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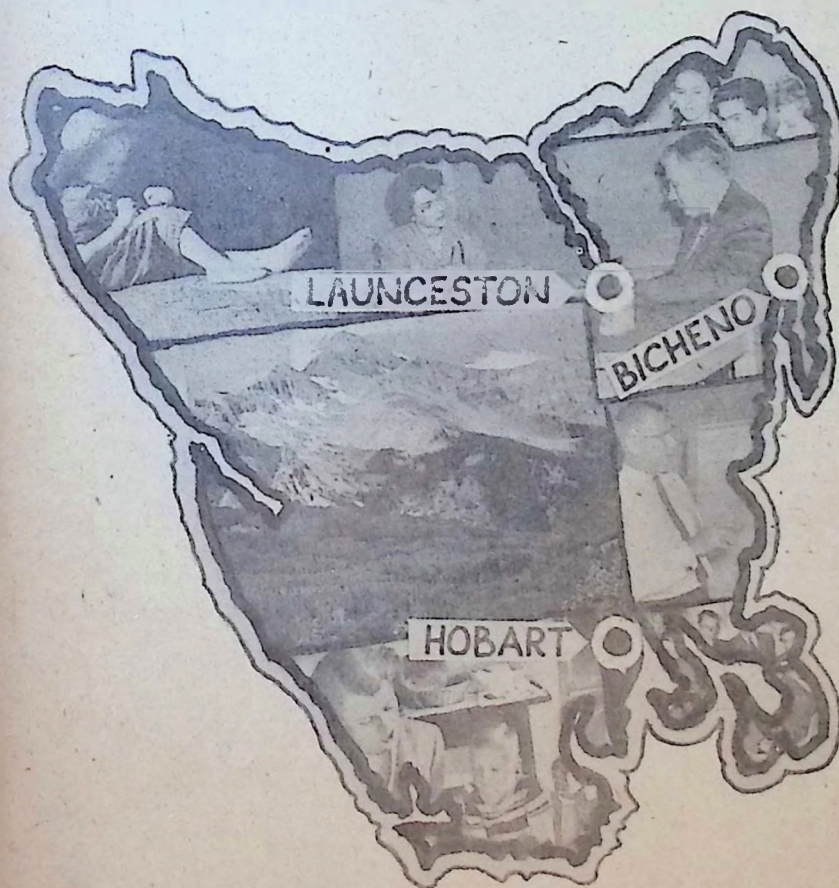
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A Pilgrim's Progress — TO BICHENO

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You will have to look carefully at the average map of Tasmania to spot the name — Bicheno. But all who have been to Bicheno could never overlook this delightful township.

In the telegraphic language of the Municipal Director, these facts are given, "BICHENO, County of Glamorgan; seaside resort; 144 road miles Launceston, 113 Hobart; average annual rainfall, 28 inches; 10 feet above sea level; population 175; fishing and tourists."

However, the Tourist Bureau has more to offer: facts plus enthusiasm, "Come to Sunny Bicheno on the delectable East Coast of the Apple Isle. Come to Bicheno, the 'Coolangatta of the South'; enjoy the finest beaches of Tasmania. Or if it's hiking you want, climb the hills where the whalers of old used to signal the waiting boats with 'whale ahoy' — visit the relics of Tasmania's whaling industry."

This sounds pretty good. And now to all this we can offer Bicheno a further claim to fame. Bicheno is now the site of one of the newest of our brotherhood's ventures into camp development. Henceforth this one-time whaling station will no longer look back with nostalgia to the days when the cry was, "Thar she blows," but will look forward to hearing the cry, "Camp's in!" And these days, camping is as exciting an experience as chasing a Moby Dick around the watery wastes of the South Pacific.

As very few people will be aware of this venture, we would like to share with you these significant steps towards progress.

- In March of this year, the Tasmanian District Conference endorsed the selection of Bicheno as a possible "Brotherhood Camp-Conference Centre." An on-the-spot appeal realised £240.
 - The Tasmanian Government generously co-operated by making available, on a lease-hold basis, 6 acres of Crown Land, just a quarter of a mile from the beach. Water and power are available.
 - August; two R.A.A.F. huts were purchased at Launceston Airport, for a cost of £120 each. These huts measure 80 ft. x 20 ft. each, and are rated as a wonderful acquisition.
 - September; the huts were dismantled by working bees and moved to the site at Bicheno where they now await re-erection. Jack Searle, the Camp property supervisor of the Monbulk Camp, Vic., flew over to help lead in this effort.
 - A Master Plan for the Camp has now been drawn up by Ralph
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Spinks, of the Margaret-street church, Launceston.

- Looking ahead to further developments, we now wait for the first paths to be bulldozed, the sites of the first buildings to be cleared and the foundations laid. Then power and water are to be brought on to the site.
- All this, it is hoped, will be climaxed in a Work Camp, to be held between Dec. 26 and Jan. 5, when the first buildings will be erected. Already ten persons from Victoria are standing by, ready to share in this camp with their Tasmanian friends.
- It is hoped that Federal Conference time, 1962, will see the Centre ready for use.

Bicheno is designed as a Brotherhood Camp-Conference Centre. It is intended to be used for . . .

Young people's camps,

"The Australian Christian"

Local church camps.

Holiday centre for church families.

Centre for brotherhood Conferences.

Training centre for church leaders.

Children's camps.

There it is! Already much good work has been done and this enterprise is a happy and fruitful example of the co-operation and partnership which links Victoria and Tasmania into a working Conference. Through the goodwill, the prayers and the financial support of those who can still see visions and dream dreams, this work, having been begun, will most surely be finished. Our churches need the kind of facilities which such centres have to offer.

To such great names as Lake Illawarra, Magnetic Island, Longwood, Monbulk and Hall's Gap, a new generation will add that of BICHENO.

Vic. C.M.S. Visits N.S.W.

On Saturday, Nov. 4, twelve men of the Victorian C.M.S. left Melbourne in three private cars, on a tour of sight-seeing and the conducting of model C.M.S. meetings at Albury, Canberra and Sydney.

After visiting the Hume Weir, we assembled at the Albury chapel, where a splendid tea was prepared. This was well attended and the meeting which continued during the meal proved very successful, visitors and locals taking part. At 8 p.m. we travelled on to Tarcutta.

On Sunday we lunched at Canberra, toured the places of interest and arrived at the chapel for tea. We were cordially welcomed and enjoyed the fellowship during the meal, which was again conducted as a model C.M.S. meeting. The speaker at the gospel service was Glen Brown (Pahran, Vic.), who toured with the men. The baptism of 8 young ladies was an impressive feature.

On arrival at Sydney, we were the guests of Principal and Mrs. A. W. Stephenson, at Woolwich Bible College.

Chatswood church hall was the centre of much activity on Monday evening, when over 200 men gathered for the annual dinner of the N.S.W. C.M.S. We were again guests, and both groups took part in the model meeting during the meal. Congratulations go to the Chatswood ladies for a wonderful job of catering. The building was filled to capacity, response being beyond all expectation.

After a time of rich fellowship we retired to the chapel for a spiritual rally, about 300 being present. Gordon Brogden (Pres., N.S.W. C.M.S.) welcomed all visitors and presented a copy of the Bible to the Victorian C.M.S. as a memento of the visit. Response was made by the Vic. C.M.S. Pres., Dave Watt, and by William Brown, representing the united Men's Groups of N.S.W.

W. H. B. Palmer (N.S.W. Conf. Pres.) brought a greeting to all men. These meetings concluded with a challenging address by Glen Brown. All agreed it was a worthwhile visit.—Dave Watt, Vic.-Tas. C.M.S. Pres.



It was with a deep sense of gratitude to God that the church at Kedron, Qld., accepted the gift of a Hammond spinet model organ from Les. Brooks. This organ was dedicated to the glory of God and the enrichment of worship at a special dedication service on Sunday, Nov. 12. The chapel was crowded for the service, and the church greatly appreciates this practical expression of thankfulness to a Father who loves and welcomes us all into his family.

