.

Subiaco (G. Smith). — Overseas Christian Fellowship and Asian students conducted gospel service. Recognition of Mr. and Mrs. G. Reid, on silver wedding. Mr. and Mrs. F. Drennan welcomed after stay in Scotland. C.W.F. functioning well; working to raise funds for new hall project. C.E. held open night with audio-visual film showing Passion Play; proceeds to hospital at Maewo. Six received into discipleship and two

by transfer. 63rd church anniversary, Sept. 10, with R. Raymond and D. Stirling, guest speakers, and Miss Merle Peacock, soloist.

## NEW SOUTH WALES

**Chatswood (L. K. Green, B.A., B.D.).** — Good reports received re National broadcast a.m. service, Sept. 17. Missionary film screened, p.m. Dr. Elliott (Burwood) exchanged pulpits 24th. Two received by transfer from Hornsby. Women held flower show, 16th, and on 21st were hostesses at Chatswood to State Convention C.W.F. D. J. Verco led team on 23rd at Christian Union rally, Rockdale.

**Inverell (G. H. Earle).** — Girls' and Boys' Club presented concert, Sept. 16, after which visiting students from Woolwich screened films and told of College work. J. Main conducted a.m. service, 17th. Y.P.C.E. consecration meeting, 12th, included reports from committees. Combined men's fellowship held tea in Presbyterian hall, 18th, followed by fellowship meeting. C.W.F. held cleaning bee, 13th, in preparation for anniversary services.

**Taree.** — Church annual business meeting, Aug. 30, revealed work well maintained without resident minister. Treasurer reported fixed assets to be £41,000, and gifts for others and amounts to be dispersed for brotherhood work at end of financial year amounted to £1,654. Church awaits with interest coming of V. T. Parker (Qld.) to lead an advancing programme.

**Burwood (A. G. Elliott, M.A., Ph.D.).** — New seating and stage curtains installed in hall. Two film nights held for these. This was necessary for B.S. anniversary. Several nurses from western suburbs hospital took part in special hospital service, Sept. 10. Number of other nurses and visitors present. Girl baptised.

**Wagga (W. J. O. Todd).** — Aug. 27, R. Powell (Woolwich) spoke at monthly Y.P. service. Temple Day offering £204. C. Cole (Social Service) a.m. speaker, Sept. 3. Officers sang and F. Jary rendered violin solo at p.m. meeting; 104 communicants for day. Sympathy expressed to Kavanagh family in bereavement.

## SOUTH AUSTRALIA

**Grote-st., Adelaide (L. E. Jones, B.A.).** — A.m. service broadcast over 5KA, Sept. 10; guest preacher, E.P.C. Hollard, officiated in minister's absence. Church extends sympathy to Mrs. Lloyd Jones and family in passing of her father. C.W.F. conducted family social evening, 19th. Even-

ing was surprise birthday party for minister. Y.P. were entertained at home of Mr. and Mrs. Hearnden, 15th. Table tennis teams concluded successful season with A grade team premiers.

**Beulah-rd. (R. Clymer).** — C.W.F. enjoyed visit and programme from Maylands, and pattern demonstration evening. Outfit of clothing for aboriginal boy at Carnarvon donated. Church forwarded parcels of food and clothing to Social Service Centre for distribution to unemployed. Junior Officers' Board and Y.W.L. formed and are proving helpful. Teenage groups had guest speakers John Halbert and reps. from B.&F.B.S. at monthly teas. Junior fellowship tea followed by programme and gospel service, when talk was given by minister. Interesting slides have been shown by Chaplain Wayne (Japan) and Rex Chamberlain (New Guinea) at after-church fellowships. These men also delivered gospel messages. Church welcomes back Mrs. L. Wilson and Jenny Ball after surgery, and Mrs. Jeffrey after illness.

**Brooklyn Park (J. W. Lewis).** — Special evening services held during month included youth service, with two Y.P. bringing message, special film on stewardship, and end of basketball season service, with captains of successful teams participating. Officers presented proposed plans for building extensions.

