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QUEENSLAND HALF-YEARLY CONFERENCE at KINGARROY

N. Watson, Qld. Conf. Sec.

The Half-Yearly 'Conference is becoming more and more popular. All who attended this year's Half-Yearly Conference at Kingaroy, on Sept. 23 and 24 came away with the feeling that it was the best yet.

The Kingaroy church has a comparatively small membership, but the way in which they provided hospitality and meals for all the delegates, totalling just over 100, was commendable.

Conference is also extremely grateful for the efficient manner in which the brethren there carried out all essential arrangements.

The Conference President, S. Chalmers, presided at all sessions and was commended by the Conference for the able manner in which he conducted proceedings.

Primarily, the Half-Yearly Conference is devotional and inspirational in character, but Committees and Departments are afforded the opportunity of briefly reporting on their work. The opportunity was taken of carrying a resolution appealing to the Queensland Government to refrain from amending the Liquor Acts to provide more facilities for the consumption of alcoholic drinks by permitting the sale of liquor in cafes and allowing Sunday trading in hotels and clubs. Mention was also made of the work done by Mrs. E. W. Potter on the National Old People's Council of Australia, Qld. Division, and many other organisations, and Conference carried a resolution commending her work in those spheres.

Twenty-two (22) churches were represented at the Conference.

At the men's rally on the Saturday afternoon there was helpful discussion on the following questions—

1. How can we improve the Sunday services, and is the gospel service necessary?
2. If the things outside the Church are attracting people, is the Church itself attractive, and can it be made more attractive?
3. Will the coming of automation in industry help the Church, and can the Church do anything to direct any consequent added leisure?
4. As the centre of preaching, can the Church become the centre of life?

Mrs. W. Finger, President of the Women's Conference, ably led the Women's Rally in devotions and presided over their session, when reports were given on the various aspects of the women's work.

The Conference theme was **Time for Renewal**, and each speaker was allotted a special subject related to that theme.

In leading the opening devotions, H. C. Wheat (Kingaroy) persuaded Conference that it is **Time for New Enthusiasm**. The Saturday afternoon Conference rally was addressed by G. Gibson (Nambour), on the subject **Time for a New Service**—in prayer, effectiveness in service, and in thorough teaching.

Time for a New Walk was the subject of the address given by D. Nelson (Maryborough) at the evangelistic rally on the Saturday night. "Our

walk," he said, "is divinely planned and has a divine end. We are saved into a divine programme. It is the most thrilling thing in the world to be available for Jesus Christ."

The Lord's Day morning communion service was broadcast by the courtesy of 4SB, and was addressed by V. G. Boettcher (Roma) on **Living the New Life**. "What would happen," he asked, "if the simple technique of consecration, education and realisation were introduced into your life, into the life of your church? Let us give up the world completely, our conceits, our selfishness, and present ourselves as a living sacrifice to God! Let Christ's thoughts become our thoughts, his life our life, his will our will, and his truth will revitalise and awaken the dead body of our faith."

The final rally on the Sunday afternoon was addressed by K. Harvey (Camp Hill) on **Time For New Inner Driving Force**. Mr. Harvey said, "In a world which is continually seeking power, the Church is seeking for a renewal of the inner driving force which evidenced itself in the story of the young Church of the New Testament. The power is within; our need is to cleanse the outlets to give this driving force room in which to work,"

Conference was pleased to have Miss Ruth Roberts (missionary from India) present, and appreciated the greetings and word which she brought during the Saturday afternoon Committees' session.

An inspection of the peanut factory on the Saturday morning added to the pleasure of the weekend.

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More Than Morals

What are we trying to do in our Sunday Schools? Many people outside the Church consider the real value of Sunday School lies in the fact that it gives boys and girls good moral training, it helps them to distinguish between right and wrong. The vast majority of parents SEND their children to Sunday School for this purpose alone, but feel they should have "learned enough" by the time they reach fourteen or fifteen to see them through life, so they need no longer "go to Sunday School."

Is good moral training our purpose? From the way some children's addresses in church, and the way some Sunday School lessons, are handled, it would seem that this is indeed ranked as our highest aim.

The following article, printed in the February, 1961, issue of "Findings", from the Sunday Bulletin of Christ Church, Greenwich, Connecticut, provides a valuable direction in

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helping us to consider this important question.

"You Did Not So Learn Christ"

● It is so easy to think that our Christian faith is mainly a matter of good conduct and rules; that learning Christ means learning good character traits, facts about Jesus and the virtues he possessed.

● But the early Church is not saying this to us! Those first Christians speak not so much of facts as of fellowship, not of rules but of relationships. To have learned Christ does not mean to have learned facts about Jesus' life, but to have come into contact with God's living reality in such a way as to be changed.

● Certainly we must know about Jesus, what Christian virtues are, where moral demands lie. But the way to stop coveting, complaining, gossiping, lying is not by accepting rules or reaching for high standards. The way to be changed is to find one's self as part of a faith community in Christ, and through this to discover a new relationship — that we are members one of another before God.

● That puts everything in a different light. We do not follow rules for the sake of rules. If this were so, then when someone broke a rule he would only hurt himself. For us, the broken ethic hurts fellowship; the bad conduct injures the faith community. When we do this, we break faith with other Christians, and this means a broken relationship with fellow believers and with God.

● For the Christian, being industrious, dealing honestly, being chaste, reflects our membership in Christ, and that is more than knowing who Jesus is or any rules of ethics. These reflect the reality of our common religious life, having come to our knees before the one thing we have in common with all men: our need for the living God.

● To have learned Christ is to have learned our common need, to have learned that our membership is with all who stand judged by rules, and who are lifted into new life by the Spirit, who makes himself known wherever men gather in faith. To know Christ is to know each other, not at the level of mere respectability, but at this level of faith.

● This is the kind of experience which lies at the heart of Christian family life, of the Christian Church: the experience that through membership one with another, God renews us and gives us the strength to be men.

—Inserted by R. V. Longthorp.

N.S.W. Bible College Serves the Brotherhood

Men trained at Woolwich, N.S.W., are now serving in every State of the Commonwealth. In addition, graduates of the College are to be found in New Zealand, in New Hebrides, in Aboriginal work at Carnarvon and in America.

SPHERES OF SERVICE.

It was early in 1942 that the first students entered the newly established Churches of Christ Bible College in New South Wales. Over 80 young men and women have passed through its classes since then; forty more are still in training there. Included in this number are Samuel and Japheth, two young men from the New Hebrides who have left their native country so that they may prepare themselves better to work for the Lord among their own people.

Twenty churches, eight of which are in country or provincial centres, are at present being served by student ministers. In addition, seven churches are being aided by students who act as assistant preachers or helpers in some special branch of the ministry. It is the Board's policy not to appoint first year students to churches, but to attach them to experienced ministers for observation and guidance in practical church work; five first year students are so placed this year.

In 1942, the College property consisted of the one beautifully situated building overlooking the upper reaches of Sydney Harbor, and known as No. 57 The Point Road, Woolwich. Since then all the adjacent properties up to and including No. 51 have been acquired, and No. 41, known as Corlett Hall, has been added. A fine chapel, in memory of the late E. C. Hinrichsen, has been erected in the College

grounds. This chapel, which has contributed greatly to the training of the students, has provided a centre for the devotional life of the College, and is a base for evangelistic work in the district; once a month the students conduct an evangelistic service for the benefit of local residents, who have shown an encouraging response.

Training in evangelism is one of the important features of the College course. The students have formed the Woolwich Evangelistic Party, and have conducted many open-air rallies on behalf of churches. From time to time, students have travelled interstate to conduct missions.

RIISING STANDARDS.

Over the years it has been the policy of the Board to raise gradually the standard of entrance to, and work within, the College. The challenge of the Christian ministry today includes that of the rising standard of education in the general population. The problems which our young people of today face in their spiritual lives are problems which require an understanding of the educational framework in which they occur. The call is for Christian ministers who are able to meet this challenge because their own resources of knowledge, of Bible study and of spiritual enlightenment are sufficient.