"Woman to Woman" Evangelism

The inaugural meeting of this new venture was held at Blackburn (Vic.) chapel on Saturday, Nov. 11, at 3 p.m. Mrs. V. Morrison presided over a representative gathering of approximately 800 men and women from our Melbourne and country churches. A welcome to all was given by Mrs. Joy Abernethy, President of Blackburn C.W.F. Special guests were: W. A. Thompson (Vic.-Tas. Pres.), B. J. Combridge (Dept. of H.M. and Evangelism), Mrs. Wood (Inter-Church Aid), and Mrs. Amos (President, Vic.-Tas. C.W.F.). Greetings were read by Mrs. Newham (State Sec., C.W.F.) from those churches unable to be represented — Bendigo, Echuca, Castlemaine, Portland, Warracknabeal, Invermay (Tas.), Women's Federal Conference, Mrs. Fisher (Carnarvon), Horsham, Kangaroo Flat, Colac, Brim.

Mr. Thompson brought a greeting from Conference — that C.W.F. will experience a joy as they go out on "Woman to Woman" Evangelism. Mr. Combridge expressed a warm and sincere greeting from the Dept. of Home Missions and Evangelism, and personally said how deeply interested he is: "No day like this in the history of the brotherhood. This venture is a most encouraging sign, novel and courageous. There are in the world today some encouraging facts—the Church throughout the world is more concerned than ever before in the work of evangelism — a new interest in evangelism — not a passing phase. Evangelism concerns every Christian, all individuals in the Church."

Soloist was Miss Jean Milne, who brought a fine message in song. Mrs. V. Stafford (C.W.F. Pres.-Elect) told how the plan originated, and explained the two-fold aim — "To present the claims of Christ to women who have not yet accepted him as Lord, and to challenge Christian women to fuller commitment. The plan was first presented to our ministers of churches to ascertain their reactions to our plan. When they unanimously approved, we further proceeded with plans. Some 20 women agreed to a preparation course of study and practical work. Today our planning actually becomes mobile to enlist this fine gathering for support in many ways."

Ways to help and give us confidence were then presented. Mrs. Morrison said she was so happy to see some men in the meeting, as their co-operation is needed very much; also Mrs. Flanders, Supt. Evening Fellowships. Thanks go to all who helped to make this day possible.

Mrs. Newham read 2 Cor. 5 and 6: 1. The address was brought by Mrs. Amos — That They Might Have Life. Text: Luke 18: 27 — "The things that are impossible with men are possible with God." After another solo from Miss Milne, all those willing were asked prayerfully to repeat the commitment printed on the back of the Order of Service. Those who have been preparing for this great work were then dedicated to God in prayer by Mr. Thompson. The service closed with the benediction.—N. Newham.

Christian Unity As Others See It

The Third Assembly of the World Council of Churches is now in session in New Delhi, India. This seems the appropriate time for the Editor to respond to the request to give through these pages the substance of a message given by him to the Vic.-Tas. Half-Yearly Convention last September. It will be presented in several parts.

The title itself needs some explanation. Whom do we mean, for example, by "others"? Others than Churches of Christ? That would leave a vast field to be covered; in the United States of America, for example, it would mean more than 250 other Protestant bodies, besides the Roman Catholic Church. Do we mean others inside our own ranks? It is true that there are differing ideas among ourselves concerning Christian unity. But all that can be done by any one man with his limited knowledge of so wide an area of concern in the Church today is to indicate some of the ways in which it seems to him that others than himself look at the subject of Christian unity.

It quickly becomes obvious we cannot do that by trying to show what different church bodies think about the subject. Within the one world-wide Church we may find many diverse views on unity; in one part of the world its leaders may show themselves keenly interested — in others, openly indifferent and extremely denominational in outlook. Unity-minded Christians and denominationally-minded Christians can be found side by side, in varying proportions, all over the world.

Even the Roman Catholic Church reflects some widely diverging views, and at the top level some highly significant things have been said and done in recent years. Typical of a certain breadth of spirit, combined with an ultimate inflexibility, are these words of Roman Catholic writer, M. J. Congar: "We acknowledge that we have indeed to learn from one another if we are to help and strengthen one another in the apprehension of truth, but we must add that the way to do this is by dwelling as children of light in the home of truth, undivided, undistorted and entire — the Church Catholic . . . None the less, it may well be that we have much to learn from our separated brethren."

Roman Catholic attitudes show evidence of what we find throughout the Protestant world — a *conscience on unity*. Therein lies the most significant change between our time and that of the Campbells at the beginning of the last century, when the Restoration Movement as we know it was born. Then bitter sectarianism was predominant, though there were encouraging exceptions on the American frontier. Among these was the Plan of Union (1801-52), which united

Presbyterians and Congregationalists in evangelistic activity for over half a century before it was killed by denominational jealousies (typified in the comment, "The Presbyterians milked Congregationalist cows, only to make Presbyterian butter and cheese"). Then there was the Lutheran, Samuel Schmucker, who sought to promote a federated union to be known as the Apostolic Protestant Church — an A.P.C. which represented his prescription for the headache of disunion!

There were others, too, besides our own Restoration Movement pioneers, who tried to crash through denominational barriers. But they were the exceptions in the midst of widespread bitter intolerance. Today the position is vastly different. Certainly more has been written and said on the subject on Christian unity than at any other time in the Church's history; some daring experiments in Christian union have not only been achieved, but have been continued. A growing realisation of the "scandal" of disunity has led to achievements in Christian fellowship, both inside and outside the so-called Ecumenical Movement, which would have been deemed impossible a century ago.

But doubts, hesitations, prejudices still hamper the movement toward union. A. C. Craig has described something of the present-day mood in his picture of two companies of travellers camped on opposite sides of a deep chasm. "They want to come together," he says, "for they know they are kinsmen, and they are both threatened by dangerous enemies, so that even prudence demands a junction of forces. But the chasm has proved to be unbridgeable, and it is too wide for anyone to jump across if he insists on carrying his luggage with him. Not awake to their danger, and delighted to be able to say kind words and blow kisses to their kinsfolk across the gulf, some are content to stay where they are. Others are saying, 'Give us time, and we shall find a way across higher up or lower down the gully, although to reach it we shall probably have to abandon some of our luggage, and almost certainly most of our non-theological factors.' On either side of the gulf, others are shouting, 'Jump to our side! The best landing-place is here! You can easily manage it if you will only leave all your luggage behind! And then a lad comes forward and says, 'Could we not all take just our jewel cases and jump at the same moment to meet one another in the middle of the gulf?'"

The seriously disturbing thing is the way some men and Churches have learnt how to handle this conscience on union. But more of that next week.

WILKIE J. THOMSON (Croydon, Vic.) writes on . . .

DISCOVERING THE BOOK

"I have found the book of the law in the house of the Lord," said Hilkiah the high priest, as he gave the book to Shaphan. What a discovery! The law of God had been lost . . . and lost in the house of the Lord. But perhaps it isn't so surprising after all, for I fear that the law of God, and a great part of his will and word, have been lost in the same places . . . places erected in which people might worship God. It's more than sad . . . it's tragic.

I can imagine the deep repentance of the king and of the people when they had the word read to them, and they learned that they had been practising idolatry, knowing nothing better. How shocked the devout must have been, but with what joy the real word must have been received.

There was a day in England when the Bible was written in Latin, and when it was chained to a desk in the church building. Can you imagine the joy of the people when that Word was translated into the English tongue, and was read to them in the market places or from the steps of some building! How gladly the common people received God's Word . . . the Word that had been lost to them!

So much of the world knows so little of the Word of God today. The arms race, the constant war-like talk, the fighting words, are surely an indication of the lack of knowledge of God's law and Christ's teaching of love. ". . . the large majority of our leading politicians want nothing to do with the Christian faith, going so far as to characterise it directly as superstition and a hindrance to progress . . . They do not consciously base and direct their actions by reference to God's law," said Jóhannes Hamel, a pastor in East Germany. I do not know if I dare to speak so frankly in East Australia, but I do know that there are times amongst our own politicians and people when very little heed is given to God's laws. The Bible is again becoming a lost book.

