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Churches Must Decide!

Is that a new emphasis? We have preached for individual decision. Sometimes we have forgotten that tremendous responsibility for decision rests upon the Church. Whether or not many people in your particular community decide for Christ might hinge upon the kind of decisions made by your church. Whether or not many people in your church remain there, whether those young people become really vital Christians, contributing towards the constructive and unifying influences of life — these and many other important decisions might depend upon those your church makes.

Time is running out. These are urgent days. The forces being unleashed in the world today need the leavening of the Christian faith, the corrective of the Christian ethic and the redemptive power of the Christian gospel.

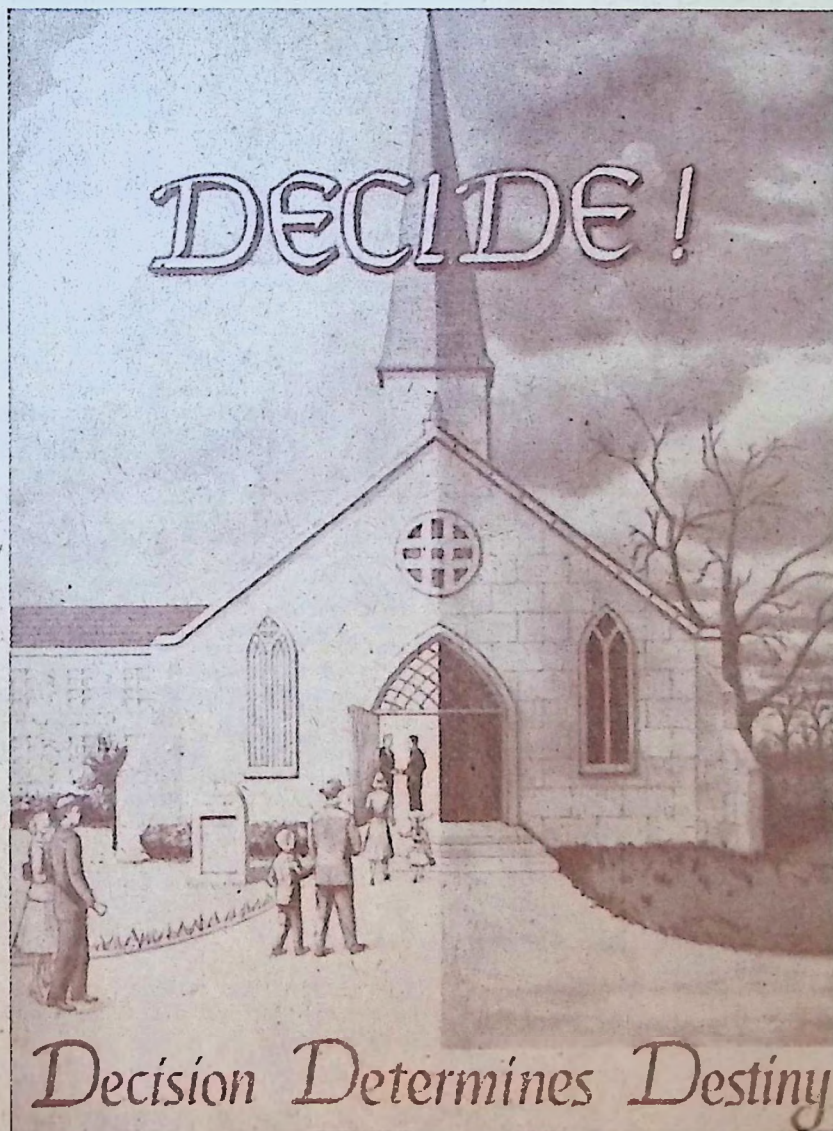
Is your church a vital church? Is it really working at its primary task of evangelism? Is it a planning church? Does it offer tasks to its members — tasks which will keep them in its fellowship and service by involvement? Has your church made that decision?

Has your church decided to be critical — critical of itself? Is it prepared to judge itself by the unerring standards of divine revelation? Those seven churches of the Apocalypse came under the divine scrutiny of their Lord and his "eyes of fire." Those eyes are no less penetrating today. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we may possess the same kind of penetrating insight, revealing weaknesses which by God's grace may be turned into strength.

There was a church which left its first love. To this church the Lord said, "Repent and do the works you did at first." This suggests that revival of work will result in revival of love. Churches must be busy about the business of the Master. Has your church made that decision?

Churches must decide! That means ministers. Ministers have a responsibility to lead, to inspire, to challenge, and to be an example of industry in Christ's service. Church Boards must decide. Immense responsibility rests there. Church auxiliary leaders must decide. Initiative must come from the top.

Decision determines destiny — yours, mine, everyone's. Churches cannot escape the responsibility. Churches must decide!



"QUEENSLAND COMMITTED"

The Qld. Home Mission Committee is committed to assist seven churches in Queensland to help them maintain their full-time ministries. It sponsors missions, and is planning to launch Design for Development. Here are some of the stories of its commitments, and the results made possible through giving to the work of Home Missions.

The Camp Hill Story

Four years ago members from some Brisbane suburban churches met together to break bread in a Camp Hill home, and later in the Camp Hill School of Arts. Attendances, which then averaged 17, are now over 70.

An all-purpose educational building was planned, Don Cranston being the architect. As a result of working bees, the first unit of the building programme was opened on Oct. 7.

Assisted by the H.M. Committee and members of the Rosevale church, to the extent of over £10 per week, the church has grown steadily under the leadership of Kevin Harvey.

Nambour Church of Christ

Grahame Gibson.

Nambour church is young and small. Eighteen months ago it decided to take a big step in faith, and called a full-time minister. A manse was secured, to be paid off, in addition to the minister's salary and car allowance.

Knowing that Home Missions is evangelistic from centre to circumference, the Nambour church confidently approached the Committee for help. Nambour had a great need, but Home Missions has a great heart, and as a result, the work at Nambour is heavily subsidised.

Three new families have moved into the district, average offerings in recent weeks have been greater than had been promised, and recent meetings have seen more than sixty people present.

Our support for Home Missions enables the Committee to further the cause of New Testament Christianity.

Paul and the H.M. Committee

V. T. Parker.

If the Apostle Paul visited our Qld. Home Mission Committee, he would have been enthusiastic about the programme for progress which the Committee has prepared under the leadership of David Mansell.

The problem of communication with the 50 churches spread over 670,000 sq. miles, would remind him of the churches in Asia Minor which were constantly wanting to see him.

He would encourage the Committee to send dedicated young men to pioneer with the gospel of Jesus Christ in the lonely outposts beyond the State's large cities. He would note that the Home Mission Committee is maintaining six full-time ministries in this State, and that if finance

were available, another six preachers could be immediately placed in strategic places.

He would think of areas as far away as Longreach, Winton or Cairns.

He would congratulate the Committee on its choice of a fine leader in Mr. Mansell. For practical evangelism and teaching missions, for the Book Room with devotional and doctrinal books, he would say, "You have done well. Your care for the churches has been greatly appreciated and I am sure that my God shall supply all your needs according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

H.M. Gesture to Gladstone

Harry Farmer,
Joint Sec. H.M. Committee.

Gladstone is a growing city with a great potential. A tent mission, financed by Home Missions, was held by R. Greenhalgh. There were four first decisions and some restorations, and Mr. Greenhalgh advised that the Committee help Gladstone. The Committee is grateful to S. H. Vanham and the Bundaberg church for their help. H. C. Wheat, from the Kingaroy and Murgon churches, spent a month ministering there, and others are planned to help. At the Half-Yearly Conference at Kingaroy, over £40 was contributed for a tape recorder to assist at Gladstone and other places without a resident minister.