After consultation with the authorities of the Glen Iris College, the Woolwich Board has agreed to make the four years' study at the College completely Bible and associated subjects. The main secular study requirements will be undertaken by students apart from this full four-year Bible course. Before commencing the Bible course, students will be required in future to have passed at

least three subjects at the N.S.W. Leaving Certificate standard. To qualify for the College Diploma, they will be required to have passed in four such subjects before the end of their course at Woolwich.

This enlarged programme, which the Board firmly believes to be necessary in this modern age, will present us with the need for additional lecturing help.

The New South Wales brotherhood was asked this year, at our annual offering in October, to face the financial commitment which this, and other problems facing the College, will involve. For a long time the inadequacy of the College library has been evident. Various plans have been investigated to provide suitable accommodation for a library which can really serve the needs of the students.

IMMEDIATE CHALLENGES.

But other immediate and heavy expenditure has to be faced in the maintenance of the buildings. As with all old places, electric wiring deteriorates and expensive replacement of this must be made in the coming year. Portion of the buildings must be painted to maintain them in good condition. The long awaited sewerage reticulation in the Woolwich area appears to be nearing accomplishment, and this will also involve a costly adjustment.

Just how all these expenses will be met the Board does not know. But we believe that the work we have undertaken and the expansion we have planned are in line with God's will for this great work. We can see no diminution in the call for full-time workers in the ministries of the churches and on the Mission fields. Therefore, we must move forward in preparing these workers. We know that God will not fail to bring about the achievement of his will, and we believe that he will put it into the hearts of our brotherhood to rise to the challenge of a College which exists only to serve it, and through it to serve the Kingdom of God.

—D. J. A. Verco, Chairman, Board of Management, Churches of Christ Bible College in N.S.W.



GIRLS COMPLETE COLLEGE TRAINING.

These three lady students (Miss H. Louis, Mrs. J. Austin and Miss B. Donnelly) complete their College course this year. There are also eight male exit students.



Dr. PETER FENSHAM discusses in this Social Questions article . . .

The Church in an Industrial Society

What is the real distinction between industrial life and life before the Industrial Revolution? I suppose this all depends how you look at it. Some might say it is the existence of factories and large towns, where workers are brought together. Others might think it is the use of more and more machines. But if we look at the people involved and the work they do, we get a different answer to our question. In pre-industrial times a worker would make an article almost from start to finish, and he would often have a fair idea what happened to it when it was sold. As industry has developed, both these features of his work have altered more and more. Articles are now the result of the combined efforts of a large number of persons, who each do one tiny, specialised part of the total production. Not only does an industrial worker have little to do with whole articles, but also he usually hasn't the foggiest idea what happens to what he makes.

These two changes seem to me to be quite fundamental to the life of industrial workers, and any faith that claims to be living and vital should take both of them seriously. And yet it is still largely true that the Christian Church talks mainly about work having a sense of purpose, being creative, and being of service and use to other people. All these ideas were fine for the medieval craftsman, but they mean precisely nothing to most industrial workers, and the Church needs to find a message to meet the new age.

A factory was changing over to automatic production, and the talk among the workers was all about the new machines and who would be redundant. These were problems, certainly, but good management and enthusiasm from the workers overcame them. However, long after the new machines had come, two unforeseen problems remained. One was the fact that instead of doing most of the job himself, the worker now merely checked one part of the complicated machine and he had to deal with many other workers who were quite different from himself. The other was similar in a way. The worker not only had to co-operate a lot more on the job, but he also had to share his machines with two other teams who were on the other shifts from his.

Both these problems highlighted the importance and difficulty of human relationships. The first one always existed in some form or other, but it

Dr. Peter J. Fensham is an outstanding Methodist layman, lecturing at Melbourne University in chemistry, before which he spent some years studying abroad for his doctorate in England and U.S.A. During these studies, which covered chemistry and social psychology, he made a long survey of the reactions of industrial communities to the impact of automation. He has participated in numerous conferences associated with the Christian Education programmes of the Church and the work of the Australian (Student) Christian Movement, and is well known for his lectures and writings concerning the Church and Industry.

could be largely avoided. The non-automatic factory consisted of a room with lots of the same sort of machines each manned by a man of the same general backgrounds, interests and values.

The foreman and the boss certainly showed up periodically, as did the engineers and the other specialists. But most of the time a man was surrounded by people like himself, and we do tend to choose our friends from just such people. They were all in the same Union together and, rightly enough, they strove for the betterment of their own particular lot. But in the automatic situation, the new machine called for a team of specialists. The workers of the same type were all dispersed among the three shifts, and the much larger machines, and now the only people within talking range all day were this little group, most of whom were very different from himself. There was a weaver, a mechanic, an engineer, the foreman, the boss and the specialists much more often. Life had to go on with people who weren't a natural group of friends. The second problem meant that some sort of good relationship of trust and understanding had to be achieved with people who were together for no more than the few minutes as one shift handed over to the next.

This situation, I believe, contains a great clue as to how the Christian faith can be relevant and a living reality to industrial workers. After all, it is the Christian who is supposed to love and accept people, even when they are just not the sort of

people whom he would have for friends.

As humans we have natural likes and dislikes, but Christianity is all about living in relationships of love with people, whether we like them or not. For so long we have emphasised the individual and his religious experience. But if we can only learn that to love God is to live in peace and love with our fellow men, then we will see that the gospel is the vital word for industrial life. Martin Buber, a Jew, has shown Christians in our time the heart of the gospel in his little book, *I and Thou*. Life is real, Buber says, when it is the meeting of two whole persons, who are given all the love and respect that we experience in our relation with the great Thou, God. Too often in our work and in our church life, we treat and are only interested in people for that part of their life which makes them a useful tool for our plans.

The Unrepresentative Church.

If we are honest, we must face the fact that the Christian Churches, particularly the Protestant denominations, are unrepresentative of the Australian community. More than one million Australians are employed in the manufacturing industries. Two out of every three Australian workers are members of a trade union. Which of the Churches has a membership like this? Whatever we plan or do about this direction, we need to beware lest our very church programmes drive the wedges deeper. An extreme case can illustrate what I mean. A steel works in North Wales went on to continuous shift production, with a shift change at 6 p.m. on Sunday — the traditional time for evening worship in this district. An alert churchman in London asked one church whether they could change their time of service so that at least one shift could attend (the second would, of course, be working, and another one asleep). The reply came back that as none of the church members was involved in the shift working, there was no need to change. The key people in that community had no place in this church. Those who were there had no hope or vision that they ever would. If our community is to keep in the forefront of development, and so maintain our high and comfortable standards, we too are likely to have a shift-working community of about 10 per cent in the years ahead. What plans has your church and mine to maintain

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THE MINISTRIES OF OUR



WOMEN

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN

Mrs. E. W. Potter,

Past President of the Queensland National Council of Women.

I have been invited to write again to the women of the Australian Churches of Christ to tell something of the activities of the National Council of Women, which is a group of 104 organisations affiliated under that Council.

My last article was written in Aug. 1957, after my appointment as Queensland President in Nov., 1956. Then I was looking forward to my term as President with uncertain feelings, and not a little misgiving as to my capabilities. However, now having handed over the reins of my office to my successor, I can truthfully say that the Lord has been with me all along the way.

The National Council Constitution states that the President shall be changed every four years. However, the office is declared vacant each year, and at each annual meeting for four years I had been invited to accept the position again. I think this is an indication of the acceptance of a woman with Christian ideals and principles to hold the top position in the Council, and from my observations this is true in practically all the organisations on which I represented the Council, and which I visited by virtue of my office.

I had been Federal and also State President of our Women's Conference and President of the Women's Interchurch Council, so it was little wonder that I went with much trepidation to many National Council meetings, especially when I knew that the question of whether we should hold a raffle, or whether strong drink should be served at a function, or similar questions would be discussed. I don't think I have ever in my life prayed so much for help

and guidance. I knew that I must witness for my Lord in these things, and thanks to help given by other Christian women on the Executive, and to prayer, raffles were not held and strong drink was not served.