I well remember David Grayson's story of the salesman who came to sell him some books containing great passages from, what the salesman called, "English literature." After his visitor had pointed out the magnificence of the bindings and covers of the books, David offered to buy the covers without the books. Then he took and read from one of the books, Wordsworth's "The World is Too Much With us," and "The Cotter's Saturday Night," with its rich outline of Scripture and atmosphere of the Scotch home, and so on. The agent was amazed and left assuring David

that he had given him the books, and that he would now be able to sell them far more readily. How true of many people today; the Bible is something to be kept in a Morocco cover more than to be read and learnt.

I have even read that people — yes, even today — in the north of Scotland put the Bible on the doorstep . . . to prevent the devil's entry overnight. And I can remember one woman who told me she always used it for her headaches by binding it on like a poultice, and that it was an infallible cure. I doubt not that the leather binding helped a lot.



Do We Know of the Redemption that the Bible Teaches?

Within this book we may not only learn of the great salvation but of redemption from the bonds of sin — those sins that do so easily beset us. The other day I came across this phrase in the script, "He knew that Christ could redeem his people." Yes, Christ redeems, but not holus bolus. Only as men accept him and then live his way of life as revealed in his Word are men redeemed from their superstitions, degradation and sins. "The law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and of death," cried Paul.

Do We Know of the Sustaining Power of the Promises of God?

They are there for us to know and to claim. There is provision for every vicissitude of life. If life seems a wilderness journey, know that God has set up a table in that very wilderness where the soul's hunger and thirst may be satisfied. If we have found ourselves to be weak in God's service, let us know and be assured that the Bible can make us competent for every duty, can equip us for every struggle and strengthen us for every task. "My strength is made perfect in weakness."

If we are in any way called upon to preach or to teach, let us not be afraid to proclaim the whole counsel of God. And, certainly, let us never be facetious about faith, repentance, confession and baptism. There is

almost as much taught in the Bible about repentance as there is of faith.

Do We Know of the Hope That Is In Christ Jesus?

In the Book we may read of the ultimate redemption from all that sin can do. We may learn of the final overthrow of Satan; of the promise of heaven; of the time when tears are wiped away from all faces and there is no more sobbing or crying.

"No burdens yonder,
Not a single care."

Such a hope is an anchor to the soul.

Beware That We Only Possess the Scriptures Instead of the Scriptures Possessing Us.

At Oberammergau, S. J. Levinson stayed in a lovely little home in the peaceful valley of the Ammer. From his window he looked out toward the mountain on the peak of which the villagers had erected a cross. His host was one of the actors in the Passion Play which he had witnessed the day before. He had been invited to stay for a few more days. In the course of conversation at the breakfast table, the question of Mr. Levinson's religion came up. He answered in German, "I am a Jew." His host's face blanched, his hostess rose hastily from the chair beside him, the rattle of the dishes in the kitchen ceased. He left that afternoon. What was his offence? All the Bible teaching was forgotten by the very people who made their living by the story of the lowly Nazarene, Jesus Christ the Saviour.

The Sword of the Spirit, the Word of God, should be held as firmly as Eleazar held his sword, for they could not release his hand from it. "It clave unto him."

This is the book that may set us free because it is the book of God's Truth. But we must learn and know and live The Truth. And so The Way, The Truth and The Life, God's Son, will set us free from every prejudice, all malice, envy, and that evil that dehydrates the soul — for to know Christ is life abundant and eternal.

R. S. Garfield Todd, of Dadaya, Southern Rhodesia, was in America for several weeks beginning on September 27. He addressed the International Convention of Christian Churches (Disciples) held in Kansas City; preached in a number of churches; and gave a lecture at the Disciples Divinity School in Chicago. The Dean of this school is W. B. Blakemore. Dr. Todd was the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Bader in New York on Oct. 26.

Norseman Mission Christian Centre

On the building recently opened in Roberts-st., Norseman, W.A., as a Centre for work among adults and families in the big districts outside the Mission, the following caption will be printed:

NORSEMAN MISSION CHRISTIAN CENTRE

conducted by the Churches of Christ.

The Centre is proving its worth, and Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Roberts are entering upon a fruitful ministry. Mr. Roberts writes:

We have found the days full, and are becoming increasingly aware of the need for much prayer as we move amongst our adult people. It may interest you to know that we have the contact in the area between Salmon Gums and Widgiemooltha of 44 children, and only yesterday plans were complete to visit every family between Widgiemooltha and Fraser's Range — Norseman and Esperance. At the time of writing I have just returned, having completed a round trip of 325 miles, and made contact with 47 adult natives. These visits have been made possible by the visit to the area of Nursing Sisters from the Department of Health, who are on a Tracoma Survey. By agreeing to be their guide, and having the use of their Government car, it has been a wonderful opportunity to make contact with many.

Notes supplied by J. K. Robinson, Federal Secretary.

During the past two weeks trips were made to Balladonia, where a native, Peter Flynn, was injured when a land rover crashed and he suffered injuries to his ribs and shoulder.



Another trip was made to Fraser's Range in connection with the death of a native woman, Nellie Harris, then again to Southern Hills for Vincent Lambadgie, whose wife was taken to Perth for treatment. We have been able to place five adult natives in employment at Salmon Gums, and to date we have been able to visit six farms in the Salmon Gums area. Last Saturday evening we had 36 in the Centre for an informal sing-song

followed by a cup of tea and biscuits.

It is good to know that, after much negotiation between the Native Welfare Department and the local Roads Board, our native people on the Reserve are to be given rubbish bins and a weekly service introduced for the removal of rubbish from the area.

Used Clothing: We have found to date a real willingness on the part of all natives contacted to purchase clothing at a reasonable price. It is also hoped to obtain an amount of new clothing. In this ministry alone we will have unlimited opportunities to witness, as well as to encourage these people to accept their responsibilities by purchasing for themselves clothing and other things for which they have such a desperate need.

Our aged and invalid pensioners all now have a Savings Account, and as a Trustee I have the opportunity of assisting them to balance their budgets and to make provision for emergencies.

It was good last Lord's Day to have call on us at the Centre one of the local miners. He is a Roman Catholic, but his approach was a direct one. His need is Christ, and we were able to speak to him of the things of our Lord, and we look forward in our Lord's time to the return visit of this needy soul.



Notes supplied by R. S. A. McLean.

Makarap Patrol

Sister Jan Hunting.

I'm just back from the Makarap patrol again. We've been doing this three monthly, and the people coming here the intermediate months. It was a very worthwhile trip, the people are very co-operative and very friendly. When I came to the Aid Post at Igos, the doctor boy, Wazami, had done everything he could to have all ready for us. There was enough firewood there for about six weeks, and enough bamboos of water for a week. He brought pineapples, bananas, potatoes and onions, everything he could to make our stay comfortable. We have been able to get quite a few of these women to come to have their babies, and now have about four here waiting to be delivered, and one in

the mid. ward having had her son. The more I see of these women, the more I wonder how they have managed without medical care. It is no wonder that there are the number of maternal and infant deaths that there are. We have found that there is rarely a family where there is not at least one child dead, often three or four. I've made arrangements to go over there each month now. I feel that it will be well worthwhile. It is quite a thrill to go into these villages and be welcomed as a friend.

Mr. Beale told me the other day how, when he first went there, they were quite hostile and made it very plain that he was not wanted. Often we do not have the opportunity to make a witness in words on these patrols, but we seek to do so by our actions and by showing love. Then, when we have the chance (needless to say) we try to make the most of

it. Roi and Kate, the two doctor boys who have been with us, are very well thought of, and often in their own way try to show these people that they are Christians. This, I believe, is probably more effective than all our words. Roi was telling us the other night how he was talking to one of the headmen of one of these villages. This headman was speaking of asking us for a teacher; he was telling Roi that he had seen our work and would like it among his villages, too. He also told the boys that he had seen their "fashion," that they did not "talk no good," that they were not cross, and that they did not fight the women who came into the hospital, and this was the right "fashion."