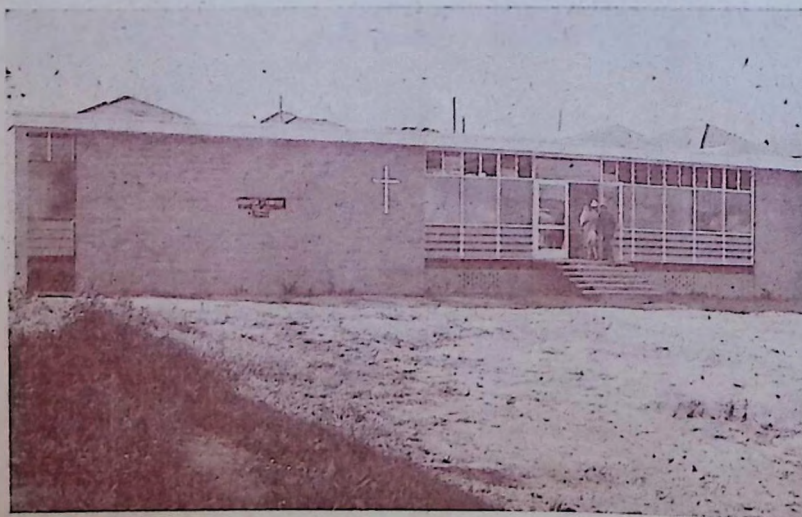
A house suitable for a manse is available for £2,000, with a deposit of £500. Can anyone help?

WE MUST DEVELOP WITH BRISBANE.

As Brisbane explodes into new housing areas, the Committee is aware of the need to establish new causes. The Minister for Housing, the Hon. T. A. Hiley, will provide land at Acacia Ridge for 50% of the market value. Can we afford to buy and go ahead? Or must we chalk up yet another missed opportunity because we lacked finance? Many other new areas also are going ahead without our witness.

A FAR-SIGHTED DIRECTOR.

The appointment of D. W. Mansell to give guidance, direction and drive at the head has achieved much more than we could have hoped. He has given of himself unstintingly. His car has travelled 21,000 miles this last twelve months, with many visits to churches and groups from Southport to Townsville. Don't let us limit his ability, and ideas for development, for lack of money.



The first stage of Camp Hill's three unit plan.

THE EDITOR'S ON THE INSIDE!

No — the title doesn't mean what some of our less charitable readers might be imagining! It means that, after ten years of writing Home Mission editorials as a non-member of any Home Mission Department, the Editor has now served his first six months as a committee member, and has had a careful look at what goes on behind the scenes. All he has seen has only made him more confident that this is a work worth writing about, worth commending to the brotherhood's prayers and consecrated giving.

From the inside, he has been better able to assess the

QUALITY OF LEADERSHIP

given to Home Mission enterprise in all States. When the various H.M. Organisers met in Melbourne this year for their annual conference, he was able to meet them and sense a little of what is going on. As this year ends, there are four men giving full-time leadership to Home Mission work — two in Victoria-Tasmania, one in South Australia and one in New South Wales. Next year, another man joins the Vic.-Tas. team, preparatory to the eventual retirement of B. J. Combridge, the present Director. In Queensland, David W. Mansell continues to carry the double responsibility of youth and Home Mission leadership, while in Western Australia, the indefatigable former Federal President, A. D. Pyne, still proves himself eager to co-operate in any forward H.M. move.

Messrs. Pyne, Combridge and Hollard are the "veterans" so far as H.M. work is concerned. What has delighted them as much as anybody has been the appointment of younger men to take up responsible tasks. In New South Wales, Kevin Crawford is just about to begin his full-time service, following on the part-time work done so earnestly by H. M. Long. It was interesting to see both these men at the Secretaries' Conference, and to note the spirit in which the changeover was being made. In Victoria-Tasmania, the appointment of Allan Avery as a Field Officer, specialising in evangelism and stewardship, is already proving a highly successful experiment. Reports in this paper have shown how much his leadership has been appreciated in planned giving campaigns, but you would need to sit where the Editor has sat, listening to the first two reports from this man to his Department, to understand with what consecrated vigor he has already thrown himself into his new work. Future leadership will be no problem while our brotherhood can produce men of this calibre, eager to supplement what the churches have learnt to expect from

experienced Home Mission leaders and committees in all States.

Another thing that impressed the Editor on a "close-up" look was the

QUANTITY OF WORK

undertaken in the name of Home Missions. It is one thing to be made aware of slogans like *Operation Increase* or *Design for Development*. It is another to see the time and effort taken by Directors and their helpers to make those slogans mean something in the life of the churches. It is one thing to know in a general way that many smaller churches are dependent on Home Missions for some measure of financial aid. It is another to sit around a committee table and hear letters from this church and that announcing their readiness to reduce their subsidy, or even to do without it altogether — at the same time as other churches write in, asking for help for the first time. You begin to realise just how much truth lies in the old slogan, "the helping hand of Home Missions."

Churches and individuals approach the Home Mission office in search of help and advice; meeting such requests can mean much letter-writing, travel, discussion. Evangelism in all its phases is a constant and major concern of the Departments, involving activities as varied as mission meetings and religious telecasts. Land sites must be considered in relation to possible new centres of Christian activity. All this means that many

QUESTIONS ARISE

— questions of policy and practice so vital for the future that they cannot be lightly dismissed.

Take, for example, the position of old, inner suburban churches, feeling the effects of what some have called the growing paganisation of areas close to the city. When such a church seeks help at the same time as a new cause in a rapidly growing outer suburb, what ought a Home Missions Department to do? What really effective aid can it give?

What can be done to make fellowship real to small, scattered causes? That's the kind of question that concerns Queensland now, as it resumes responsibility for some far northern areas, but other States face the same type of problem. What can be done to make stronger churches feel a keener sense of stewardship about their responsibility to small causes? This special issue is one answer; generous budget planning and annual offering giving are others. Let's all be on the inside on this — giving to the limit of concern on Nov. 26.

Victoria - Tasmania . . .

MANY STORIES - THE SAME STORY

Take These Stories!

Three churches were major projects eleven years ago, involving the Department in the bulk of its expenses. Look at them today.

East Preston. Eleven years ago this church engaged its first full-time minister. It then had one small building, a small membership and a large school. Today it has a fine building, an excellent manse, a membership well over 100, a church school of over 250, active auxiliaries and a bright prospect. T. V. Weir, who will close a seven year ministry shortly, will leave the church just on the verge of self-support.

Maidstone. This church had one building, removed from Mont Albert about eleven years ago. A small group of members, chiefly from Footscray, formed the nucleus of the work. A full-time ministry led to the building of a manse. Membership of church, school and auxiliaries increased, and a fine new hall was erected. These, with a membership of over 80, a school of more than 200, healthy auxiliaries and a church almost self-supporting tell an encouraging story.

Morwell, the third of the trio, was then meeting in a hall. There was a small group of about 30 members and a small school. Land was purchased, a full-time minister engaged and the work grew. Volunteer labor majored in preparing the chapel, and later a splendid school hall. Today a sturdy witness is being made and a number of voluntary subsidy reductions have put the church well on the road to self-support.

These three major projects have justified the faith and hope of eleven years ago.

Three other centres are typical of a middle period. They are:

1. **Jordanville:** There is no need to repeat the wonderful story that where we had nothing 8 years ago, there is now a strong self-supporting church, largely due to Home Mission assistance. This church recently changed its name to Chadstone.

2. **Strathmore:** This church received assistance for a student minister for some time, but more recently has been self-supporting. It is just on the verge of engaging its first full-time minister.

3. **Glen Waverley** engaged its first full-time minister at the beginning of the year, and the work is strong and flourishing. The Department assists here.

A NEW PATTERN.

Other projects sponsored by parent churches present a commendable new pattern in Home Mission work. Drumcondra sponsored Norlane; Bendigo sponsored Spring Gully and Kangaroo Flat; Hartwell sponsored Highbury-rd. and North Essendon sponsored Milleara. In each case the parent church accepted heavy financial, as well as other, commitments in initiating these projects, and the oversight of the new work has involved them in heavy, and sometimes exacting, responsibilities. This is

The Milleara Story

"Why build a church there?" we were asked. "There are no members there." Our reply was, "There were no members in New Guinea, either, when we began there." We have a mission at home as well as abroad.

We had no members at Milleara, but we did have a responsibility. It was willingly sought and cheerfully accepted, following the purchase of a retired tramways bus, in 1956, by the North Essendon church. Kiddies were brought regularly to Sunday School from the new area on the north-west frontier of our sprawling city.

Land was purchased in a prominent position in Milleara-rd., and a beautiful worship centre was opened in February, 1961. The Department of Home Missions and Evangelism made it possible for preaching assistance, and John Lloyd, a final year student at Glen Iris, joined A. E. White, and ministered at Milleara.