And now I want you to know this — after my last meeting as President a number of women spoke words to the effect that it had been good to have a Christian woman for President. I am not telling you this boastfully, but to let you know what happens when you accept an Executive position and do your best to witness for Christ. Let us go out and forward. Don't let us maintain a narrow front, but let us widen our vision as we go forward for Christ.

There are many organisations affiliated, but all are helping others in so many different ways. Perhaps I could tell you something of organisations on which I represented the National Council of Women: Mothercraft Association, which does so much to help our young mothers and their babies and trains girls to go into homes to take over, either before, during or after hospitalisation of the mother. Health Education Council, which has directed health programmes and surveys on specific health problems, such as home accidents, alcoholism and smoking as related to lung cancer. During Health Week the Council organised a model kitchen for disabled housewives, and we have been working for a Rehabilitation Ward in the General Hospital. A Children's Film and T.V. Council was commenced. This is a long-felt need, particularly in the realm of television, when so many programmes unsuitable for children are being screened. As Australian and Queensland Vice-President of the Old People's Welfare Council, I am very interested in the work being done for our elderly citizens. Clubs are being organised, also home help, especially for those coming out of hospital.

During my term as President, women's welcomes were organised for the Queen, Queen Mother, Princess Alexandra, and the wife of our new Governor. This is the lighter side of the position.

I accepted an invitation to attend the Civil Defence School at Macedon. During World Refugee Year I was busy as a Vice-President of the Queensland Committee.

Deputations were led to Government Ministers relating to Probate

and Succession Duties Acts and the adoption of children, and through our persistence we now have women on Hospital Boards.

There are 37 countries affiliated with the International Council of Women. Most of the work is done by Standing Committees under Conveners of Departments, such as Child Care, Education, Health, Home Economics, Social and Moral Welfare, Cinema, Civil and Political Education, Finance, Housing, Laws and Legal Position of Women, Radio and Television, Migration, Press, Arts and Letters, International Relations, Temperance and Trades and Professions. The Conveners collect data on social problems and trends, and report regularly to the Council, and it is on this data that much of the action taken in Council is based. The International Council of Women was formed first in 1888. The Australian Council was not formed until 1900, and the Queensland Council in 1905.

One of the past Australian Presidents spoke truly when she said, "We must never regard too lightly the force for good that the Councils are, both singly and jointly, for although it is a great mistake to feel that individuals can wield no influence, it is also true that when we combine our efforts the old adage of 'unity is strength' holds true. On the other hand, no organisation, or group of organisations, can be fully effective unless each individual member accepts her share of responsibility." This is true with our church work, too. We must each accept responsibility as an individual. The joint efforts of many individuals can indeed be of immeasurable strength.

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J. Turner, B.A. (Nth. Fitzroy, Vic.) concluded a "Loyalty to Christ" mission at Parkdale, Vic., on Sept. 17. In a week of helpful and instructive teaching, each age group was well catered for, and attendances at meetings were very satisfactory. Appreciated delegations came from Black Rock and Chelsea members. Special singing was provided by Sis. Smith (Chelsea), a local male quartet and the church choir. Two gospel films were screened and a question night arranged.

The Editor made a flying visit to South Australia to address meetings on Sunday, Oct. 1. After speaking at the morning service of the Glenelg church, he was guest speaker at the first "Christian Forum" organised by the South Australian Conference Executive and the Grote-st. church. C. E. Curtis (S.A. Conf. Pres.) presided over the meeting. L. E. Jones read the Scriptures, and the Grote-st. choir, led by W. Watson, rendered two appreciated anthems.

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this key minority in the fellowship? Already shift workers are even less represented in Australian churches than are other industrial workers. A second challenge is therefore to re-examine our church life, so geared to the "white-collar worker," with his 9 to 5 and sacred Friday night to Saturday morning, in order to make it the Church which includes the members of our industrial society.



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

Ranwadi Report

J. Edwards, New Hebrides.

We have seventy boys and girls at Ranwadi school this year. A new native dormitory for the girls will be built within a month or two. No new girls are boarding, but we expect approx. fifteen new girl boarders next year. Twenty-six girls attend school and forty-four boys. Seven boys graduated to Londua last year, and five to Maewo. Twenty-five new boys and girls have begun this year. More dormitories will have to be built for the boys next year. It is desirable to have iron roofs and cement floors on these buildings.

We have eliminated Grade 1 at Ranwadi this year, and hope to eliminate Grade 2 also in 1963. We have Grades 2, 3 and 4. George Tabi and Mrs. Edwards teach the forty boys and girls in Grade 2.

We arrived back at Ranwadi on May 12, and as all the boys had returned in anticipation of our return, we commenced lessons on the 16th. The girls returned that week. Only one boy left school and he was an older, backward boy in Grade 2.

VILLAGE SCHOOLS.

The Northern Area school has been conducted all this year by an untrained teacher. Barnabas Bani, from Aoba, who has been the teacher at the school for the last two years, returned only this week due to the sickness of their baby. There are forty-two attending this school now. Ten boys from this school began school at Ranwadi last month.

The Rannawat school has been conducted by Zacchaeus. He now has thirty scholars, twelve having come to Ranwadi last month. The school at Wali has been conducted by Willie Bebe, but the school at Ranputor did not commence until May. Wali has twenty-six scholars and Ranputor forty-two. The total number of scholars attending village schools is one hundred and thirty.

Since our return I am endeavoring to visit our villages fortnightly. We brought back three sewing machines from Australia, and as soon as possible Mrs. Edwards intends to teach sewing to the girls. A sewing room and general purpose room will have to be erected for the girls' use.

We greatly benefited from our thorough and linguistic training. I am

endeavoring to do at least an hour a day of language study. We praise God for the ease with which school began on our return.

SCHOOL FEES.

The people on Pentecost have agreed to pay £2 a head for each working man for the purpose of education. This money is to be held on behalf of the people to pay Mission native teachers, village teachers and for the maintenance of school buildings.

Shy Schoolgirl Arrives

Jack Edwards, Pentecost, New Hebrides.

It was February, 1960, and the boys had already been at school two weeks. During this period they had spent busy times finishing the girls' house in the compound.

The day the new school girls were due to arrive, there was still much work to be done, so the school was let go for that morning and they concentrated their energies on finishing the house. Coral had to be spread on the dirt floor, and plaited bamboo walls had to be nailed on.

Meanwhile the 16 ft. launch had gone to our northern villages to bring the girls down for school. At 1.30 p.m., in the blistering sun, the conch shell was heard blowing, letting us know that the launch was almost here. I hurried down with the boys to greet the new girls on arrival. They were just beaching the launch when we arrived, and had already thrown away the large leaves they use as umbrellas. Some of the parents had come with these six new girls to help them settle into their new homes.

One of the new girls who arrived that day was Ettie. She was a shy, frightened little girl of eight years. Her father, Hosea, pastor-teacher of their village, had taught her the very elementary things. About all Ettie could do when she came was to hold a pencil and write a few numbers. She was a very unhappy little girl those first few months. She knew absolutely no English and all our teaching is in English, so you can imagine the frustrations of both pupil and teacher.

However, the first year in English is all oral, whilst reading and writing follow as a reasonable vocabulary is mastered. Ettie, however, faced more than school difficulties — home problems in the shape of the death

of a brother, the mother's health following the death of the son, and the father suffering from a poisoned hand. She herself developed a large cyst which appeared on her thigh, and spent two weeks in hospital under the care of Sister Jones.

Again, after all these troubles, Ettie had a return of the cyst, and a blood test was taken by Mr. Smith; the microscope given by the church at Noble Park was used for the purpose. Her complaint was diagnosed as elephantitis, and a three-month course of treatment followed to cure her.

She did not do so well in her exams., but she isn't the same frightened little girl who came to Ranwadi last year. We are hoping for great things in the future because she started school so young.

Redcliffe Convention

QUEENSLAND.

The Redcliffe Convention held at Arthur-st., Margate, on Saturday, Sept. 9 was an outstanding success, despite inclement weather. Guest of honor was the Mayor of Redcliffe, Alderman J. E. Houghton, M.L.A. Other members of the official party were S. Chalmers (Qld. Conf. Pres.), D. H. Paddon and H. W. Wiltshire, chairman of the Boondall-Zillmere-Redcliffe Circuit.