We had three babies born in our labor ward last month, and I believe we have at long last really broken into midwifery among these people. The Makarap folk are a little more advanced than this area so we still have our battles in and around Tung, but it is all going to help. We have our problems with nurses, but the girls still seem fairly keen, and we pray that they may learn quite a lot both spiritually and in a way that

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will help them personally in their village life while they are among us.

It is good to see the girls being able at last to enter in and share some of the work on a more equal footing with the boys.

Women's Meetings, Pir

Elaine Chamberlain.

The women's meetings at Pir take the form, at the moment, of teaching the women to sew, and a devotional period. They are held in the chapel, which is situated in one of the hamlets at the village of Pir number 1. There are seven families living in this hamlet. Three of the women near the chapel come, and one lass about 16 years, who lives in another hamlet about five minutes' walk away,

comes too, and to date that is the total. All these are regular and seem quite interested, especially the young girl. If you go by the numbers, the meetings haven't been very successful, but we have learned not to judge the meetings by the number that come, but to have patience, perseverance and understanding.

The Mission at Pir ministers to four different villages, and although Minung, which is the furthestmost, is only 45 minutes' walk away, the majority of the people are too lazy to attend a meeting if they are not really interested.

It is no easy matter to reach our women. The majority of them can't be bothered to come to the women's meetings and bring their children to get weighed and checked over, even when Sister Hunting walks from Tung,

which takes three hours. The life of the woman in N.G. does not inspire her to achieve anything. She is looked on as "something nothing," a packhorse and a bearer of children.

I myself cannot lift them up to the status of Christian womanhood. My part is to be faithful in my ministry to them and to try to inspire them. But your part is: pray, that they will persevere in coming, that they will get over the apathy towards coming because of the long distance, and that they will show interest in the way we are trying to help them. You can let us know of your interest and encourage us by writing to us. You can give materially; there are so many things needed to run a Mission, not only in the women's work, but in the maintenance, running and expansion of the Mission.

THE MINISTRIES OF OUR



FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

Women of the New Testament

An Example and Challenge to the Women of Today.

Mrs. E. Ewers, W.A.

At the time when our Lord was on earth, women were not valued very highly. Men ruled in all places, including the home. Have we ever paused to realise that Jesus did much to improve the standing of women? Some of his most ardent disciples were women. Because of Christianity woman has assumed her rightful place alongside man — to be his "helpmeet" or partner.

When the New Testament books were written, the men, of course, took the prominent part in the religious life — as is still the case in Jewish synagogues today. When numbers were mentioned, only men were counted — besides women and children. Paul, in his letter to the Galatians, ch. 3: 28, says, "There is neither male nor female, for ye are all one in Christ Jesus," but because it had always been the custom, it was the men who took the lead in establishing the Church of Jesus Christ. Nevertheless, the faithfulness and outstanding witness of certain women has come down to us through the ages in the New Testament record.

These women were mentioned particularly because of:

The Christian Homes they established.

Their Prayer Life.

Their Witness in the Home.

Their Recognition of Jesus and His Power.

Their Study of the Word.

Their Hospitality.

Their Social Work.

So many women in the Church today are content merely to attend services and feel that they are so busy in their homes caring for their husbands and families that there is nothing more they can do for the Lord.

What a wonderful privilege we have in helping to establish a truly Christian home! As women, we spend most of our time in the home, and the happiness and contentment of husband and children depend on us. Are we helping to build Christian characters in our children and our grandchildren, as did Lois and Eunice? Mary, the mother of John Mark, Lydia and Priscilla, are all mentioned because of Christian homes they set up.

Our prayer life is very important in our home. We know what prayer meant to Mary, John Mark's mother, who held a prayer meeting in her home (Acts 12: 12). Many of us could help in this way.

How impressive a witness Priscilla was in her home! Paul mentions her in 1 Cor. 16: 19, with her husband Aquila, "with the church that is in their house." Sometimes we are called to live in the country where there may not be a church. There is our opportunity to witness and set up the Lord's Table on the Lord's

Day, just as Priscilla and Aquila did. Many of our churches have had their commencement in this humble way. In Rom. 16, Paul speaks of "Priscilla and Aquila, my helpers in Christ Jesus," and we realise how Paul depended on this couple.

Do we always recognise Jesus and the power he can be in our lives, or is our attention focused on less important matters? Like Anna the prophetess, do we instantly recognise Jesus, and do we tell others about him? Do we hear him speaking to us, as he did to Mary Magdalene in the garden after his resurrection? Have we as strong a faith in Jesus as the Syrophenician woman who begged for her daughter to be healed, or the woman who touched his garment?

Quite often, when we are forced to stay home because of family ties, we have opportunities to study God's Word, and, as Mary did, sit at Jesus' feet and hear the words he has to say to us.

Many women in the New Testament are remembered for their hospitality. One who is outstanding is Martha. We must take Jesus' warning, however, not to be so absorbed in hospitality as to neglect our spiritual needs. How glad and grateful Peter's wife's mother must have been when Jesus healed her, for immediately she rose and ministered to him. We read, too, in Luke 8: 2, 3 of Mary Magdalene, Joanna, the wife of Chuza, and Susanna, who cared for Jesus from their own resources. Paul commended Phoebe for hospitality to him and many others, and we know how grateful he must have been to Lydia and Priscilla for taking him into their homes. This is a worthwhile service Christian women can share in today. To take home a stranger or a new member of the church to share a meal goes a long way to make them feel at home in the church family.

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Every Day a New Life

Home, they say, is where we hang up our hat; the place we come back to every evening if we are business people, and the place that takes up most of our time and attention if we are housewives or mothers. It is also the place where we can be extremely happy or in the depths of despair; where we show love and consideration for others, or vent our ill nature on those whom we love.

How often we rise in the mornings with the burden of a new day on our hearts! The business problems of the previous day are still unsolved; a nightmare interview awaits us, or the cares of the family and household worry and oppress us.

The story is told of a woman who lost her husband and was left lonely, grief-stricken and poverty-stricken. Her sense of depression was so great that she would have committed suicide had it not been for the grief it would have caused her relatives. She had to earn her living, so she set out to sell books to country schools. She needed a car to do this, and put up all she had on the deposit on a used model. She became more and more depressed. Business was bad. She began to lie awake at night wondering how she could meet the next instalment on the car, worrying what would happen if she fell sick, how she could pay for her room. She had

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The death of Dorcas was a great loss for the people of Joppa, for she "was full of good works and alms-deeds." Today there is a tremendous need for women to help those in less fortunate circumstances by sewing, sick and prison visitation, and other social work, which can best be done by women. In our Lord's words, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

It will be seen from the lives of these women that there is always a field in which women are particularly suited to serve. Are we facing up to the challenge they present? Our duty is to be true to the heritage we have received.

nothing left to live for, and dreaded getting up each morning.

Then one day she read a sentence which changed her life. It said, "Every day is a new life to a wise man." She pasted that sentence to the windscreen of her car. She repeated that positive thought until it drove all the negative thoughts from her mind. She is now happy, fairly successful, with plenty of enthusiasm and love for life.

"Every day is a new life to a wise man." This principle can be applied in our homes just as well as in the business world. Learn to trust God daily, and don't carry today's worries forward into tomorrow. Jesus said, "Be not anxious for the morrow." —Kathleen M. Smith.

Sand in the Works

Dr. Trevor Davies.

I have a Dictionary which was published in 1905; a handsome two-volume edition. It is still useful for many references, but the other day I looked up the word uranium, and this is what it said: "A rare, heavy, white, metallic element . . . it has no important uses." Fifty years ago that substance which has completely revolutionised warfare and the policies of the nations in the last ten years was thought to have "no important uses."

We have greater powers in our hands than our fathers ever dreamed of. We can travel to the other side of the world in a day; our words can circle the globe in a matter of minutes; we are even beginning to think seriously (not merely imaginatively) of going outside the globe for our next adventures, since this world has grown too small to hold us. Is there nothing that man cannot do? Well, we are beginning to realise that with the increased tensions and strains, what most we need is not more knowledge, more skill, more material power, but more spiritual and moral power.