Today, there are about 350 homes (with many more on the way), and

the Church of Christ is the only church in the area. There are well over 100 children in the Sunday School, and Good Companions and Boys' Explorers number 30 and 25 respectively. These auxiliaries are led by folk from North Essendon. But the Christian Women's Fellowship (Evening) provided its own leadership from the local ladies.

For the first few weeks attendances at the new church were over 60, but many were visitors or from North Essendon. With the disappearance of the "brand new church" glamor, attendances have settled around 40.

There are still only two members living in the Milleara area, but six have been transferred from North Essendon as leaders and helpers.

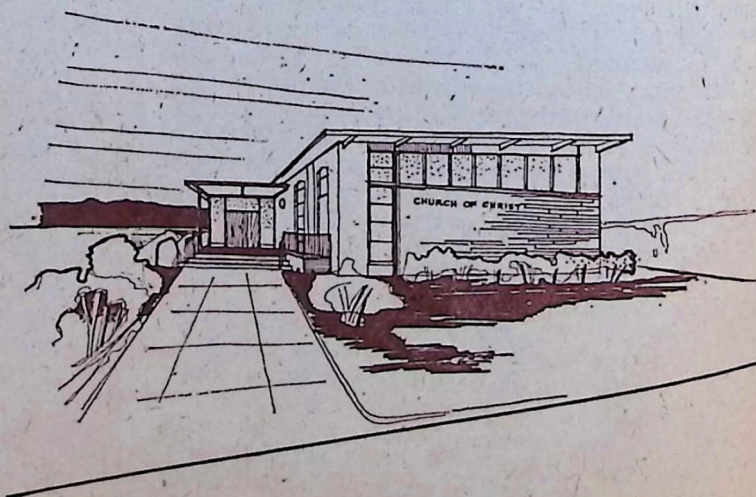
With a real and slowly growing response from this one-time churchless community, the church is taking root. With the fine Sunday School leading children toward the area of evangelism, the future of the church is sure.

The Milleara story is a splendid chapter of co-operation between Home Missions and a forward-looking and outward-reaching church.

Knock . . . Shall It Be Opened?

HEAR THESE KNOCKS!

East Bentleigh: A group chiefly from Bentleigh church, and with its blessing, and with the help of the Properties Corporation, purchased land at East Bentleigh and commenced meetings in a hall. Arrangements



First Unit at Milleara.

were made for a tent mission to be held, led by J. K. Bond, and churches in the district were invited to co-operate. The mission is current as we write. The Department has been requested for assistance in helping the new work after the mission. Knock, knock!

Ascot Vale - Newmarket: These two churches have been co-operating for some time. They wish now to join forces and together employ a full-time minister to serve both places, but need financial assistance at least for a time.

East Malvern: Desiring to meet the increasing demands of the situation, this church feels the need to engage a full-time minister, and seeks a Home Mission subsidy.

Berwick: The Berwick church (one of our older causes) finds itself in a growing community, and desires to meet the increasing demands. A few years ago they purchased land at Pakenham East. Now they plan to build a manse and secure a resident part-time minister at Berwick, but the financial implications being a little beyond them, they have sought the Department's assistance.

Derby-st. (Pascoe Vale): This comparatively new work at Pascoe Vale has progressed in spite of problems, not the least of which has been the mud of an un-made street. This one has now been virtually solved, but the new street has to be paid for. The church has a plan for future development which will make considerable financial demands upon it for some years to come. To help meet them, it has approached the Department.

Spring Gully (Bendigo): The Bendigo church conducts services and Bible School at Spring Gully. For nearly two years the services have been conducted by local brethren under general supervision of the minister. They are finding the demand exacting, and seek our assistance to make possible their programme. Do you hear them knock?

"Knock," said Jesus, "and it shall be opened."

But he depends upon you and me to be the openers of doors.

"I Know Home Missions"

T. V. Welr.

As a minister who has been associated with Home Missions in three States, I certainly know a good deal about this phase of our brotherhood work, and I am glad to be able to share my knowledge with others.

I know what wonderful co-operation exists between the Department of Home Missions and the minister. There is a challenge in Home Missions work that can call out the best in a preacher, especially when he

realises that he is entrusted with the responsibility of using brotherhood money in the work of the church in his own particular field. I know the encouragement that comes to him from the Committee; the sincere congratulations that come to him after a successful piece of work; the sympathy that is extended in times of difficulty. Yes, Home Missions certainly helps the minister to feel that he is a member of a team of men who are aiming to do their best for God.

I know the value of Home Missions to weaker churches. I have seen churches develop and grow; churches that have gone out into a greater work because the people knew that Home Missions would support their ventures of faith. I know the appreciation that churches have shown for Home Mission assistance, not only financial assistance, but the wonderful assurance that the church is not on its own but is being supported by the whole brotherhood.

Tasmania - Developing - Growing

C. J. Orr, Sec. Tasmanian Sub-Committee.

Tasmania, although one of the earliest of the States to be settled, is still a young State. During the last fifteen years it has developed greatly and is on the eve of further progress, both primary and industrial. Education, public and social activities, transport, are all keeping pace with this development.

What of the Church?

Can we see an equivalent development?

The work of Home Missions has been concentrated mainly in two areas:

1. **Kellevie, Nubeena and Highcroft Circuit.** This sphere, though limited in population and with little possibility of any industrial development, has provided a challenge that has been accepted and met. The three churches have a total of about 90 active members, and by the end of this year will be self-supporting. This progress is in spite of many difficulties, not the least being one which affects all our country churches — transfer of the young people to the city for work. This Circuit is a credit to the faithful witness of the local members and the zealous labors of those who have served in the full-time ministry. E. K. Morrison is at present serving this field.

2. **Devonport.** The planning conference in Launceston, during 1959, decided to make a concentrated effort to develop further the work here. The largest single subsidy ever paid to a Tasmanian church was allocated for twelve months. Later this was halved. Average attendance is 65 members, contributing £42 a week to maintain an extensive and progressive pro-

I know the sense of obligation that ministers and churches feel when they are receiving Home Mission support. Few churches take this obligation lightly, but hold a vision of the day when they will be independent of Home Missions and in the position where they can make a contribution to help other churches. Many churches which once received assistance are now helping to support others, and are glad to do so. In two ministries I had the satisfaction of seeing the churches advance from Home Mission churches to independence, and the experience is worthwhile.

I know a lot about Home Missions, but there is one thing that I do not know, and that is what the future will hold for the work of this Department. But you and I, by our active support and generous giving, will help to ensure a bright and active future for our Home Missions.

gramme, which includes the erecting of a £5,000 hall by the members. Devonport is growing and progressing, and the church, under the inspiring leadership of E. W. Taylor, is keeping pace with this development.

3. The Future?

One centre that is receiving special attention is the Huon Valley, centre of the apple industry. In the Municipality of Esperance, with its square miles of logging timber, a paper pulp industry has commenced preliminary operations, and will grow into a project employing, directly and indirectly, hundreds of men. **Geeveston and Dover** are the largest towns, with a present population of about 1,500 and 700 respectively. At Geeveston, the largest pulp mill in Australia will be built. At least 60 new homes are to be built during the next three years for the Company employees. The Forestry Commission has commenced building extra homes for its men. High speed logging roads are being constructed into the mountainous timber country. Piles are being driven for the Company's wharf, capable of handling overseas shipping. Roads have been raised and a dam built to create a large reserve lake for water supply. The area is alive with activity.

Some years ago Dover asked for Home Mission assistance, but because of the limited finance this could not be given to the extent that both the church and Committee would have liked. In Sept., 1960, gospel services were re-commenced at Geeveston by the brethren from Hobart, and visits have been maintained, despite fog, rain and snow on the mountain road

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W.A. Conference President says . . .

"IT'S A BIG WORK!"

"Deserving Your Support"



L. G. Cooke,
Conference President - H.M. Chairman,
joins with all our H.M. leaders in
asking the brotherhood for
GREAT GIVING
on
SUNDAY, NOV. 26.

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into the Huon, with the exception of one Sunday. The evening meetings averaged 15-20, whilst the morning meetings gradually dwindled from 8 to 5 because of removals. In an effort to ascertain the true picture, two members of the Committee spent three days in the district from July 1 and were thrilled to witness the first-fruits of the Collins-st. effort in its decisions of a married couple. From this date the Geeveston story is a thrilling one of prayers answered and doors opened. The Committee has maintained monthly visits. A week's visitation during his holidays by a Hobart member resulted in two more adult decisions, and interest revived in others. On Sunday, Sept. 24, 17 broke bread at Geeveston. A Circuit Committee was formed, officers elected and a joint request for assistance from the Department made.