Members of Life Boys' Brigade, C.E. and girls' club, led by the Boys' Brigade Band and Police escort, marched from Woody Point to Arthur-st. in a procession of witness. After inspecting the groups, the Mayor was introduced to the large gathering by Mr. Wiltshire. Robyn McDonald (Redcliffe B.S.) presented Mr. Houghton with a gift for Mrs. Houghton, unable to be present because of illness.

Alderman Houghton in his address referred to the famous charge of the Light Brigade, and reminded the young people that their leader, Jesus Christ, had the greatest power. Without consecrated leaders the youth of the district would be in a sorry plight, and he urged all the young people to take part in church youth activities planned for them.

D. H. Paddon, Chaplain of the Boys' Brigade, presented awards for Scripture knowledge to several members of the Brigade. To complete the afternoon session, members of the Boys' Brigade, Life Boy and auxiliaries provided a display of figure marching, drill games and gymnastics, under the direction of Captains Van-Laar and Kemp.

After a basket tea arranged by the circuit ladies, two films, *It Is the Brain that Counts* and *Teenage Challenge*, were presented, by courtesy of

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OUR FAMILY PAGE

Hurdles

Susan C. Chiles.

Recently on T.V. a young doctor said to an older doctor:

"I had everything in my favor and I have failed."

The older doctor replied that his young friend was taking his mistake too seriously.

"It is all right for you to talk that way. You are an unqualified success."

The older man replied that he would not have been a success if he had not considered every failure and every crisis a challenge. He ended by saying:

"In fact my success is due to my failures and the obstacles I encountered."

Failures and disasters in our lives do challenge us to go forward. Only a weakling succumbs when he meets obstacles. When our own plan fails, we instinctively turn to God. We know he is with us, and with him all things are possible. We work with renewed zeal, knowing that he will abet our efforts.

A young Englishman by the name of Henry Fawcett went hunting with his father. On the way they discussed Henry's plans for the future: a college education and a worthwhile career.

The father shot at a partridge and hit his son, totally blinding him.

Henry Fawcett said of the incident:

"In ten minutes after the accident I made up my mind to stick by my main purpose as much as in 'me lay.'"

With God's help Henry Fawcett carried on. He worked his way through Cambridge University, became the

Professor of Political Economy there. Later he became Postmaster General of England and gave to the English people about a century and a half ago the parcel post, which everybody has found so useful.

Henry Fawcett's case is not an isolated one. Why do so many foreign-born scholars attain high awards? Because they have come up the hard way! They ignore defeat.

A young German woman married an American soldier. Her young husband was amazed when she told him that, while he was pursuing his work in an American university, she was going to work in the cafeteria at the university. Her job included the posting of menus every day. He protested, thinking her faulty English and her lack of acquaintance with the complexities of the English language would make her work very difficult. He suggested she take an easier and more pleasant job. Her answer came back that a hard job was what she wanted. Only by meeting words she did not know, daily, would she learn. So she took the cafeteria job. She carried a dictionary with her all of the time. She admitted that she was often confused, but she worked it out. Now she had an excellent English vocabulary.

The rapidity with which requirements for specialised training change, the inevitable delays, pose serious problems in adjustment these days. Each must set his own goal and move steadfastly toward it. With God's help, let each of us decide on a definite purpose. When hurdles are high and failures blinding, we know we are never alone. When we do not know what to do, God always answers a call for help.—The Christian.

Give Your Pals a Lead

The "gang" was prowling around looking for something that would relieve the boredom of "having nothing to do." Outside the cottage of a miner's widow a small load of coal had been tipped, waiting till the woman returned from her work in the fields and she could carry it to the coal shed.

One boy thought it would be a good idea to throw the coal over the hedge into a field. "The old woman would have quite a job finding and collecting it again." But before they could start on the job another boy suggested it would be a better idea if they carried in the coal and stored it in the shed.

Once the lead was given the "gang" was quite ready to follow it.

Another "gang" was planning to fool around one night, ready for anything that turned up. Someone suggested that they should go to a cottage where lived two old-age pensioners, and tidy up the garden and perhaps chop some logs which were lying about. Again the "gang" followed the lead!

A group of teenagers stood outside a cinema. The film was advertised as being "bold," "shocking," "nothing held back." A young Christian girl suggested that the proper place for some things was the Corporation refuse dump; and the group turned away to find something more in keeping with the hero worship which was in their hearts.

Can you "give a lead" to your "gang" or group? Perhaps, at first, you would be laughed at. Perhaps not. Many youngsters have enough sense to desire the thing that is good, clean and right. They just need someone like you to give them courage to refuse the senseless, the risqué and the downright bad things which, when they have been done, leave a kind of guilty-sickness inside.

You can help your group to disprove the prevalent idea that all teenagers are senseless and bad. Most of them will follow a lead.

Are you big enough to give them that lead?—Christian Advocate.

To My Pastor

Your words are wings that waft our spirits God-ward

To heights untraversed, whence we look and see

The wonder that is life, spread out before us;

And catch brief glimpses of eternity.

Your words are lanterns, lighting up the darkness,

Whose glow suffuses every shadowed place;

And sometimes, in a moment's clearer vision,

We see the radiant glory of God's face.

Your words are vessels, carrying God's message

Of love eternal to the hungry heart;

You offer living water to the thirsty,

And with it, faith and hope and love impart.

—Mary Jackson.

Waiter. — How would you like your rice?

Spinster. — Thrown at me!

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the Queensland Temperance League and Derrick Hatton.

The evening session was conducted by the combined circuit C.E. societies, under the leadership of Messrs. Hermann and Albury. Their presentation of a T.V. play, *Standards of Christian Living*, was well received. The musical programme was provided by the Girls' Choir, Robert Homann and S. Smith.

HERE AND THERE

Allan C. Male has accepted an invitation to serve an interim ministry at Toowoomba, Qld., following his graduation from the Federal College of the Bible, and preparatory to commencing his ministry with the church at Portland, Vic.

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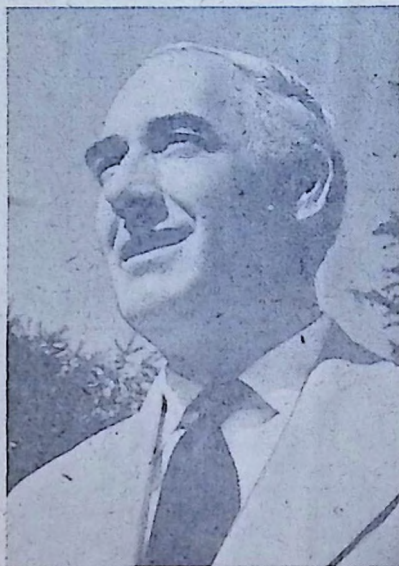
Saturday, Sept. 30 marked the opening of the new service wing of the Bethany Boys' Home, Lindisfarne, Tas. E. Barnard, M.H.A. (representing the Premier) performed the ceremony on a lovely spring afternoon. He was introduced by the committee chairman, M. Davis; also present were the President of Federal Conference (K. Mundy) and the Federal President of the Women's Conference (Mrs. B. Holt). Some 150 persons attended the opening, and receipts from stalls and donations amounted to £120. The service wing extensions cost some £4,000, of which the Tasmanian Govt. contributed £2,000, £1,500 was by way of gifts from the Victorian and Tasmanian brethren, the balance being in the form of loans by several members. The committee treasurer is now S. H. Cooper, 54 Colville-st., Battery Point, Hobart, Tas.—J. W. Heard, sec.

It was an interesting coincidence that two young men of our churches who this year won outstanding football awards in two States should have been presented with their respective trophies on the same Saturday afternoon, Sept. 30. John Halbert received his Magarey Medal prior to the S.A. Grand Final game, and Doug. Beasy his J. J. Liston Trophy prior to the Victorian Football Association Grand Final.