**Dulwich (G. A. Hearn).** — At C.M.S. tea, over 30 fathers and sons attended and heard talk by Mr. Matthews (Magill Training School) on father and son relationships. Ladies heard Mrs. Wiseman (Rose Park Congregational) speak on her work among deaf children. Mr. and Mrs. Rex Chamberlain (New Guinea) present Sept. 3.

**Stirling East - Aldgate Valley (B. H. Crowden).** — B.S. scholar baptised at Stirling East. During painting renovations at Stirling, combined services were held at A.V. for two Sundays. W. Davey has resigned from Board and R. W. Knight appointed to vacancy. R. Graham addressed church recently, minister assisting at opening of new Lutheran church at Bridgewater. Half-yearly business meeting approved purchase of Housing Trust home to be used as kinder, rooms at S.E.

**Cowandilla (D. Smith).** — B.S. anniversary well attended; tea and prizegiving night held during week. Boys' Brigade went into camp for six days at Kersbrook during holidays. Week of witness held, with guest preachers M. Coombs and C. H. J. Wright. G.L.B. cadets held display and theme was *The Beauty of God's World*. Preachers were R. Tippett and R. Holmes on Confer-

ence Sunday. C.Y.F. monthly meeting held in member's home.

**Flinders Park (J. B. Baker).** — Speakers have been R. Middleton, K. Horne (Youth Director) and R. Hollard; after-church fellowship conducted by Miss Burke (B.&F.B.S.). There have been two decisions; average communicants, 160. Sympathy extended to J. Keighren in loss of father, and to Semmens family in passing of Mr. Semmens.

## VICTORIA

**Colac (B. Pryor).** — Mr. Welden (C.O.B.) speaker Sept. 17. Many visitors have been welcomed. Miss G. Barclay (church organist) has joined staff of Christian Guest Home, Oakleigh. She will be greatly missed. Vandals have damaged interior of church property.

**Footscray (A. E. Hurren).** — Half-yearly Convention at Ballarat attended by 9 members. L. Snow (Maidstone) a.m. speaker and Ian Mackey, p.m., Sept. 10. C.Y.F. executive assisted C.W.F. annual luncheon, 12th. Mrs. Amos (C.W.F. Pres.) was present and gave greetings; speaker, Miss Davies (Inter-Church Aid). L. Keatch (Mildura) a.m. speaker, 17th, and F. T. Morgan, p.m. Good Companions and Explorer clubs portrayed story of Prodigal Son. C.W.E.F. visited Essendon, 19th, and C.M.S. joined in father and son rally at Malvern Town Hall. Mr. and Mrs. W. Byard (Devonport, Tas.) visitors.

**Gardiner (F. A. Youens).** — Ladies visited Christian Guest Home. Y.P. enjoyed snow outing to Lake Mountain. C.W.E.F. went to Montbulk camp. Visiting speakers have been N. Cheal (representing C.M.S.) and K. Bowes (Mitcham). Church rejoices to have at worship again many who have been ill, including Mesd. Corlett, Craig, J. Taylor; Messrs. Minter, Squires, Watkins. Udan Rangat and family (Borneo) have been among visitors, also Rae Wilson (Chatswood). Sympathy of church with Mr. and Mrs. D. Didsbury and Mrs. C. Corbett in bereavements.

**Swan Hill (G. A. Harrison).** — A.m. service, Sept. 10, broadcast over 3SH. Mrs. Duffield (Naracoorte, S.A.) visitor. W. W. Saunders (Vic. Temperance Alliance) preacher p.m., 17th. After-church fellowship held in home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Leach. Minister presided at C.E. consecration meeting, 9th. C.E. business meeting elected pres., G. Owers; sec., K. Anderson; treas., G. Hercott. Attendances being maintained.