Will you share in this development at Dover and Geeveston? The field is wide open. Expectancy is rife in the district. Great things can be accomplished in God's Name.

We need £600 for this work, £400 for our other fields.

£1,000.

You share in this thrilling venture, too.

L. G. Cooke, W.A. Conf. Pres.

"It's a good cause," — so they tell us, as they stand on the street corners rattling a collection tin in our direction. And most likely it is. Yet even approved street appeals sometimes cheapen a true definition of a "good cause." For it must be admitted that when it comes to "good causes," the Christian Church has a favored plea on which to approach its people. What better "cause" could be suggested than the theological, but thrilling, word — reconciliation!

Surely it is this thought that gives purpose, meaning and newness to our Home Mission Appeal and the launching of Design for Development. As our thoughts wander from one field of working to another, one wonders if there could be a more despicable death than dying of boredom, when there is so much to do in the work and witness of the Church.

New areas, satellite suburbs, vigorous country towns present a growing challenge to the Christian person. Especially when we think not of areas, suburbs or towns, but of human beings who need the "ministry of reconciliation."

I repeat — we have a favored cause to plead. For it's no cheap thought to know that we have the treasures of the gospel, and the means whereby those treasures can be shared, if we will but apply those means. Money-power, muscle-power and mental-power have each in turn come under the question mark of sufficiency; but who

can deny that together they are powerful servants of the Most High in the circle of those who have the will to use them.

In the kindergarten class the shape of the word reconciliation alters to a sand-tray or a cut-out model and a kindly teacher. In other fields it becomes a group, meeting in a new housing area for "breaking bread"; a group of men on working bees; a band of women providing social service needs; a hand placing an offering in a plate.

Home Missions involves all this and much more besides. For Home Missions is the Church at work in the ministry of reconciling man to God. That's a big work — deserving your support!

Thus the Design for Development which is being launched throughout the Commonwealth falls so neatly into the Home Missions planning, and we would strongly urge its whole-hearted adoption.

"We're All Called"

All Christian work has behind it the thrust of a Great Commission. The Saviour must be lifted up; the good news must be shared. That is the driving passion of all true Christian workers — and not least of those who toil on the home-fronts.

For we are all called to be missionaries, with fields of service beginning where we are. If we fail there, if our lives short-circuit the gospel so that nothing of its power reaches out through us to others, we betray a trust as sacred as that held by any missionary overseas.

Geraldton church,
October, 1961.

This work was commenced with the erection of a manse by the H.M. Committee in 1953. First full-time minister was H. E. Greenwood in 1954, during whose ministry a chapel was erected. Subsequently, the church was strengthened following a mission with J. K. Bond in 1955. In recent months building has been extended to provide a hall at rear. Minister is D. R. Oakes, and the work is supported by the H.M. Committee.



Our SOUTH AUSTRALIAN HOME MISSION reporter sought out a cross section of our people and posed them questions about the worth of HOME MISSIONS, and . . .

"THEY SAID . . ."

Our busy President, C. E. Curtis, said, "The need for evangelism is urgent, especially in new areas."

Larger churches need encouragement and guidance in assisting needy causes. A strong home church promotes effective Overseas Missions.

Financially dependent churches receive and welcome mature spiritual oversight, thus avoiding isolation and restrictive individualism.

Home Mission organisation is a healthy example of Christian fellowship.

Top Welfare Officer F. J. Oxenberry said, "The multiplication of individual witness in the fellowship of local churches is the growing light of the world. This growth measures our worth and that of Home Missions."

Preacher, author, brotherhood leader of a life time, H. R. Taylor put it like this: "Taking a peep at the past we observe, 1. More than half of our congregations owe their birth and fostering care to the support of the Home Mission Committee. These include at least 12 of the strongest churches.

2. Tent and chapel missions in H.M. churches, organised by the Committee or locally, have brought big influxes of members.

3. The growth of Home Mission churches has stimulated the evangelistic spirit in all churches."

Retiring Women's President, Mrs. May Wharton, looked squarely at Home Missions and said, "To discontinue would be stark tragedy! Souls are so precious! I thank God that as our young people set up homes of their own, the Church will be there to help them. And as families not yet touched by the Church move out into newer areas, it will be possible for them to build their lives around the Church that is waiting to receive them."

G. A. Bywaters is a Member of Parliament and H.M. Committee member. His comments are: "The title, 'Home Missions', is self-explanatory — preaching the gospel of salvation at home. When we see our young churches growing up, and they in turn helping others, the circle keeps moving. This is worth the support of us all."

Jim Follett is a master builder, and a church is about to commence in his own home! He confidently states, "Home Missions must continue because the Master commanded to go and preach. Home Missions selects sites, gives help in starting new

causes. Some strong churches of today would not be had it not been for Home Missions."

Manager of a trading bank is Allan Redman, one time General Executive Treasurer. He says: "I live in Whyalla. In the next four years our population will increase from 14,000 to 40,000, mainly steelworkers and many migrants. What a challenge to the Church!

"Churches of Christ have been here 21 years, with a preacher paid largely by H.M. We are now thrilled with the opportunities opening before us. But we cannot do it alone! God will provide our strength but we need the backing of the whole brotherhood, channelled to us through the agency of the Home Mission Department."

Mrs. George Outlaw of Ascot Park, which is six years' old and has a thronging Bible school, says, "Home Missions is invaluable. Look at today's strong churches! Home Missions evangelises, trains and brings even more new churches into being."

OUR BUDGET IS £6,555

H.M. preacher J. A. Luff, of Gawler, sent this word: "Home Missions in a paragraph! You must clothe the skeleton! Behold the backbone: Home Missions seeks to establish and maintain living churches in strategic centres. Here's the head: Christian Evangelism — Christ Supreme! The hands and feet: Enthusiasm and Encouragement. And here's the rest: Prayer! Dedication! Finance! Work! And Home Missions is alive — a mighty enterprise for God!"

Ray Johnson is an enterprising business manager. When asked to comment on "Should Home Missions continue?" he said, "Home Missions must continue until all in our territory have come within the hearing of the Word of God."

A busy doctor, Allan Jessup, takes time off to say, "The whole world for Christ must be the main aim of the Christian. In order to tap the potential resources of the community in the Christian sense we need Home Missions to continue."

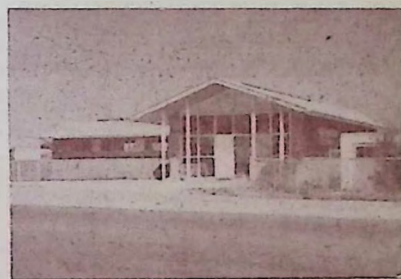
John Halbert won the Magarey Medal as best footballer of the year, but John has an eye to other things.

Hear his word: "The commission of Christ was, 'Go ye and teach all nations.' That commission is for us to reach all of our own community: those in the old housing areas, those in the new developments, with the living gospel of Christ."

Two New Subsidies

Several years ago the H.M. Department constituted the church at Clovelly Park and then at Hampstead Gardens. Part-time ministries assisted to maintain them . . . now the time comes for further action.

So we announce — J. C. Cunningham to be the first full-time minister at Clovelly Park . . . Home Missions will assist.



Clovelly Park.

We also announce K. B. Marriott to be first full-time minister at Hampstead Gardens . . . Home Missions will assist.



Hampstead Gardens.

NEW CHURCHES.

In the north-eastern area of Adelaide at Gillies Plains a new work will commence. Already the folk are meeting weekly for communion in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Follett.

Christies Beach will be next in the southern area of the City of Adelaide.

OUR BUDGET was adopted by Conference . . . £6,555 to maintain, to push out, to begin the work of the gospel.

DESIGN FOR DEVELOPMENT

— IN NEW SOUTH WALES

The activities of the past year have, in more ways than one, laid the foundation for expansion and consolidation in N.S.W. These are highlighted in the following:

APPOINTMENT OF FULL-TIME DIRECTOR OF HOME MISSIONS AND EVANGELISM.