The objective factors in our situation, to use the language of film publicity, are "colossal, stupendous, staggering"; but our personal, interior, spiritual resources have been progressively neglected, with the result in many lives that is tragic and disastrous. In order to live adequately today we need adequate resources that shall give us poise, balance, peace. If to live an ordinary life requires this, what must we say of that extraordinary life which is the Christian? For let us make no mistake about it, the Christian life is a supernatural and a superhuman one; and that being so, in order to live it we must

needs have superhuman power: the miracle of Divine Grace operating in and through the human. Heartbreak, frustration, confusion, come because men and women of good intent try to live on this higher level without adequate resources of spiritual power.

You may have a perfectly constructed motor-car, efficient and well-turned out, but it is useless upon the road without petrol. Machines, however carefully made and adjusted, will not work for long without oil and grease; sabotage of the most perfect piece of machinery is simple with a handful of sand — grit in the bearings will spoil it and stop it. Likewise good and gracious living is impossible if irritation takes the place of grace in our spiritual make-up. Multitudes are holding up the work of the Kingdom of God, sabotaging the machinery of it, not because they do not mean well, or because they do not want to see it working in national and individual life, but just because they themselves act like sand in the machine.

Let us earnestly pray, then, not for more machinery, more knowledge, more technical skills, more material power. We have enough of these. Let us rather pray that we may receive more and more of the grace of God to enable us to handle, control, direct wisely and rightly, what we have.

Inspiration is a fact without which no great music, poetry, painting, preaching, is possible. What is it, whence is it? What is the wind, whence comes it? Said a small boy to an old sailor as they gazed out to sea and watched the waves toss and tumble, "What makes the wind blow?" After a long pause the old man replied: "I don't rightly know, but I know how to hoist a sail." The great art which is Christian living needs inspiration. Know you how to hoist a sail that will fill with the wind of God?

It was Abraham Lincoln who was reported to have said: "I have been driven to my knees a thousand times by the overwhelming conviction that there was nowhere else to go."

To live as God requires in this world requires God.—Christian World.

The instructor in the prison school was interviewing three recent arrivals to determine what their educational interests were.

The first man expressed an interest in mathematics while the second wanted to study history.

Turning to the third, he said, "And what are you interested in?"

Replied the prisoner: "Outer space."

HERE AND THERE

It is jointly announced by the Federal Executive, the Queensland Home Mission Committee and the Townsville church that R. N. Gilmore, B.A., of Dandenong, Vic., has accepted the invitation to serve with the church at Townsville as from April, 1962.

J. G. Shaw has accepted a further three years' ministry with the church at Springvale, Vic.

The fifty-fifth year of the Federal College of the Bible concluded on Tuesday, Nov. 14. For the Graduation and Ordination Service, the Lygon-st. church building was packed out, with many unable to gain admission. It was a pleasure to welcome visitors from N.Z., Qld., W.A. and S.A. Dr. W. A. Kemp was in the chair, and Miss Vera Louey officiated at the organ. Thirteen students completed the College course, among them S. Graham, of Norseman Aborigines Mission. Principal Williams reported on the year's activities and presented diplomas to those who had qualified. H. J. Patterson, M.A., delivered a fine, practical address to outgoing men, urging each one to "carry out to the full the commission God gave you." The candidates then made their solemn vows and, kneeling for the prayer of dedication, gave themselves afresh to the ministry of the Word.

The members of the Vic.-Tas. Overseas Mission Dept. wish to express their appreciation to the past secretary of the committee, A. B. Withers, for service rendered over a period of nine years. As he now holds the office of chairman, the experiences of that period will be an asset as he continues to lead in this important work. All secretaries and interested members are asked to note that the new secretary is Mrs. E. L. Williams, 1 Elm-rd., Glen Iris (phone 25-6541).

The church at Kalgoorlie, W.A. (where F. H. Griffiths ministers) has been blessed and souls have been added as a result of the Maxted mission, Oct. 21-Nov. 5. Prayer support was good and the Holy Spirit's presence was sensed by all. Bill Robinson's song leading was a valuable contribution to the meetings, while Mrs. Marj. Calladine (City Church) brought many fine messages in song. Mr. Maxted's sincere and touching preaching moved many hearts. Of the twelve confessions of faith, six were B.S. scholars. There were seven re-consecrations. Thanks are expressed to Caulfield, Frankston and Terrenville churches for their concentrated prayer support.—V. P. Smyth.

The Vic.-Tas. C.W.F. Council Meeting will be held Friday, Dec. 1, at 11 a.m., in the Reception Room, Churches of Christ Centre. Special presentation of Christmas devotions will be brought by the North Essendon ladies. All delegates and friends are invited to attend. Would all groups please have their "S" forms and missionary contributions, etc., in by Dec. 14, 1961.—N. Newham, Sec.

A telegram which reached this office on Nov. 13 from V. Boettcher tells of crowded meetings at Roma, Qld., marked by a spirit of revival and twelve recent decisions for Christ, five of them on Nov. 12. Seven of those making decisions are adults.

John McCarty, of Carnegie, Vic., has obtained the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Cambridge). His mother is a member of Carnegie Church of Christ, and active in the Women's Auxiliary of the Social Service Dept.

Saturday, Nov. 5 saw the official opening of the new B.S. school hall and renovated chapel at Oakleigh, Vic. The builder, F. Hayeraft, handed the key to Mrs. V. Masterton (an original charter member), after which the official party entered, followed by church members and friends. The chapel was filled to capacity. Representative speakers included Mr. Fox (Federal Parliament), Mr. Scanlon (State Parlt.), who also read a greeting from the Premier of Victoria, and Cr. Lovell (Mayor of Oakleigh). Brotherhood depts. represented were: Women's Conference (Mrs. Amos), Conf. Pres. (W. A. Thompson), Properties Corp. (A. W. Cleland), Dept. Christian Education (R. V. Longthorp). Guest soloist was Jean Milne. Afternoon tea was served in youth hall. At the first evening service in the new chapel, Mrs. J. Dow was soloist and one young B.S. girl confessed Christ. After the service, members retired to the youth hall, where B.S. scholars were presented with prizes and supper was served. Resident minister is E. J. Miles.

About thirty former residents returned to Whyalla, S.A., to share in the 21st anniversary services of the Church of Christ, Nov. 5, 6. Two hundred sat down to tea on the Saturday night in the new Methodist youth hall, with the Methodist young people waiting on the tables. After tea most of the people went into the Methodist church for a meeting conducted by the minister, R. Tippet, the guest speaker being E. Sanders (Murray Bridge). At the close a religious film was shown. On the Sunday morning, the Church of Christ

chapel was filled to overflowing, when 88 took communion. All positions at communion were taken by old members. E. P. C. Hollard gave a greeting from the H.M. Committee on the Sunday evening, when the chapel was again full. Mr. and Mrs. Berry sang a duet and Mr. Sanders gave his final message; 102 communed for the day.

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NOTES FROM THE READINGS

as suggested for

Sunday, Dec. 3

JEREMIAH 50: 1-20.

The fall of Babylon and the restoration of Israel are prophesied as the purposes of God.

"out of the north" (v. 3). — "Babylon fell without a battle to the armies of the Persian king, Cyrus, in Oct., 539 B.C." (Hyatt).

"be as the he-goats" (v. 8). — "In the coming collapse, Israel, being forewarned, shall be like the bellwethers that head a flock, the first to escape" (Welch).

1 TIMOTHY 5: 1-22.

This chapter discusses cases of pastoral care, involving the administration of discipline.

"an elder" (v. 1). — "An older man" (R.S.V.). "Be considerate of a brother well advanced in years, older than yourself; treat him as you would your own father; try exhortation and encouragement before rebuke" (Lowstuter).

"widows indeed" (v. 3). — That is, without children or grandchildren.