**Dandenong (R. N. Gilmore, B.A.).** — Good morning attendances maintained, with communicants averaging

112. Fire on the Heather screened, Sept. 3, with 140 present. Approx. 100 ladies present at C.W.E.F. 13th birthday, Aug. 24. J. G. Shaw speaker at p.m. service, 10th, for occasion of exchange of preachers throughout Gippsland Conference. First of number of prayer rallies for Leighton Ford Crusade, Melbourne, held in chapel; several other churches joined in. Church much in prayer for Mrs. Cantwell, snr., in hospital for some weeks. Mrs. Gilmore and children all recovering from sickness.

Maryborough (R. Pritchard). — F. Combridge (Social Service Dept.) speaker a.m., Aug. 27. During p.m. service, films of work of Social Service screened. Mrs. Amos (Pres., C.W.F.) also present, and gave talk following ladies' fellowship tea. Sept. is Unity Month, when four churches in Maryborough unite for worship in evening service; buildings have been filled to capacity. On 9th, Churches of Christ conducted service, when S. Wilson (Brighton) was guest speaker. Choir continues to give valued service, also assisting in combined choir for Unity Month, also in opening of new Salvation Army hall. Church sec. (H. Walters) has resigned through ill health. E. Branton appointed acting sec. Ladies' Aid donated six trays to the Elderly Citizens' Club.

Wangaratta (A. E. Stevens). — Cruise on s.s. Fellowship, Aug. 25, realised £7 for Car Fund. Guest night, 27th, packed building. Visitors a.m., Sept. 3, from Evangelisation Soc. Aust. Camp. Samuel Buli (New Hebrides student, Woolwich) was one of number who took part in evening service. Youth Fellowship visited Buffalo snow fields, 9th. C.Y.F. entertained "Saints" basketball team (premiers in "B" grade Town Comp.), and Cr. Jackel presented awards to each member. "C" Grade team, "Demons," though unsuccessful, had effective year. Many visitors 10th; three received into fellowship. B.S. anniversary began in afternoon, when R. Cordy addressed school and large gathering of parents. Capt. Pilley (Salvation Army) conducted evening meeting. Singing at both services good.

The Patch (T. Lawrie). — Attendances continue at satisfactory level. C.W.F. enjoying meetings; av. 10. Fellowship tea and club church parade, Sept. 3. Y.P. mystery "motorama" outing and picnic, 9th, proved most successful. B.S. efficiency competition into "outerspace" creating keen interest. Evening services greatly assisted by messages in song from Messrs. Easton, Ellis and Miss Searle. Appreciated assistance given by G. R. Thompson during preacher's vacation. Work on additional car park facilities commenced, and painting of chapel and hall completed.

West Preston (T. T. Robinson). — P.B.P. successful social evening, Sept. 5. On 10th, a.m. preacher, Keith Jones (Sec., C.O.B.). Y.P.S.C.E. continues to progress; new sec., John Dore.

Mildura (R. Hilford). — Visiting speakers have been W. T. Atkin (Social Service Dept.) and F. J. Funston (Vic. Temperance Alliance). Church School forwarded cheque for £60 to Aborigine Mission Board to support William Flanagan, Carnarvon, W.A. C.W.E.F. raised two-thirds of amount needed to buy new duplicator for church use. R.S.V. pulpit Bible presented to church by Mr. and Mrs. Benham. Gifts made by others included pulpit cushion and Scripture reading board.

### Coming Events

COLLINGWOOD (Vic.) BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY, Oct. 1 and 8. 1st: 3 p.m., Demonstration of Scholars and Cradle Roll; 7 p.m., I. Mackey. 8th: 3 p.m., R. Brooker; 7 p.m., S. Wilkerson. Tea provided. Renew old acquaintances and enjoy bright singing and thoughtful addresses.

FOOTSCRAY (Vic.) BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY, Oct. 8-15. 8th: 3 p.m., R. H. Hillier; 7 p.m., Scholars' Demonstration. 15th: 3 p.m., D. B. McIntosh; 7 p.m., A. E. Hurren. Oct. 20: Scholars' Fancy Dress Social. Welcome to past members and friends. Hospitality provided.