L. G. Read, minister of the Auburn (N.S.W.) church, has accepted a call to minister with the Ann-st., Brisbane, church and will commence on the first Sunday in February, 1962. C. G. Flood concludes his ministry with the church on Dec. 17. Service on Sept. 24 was broadcast by the A.B.C.

Overseas Visitor

The Director of the Division of Inter-Church Aid and Service to Refugees, in the World Council of Churches, is visiting Australia this month. He is Dr. Leslie E. Cooke, formerly general secretary of the Congregational Union of England and Wales.



Dr. Leslie Cooke.

Dr. Cooke, as head of the world-wide organisation which enables the churches to work together in relieving distress, and in other forms of service, is a key figure in the World Council of Churches. His work includes general supervision of vast activities such as the resettlement of refugees, the strengthening of weaker churches by stronger ones, and the pooling of resources to meet urgent human need.

He is one of the world's finest preachers, and made a great impression when he visited Australia in 1956.

He will visit Western Australia, Oct. 12-15; South Australia, Oct. 16-17; New South Wales, Oct. 18-19; Queensland, Oct. 20-22; Victoria, Oct. 23-25; and Tasmania, Oct. 26-27. In each State, the State Committee of the Australian Council of Churches has arranged his programme, in collaboration with the General Secretary.—David M. Taylor, Asst. Gen. Sec.

NOTES FROM THE READINGS

as suggested for

Sunday, Oct. 22

JEREMIAH 31: 27-37.

The prophet presents the promise of a new day and a new covenant, in which the law is no longer something imposed from without but loved and accepted as the law of life by nation and individual alike. That brings with it a new knowledge of God and of his forgiveness, and a promise of his enduring care.

"die for his own iniquity" (v. 30). — Individual, instead of collective, responsibility, which was the idea that men suffered for their fathers' sins. Like Ezekiel (18: 2), the prophet emphasises that every man stands in personal relationship to God.

"the covenant that I made" (v. 32). — The covenant made at Sinai.

"in their hearts" (v. 33). — "The prophet's thought here comes very close to Ezekiel's doctrine of the new heart (Ezek. 11: 19; 18: 31; 36: 26), and the Johannine doctrine of regeneration" (Hyatt).

"they shall all know me" (v. 34). — "As the prophets had known him, directly and intimately" (Hyatt).

1 THESSALONIANS 4.

After stressing various aspects of Christian conduct, Paul deals with the problem raised concerning the destiny of those Thessalonian Christians who had died.

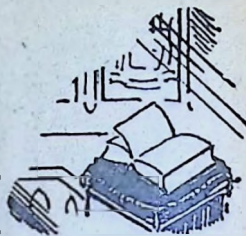
"abstain from fornication" (v. 3). — In the world from which they had been won to Christ, "religion and sexual indulgence were tied together . . . and ordinary life in Thessalonica drenched with sex. But Paul will have no compromise" (Clarke).

"possess his vessel" (v. 4). — "This may mean either control his own body (see N.E.B.) or secure for himself a wife (see R.S.V.)" (McCown).

"defraud his brother" (v. 6). — "One must be especially careful not to invade the rights of another Christian home, perhaps a reference to some actual case at Thessalonica" (McCown).

"study to be quiet" (v. 11). — "Paul urges three virtues upon the Thessalonians: quietness, attendance to their own affairs, and industry" (Clarke).

"shall not prevent" (v. 15). — "Shall not precede" (R.S.V.). "The Christian dead will be raised first; then the living" (McCown).





Theme for the Week:
"CHRISTIAN ADVICE"

Sunday, October 22

Acts 12: 1-10.

Thought Text: "They went out . . . and immediately the angel left him" (v. 10).

Once Peter was safely out of prison and set on his way, the angel left him. God had achieved the deliverance; now the man himself could take over again. God never does for us what we can do for ourselves nor does he ever leave us alone at our wits' end. That is what it means to be "co-workers with God," rather than puppets at the end of his strings.

Theodore Ferris comments: "The tides of inspiration come and go; the waves of divine energy flood and ebb; the angels appear and disappear . . . When the angel departs, some people go to pieces; others keep right on going."

Lord, we thank thee for high moments when we have seen thy glory. We thank thee best of all for power to keep on going thy way, Amen.

Monday, October 23

Acts 12: 11-19.

Thought Text: "But Peter continued knocking" (v. 16).

This was hardly the kind of welcome Peter had expected! The prison doors that had seemed so impassable were behind him, but the door of the home where he had thought he would be most welcome stayed barred, while frightened consultations went on behind it.

But a new sense of understanding had come to the once impetuous Peter — he continued knocking, until at last the door was opened. Even then, he did not chide them with their lack of faith. His rescue had been as unexpected to himself as to them. They had all prayed for strength in the crisis hour, but God had given much more.

Father, we thank thee for our Lord, who stands still at man's heart-door and knocks. May doors swing open wide through our witness, Amen.

WHEN SOARS the SOUL

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

Tuesday, October 24

1 Peter 1: 1-8.

Thought Text: "Kept by the power of God" (v. 5).

Here in these verses are great words of reassurance for a persecuted people, encouragement even more vividly stressed in Ronald Knox's translation: "Through your faith, the power of God affords you safe conduct."

There was no "safe conduct" for those early Christians as far as the Roman soldiers were concerned, any more than there is "safe conduct" for modern Christians so far as troubles and suffering are concerned today. Christianity is no insurance policy. It is a nobler, finer thing to be "kept" by the power of God through whatever comes. As one German pastor wrote from one of Hitler's prisons: "There is a power that sustains us . . . we are supported through the storms, over the abysses, in — the Nothingness."

Strength of the fainting, hope of the fearful, uphold all tempted this day to give up their faith in thee.

Wednesday, October 25

1 Peter 1: 13-25.

Thought Text: "Through him you have confidence in God" (v. 21, R.S.V.).

The risen Christ is the source of all our confidence. Because of him, God is no baffling question mark, but Father and Friend.

That was how five American officers felt who, during World War II, were imprisoned in a German headquarters building. Somehow word was got through to them that Americans were about to destroy the building. They sent back word: "We can't escape; go ahead with the bombing." At zero hour, their voices were heard ringing out in the still night air: "Now I belong to Jesus, and Jesus belongs to me; not for the years of time alone, but for eternity."

Father, keep this joyous confidence in thee in all we think and do. Amen.

Thursday, October 26

1 Peter 2: 1-10.

Thought Text: "Unto you therefore which believe he is precious" (v. 7).

As Knox points out, some commentators think this should read, "The honor, then, belongs to you, the believers," in the sense of sharing the honor of Christ, the cornerstone. It is true that the apostles rejoiced in the thought of all that believers share as "joint heirs with Jesus Christ."

But readers still treasure the old Authorised Version translation of this text, with its joyous emphasis on Christ as "precious" both to God and believer, the "one pearl of great price" for which men and women are still joyfully ready to give up all else, finding him ever more precious each passing year.

O God, may the Church preach Christ with such power that men may see how bankrupt life is without him, but how rich when he is Lord. Amen.

Friday, October 27

1 Peter 2: 19-25.

Thought Text: "That ye should follow his steps" (v. 21).

These words, besides being the inspiration of a Christian novel, are the source both of comfort and challenge for our living today. Of comfort, because he as the Pioneer, the trail-blazer, has gone ahead of us and marked the way. As James Edmeston put it in his hymn, "Thou didst tread this earth before us, thou didst feel its keenest woe" — or as the writer to the Hebrews expressed it so beautifully long ago, "In that he himself hath suffered, being tempted, he is able to succor them that are tempted" (2: 18). He knows the way we take.

But the challenge lies in those ascending tracks of his. Dare we risk the adventure of really following him, cost what it might?

Lord, save us from the folly of going our own way and pretending it is thy way for us. Amen.

Saturday, October 28

1 Peter 3: 8-12.

Thought Text: "Have unity of spirit, sympathy, love of the brethren, a tender heart and a humble mind" (v. 8, R.S.V.).

Words like these show how much Peter had changed from the self-assertive fisherman of Galilee. Now he understands the longing in the Master's words, "That they all may be one . . . inasmuch as ye did it to one of the least of these, my brethren . . . blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth."