During the last four years our Organiser-Secretary, Harold Long, has had to take a church part-time, so that the Committee could pay its way. Nevertheless, a real work of consolidation and education on Home Mission work has been possible under his guidance, and positive steps forward have been made, such as Operation Increase, the opening of new causes and the introduction of circuits in several areas.

Mr. Long feels the call to return to pastoral work, and the Committee has stepped forward in faith and appointed a full-time Director of Evangelism in the person of K. E. Crawford. Prior to entering the ministry, Mr. Crawford worked as a Public Accountant. In 1957, he graduated from the Churches of Christ Bible College, Woolwich, and has since served the church at Caringbah.

Our new Director will be able to concentrate his full attentions on the expansion and consolidation of our work in N.S.W.

ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION OF "DESIGN FOR DEVELOPMENT."

The appointment of a full-time Director coincides with the introduction of the plans covered in Design for Development at a local church level. The Committee believes that this concept, put into active practice by every church, would bring about the beginning of our biggest advance yet. To this end the Direc-

tor will be throwing his full weight behind the introduction and follow-through of this concept by personal visits to all ministers and churches.

Over 100 of our "key" men in the metropolitan area, together with representatives from some of our Newcastle churches, gathered for the introduction of Design for Development at Burwood.

L. Barker introduced the discussion of The Churches' Teaching of Giving Programme, and representatives of three churches told of the spiritual and material blessings that had followed the Campaigns in their areas. H. Long dealt with Our Basic Aim, which is to integrate evangelism into the local church programmes and to involve the membership in this fundamental mission of the Church. Evangelism Committee in the Local Church was introduced by L. Green, who covered its formation, investigation and evaluation of present programmes, and planning to achieve the basic aim. K. Crawford dealt with Year Round Evangelism, which will include training of members in personal and visitation evangelism, prospective members' list, zoning or district plan, evangelism through friendship, visitation for commitment, and finally follow-up to commitment, involving the sponsor plan.

The ideas presented were received with marked enthusiasm, and already the Director's Diary for 1962 is being filled up with requests for help and guidance.

LAND ACQUIRED IN STRATEGIC AREAS.

Census findings: Satellite City Trend — "New population trends are creat-



K. E. Crawford, Director.

ing satellite townships around Australia's big cities. This is shown in the first figures of the national census taken last June. Biggest growth of satellite townships has occurred around Sydney. Penrith and Campbelltown have now reached city-size" (Sun-Herald, Sept. 24, 1961).

The church at Penrith is alive to its possibilities and responsibilities, and is bursting at its seams. They have called their present minister, A. Webb, from our College at Woolwich to take up the work on a full-time basis next year.

At Campbelltown, the Committee has acquired three blocks of land in a rapidly developing area, and is seeking to establish a work here with the assistance of the young and growing church at Austral.

In co-operation with the church at Chatswood, two blocks have been acquired at Turrumurra for the establishment of a cause in this area.

A WORD OF APPRECIATION.

We would like to express our appreciation and thanks to both Mr. and Mrs. Long for the consecrated and sacrificial work they gave over the last four years, and wish them God's blessing in their new field.



View of Campbelltown.

"... three blocks of land acquired."



Theme for the Week: "HELPING OTHERS"

Sunday, November 19

Luke 12: 13-21.

Thought Text: "Be on your guard against greed of every kind" (v. 15, N.E.B.).

This man probably had a legitimate grievance against his brother. If so, there were judges appointed to deal with such cases. What Jesus was much more concerned about was the spirit behind the man's clamorous demand. It was greed; here was someone who was only interested in justice if it was on his side. Jesus' main concern wasn't with the complaint but with the heart of the complainant. That needed to be cleansed of the kind of greed that sours all human relationships.

When we come to the Master with our complaints about being unfairly treated, unappreciated or ignored, he knows the real motive behind our words — just as his heart still breaks when Christians quarrel over a loved one's gifts or will.

O Master, so rule in our lives that love will be the compelling motive. Amen.

Monday, November 20

Luke 13: 11-17.

Thought Text: "Immediately she was made straight" (v. 13).

Notice Jesus' approach to this woman's need. First, says Luke, he "saw her" (v. 12). Jesus had a way of seeing individual need, even in the midst of bustling crowds. People who knew her had got used to the sight of one who for 18 years had been so hopelessly bent that she could not even lift her eyes from the ground in front of her. But Jesus saw her with the eyes of one who could help. He called her to him, spoke to her, laid his hands on her, and "immediately she was made straight."

What was she like — this woman whom Jesus called "a daughter of Abraham," whose first act after her healing was to praise God? Had she

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always been as straight and pure in soul as her body had been crooked and deformed — or did Jesus' touch straighten more than her body — resentments, sins, fears?

Where life has become twisted and snarled, O Lord, straighten it out with thy healing touch. Amen.

Tuesday, November 21

Romans 12: 1-13.

Thought Text: "Outdo one another in showing honor" (v. 10, R.S.V.).

This is an arresting translation. As a matter of fact, ordinary living is so fiercely competitive that most people's lives centre round the bid to outdo the other person — live in a better house, hold down a bigger job, drive a more expensive car, etc. There's no end to that kind of competition, or the misery it can cause.

Such a spirit almost destroyed the fellowship of the Last Supper; it was only saved by the humility of a Master who washed the feet of disciples too jealous of each other to do such slave's work.

Master, keep us from resenting others' successes, or letting any ambition clash with thy Lordship over our lives. Amen.

Wednesday, November 22

1 Corinthians 13.

Thought Text: "Love is not jealous or boastful" (v. 4, R.S.V.).

More than once Paul had encountered the selfish, boastful spirit among the Corinthians, and he knew how easily jealousy can disrupt a fellowship. He reminds them that love, the greatest gift of all, knows no jealousy and makes no parade. Appreciative of others, it "keeps no score of wrongs."

It is a tragedy when petty jealousies cause church disputes; when one leader resents the prominence of another, or an older person clings too long to office. Do we let love or pride rule our thoughts, words and deeds?

Lord, for any groups of thy servants, unhappily split by personality differences, we pray the healing which only venturing love can bring. Amen.

Thursday, November 23

2 Peter 1: 1-8.

Thought Text: "To those who had been given . . . a faith as precious as our own" (v. 1, Williams).

Ronald Knox translates this phrase, "To those who share with us the common privilege of faith." Those two words, "precious" and "privilege," keep recurring through the various translations — and there is no doubt

that for Peter, faith was both a privilege and the most precious possession he could ever share with men — a faith centred in the Man of whom he wrote, "To you who believe, he is precious."

Does faith mean that much to us? What are we doing to share it? When people see the way we live it, would they want to share it?

O God, we pray for all with whom we have fellowship in faith, even across barriers raised by fear and misunderstanding. Draw us closer to each other and to thee. Amen.

Friday, November 24

Matthew 6: 5-15.

Thought Text: "In praying, do not heap up empty phrases" (v. 7, R.S.V.).

"Don't rattle off long prayers," is Phillips' vivid way of putting it. Doubtless we have all suffered at the hands (or rather, the tongues!) of the users of empty phrases in long prayers. No one did more to kill the old-fashioned type of prayer-meeting than they.

Yet how easy it is, in both public and private praying, to slip into using the same phrases continually — "this corner of thy vineyard," "where two or three are gathered," etc. Sometimes even private prayer becomes little more than drowsy "babbling" (which is what the Greek word means here). What does prayer mean in our lives — a matter of form or a source of power?

O Lord, to whom prayer didst mean so much, teach us how to pray. Amen.

Saturday, November 25

Matthew 7: 7-14.

Thought Text: "Ask . . . seek . . . knock" (v. 7).

Each of these words takes us a stage further into the meaning of prayer. Campbell Morgan has emphasised that "ask" is the word of the man who comes with empty hands, realising his utter dependence upon God; "seek" has behind it true anxiety, the "urgency of a great desire;" in "knock" is the mingling of both dependence and effort, the persistent approach of faith.

This is much more than a formula for prayer — it is a child's approach to a Father loved and trusted. The clue to it all lies in Jesus' words in v. 11. "How much more shall your Father . . ." All we have learnt of him through his Son makes us confident that he hears and answers prayers.

O God, strengthen our faith in thee, so that even when we neither see nor understand thine answer, we may trust and obey thee. Amen.