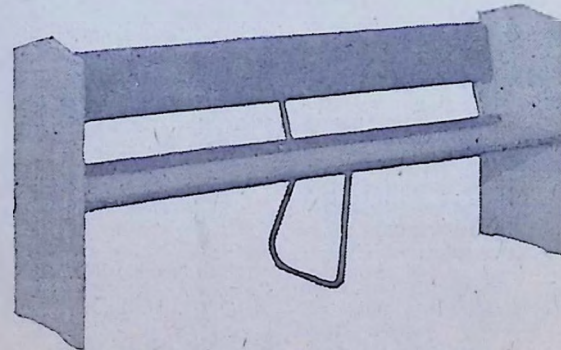
CROYDON CHURCH (Vic.) 88th ANNIVERSARY SERVICES, Oct. 1. 11 a.m., Worship; speaker, A. W. C. Candy; 3 p.m., Pleasant Sunday Afternoon, conducted by C.Y.F., speaker, Ian Mackey; 7 p.m., Gospel Service, speaker, A. A. Avery. All past members are invited. For hospitality, ring Croydon 3-1004.

RESERVOIR (Vic.) BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY, Oct. 1-8. 1st: 3 p.m., T. Clift; 7 p.m., N. McLennan. 8th: 3 p.m., Mrs. Freeman; 7 p.m., R. Muller. Come and hear the children sing.

### DEATH

PARNELL (nee Leng). — On Sept. 24, Judith Ann, of 36 Nonna-st., Clayton, Vic., beloved wife of Max, loving mother of Mark; aged 22 years. "In God's care."

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**PARRY**. — On Sept. 5, at Port Pirie, S.A., to Joy and Kelvin, a daughter — Joanne Carol.

**PRIOR** (nee Orr). — On Sept. 11, to Neta and David, North Manly, N.S.W., a daughter — Marion Louise. Sister for Lynda and Diane.

**DEATHS**

**HARDING**. — On Sept. 8, 1961, at Chelton Private Hospital, Ruby Caroline, widow of Wilfred Francis Harding, loving mother of Don. and Ken. Aged 71 years.

**HANSEN**. — On Sept. 19, 1961, at Dandenong, Alice May, Ridge-rd., Avonsleigh, Vic., beloved cousin of Rosalie Cantwell and family. "In God's care."

**IN MEMORIAM**

**ADAMS**. — Treasured memories of Florence Maud, called Home, Sept. 27, 1953, a loving and dearly loved wife, mother and grandmother.

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**SOULSBY**, Ernest Roy. — Treasured memories of my beloved husband and loving father, passed away, Sept. 29, 1957. "Memories in our hearts today, mean more than words can ever say."

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**MARRIAGE**

**DAVIE-BROOKE**. — The marriage of Valerie Dawn, elder daughter of Mr. A. H. Davie, Horsham, to Brian James, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Brooke, Balwyn, was solemnised at Horsham Church of Christ, Vic., on Sat., Sept. 16, 1961. The father of the groom was officiating minister.

**SILVER WEDDING**

**WEATHERLEY - WADLEY**. — The family of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Weatherley are pleased to announce the 25th wedding anniversary of Alice, eldest daughter of the late Mr. P. Wadley and Mrs. Wadley, Wangaratta, Vic., to Frederick Weatherley. The marriage was celebrated at Wangaratta chapel on Oct. 7, 1936, with R. A. Banks officiating and Mrs. J. Whittaker at the organ.

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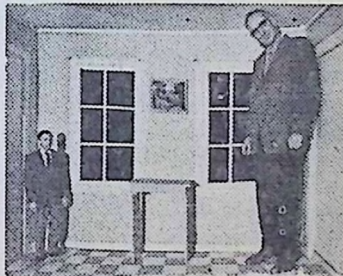
**NORTH FITZROY** (Vic.) **BIBLE SCHOOL, 88th ANNIVERSARY**, will be held on Sundays, Oct. 8 and 15. All past members and friends invited to come home to these services. Reunion Tea, 5 p.m., Oct. 8.