The Authorised Version translates the last phrase of the verse as "Be courteous," and J. B. Phillips follows the same idea. It is a needed reminder. The witness of Christian convictions can so easily be ruined by a lack of that kind of courtesy which is the natural expression of a truly "humble mind."

Help us, O Lord, to live so close to thee that the fruit of thy Spirit will be evident in all our living.



INTERSTATE CHURCH NEWS

Discipleship

Mrs. L. Logan, Box Hill, Vic.
 Richard Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Neal,
 Tamworth, N.S.W.
 Mr. and Mrs. Stanley, Evelyn Eyge-
 laar, Lynette Atkinson, Dawson-
 st., Ballarat, Vic.
 R. Sutton, E. Cooper, C. Allen, R.
 Duffield, B. and L. Rex, T. Grif-
 fin, B. Fox, Ascot Park, S.A.
 Phillip Bell, North Balgowlah, N.S.W.
 Janet Norley, Graham Maynard,
 Robert Mitchell, Margaret Plant,
 Kilburn, S.A.
 Sylvia Price, Noella McCarthy,
 Christine Rosier, Geoff. Cartledge,
 Len. Spyker, Cheltenham, Vic.

Membership

Mr. and Mrs. C. Smith, Caulfield
 to Hartwell, Vic.
 Mr. and Mrs. D. Townson, from
 Moreland; R. Leech, from Box
 Hill to North Essendon-Milleara,
 Vic.
 Mrs. Sanderson, to North Williams-
 town, Vic.
 Mr. and Mrs. N. Goodall, Inverell
 to Tamworth, N.S.W.
 Mr. and Mrs. N. Read, from Castle-
 maine to Shepparton, Vic.
 Mr. and Mrs. Bateman, from Black
 Rock; Mr. and Mrs. Dunphey,
 from Gardiner to Gardenvale,
 Vic.
 George Simons, Glenelg to Kilburn,
 S.A.
 Mr. and Mrs. R. Palmer, South
 Yarra to Cheltenham, Vic.

Marriage

Ellen Cook to Ken Cox, Taree,
 N.S.W.
 Alison Jones to Kenneth Barren,
 Hartwell, Vic.
 Janet Rixon to Kevin Harman,
 Tamworth, N.S.W.
 Rennice Mudford to Alan Graham,
 Bendigo, Vic.

Fallen Asleep

F. Sweeney, Georgetown, N.S.W.
 Mrs. J. Scott, Box Hill, Vic.
 Bruce Larsson, Tamworth, N.S.W.
 D. Howard, Devonport, Tas.
 Mrs F. Jackson, Dawson-st., Bal-
 larat, Vic.

AUST. CAPITAL TERRITORY

Canberra (G. R. Stirling, B.A.). — At well attended business meeting, Sept. 13, minister reported on acquisition of further building sites, and long-range plans for development. R. A. Hickin (B. & F. B. S.) preached at evening service, 17th, and later screened two films. 7th anniversary G.L.B. celebrated 24th, with girls participating in p.m. service. Attendance at communion, 158, 17th, and 152, 24th. Demonstration of cake decorating by Mrs. R. Smalley greatly interested C.W.F., 27th.

QUEENSLAND

East Ipswich - Leichhardt (R. Acland). — E. Ipswich had visit from crew of Rovers, p.m. Sept. 24. Members went to Kingaroy for Half-Yearly Conference. C.Y.F. fellowship tea attended by 34. At their mid-week meeting, Mayor of Ipswich guest speaker. Thursday night prayer meetings show marked increase. Every member issued with bag for special thanksgiving offering to be taken at church anniversary. Members went to Gatton, on 30th, to South Qld. Country Conference. B.S. anniversary, Oct. 1, with theme, *The Greatness of God*. A. Fraser, B.S. supt., trained children and F. Winter (Toowoomba) was speaker.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Taree. — Three departments of school presented items at B.S. anniversary, Sept. 24. Visiting speaker, R. Bartholomew (Hornsby), gave appreciated messages. At afternoon session, supt., D. E. Billingham, announced results of Federal Bible School examinations. School had good success, two boys in one family, Ross and Bruce Murray, were State prize-winners.

Kingsford (L. F. Barker). — B.S. anniversary, Sept. 24, 26. Services well attended; first anniversary con-

ducted in remodelled building. Satisfactory feature was use of projector to show slides of hymns, also use of second projector to show appropriate slides during singing of hymns. Audio-visuals, with display of work and equipment, were feature of evening on 26th. Church has entered second period of Stewardship of Money.

Tamworth (A. M. Surtees). — Visit of Woolwich students, Sept. 17, challenged all. At C.W.F. meeting several women took favorite hymn and told reason why. New set of plans for chapel to be submitted to Council for approval. Sympathy expressed to Mrs. Larsson and sons on sudden passing of her husband. C.M.S. annual meeting appointed: chairman, W. Russell; vice-chairman, D. Crawford; sec., N. Goodall; treas., B. Cann.

Wollongong (R. J. Anderson). — After p.m. service, Oct. 1, a new Australian citizen made his decision. Fellowship hour held, to wish bonvoyage to Dutch lady and two of her children, returning home for 8 months' holiday; also to Miss Jennifer Groun-sell, who left with her parents to take up home permanently in N.Z. Suitable gifts from church presented and acknowledged. Combined Churches of Christ South Coast Fellowship held second annual family picnic at Exeter Park. Mr. Oxman still very ill in hospital.

Wagga Wagga (W. J. O. Todd). — Recent visitors included 4 Woolwich students, who addressed C.Y.F. and services on Sept. 17 and showed pictures of College life. B.S. anniversary addressed by A. E. Stevens (Wangaratta) 24th; 107 communicants. H. Parsons (Borneo Evangelical Mission) showed slides at anniversary concert, 26th, and addressed combined meeting with Baptists, 27th. Men have sent £10/14/- towards N.G. Jeep appeal. Sympathy to family of late Geo. McMeekin, of The Rock.

Earlwood (G. Sloman). — One lad added to church. Annual business meeting reports show steady progress. Deacons elected: Messrs. Carrick, Roots, Hudson and Werner; sec., F. Strickland; elder, N. Matthews. Appreciated were messages from Messrs. Parsons (Borneo Missionary), Christiansen (Lidcombe), and Anderson (Woolwich). Y.P. provided happy time for all ages on recent Sunday afternoon. Talks by Samuel and Japheth (College students from N.H.), with colored slides, appreciated. Offering received for Missions. Y.P.F. also contributed £3 to work of H. Parsons in Borneo.

Mosman (L. E. Wylie - R. Holt). — Evening, Sept. 10, audio-visual, **Samuel**, included as part of gospel service. 17th, R. Aldred, B.S. supt., spoke at morning service. At 5 p.m., fellowship family tea was held, with Tom Treseder and party as guests. They also assisted in evening service. Evening, 24th, Y.P. of North Balgowlah, with Ron Holt, took service. One baptism over six-hour holiday weekend; boys' club were in camp at Waterfall. Evening, Oct. 1, film strip, **David, King of Israel**, screened. After the service those present journeyed to St. Clement's C. of E. for social hour, and viewed Billy Graham film, **Africa on the Bridge**. At North Balgowlah, A. W. Stephenson, College Principal, spoke a.m., 17th. Visitors during month were Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Morris (Prospect, S.A.), Miss Jill Barnard (Blackburn, Vic.).

Wiley Park (C. Bowser - interim). — C.W.F. held garden party in grounds of Mrs. Corlett's home, Sept. 23. Thanks go Mrs. Corlett, members of Belmore, ladies of Wiley Park, for many hours of work to make goods to sell. £223 taken on day. Money will be used for alterations to kinder. hall and interior of chapel. G.L.B. thrilled to receive 3rd place in district badge display. Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson welcomed back to services. Mr. and Mrs. Surtees, snr., improving in health.