Notes supplied by R. S. A. McLean.

Sister F. Kennedy, after serving for thirteen years as a medical missionary in the New Hebrides, returns to Australia this month. She has served her Lord faithfully and well, and the brethren in the New Hebrides have appreciated her service amongst them. In the following article, Sister Kennedy challenges consecrated nurses to offer themselves for missionary service.

Last Impressions

So often we read "first impressions." This is quite a different version. As I leave this land of my adoption (for the last 13½ years at least), a few queries pass through my mind.

Will I ever see again the fleecy, fleeting clouds rolling over the mountains as I travel along the coastline of the islands? Will I see again the tropical moon, throwing a silver light on the coconut fronds, or across the ocean like a pathway of myriad sparkling fireflies? Will I ever again have the thoroughly exhausted feeling when nearing the top village after two or three hours of climbing, with muscles becoming more and more tired, with perspiration flowing more and more freely, and pulse-rate becoming more and more rapid? Will I ever taste again the sweetness, the refreshing draught of the young coconut offered in hospitality on gaining the heights? Will I ever again have the joy of leading a dozen, or even up to 30, teenage natives in their Bible Class, one of the most joyous privileges that has been mine on Aoba? Will I ever feel again the so real, and known, insufficiency of my own, and prove God's sufficiency in some medical emergency? Will I ever thrill again to see two or three gowned and masked native nurses, and stand by and watch them deliver little Aoban babies? Will I ever again thrill at the sight of white-clad figures; candidates for baptism standing on the beach waiting their turn to follow their Lord in his own appointed way, and fervently pray the prayer, "Lord, baptise these ones with thine own Holy Spirit, and keep them from falling?"

They say farewell; they say they are sorry I'm going, some even weep — but if they're sorry, why haven't they listened to what I have tried to tell them — have my years of witnessing, teaching, preaching been in vain? Why is there so little difference spiritually? Have I failed? Has it just been a case of day by day

plasters, pins and powders? Why do we see so little evidence of pardon, peace and power? Why is a good young girl literally dragged from my arms and drawn into a bigamous marriage? Why the spiritual lethargy, why the heart-aches for the missionaries?

Brothers and sisters at home, can you see the picture? Have I failed? Is there someone to take my place, and carry on where I have left off, and be able to return home later knowing that it has not been all failure, but some spiritual progress has been made, some souls have been won, some back-sliders restored, and some Christians revived? May the Lord himself call out men and women wholly consecrated to the task. There will be more and more demand for consecrated nurses, as a doctor comes. One medical visit to the villages alone will overflow our hospital with T.B. patients. The evangelistic work here is far from complete. Our people are still unprepared for the Lord's return. Let us finish our task.

An Island Called Aoba

Marcia Eagling.

Aoba is a lovely island. Seen from any distance at sea, it resembles a huge "hump-backed" whale with a halo of cloud. This silhouette of the island does not vary, it is the same when viewed from any of the four points of the compass. We love this island for its TROPICAL BEAUTY. Coconut palms grow in abundance. Oranges, lemons, mandarins, and other citrus fruits are here in the "bucket load." The mangoes, paw-paws, pineapples and bananas are delicious. There is a carpet of green grass everywhere where the jungle has been cleared. In all directions the island presents an emerald green appearance. Patches of the jungle are always being cleared and burned, the smell of burning mixing with the "close" humid heat of the air around us. The new land makes way for the gardens where Taro, Yam, Manioc and numerous other vegetables and fruits are grown.

Tropical fish, the colors of the rainbow, abound in the waters around the coast of Aoba. Coral reefs and huge outcrops of volcanic rock with a few black sand and coral beaches, form the foreshore of this island.

We love this island for the PEOPLE WHO LIVE ON IT. The Aoban is a mixture of love, hate and fear. Their way of thinking is vastly different from ours. They have a culture and

customs all of their own. From birth, they have been influenced by their own "traditions" and so they react to a situation in a completely different fashion from us. We love them for themselves. They are proud and arrogant (only a few), many are indifferent to the work of the gospel. But we have come out here to work together with our fellow missionaries and our Lord to help them to follow after Christ. They are spiritual babes, a great number have never experienced the New Birth.

We love this island because CHRIST DIED FOR THESE PEOPLE. "Huri-eeen God u langwa hamburu mana pharamana," "For God so loved the world," therefore even these small islands. God so loves the New Hebridean that he sent his Son to die for him. Kenneth Mackenzie writes of our Lord:

"He borrowed a stable in which to be born;

And later confessed that he had no bed.

He borrowed a basket that bright spring morn;

Sent the people away, their hunger full fed.

"He borrowed a boat from which to preach

His Father's love to sinful men Standing that day on Galilee's beach,

Longing to hear his message again.

"He borrowed a cross on which to die—

A ransom from sin — a life laid down.

He borrowed a tomb in which to lie.

Yet the great universe was his own."

"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men where-by we must be saved." Acts 4: 12.

We love this island because of the DEEP JOY OF KNOWING THAT WE ARE WHERE THE LORD WANTS US TO BE. Do you have joy in your service for the Lord? Do you share in the "peace that passeth all understanding" in your daily life of witness for him? You can be overflowing with praise and love for Jesus, right where you are, if that is where Jesus Christ wants you to be. What a wonderful truth our Saviour gives to us all in John 15: 5, "I am the vine, ye are the branches: he that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit; for without me ye can do nothing."

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HERE AND THERE

We appreciate the help of B. J. Combridge, Vic.-Tas. Director of Home Missions and Evangelism, in arranging for the special H.M. material in this issue, preparatory to the Annual Offering on Sunday, Nov. 26.

At the anniversary service of the church at Boonah, Qld., on Oct. 22, the new organ was dedicated. Mr. Bailey gave an organ recital at 10.45 a.m. The thankoffering taken at the anniversary service was sent to the Boys' Hostel. A combined fellowship tea, prepared and served by the Y.P. and Ladies' Fellowships, was a happy feature of the day. The manse grounds have been improved by the laying of a cement path.

Over the weekend, Oct. 6-9, the church at Lismore, N.S.W., received great uplift and spiritual blessing from events concerned with its 77th anniversary. One highlight was the official opening of a £7,000 church and community centre at Goonellabah on Oct. 7, with four pioneers (Mes. E. C. Savill, A. Somerville and P. G. Oakes, with E. J. Walker — ages totalling 330 years) taking part. Apart from £200 worth of technical work, the centre was the result of voluntary labor, and representative speakers praised the achievement. Three hundred sat down to the anniversary dinner in the new building, and the thankoffering totalled £635/1/6. H.M. Long (Epping) gave inspiring leadership as guest speaker.

The final meeting of the Federal Conference Executive for 1961 will be held on Thursday, Nov. 30, at the Churches of Christ Centre, Melbourne.

Morning worship from the North Essendon (Vic.) Church of Christ will be broadcast over 3LO on Nov. 12, at 11 a.m. The speaker will be the resident minister, A. E. White, B.A., and the soloist Mrs. C. G. Taylor.

R. McLean, Federal Sec. Overseas Mission Board, who has just returned from a visit to our Mission in India, will be the speaker at Swanston-st., Melb., on Nov. 12, at 3 p.m. A cordial invitation is extended to all to hear his message.

104th anniversary services were held at Latrobe-terr., Geelong, Vic., on Oct. 29, with aggregate attendances of just on 600 for the day. Excellent reports have been received of morning broadcast service over 3GL, when former minister, D. Stewart, presided, and H. J. Patterson (Hartwell) preached the sermon. Mr. Patterson's sermons during the day thrilled the large congregations. The Geelong Mayor and Mayoress attended the

evening service. The afternoon session with Geelong Salvation Army Band was delightful. Recent C.W.F. anniversary had a splendid response of 110 women, who enjoyed a musical programme arranged by Mrs. J. Ball. Mrs. Caldicott has been elected president of the Ladies' Aid; Mrs. Russen-berg continues in office as president of Mission Band. A. C. Caldicott is resident minister of the church.

We have received advice that information forwarded to us for publication, to the effect that N. Kingston had accepted a call to minister to the church at Mile End, S.A., was incorrect. Mr. Kingston has declined the church's invitation.