"taken into the number" (v. 9). — "Enrolled as a widow" (R.S.V.). From the various references here, it seems that "an official list was first to be compiled of all dependent widows who were entitled to receive alms from the church; from this list a certain number, all over sixty, were selected for various duties or services, for which they received some recognition from the church. The arrangement was somewhat precarious; it was to be guarded most carefully, lest it bring the church into disrepute" (Lowstuter).

"they will marry" (v. 11). — "The result of widows' remarrying is that both they and the church (v. 14) are criticised as faithless. The best way to handle this problem, the writer urges, is not to allow widows of marriageable age to be enrolled at all, thus preventing from the outset the possibility of defection" (Gealy).

"Lay hands suddenly on no man" (v. 22). — "Do not be in a hurry to the laying on of hands — giving the sanction of the church too hastily (in reinstating expelled offenders or in ordination in questionable cases)" (Amplified N.T.).



Theme for the Week:
**"THIRSTING FOR THE
 LIVING GOD"**

Sunday, December 3

Psalm 63.

Thought Text: "When I remember thee in bed . . . my soul clings close to thee, thy right hand holds me fast" (vv. 6, 8, Moffatt).

When we reach out to turn off the light at night, how often do we use the time before sleep comes in thinking of God, or in meditating on something just read from his Word?

"Read little; meditate much; pray always," was the advice of Wilfred Monod's mother on the way to use Scripture. Too many Christians only follow the first part of that counsel.

The Psalmist knew that he never felt so close to God, or more sure of his protecting care, than in those quiet moments before sleep, when he filled his mind with God and his Word. Are we ready to learn with him?

Father, help us to learn how to "take every thought prisoner, and make it yield to Christ." Amen.

Monday, December 4

Psalm 84.

Thought Text: "A day in thy courts is better than a thousand" (v. 10).

What does the Psalmist mean by this phrase? The R.S.V. follows other modern translators by inserting the word "elsewhere," so that it reads, "A day in thy courts is better than a thousand elsewhere." But Prof. W. A. Shelton thinks the reference to "a thousand" is to a regiment in the army, and that this passage (sung to the king by the pilgrims) is a reminder to him that "one day's service of God is better defence for the nation than an army."

Both interpretations have significance for a generation that seeks the "elsewheres" of life more fervently than "the courts of God," and still puts more faith in armaments than in humbly seeking the will of God.

WHEN SOARS the SOUL

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

O God, take away men's blindness, that they may see where their real strength lies. Amen.

Tuesday, December 5

Psalm 95: 1-6.

Thought Text: "Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving" (v. 2).

Joyous gratitude is essential to real religion. Paul felt the same way as the Psalmist when he wrote, "In everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God" (Phil. 4: 6); "established in the faith . . . abounding therein with thanksgiving" (Col. 2: 7). What he urged on others, he practised himself; his letters are full of expressions of thanksgiving to God for the help received in many ways through many people.

If the Lord we try to follow could even thank the Father for bread and wine, the symbols of his own sacrifice, then how much more ought we to thank him for all he means to us! Yet we come to him so often clamoring, demanding, forgetting to be thankful.

Give us, O Father, grateful hearts, a growing awareness of how much we owe to thy saving and keeping care.

Wednesday, December 6

Isaiah 6: 1-8.

Thought Text: "I saw the Lord, high and lifted up" (v. 1).

This life-changing experience for the young Isaiah sets a standard for our own worship of God. Have we ever seen, as he saw, the Eternal breaking through the temporal, the Divine touching all with glory? Has worship for us ever become as inescapably personal and challenging as it became for this young man, with his sudden realisation of his own need and the utter dedication of his life, expressed in the simple words, "Here am I; send me"?

God still needs the same kind of eager response to his challenges — those challenges which can come to us just as strongly now, in our own rooms, as in any chapel or cathedral. Are we ready to say, "Here am I; send me"?

O God, give us the eyes of faith to see thee, the ears of hope to hear thee, and the voice of love to speak for thee, day by day. Amen.

Thursday, December 7

John 4: 19-24.

Thought Text: "God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth" (v. 24, R.S.V.).

In a searching comment on this verse, R. H. Strachan says, "To worship in spirit means that we yield

our wills to God's will, our thoughts and plans to God's for us and for the world. Spirit must meet with spirit . . . In truth means that we are not worshipping an 'image' of God, made out of our own ideas. Idols may be not only metal, but mental."

Idols of our own making can crowd God out of our thoughts. The Psalmist said of the wicked that "God is not in all his thoughts" (Ps. 10: 4). Do we love God, with heart and soul and mind and strength?

Help us, O Lord, so to discipline our wandering thoughts and self's desires that we may truly worship thee, with all we are and have. Amen.

Friday, December 8

Revelation 7: 9-17.

Thought Text: "God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes" (v. 17).

Centuries before, Isaiah's inspiration had given men the ringing words of faith: "He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces" (Is. 25: 8). The Psalmist also had ventured to believe that "weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh with the morning" (Ps. 30: 5).

But the men who wrote the New Testament knew that the victory had been won, by the Man who had spoken of joy the night before his death. They knew, as Dr. Gossip found in his own experience of deep loss, that "in heaven tears have no future; they have only a past."

For such triumphant and abiding hope, we give thee thanks, O God of all comfort. Amen.

Saturday, December 9

John 15: 1-8.

Thought Text: "Without me ye can do nothing" (v. 5).

Just as no vine-branch can bear fruit without being a living part of the vine itself, so no Christian can bear the fruit the Master longs to see unless he abides in a living relationship with his Lord. In actual practice, what does that mean? William Barclay says that "for most of us it will mean a constant contact with Jesus Christ. It will mean arranging life, arranging prayer, arranging silence, in such a way that there is never a day when we give ourselves a chance to forget him."

If we fail in this, even through being too busy doing things for him, we fail indeed. His verdict on anything we try to do in our own strength is: "Nothing!"

We need thee every hour, most gracious Lord; keep us from ever forgetting it. Amen.



INTERSTATE CHURCH NEWS

Discipleship

Mr. and Mrs. C. Jones and Heather, Lenswood, S.A.
 J. Harmon, Miss L. Gaze, Burwood, N.S.W.
 Maxienne Squire, Mrs. Hobby, Maylands, S.A.
 Margaret Waller, Pat Birrell, Yvonne Fraser, Ron Williams, Michael Brittain, Oakleigh, Vic.
 Misses G. M. Stafford, K. Brame, S. Campbell, Brighton, Vic.
 Miss G. Callister, Castlemaine, Vic.
 Malcolm Collett, Mount Gambier, S.A.
 Sylvia Lankuts, Richard Hunwick, Beulah Road, S.A.
 Heather Allen, Kedron, Qld.
 Helen Reddick, West Preston, Vic.
 Jennifer Porter, Loxton, S.A.
 Linda Simpson, Margaret and Maria Dunningham, Robert Jarman, Canley Heights, N.S.W.
 Peter Barnett, Preston, Vic.
 Trevor Anderson, Mt. Compass, S.A.
 Jim Scarfe, Brunswick, Vic.
 Mr. and Mrs. R. Butler, Horsham, Vic.
 Paul Dohl, Sunshine, Vic.

Membership

Mrs. Scott, West Preston, Vic.
 Mr. Anderson, Loxton, S.A.
 Mr. and Mrs. L. Nicholas and Peter, Cheltenham to Brighton, Vic.
 Jean Roberts, Lenswood to Mount Gambier, S.A.
 Miss Muir, Unley to Beulah Road, S.A.

Marriage

Ann Creek to Jeffrey Mercer, Rockdale, N.S.W.
 Helen Norton to Graham Smith, Beulah Road, S.A.
 Rosemary Woolcock to John Thompson, Carnegie, Vic.

Fallen Asleep

Mr. Surtees, snr., Wiley Park, N.S.W.
 Mrs. F. M. Brown, Preston, Vic.
 Mr. Eglington, Flinders Park, S.A.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

North Perth (E. C. L. Ots).—Youth tea on closing day of Friendship Mission addressed by Mr. Phillipson (Methodist). L. Cooke (Maylands) preached p.m. B.L.B. held annual parade, Oct. 29. C.M.S. invited church members to barbecue in hills. Mrs. Ots in hospital. J.C.E. raised sufficient funds to register 21 members for National Convention. B.S. successful in drive for new members. C.W.F. held meeting at Guest Home. C.Y.F. held Family Fair evening.