TASMANIA

Devonport (E. W. Taylor). — Guest speakers have been Mr. Dinnen and Mr. Wallace (B. & F. B. S.). Welcome social tendered Mr. and Mrs. Taylor on return from holidays. Sympathy of church extended to members of Harvey, Howard, Woodhall and Byard families in loss of loved ones. Splendid gathering at youth service, 24th, when **Under His Wings** was screened.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Ascot Park (R. H. Sercombe). — B.S. anniversary continued Oct. 1. Speakers were R. Ewers (Elizabeth) and R. H. Sercombe; singing under leadership of G. Woodroffe. Eight boys made good confession.

Nailsworth (A. M. Norris, B.A.). — B.S. anniversary concluded, Oct. 1; large attendances at all services. On 24th, visiting speakers were K. D. Horne and I. J. Chivell, and R. Clymer and A. Norris, Oct. 1. School choir, under Malcolm Gaskin, provided fine music. Trevor Pitt is supt. At recent C.M.S. meeting, G. Bywaters, M.P., explained Parliamentary procedure.

Mundalla (F. Langford). — Minister convalescing in Vic., after hos-

pitalisation. Sis. V. Schuster recovering from illness. Film service, Sept. 24. Audio-visual shown at B.S. meeting on missionary work, followed by discussion groups.

Brighton Gardens (A. F. Cant, B.Ed.). — R. Butler (Director, China Inland Mission) spoke of work of C.I.M., p.m. service, Oct. 1, and screened film of work in Philippines. On previous Wed., two Mission films, **From Fear to Faith** and **The Long Stride**, were screened, together with Mission playlet by Life Boys. Missionary emphasis in recent services indicates desire for outreach. All auxiliaries active. Speech training classes held by C.W.F. for ladies appreciated. Y.P. excelled in basketball competitions and put on fun-packed concert. Attendances at services and B.S. averaged 137 a.m., 69 p.m., 220 B.S.

Kilburn (G. Rose, L.Th.). — On Sept. 24, after evening service, church and auxiliaries farewelled Charles Kirby (church officer and B.S. supt.), going to Malaya for 3-year period. Mrs. Kirby and family will be following at end of year. Mervin Scudds has since been elected supt. and as one of first duties gave out special prizes to scholars at youth service, Oct. 1. C.W.F. and C.M.S. visited Police Driving Range on different dates. Basketball annual social well attended. Girls' team have done well. Dorothy Hackett and Marilyn Maynard recovering from sickness.

Mount Gambier (R. V. Holmes). — Membership now 71. Past 3 months av. attendance, a.m., 55; p.m., 45; communicants, 47. Trees and shrubs planted to beautify grounds. Life-boys increasing under leadership of K. Lawrence and D. Sander from Cowandilla. D. Rackett now B.S. supt. Church sharing in preparation for Blinco Crusade.

VICTORIA

Blackburn (R. V. Amos). — Mr. and Mrs. B. Mason (Carnarvon Mission) home on holidays, Sept. After church on 17th, B. Mason showed slides of work at Carnarvon. W. Carnaby speaker a.m., 24th, and family service in evening, followed by fellowship hour. Annual business meeting C.M.S., 25th, elected W. Carnaby, pres.; E. Baxter, vice-pres.; F. Wrathall, sec.; N. King, treas. Half-yearly meeting church, 27th. Tennis club held film night, 30th. S. R. Baker (B. and F. B. S.) speaker, Oct. 1.

Box Hill (K. J. Clinton, B.A., B.D., Dip.R.E.). — Sept. 13, Y.P.C.E. had Miss Kelson (Middle East) as speaker. Y.P. had weekend in camp at Mt. Evelyn, 16th. B.S. celebrated anniversary with choir under leadership of R. Muller. Speakers for 24th were

D. Prout and K. Clinton; Oct. 1, J. Prescott and P. Evans. Midweek fellowship joined with Hartwell church for district rally, 4th. Church extends sympathy to J. Scott and family in recent bereavement.

Chelsea (K. Hank - K. Hill). — R. Geyer (B. & F. B. S.) speaker a.m., Sept. 24. Sickness has lessened ranks of B.S. Y.P. working around church property. 30 men and boys attended C.M.S. night at Malvern Town Hall.

Collingwood (S. Wilkerson). — Thanksgiving offering, Sept. 24, most successful. Half-yearly meeting, 22nd.

North Essendon - Milleara (A. E. White, B.A. - A. J. Lloyd). — At B.S. anniversary, Sept. 24, Junior and Inter. demonstration combined with morning service; attendance 261. J. Pemberton presided, L. Brooker spoke, and singing led by D. Ploog. Platform and hall crowded in afternoon for Cradle Roll, Kinder, and Primary demonstration. Mayor and Mayoress of Essendon and several councillors present. At evening service, S.C.Y.F. presented C.Y.F., 1984, written by minister. Large number of Y.P. took part. B.S. scholars raised £40 in 8 weeks for New Guinea Mission. Jun. C.Y.F. held camp at Ocean Grove, Sept. 29-Oct. 1, led by R. Drayton. Men's tea, Oct. 1. Mrs. R. Smyth now sharing in leadership of Good Companions. 70 members of C.Y.F. guests of Presbyterian Y.P. for tea and evening service, 17th. F. Chipperfield a.m. speaker, 17th. C.W.E.F. celebrated 14th birthday, Oct. 2. Milleara. — B.S. making special effort for Indian Mission Field. C.W.E.F. working for bazaar. Mr. and Mrs. D. Townson in charge of monthly newsletter.

North Williamstown (R. C. Bust). — Church preparing for Planned Giving Programme, under leadership of A. A. Avery. Many visitors welcomed at services. Lady received into fellowship, Sept. 24. Mr. and Mrs. Waddell farewelled to Cobden. C.W.E.F. had travel night at home of Mrs. G. Brown.

East Kew (A. W. C. Candy). — Successful annual business meeting, Sept. 20. H. Still added as elder; all other offices filled. Meeting authorised further investigation re new hall and buildings; special meeting to be called to receive report. B.S. anniversary well attended and five decisions — two adults and five scholars. All-out drive to be made for new scholars; "Happy Hours" after school to be followed by house visitation. Combined gospel service with East Kew Baptists, Oct. 1, most helpful. Youth work being directed towards C.E. Strong J.C.E. meets during the latter part of morning worship, and newly-formed I.C.E.

working well; after meeting in church, hour of games follows in hall each Tuesday evening. C.W.A.F. and C.W.E.F. building in new members. Reports at business meeting most impressive.

Shepparton (T. A. Fergusson). — Members journeyed to Yarrawonga and enjoyed fellowship at anniversary banquet and meeting. £71 added to New Building Fund; proceeds from stall arranged by C.W.E.F. B.S. teachers carrying out house-to-house canvass for new scholars. Successful C.W.A.F. birthday, Sept. 27; sister Guilds entertained. Guest speaker, Mrs. T. Roberts (Albury). Two received by transfer. Gospel service attended by B.S. teachers and scholars. Scholars sang two numbers. Film, *A Little Child Shall Lead Them*, screened.

Ascot Vale (G. Moyes). — Sept. 8, variety concert in aid of Manse Fund realised £29. 8th, 28 members of C.Y.F. and Y.A.F. enjoyed snow outing to Lake Mountain. 10th, Y.A.F. held meeting; subject: *Marriage Guidance*; speaker, Dr. L. Lloyd Green. 12th, church annual business meeting. Minister's report showed considerable increase in church finance, attendance and youth work. Officers elected: B. Sterling (sec.), H. Thomas (treas.), Mrs. M. Crawford (organist), Mrs. G. Wilson; Messrs. D. Moncur, R. Williams, R. Harding, H. McEwan; deaconess, Mrs. A. McEwan. 16th, C.Y.F. held Workday for Christ in church grounds; 21 workers. 20th, demonstration of Tupperware at home of Mrs. F. Smith raised £13 for church renovations. 24th, during absence of minister at Bendigo, guest speakers were B. J. Combridge and H. Steele. 23rd, Y.A.F. held one-day conference at Tootgarook. 26th, C.W.F. ladies visited Christian Guest Home, Oakleigh. Church decision to re-commence pre-gospel service prayer meetings started 17th. Visitors have included Mrs. K. Knight (Tas.), Mrs. Marshall (Sydney).