At the conclusion of his ministry with the Footscray (Vic.) church, A. E. Hurren will take up residence at Kallista, and commence a part-time ministry at The Patch, mid February, 1962.

H. J. Cook, part-time minister at Hawthorn, Vic., and immediate past President of the Vic. Christian Endeavor Union, has been elected to lead the Victorian delegation to Perth in January, 1962, for the 29th National Endeavor Convention.

The Editor has recorded for the A.B.C. a series of six three-minute talks for the "Evening Meditation" session heard over National radio stations as their final programme each evening, Monday to Saturday inclusive. These will be heard in all States during the week beginning Mon., Nov. 20.

Fighting between the Watutsi warriors and their former serfs, as Ruanda-Urundi in Central Africa struggles into independence, has led to a mass refugee movement. It is officially estimated that 10,000 refugees have fled into the Congo and Uganda, and that 40,000 more are hiding in the interior of Ruanda. To help feed these homeless people, many of whom are threatened with death from starvation, churches around the world, through the World Council of Churches, have made emergency grants amounting to \$20,000 to the Church Missionary Society in Kampala. In addition, \$13,000 has been received by the W.C.C. from churches in Britain, the Netherlands, and Church World Service in the U.S.A., in response to an earlier appeal this year. But a front-line despatch from Dr. G. Talbot Hindley, secretary of the C.M.S. Ruanda Mission, says that the churches, while doing what they can, are able to help only a small proportion of the people in need.

NOTES FROM THE READINGS

as suggested for

Sunday, Nov. 19

JEREMIAH 39: 1-14.

The Babylonians besiege and capture Jerusalem, seize the fleeing King Zedekiah and wreak a terrible vengeance on him and his family, burn palace and temple and take many into captivity. But Jeremiah's release from prison is ordered, and he remains with those left in Jerusalem.

"the gate betwixt the two walls" (v. 4). — "This lay south of Jerusalem, opposite the breach by which the besiegers entered. The fugitives were making for the Jordan Valley and East Palestine" (Welch).

"houses of the people" (v. 8). — R.S.V. correctly has "house of the people." "It may have been a general assembly hall or council building, from which subsequently the Jewish synagogue developed; or it may have been a designation of the temple itself" (Hyatt).

1 TIMOTHY 3.

This chapter discusses both the qualifications and responsibilities of church officers, with emphasis upon their character requirements.

"a true saying" (v. 1). — "It is a popular saying" (Moffatt).

"bishop" (v. 1). — "Superintendent, overseer" (Amplified N.T.). M. P. Noyes indicates that the word possibly referred to "lay" leaders in the Church, as well as those set apart. "It is impossible to say," he comments, "whether the word bishop here refers to a lay leader of the Church, after the pattern of the elders who made up the Sanhedrin in the Jewish synagogue, or to an ordained minister in charge of a local congregation, or to the later practice of selecting an ordained minister as an overseer of a group of churches."

"husband of one wife" (v. 2). — The Empire sanctioned polygamy.

"Not a novice" (v. 6). — "Not a convert newly baptised" (N.E.B.). In verses 6 and 7, the dangers of immaturity and moral failure are seen as providing ammunition for hostile critics.

"these also first be proved" (v. 10). — "The demand for moral refinement, holy living, and consistent character on their part is not one whit lower" (Lowstuter).

"God was manifest" (v. 16). — Thought by many to be part of an early hymn.





INTERSTATE CHURCH NEWS

Discipleship

Mrs. Lloyd, Miss J. Tillbrook, Errol Cooper, Robert Duffield, Ascot Park, S.A.

Peter Coxhead, The Patch, Vic.

Don Wooley, D. Carter, Lyn. Cutts, Graham Morse, Lance Thomas, Jeff Glen, Burwood East, Vic.

Membership

Mr. and Mrs. Swinnerton, Brighton to Burwood East, Vic.

Mrs. Gale, Miss M. Gale, Kilburn to Nailsworth, S.A.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Calwell, Warragul to Maidstone, Vic.

Mrs. G. Flavell, from Ararat; K. Whittock, from Ascot Vale to Shepparton, Vic.

C. Chislett, Mildura to Bendigo, Vic.

Fallen Asleep

Freda M. Jones, Footscray, Vic.

P. Clow, snr., W. Bauernfiend, A. J. Payne, J. Ingham, Sis. D. Ramp-ton, Maryborough, Qld.

Miss E. C. Gill, Bendigo, Vic.

TASMANIA

Devonport (E. W. Taylor). — Speaker Oct. 4, A. Leman (W.E.C.), who showed slides depicting work in Borneo. B.S. anniversary, 15th; speaker, Mr. Dinnen (E.T.C.). Theme of the celebrations, *An Open Bible For The World*, was kept before packed congregations by items based on missionary enterprise on all our fields. Anniversary services concluded 17th, with screening of *The Unfinished Task* and distribution of prizes. Dr. Williams (Hobart) speaker, 22nd.

QUEENSLAND

Maryborough (D. Nelson). — Officers have completed Planned Offering canvass, resulting in income of church being doubled. £450 yearly is being set aside for Building Fund. Present chapel has been placed on market for sale and provisional plans drawn up for new brick veneer chapel and

hall to be built in the centre of residential area of City. Church has responded well to the ministry of D. Nelson. Home call of five in recent months has depleted ranks of older members. Live C.Y.F. attended by about 50 teenagers is laying foundations for future church.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Kalamunda (A. Hutson). — C. Dow (Inglewood) a.m. speaker, 9th church anniversary. Evening service followed by social fellowship. At annual meeting of church, reports showed steady progress; membership 45; school 80. B.S. won Increase and Attendance Campaign in its division. Retiring officers all re-elected. Various duties allocated as before, only addition being Mr. Dell to Youth Com. Building additions practically completed. Tennis and basketball courts also nearing completion. Karagullen school reported 19 pupils and 3 teachers. Number of members in hospital meant slightly lower attendance at services.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Earlwood (G. Sloman). — B.S. anniversary successful under baton of Mr. Caesar. R. Beadle and M. Leask, speakers. Prize-giving, plays and film special features at weeknight meeting. Visiting speakers recently: J. Christianson (Caringbah) and A. Anderson (Woolwich), while preacher was at Merewether anniversary. D. Schofield gave interesting series of addresses at midweek meetings.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Nailsworth (A. M. Norris, B.A.). — B.S. picnic, Oct. 28. C.M.S. making wooden toys for kinder, Christmas tree and Social Service Dept. Two welcomed by transfer. Interest being taken in formation of new cause at Windsor Gardens (Gillies Plains). Several young married couples from Nailsworth congregation will be among foundation members in this new suburb on north-eastern fringe of metropolitan area: P.m. service, Oct. 29, largely attended; numerous visitors, including R. Jenkins (Doncaster, Vic.).

Ascot Park (R. H. Sercombe). — Five baptised, Oct. 22. On 29th, four received into fellowship. After-church united prayer meeting for Billy Graham Crusade.

Clovelly Park (J. E. Webb). — Youth service, Oct. 8, with Y.P.C.E. taking

special part. Strip film, *Pilgrim's Progress*, shown. Two B.S. girls made decision, and following week a married man. Four ladies attended Women's Camp, Longwood. Record B.S. attendance, 174, 29th. J. E. Webb concluding helpful ministry.

Barmera. — Junior and I.C.E. societies continuing very well. C.W.A.F. formed, with Mrs. A. Simons, pres. and Mrs. D. Hooper, sec. B.S. anniversary, Oct. 22, with approx. 70 children and teachers on platform in afternoon. Kinders gave good display and also received prizes. O. Clarke (Loxton) spoke morning and afternoon, and H. Villa, night. Recently formed prayer and fellowship meeting going very well; prayer meeting prior to gospel meeting well supported.

Forestville (N. Gavros). — Services well attended; communicants, 119. Enjoyable church tea; speaker, C. Stock (J.E.W.). Mr. Paddick (Temperance Alliance) spoke at one service, also at I.C.E. meeting. C.W.F. visited "shut-ins." Ladies successful in efforts to raise money for Open Baptistery Fund, having obtained over £40 in short time. Chapel alterations progressing rapidly. A. Glastonbury spoke at C.M.S. meeting concerning Social Service work. Y.P.S.C.E. visited Mile End to share meeting. Church picnic at Aldinga Beach. Picture evening in aid of Sports Area Fund. Two senior and five junior tennis teams in competitions.