QUEENSLAND

Kedron (J. H. McCormick).—Choir sang at Albion mission, Clarke Park. New stove installed in manse; C. Handy painting exterior of manse. Y.W.F. gave £35 for materials for baptistery. Work progressing on erection of toilet block at rear of chapel. S.W.F. held morning tea. J. McCormick conducted service at Sunsetholme. B.S. scholar made good confession; baptised Nov. 12. Six teachers attended camp at Caloundra. Dedication of new organ highlight of morning service, 12th. Mrs. Jenkins in hospital.

Stafford (C. J. Williams).—Youth groups continue excellent attendances. S.W.F. had "bring and buy" night, and stall during recent weeks, also visit to Aged Christians' Home. Weekly offerings increasing. Three teachers attended camp at Caloundra. All auxiliaries functioning well.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Taree.—Church helped by many visiting speakers over past weeks, including Robt. Story (U.F.M.), Oct. 19; Nixon Mission Party, 22nd, Mr. Nixon speaking at a.m. service. Incoming H.M. sec. (K. Crawford) spoke a.m., 29th. In afternoon he met church officers in connection with forward programme being undertaken by N.S.W. Committee in 1962. Plans to assist that programme will be left till coming of V. T. Parker early in 1962.

Canley Heights (R. Ellis).—Special story feature for children included in gospel services. Barbara Inglis gained 2nd place in State in Scripture exams. G.L.B. tied for 1st place in badge work display. Four Y.P. made decision, Nov. 12.

Belmore.—B.S. anniversary services, Nov. 5, 12 were well attended. School's

message was Make Christ King. Mrs. Pat Horton provided beautiful illustration and Col Tandy brought it to life with excellent lighting effects. Speakers were R. Beadle, G. Sloman, Miss Bev. Christie (kinder afternoon) and Youth Director, R. Greenhalgh. Two scholars gave their lives to the Lord. Slide night held for raising funds for Norseman Mission raised £14. Members were impressed with pictures brought back by Judy McLean from the Mission and taken while visiting there on way to Perth for interstate basketball carnival. P. E. Thomas will serve an interim ministry, starting Dec. 10, until such time as church secures full-time man. Church is placing Bibles in a motel at Mudgee, with name of Mudgee church inside.

Burwood (A. G. Elliott, M.A., Ph.D.).—A.C.E. concluded for year, Nov. 15. Consistent attendances indicate lively interest and immense value of this venture. 1962 promises an even wider programme. Remaining Wednesday nights into early Dec. will be occupied by cottage prayer meetings and loyalty dinner in connection with Stewardship Campaign. A man confessed Christ and was baptised, and a young lady made her decision at Leighton Ford Crusade.

Rockdale (C. J. Mackenzie).—On Oct. 15, returned missionary, F. Manning, was a.m. speaker. At Oct. fellowship tea, speaker was Woolwich student, A. Anderson. Church welcomed home Mrs. Copley, after nearly two years overseas. After evening service church shared in fellowship with her, enjoying her supply of pictures and information. At C.W.F., Nov. 1, the welcome meeting still continued around luncheon table. Mrs. Kimpton staged "Doll's Fashion Parade," Nov. 4. Av. communicants 105; a.m., 112; p.m., 83. Midweek prayer meeting combined in united service with Banksia Free church, led by our church.

Beverly Hills (R. W. Beadle).—B.S. anniversary, Oct. 29, Nov. 5. On 29th, Miss Bird gave talk to scholars, and on 5th, Mr. Theobald addressed school in afternoon, and conducted evening service. Scholars, trained and conducted by Miss Norma Cook, sang delightfully. Church rejoicing in decision of 14 scholars during anniversary, and 1 confession during, Billy Graham Crusade team campaign. Church expresses sympathy to Mrs. A. Morris and family in recent Home call of Mr. Morris.

Tamworth (A. M. Surtees).—C.W.F. anniversary had Mrs. L. E. Wylie (Sydney) as speaker; over 60 women present. At B.S. anniversary, Mr.

Mottram (Pocket Testament League) guest speaker; all sessions well attended. Little ones excelled themselves, and "big" school put on "different" programme. Happy Hour sessions after school well attended. Minister's father passed away, and sympathy of church is extended. C.M.S. change-over night and ladies' social evening held. Office-bearers inducted, and social evening and buffet supper followed. Leighton Ford Crusade concluded with many decisions.

Asquith (D. Wakeley). — Young man and young lady accepted Christ, Nov. 5, 12, and the man's father reconsecrated his life. Church anniversary, Oct. 29; P.S.A. presented by Sydney C.Y.F. team, who also presented evening gospel message by means of cantata. Mrs. Little welcomed back after many weeks' illness. B.S. approaching crisis with 114 scholars in school and insufficient accommodation for expected 1962 increase. Combined churches of district have choir practising in chapel for Carols by Candlelight. Mrs. Middlemass very sick.

Wiley Park (C. Bowser). — During minister's sickness, church was helped in services by various speakers. Plans are well under way for alterations and additions to existing buildings; every effort being made to increase Building Fund.

Wollongong (R. J. Anderson). — Reports presented to annual business meeting showed steady growth. B.S. anniversary well attended; L. Thomas (Sydney) guest speaker. Lad made decision at evening service. School had increase in scholars and staff. Five welcomed into fellowship after baptism, Nov. 12; one further baptism. Dedication service for elders and deacons that day, each Board member having part in service. Mrs. Fairley welcomed back after hospitalisation. Y.P. maintaining fine witness in open-air street meetings, Saturday evenings and Sunday afternoons.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Victor Harbour. — C. Purdie conducted services, Nov. 12, followed by pictures of Norseman and Carnarvon Missions. Manse being prepared for G. Lord. Church extends sympathy to Sweetman family in loss of daughter.

Ascot Park (R. H. Sercombe). — B.S. picnic, Longwood, Nov. 11; three buses transported children. Including teachers, parents and friends, 262 sat down to lunch provided by ladies' catering committee. Film, *The Son of God*, screened p.m., 12th.

Loxton (O. R. Clark). — Weekly prayer and Bible study meetings helpful. Members take part in Barnera visitation. C.Y.F. held barbecue and

Guy Fawkes evening, Nov. 4. G.L.B. enrolment and promotion service, 30 girls present. 64 present a.m. service 12th, when young lady baptised. Man received into fellowship, Oct. 29. Series of slides on life of John the Baptist, and Jesus, being shown at gospel services.

Mt. Compass. — Church appreciated assistance given by 11 Y.P. from Clovelly Park, Oct. 24, and other visiting speakers. T. Lawrie (C.O.B.) is planned to do vacation ministry with circuit. Mr. Philp conducted baptism of one young man. Mrs. Rocky Burrows addressed, and Mrs. Fax led devotions for special C.W.F., when 46 visitors from neighboring towns, Adelaide, and other local organisations, were present. Colin Stock (J.E.W.) also visited.

Grote-st., Adelaide (L. E. Jones, B.A.). — Attendances maintained. Nov. 5, a.m., dedication service for officers of church. Elected for first time as deacons were Messrs. W. Bradley and Bagshaw. Mr. Manning recovered from surgery. New lighting of chapel meeting with widespread satisfaction. Y.P. activities curtailed, due to exam. studies. Tennis and cricket teams enjoying successful season. Mrs. R. McLean, wife of Federal Overseas sec., guest speaker at midweek meeting.

Flinders Park (J. Baker). — C.W.F. making up parcel for the Woodville Spastic Home. A combined break-up of men's and women's Fellowships, on 15th, featured competition for the best decorated Christmas tree. Endeavor Day recently, great success, with Mr. Smallwood, a.m., and Mr. Horne (Y.D.), p.m., assisted on platform by young men of C.E.