**DANDENONG** (Vic.) **BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY**, Oct. 8-15. Oct. 8: 3 p.m., R. W. Marshall; 7 p.m., K. A. Jones. 15th: 3 p.m., R. V. Longthorp; 7 p.m., R. N. Gilmore. Bright Singing by the Children. Happy Fellowship. All Welcome.

**NORTH RICHMOND** (Vic.) **CHURCH ANNIVERSARY**, Oct. 15. 11 a.m., R. McKenzie, B.A.; 3 p.m., Pleasant Sunday Afternoon, A. Pfeifer; 5 p.m., Fellowship Tea; 7 p.m., C. G. Taylor, B.A.

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Sunday, Oct. 8—

11 a.m.—K. A. Macnaughtan.

Soloist: Mrs. D. Adcock.

7 p.m.—E. L. Williams.

Soloist: Lyle Williams.

After-Church Hour of Fellowship.

**HAMPTON (Vic.) CHURCH**

Past Members and Friends are invited to share in the

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*Anniversary Services*

**SUNDAY, OCT. 22, 1961.**

11 a.m.—K. A. JONES.

3 p.m.—Pleasant Sunday Afternoon - C. G. TAYLOR.

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**OBITUARY**

Norman Harold Waite.

N. H. Waite was born of Christian parents in 1893, and his whole life was steeped in his Lord's trade of shaping and making beautiful things from pieces of timber. He was a competent tradesman, and when he died he was the maintenance foreman at the Presbyterian Ladies' College in Burwood, Vic. Always interested in the music of the church, our brother sang as a tenor in several church choirs and was a member of Armadale Baptist Choir when the late Dr. Boreham was minister. A few years ago he came to live opposite the Wattle Park church and immediately became a most active member. He served on the morning pian and in the B.S. as a teacher, he led the prayer services and on his holidays preached in our little church at St. Arnaud. His real gift for Christ, however, was in visitation, and old and young alike were blessed by his encouragement. Earlier this year our brother suffered a mild stroke from which he never completely recovered. On Friday, June 9 he fell asleep in Jesus and was set free from his earthly limitations. The funeral services, both at the Wattle Park chapel and at Springvale, were conducted by the writer, assisted by P. J. Evans (Malvern Baptist), who had baptised our brother into Christ. To Mrs. Waite and Rosemary, now in fellowship with the Croydon church, the church sends loving sympathy, and binds them to its heart in prayer. —L. G. Crisp.

Arthur Hardham.

The sudden passing of Arthur Hardham, of Blackburn, Vic., on Aug. 22, brought to many people a deep sense of loss. Although retired from his trade, Mr. Hardham was still engaged most of the week in manual work, much of it in a voluntary way, and certainly most of the time on week-ends in Christian work. He had become known to a great number of people in the Blackburn district for his ready help in spiritual matters, and his willingness to serve. He was won to the Saviour in an evangelistic mission at Bambra-rd., Caulfield, in his twenties, and his entry into the Church commenced a life of rich service and dedication. He soon transferred with his family to Ormond church, where he served as a deacon during the whole ministry of the present writer — seven years — and where his valuable gifts were soon discovered. A builder by trade, he also helped to build many a life by his personal touch, having a tremendous gift of communicating the gospel to his fellow-men. Moreover, he possessed a deep knowledge of the Word of God, and a great under-

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standing of the work of God, and it was for all these reasons that he had drawn to himself a large circle of friends, as was evidenced by the great number of people who gathered to pay to him their last respects, both in the home and at the grave-side. To those who remain, the widow, three sons, Norrie, Norman, Ron, and an only daughter, Joyce, we extend deepest sympathy.—S. Russell Baker.

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