Dawson-st., Ballarat (F. C. Hunting). — Church enjoyed fellowship with Mr. and Mrs. Rex Chamberlain. Meetings included informal "at home" to meet Mrs. Chamberlain; combined church meeting addressed by Mr. Chamberlain, and women's meeting at which Mrs. Chamberlain spoke. C.W.E.F. packed box of gifts for New Guinea. New gas stove fitted in kitchen. Church fellowship enriched by Half-Yearly Convention held at Dawson-st. Family Ashram held at Hall's Gap, when 86 were in camp.

South Yarra (W. A. Wigney - F. Stone). — Y.P.S.C.E. held *Back to Endeavor* night, Sept. 19. Annual B.S. concert well attended and performed. Excellent attendances at services, 24th. Miss Griffin (oldest member) still ill and unable to attend.

Bendigo (G. J. Andrews). — Recent visiting speakers have been H. B. Robbins and D. Andrews. Fair conducted by C.W.F., Sept. 16, realised £70 towards lining of school hall ceiling. Further improvements to Spring Gully property included new platform and additional fencing. Good attendances, bright singing and excellent messages marked B.S. anniversary, Sept. 24; G. Moyes (Ascot Vale) guest speaker, K. Lacy, conductor. Northcote church basketball team visited a.m., Sept. 24, and attended fellowship tea before returning home.

Cheltenham (R. C. Bolduan). — Distribution of literature for East Bentleigh New Life Crusade conducted by church members and Youth Club. One confession on Oct. 1. Old house demolished by working bee to make way for Christian Education Centre. Good Companions host club for district worship service held in chapel. Tennis club won "A" and "C" grade premierships in South District Association and now play off for Victorian Championship. 5 teams entered in summer competition. Cricket club commenced season, Sept. 30, with teams in three grades of competition.

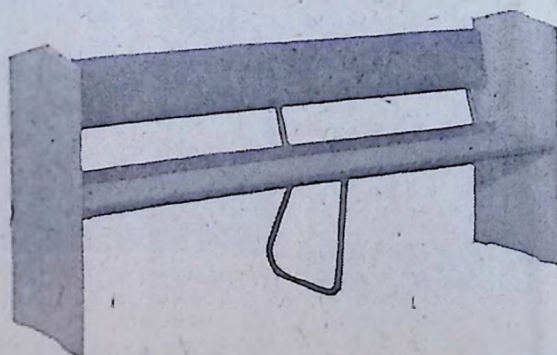
Gardenvale (A. G. Bennett). — Church greatly appreciates messages and help given by A. G. Bennett, also help from Ormond and Middle Park in presiding and reading. Attendances maintain good average. Four members welcomed by transfer. Ladies commenced meetings one afternoon and one evening monthly, and recently visited Bentleigh C.W.F.

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Miss Lucy Griffiths and Principal E. L. Williams, M.A. (both members of our Federal Committee for the Promotion of Christian Union) were the Churches of Christ representatives among Victorians planning to attend the New Delhi Assembly of the World Council of Churches who were farewelled at a united meeting in Melbourne on Sept. 29.

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ROSS. — On Sept. 26, to Beryl and Fred, a son — Ashley Peter. Brother for Phillip.

WRIGLEY (nee Saxby). — On Sept. 20, to Janice and Colin, Epping, N.S.W., a daughter — Christine Ann.

DEATHS

SCOTT. — On Oct. 3, Ethel May, 728 Station-st., Box Hill, Vic., loved wife of James, loving mother of Irma and Harold Steele, Allan and Ruth Scott, Eunice and Maurie McCredden (Qld.) and John, loving grandma of 14 grandchildren. "Resting in the Everlasting Arms."

THOMSON — William Davidson, of 17 Connells-rd., Cronulla, N.S.W. (late of Earlwood church). On Sept. 7, 1961, in hospital, dearly beloved husband of Helen, loved father of Helen (Mrs. Jim Stack), John and Margaret (dec.), Isabel (Mrs. Lloyd Jones, Grote-st.), May (Mrs. Allan Graham); aged 68. "Forever with the Lord."

YEWDALE. — On Sept. 27, at "Emmaus," Evelyn Martha, widow of late Arthur Yewdale, loved mother of Violet (Mrs. Burch), mother-in-law of Ted, loved grandmother of Douglas, Keith, David, Margaret, Thelma; great grandmother of Shirley, Lynette, Warren, Trevor. "At rest."

IN MEMORIAM

BROWN. — Cherished memories of my dear wife, Lucie, who was called Home, Oct. 13, 1959; loving and devoted mother of Norma, Reg. and Lila. "Beyond the sunset eternal joy." — W. A. Brown and family.

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OBITUARY**W. Bauernfeind.**

The church at Maryborough, Qld. has lost a beloved brother in the sudden Home call that came to W. Bauernfeind on Friday afternoon, Aug. 4. He was a member of the Christian church for 47 years, and graciously fulfilled a great part of his ministry as a deacon, and then as an elder. The church remembers him with affection, love and deep gratitude for all that his quiet ministry and friendship meant. A hallmark of his loving nature was the sympathetic and tender manner in which he dealt with the difficulties of others. Indeed, he testified practically the words "... created in Christ Jesus unto good works." Blessed with a charming personality and keen sense of humor, this dear servant desired only that Christ might receive all the glory through his words and work. I know that eternity itself will reveal the effect he had upon the young people. In all its fullness, our brother was a "Christian gentleman" — one who fought a good fight, finished the course and kept the faith. We know that his promotion to glory has been rewarded with "Well done, good and faithful servant." To his dear wife, and family, the brotherhood expresses sincere sympathy. We are comforted by the knowledge that he is with Christ, which is far better.—D. G. Nelson.

F. Sweeney.

On the morning of Friday, Sept. 15, F. Sweeney, a beloved and esteemed elder of the church at Georgetown, N.S.W., passed quietly and peacefully into the presence of the Master. Mr. Sweeney had been admitted to the Maitland Hospital earlier that week, but his condition deteriorated rapidly until the Home call came. Our brother had served his Lord and Master faithfully for forty-six years, and of recent years had endeared himself to the Georgetown church as an elder and friend. He impressed all with whom he came in contact as a Christian gentleman, kind, patient, understanding, and gracious in all that he said and did. We thank God for Mr. Sweeney's fellowship with us, and for the measure of Christ that we saw in him. We commend the bereaved (a devoted wife, three sons and three daughters) to the God of all comfort, and look forward with them to that wonderful reunion in the Lord.—R. B. Elbourne.

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VENTURE IN UNITY.

Will you permit me to comment on the article *Venture in Unity* (19/9/61)? I wish to present a clear picture and avoid what could be misleading impressions. Following State Conference this year, I felt led to approach the ministers of the local churches in East Kew, Vic., and suggest meetings for fellowship, prayer and Bible study, calling our people together as a demonstration of witness. The original plan was on the local level, free from any bias or association with organised movements. The idea caught on at once and developed beyond expectations. Immediately plans were made for combined evening services, and one big combined prayer meeting and Bible study. The study material selected was to be found in the book *Jesus Christ, the Light of the World*, because the topics were profitable for discussion.

Our people met with the Methodist brethren and I was requested to preach the gospel message. The subject was *The Glory of God*, and an invitation to decide for Jesus Christ as Saviour was made without any reservations. In the discussion that followed the facts of conversion and the responsibility of the Church to preach the simple gospel of the New Testament were freely argued. This same pattern took place when our Baptist brethren visited us on Oct. 1.

In the excitement of the occasion, the secretary of the Fraternal wrote an article which was published in the local paper, circulated throughout East Kew and district, to which I could not fully subscribe and which completely over-ran the original plan. At a subsequent meeting of the Fraternal, my protest was graciously received and the plan for the combined prayer meeting was revised. At this meeting there will not be any mention of the association with any organised movement within the Christian Church, and will now be run along simple lines of a prayer meeting and Bible study. I thought it only right to make these comments, so as to avoid any uninformed criticism that might be levelled at the church at East Kew, or upon myself personally.—A. W. C. Candy, East Kew, Vic.

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