VICTORIA

The Patch (T. Lawrie). — B.S. scholar confessed Christ, 15th, baptised 22nd. C.W.F. enjoyed fellowship and message from Mrs. Watts (Dareton), 18th. Church appreciates fine efforts of C.O.B. students and other visiting artists who presented successful concert, 19th; proceeds exceeded £50. Monthly fellowship teas proving popular; 35 attended last, several Y.P. taking part in evening service.

Reservoir (F. B. Alcorn). — B.S. anniversary, Oct. 1, 8. Speakers: Mrs. Freeman, R. Muller, N. McLennan, T. Clift. C.E. group of 40 visited Oakleigh Guest Home, 21st. Boys from Burwood Boys' Home given hospitality on 22nd, and later attended services. Junior girls' basketball team premiers of winter comps. On 29th, Y.W.L. took p.m. service and were presented with certificates and seals of merit.

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BIRTHS

WAY (Morris). — On Oct. 18, at Melbourne, to Wendy and John, a daughter — Jennifer Diane.

HARVEY (Squires). — On Nov. 1, at Women's Intermediate Hospital, Brisbane, Qld., to Gwyn and Kevin, a son — Jeffrey Allan. Both well.

DEATH

CRISP, Mrs. E. E. — At Emmaus Rest Home, called Home on Oct. 26, 1961, after a brief illness; aged 95 years. A loved and honored member of Lygon-st. Mission Band, and one who is lovingly remembered by all.

IN MEMORIAM

WERNER. — Cherished memories of my dear mother, and Nanna, who passed away, Nov. 7, 1956. "Beyond the sunset, eternal joy."

—Inserted by her loving daughter Cora, son-in-law Les, grandchildren, Corinne, Rhonda, Noel.

Coming Events

SUNSHINE (Vic.) ANNIVERSARY and HOMECOMING, Sunday, Nov. 12. 11 a.m., W. A. Thompson (Conf. Pres.); 3 p.m., G. Brown (Prahran); 7 p.m., B. Goldsteen. Lunch and tea will be provided. An invitation extended to all past members and friends. R. Horwood, 311-2317.

MIDDLE PARK, Vic., BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY, Nov. 12. 3 p.m., K. Turner; 7 p.m., A. Matheson.

SWANSTON-ST., Melbourne, Vic., 96th HOMECOMING Service, Nov. 12. 11 a.m., The Conversion of the Church; 3 p.m., R. S. McLean, Fed. Sec. Overseas Missions Board; 7 p.m., Great Texts of the Bible series — The Great Text About Belief in God. Preacher, K. A. Macnaughtan. Come and join us in a day of worship and fellowship.

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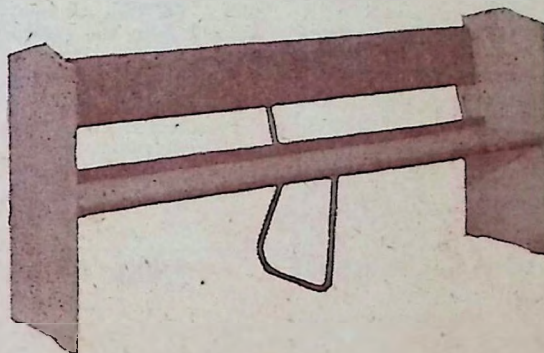
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Vic. Church News

Maidstone (R. H. Patterson). — Av. attendances over past month: 75 a.m.; 63 p.m. Successful B.S. concert, Oct. 6; items presented by scholars greatly enjoyed. Two welcomed by transfer. Mr. Calwell (Public Relations Officer, Footscray Hospital) a.m. speaker, 15th, observed as Hospital Sunday. Mr. Wilkinson (headmaster, St. Albans High School) p.m. speaker, with Mrs. D. Warmbrunn, soloist. E. Westaway appointed to Officers' Board. B.S. anniversary commenced 22nd, with good congregations. D. Hill led singing; speakers were B. Jenkins, Mrs. F. Morgan (Cradle Roll afternoon) and R. Gunston.

Burwood East (G. Carslake). — B. Mason (Carnarvon) addressed church, Oct. 1. Good attendance all Oct. meetings. B.S., 209, a.m. 76, on 8th, when one received into fellowship. Visitors have included Mr. and Mrs. Younger (Launceston). Two received by letter of transfer, 29th. All auxiliary meetings well attended and active. Mrs. Smith's health improving. Tennis club formed and well supported. Cricket club doing well in first season. Good progress made in preparation for day kinder. Wire fence erected across car park at side street. Ladies enjoy good variety of meetings, including demonstration of "Yoga." Annual meeting decided church would become separate entity as from Jan. 1, with two members from Hartwell appointed to Board in advisory capacity.

Footscray (A. E. Hurren). — B.S. successful fancy dress social, Oct. 20. Moya McCricket welcomed back after 3 months in N.S.W. Invitations issued to all couples married in chapel to be present on 22nd to hear Dr. W. A. Kemp speak on *The Christian Home*. Mrs. Tamblyn was soloist. C.M.S. attended C.M.S. rally at Brunswick, 24th. Stewardship of Service Campaign commenced, 29th, with addresses by A. Avery and P. Williams; soloist, Miss E. Dowling. Sympathy of church extended to Gordon family, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Glance and Jones family in loss of loved ones.

Shepparton (T. A. Fergusson). — Y.P. working to raise funds to assist appeal for operating theatre on N.G. Mission field. Film, *A Far Cry*, depicting need of children in Korea, screened 15th, and offering aided *Save the Children* fund. Members attending prayer meetings in Baptist Hall for Leighton Ford Crusade. Several members had fellowship at Wangaratta anniversary; E. L. Williams guest speaker. 56 men attended combined men's tea in school hall, when Shepparton's Stipendary Magistrate was speaker. Church paper, *The Gazette*, held much information and history

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of church life on 29th, when church
celebrated 80th anniversary. Both ser-
vices very well attended. After-church
fellowship, when reminiscences were
exchanged, and supper, including
birthday cake, much enjoyed. Feature
of day was special adorning of chapel
with masses of lovely flowers.

Ascot Vale (G. Moyes). — Guest
speaker, R. F. Geyer, Oct. 1, a.m.
Combined youth evening, 11th, with
local churches featuring Chinese Cap-
ers. C.Y.F. visited Will H. Clay Hos-
pital and conducted worship service,
15th. P.m., W. Atkin addressed church
and at conclusion of gospel service
gave interesting talk on Social Ser-
vice, with slides of C. of C. Homes.
Demonstration of furs and fur-mak-
ing, 24th, in aid of church renovation
fund, realised £2/12/-. Film, Dispos-
sessed, screened 29th. Mrs. G. Moyes
and Mrs. B. Sterling have completed
course in "Woman to Woman Evan-
gelism." Church shared with Mrs.
Pickard and Craig in special dedica-
tion service. Y.P. attend Leighton
Ford counselling classes. Keith Jones
has left, temporarily, for W.A. Av.
attendance Oct.: a.m., 45; p.m., 27.

Balwyn (J. E. Brooke). — W. W.
Saunders (Conf. Sec.) preached at
both meetings, 29th, in absence of
minister in S.A. Explorers now have
50 members on roll and held picture
night, 27th, to raise funds for more
equipment. P.B.P. 3rd in Religious
and Education competitions, and have
given gifts of breakfast traysets to
Oakleigh Guest Home. Y.W.F. aided
Guest Home. C.W.F. had "do it
yourself" afternoon in aid of new
manse, and sent Christmas Cheer for
India and New Hebrides.

Bendigo (G. J. Andrews). — Spring
Gully B.S. anniversary successfully
celebrated Oct. 8; guest speaker W.F.
Newham. 22 Y.P. attended Midlands
Youth Fellowship rally, Maryborough.
Youth met for tea 21st. Social and
devotion evening compared by Milton
Drake (C.O.B.). C.W.F. entertained
inmates at "Mirradong" Blind Home,
26th. Sympathy extended to Mrs. C.
Bailey and Christina in passing of
husband and father.

Box Hill (K. J. Clinton, B.A., B.D.,
Dip.R.E.). — On 22nd, C.E. groups
held anniversary and took part in p.m.
service; speaker, H. N. Pell. B.S.
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