Leuswood (A. J. Ingham). — Attendances and interest very encouraging. Three additions by faith and baptism. D. Hammer guest speaker for B.S. anniversary, when building was filled to capacity. Singing excellent under leadership of Mr. and Mrs. H. Pollard. Picnic held at Williamstown, when 80 were catered for. C.Y.F. enjoyed river trip fellowship at Murray Bridge's invitation. Piano purchased for church hall. Church printing newsletter monthly.

Beulah Road (R. Clymer). — B.S. had successful anniversary, when G. Wood addressed scholars at afternoon session, and R. Clymer, p.m. A. Anderson conducted youth choir. Teachers' dedication service conducted by D. Hammer. B.S. picnic, Morialta. Two have confessed Christ. C.W.F. sewing day, Colebrook Home. Representatives of Aboriginal Mission Committee responsible for evening meeting. Guest speakers at teenage teas were L. Fitzgerald and M. Coombe. D. Brooke speaker at p.m. service. Church welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Brooke at after-church fellowship.

when they gave tape-recording and showed slides of work in Japan. Church members visited Mr. and Mrs. Edson on their golden wedding. Mrs. Milne and Mr. Fisher recovering from illness.

Maylands (D. G. Hammer). — Church welcomed home Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Heath from studies in U.S.A. First of monthly guest services contributed to very large gospel service, and provided fresh introductions to people in district. Members have been giving much practical help to Joseph Blinco campaign. Visiting speakers have included K. Heath, B. Pearce (sec. B. & F. B. S.) and A. Anderson. The latter has taken Mrs. Anderson on a long visit to Victoria, as a means to her health recovery.

Mount Gambier (R. V. Holmes). — C.M.S. conducted working bee to clean up property. Girls' club and Lifeboys meeting weekly. B.S. has £12 in Piano Fund. Three carloads Y.P. attended camp reunion, Naracoorte. Lance Clisby and Dean Sander occupied pulpit during minister's absence at Hamilton (Vic.) B.S. anniversary. C.W.F. making Christmas stockings for Social Service Dept. Church took active part in Blinco Crusade. Av. attendance for month: a.m., 55; p.m., 49; communicants, 46; offering, £19/12/7.

Mundalla (F. Langford). — C.Y.F. tea and service held; Y.P. took part, led by C. Manning; good attendance. C.W.F. held meeting Nov. 9, for O.M. work. Sis. D. R. Milne still hospitalised in Adelaide. Members attended Wampony church anniversary, p.m., 12th.

VICTORIA

West Preston (T. T. Robinson). — Explorers, under leadership of Alan Bush, distinguished themselves at annual sports. Membership increased to 32 boys. C.E. held successful evening, when 300 people attended to view *In West Preston Tonight*, compered by Howard Weedon; £25 raised for the hospital at Tung, New Guinea. Film, *Oil Town, U.S.A.*, screened at special night. Lady received by transfer and young lady baptised, 12th.

Horsham (L. S. Dewberry). — Married couple have made good confession. Av. Oct. attendances: a.m., 154; p.m., 105. At Oct. meeting, C.W.F. packed cases of beautifully made clothes for Mission stations. Teens and Twenties "Round Robin" games night concluded with pavlova supper. At monthly youth service, 29th, senior Good Companions provided choir, duet and reader. B.S. anniversary, Oct. 22, 29, with effective addresses by Messrs. Feary (Ballarat) and Muller (Box Hill). Junior Good Companions and Junior Explorers combined for social evening, 24th. B.S. picnic, Centenary

Park, Mt. Arapiles, Nov. 4, with excellent programme for children and adults. On 5th, church enjoyed fellowship and ministries of R. Bolduan, church anniversary speaker. Mrs. F. Oliver received 49 awards for cooking and preserves at Wimmera Shows. Helen Oliver won 6 riding awards at same Shows, including 2 champion sashes and qualification to ride at next Royal Melbourne. Mr. and Mrs. Cutchie have returned from N.Z. holiday. W.M.B. packed Christmas gifts for Homes in Melbourne. Mrs. Ballinger and family and Mrs. Mitchell have moved to Melbourne.

Springvale (J. G. Shaw). — Annual business meeting, Oct. 18, elected: Messrs. Carter, Goudie, Jarvis, McKinnon, Munyard, Randall, Sheehan (sec.); Thompson (elder); Daff (eldertreas.). Number 'breaking bread av.; 85; active membership, 114. B.S. has 195 scholars on roll and 31 teachers. Under direction of Youth Co-ordinating Committee, junior and inter. C.E., C.Y.F. and Young Explorer club recommenced. Public address system to crying room has been replaced. Construction of new hall for kinder. work has commenced. Church has shared with other communions in united activities in district.

Preston (G. W. Barnett). — P.m. service, Oct. 22, attended by St. John Ambulance division. Hospital offering exceeded £15. In absence of minister at Wattle Park, p.m. service, 29th, was addressed by Mrs. Kershaw. A.m. service, Nov. 5, conducted by K.S.P., Trevor Raynor giving message. One decision at night. Happy time spent, Fitzroy Gardens, at outing arranged by C.M.S. Film, *Teenage Code*, screened p.m., 12th. Church regrets sudden death of Mrs. F. M. Brown, active in C.W.F.

Brunswick (R. E. Burns). — Church 79th anniversary, Oct. 29. R. Bolduan a.m. speaker. Camberwell choir rendered enjoyable programme in afternoon, and Mr. Burns gave evening address, Mrs. T. Harris being soloist. Prior to these meetings, C.M.S., C.W.F. and C.Y.F. held meetings, Mr. Crisp, Mrs. Turner and V. Longthorp being speakers. "B" basketball won 1st two matches. Young men baptised and received into fellowship. Glass doors in front porch keeping building warmer. Youth club held enjoyable picnic at Twin Lakes, 7th. Visitor during month, B. Beaton (Devonport).

Oakleigh (E. J. Miles). — Kinder. and primary anniversary, Oct. 15; Judith Canterbury speaker, followed by well attended youth tea. Three Y.P. confessed Christ at p.m. service. B.S. anniversary, 22, 29, speakers being Messrs. Coombes, Brooker, Ewers, Miles.

Bendigo (G. J. Andrews). — Good attendances and challenging messages highlighted 95th church anniversary

services, Nov. 12; C. G. Taylor (Doncaster), guest speaker. A.m. service broadcast, 3BO. Thankoffering £150. Combined City, Spring Gully, Kangaroo Flat B.S. picnic held at Ravenswood, Nov. 7. Contract let for lining of school hall ceiling. Delegation supported mission at Maryborough.

Brighton (S. H. Wilson). — On B. & F. B. S. Field Day in Brighton, A. R. Stockton occupied the pulpit. C.W.F. held successful anniversary meeting; Mrs. Nance-Kivell speaker. At gospel service conducted by C.M.S., L. G. Crisp was speaker; men's choir much appreciated. On 29th, Church School held anniversary. Speakers were S. H. Wilson and K. Hank. H. Plummer conducted choir. Girls' gymnasium display in school hall most successful. On Nov. 5, three ladies baptised.

Castlemaine (A. B. Titter). — B.S. anniversary, Oct. 29. C. Young (Uncle Charlie) spoke at all services. Children, under leadership of Mrs. Macdonald, sang very well, especially kinder. Ten scholars made good confession at evening service. A lady also made confession and was baptised, Nov. 12. Another young lady accepted Christ on 5th. Prizegiving evening for senior scholars held 30th; items presented by scholars greatly enjoyed. C.W.F. kept busy catering for wedding breakfasts. C. Grigg married Nov. 11, and Miss Lyn. Jones, 18th.

Malvern (G. J. Crossman). — 81 present at Temple Day, Nov. 12, 69 breaking bread; amount realised, £541/13/6. Prayerful meetings on Saturday night prepared way for fine service on Sunday. Church has received £1010/3/4 from estate of J. L. Donaldson. Pam and Pat Towers gave items at evening service.

Footscray (A. E. Hurren). — Stewardship of Service campaign continued on Nov. 1, with combined night of all auxiliaries, when A. E. White (North Essendon) spoke on *The Dedicated Home*. On 3rd, F. T. Morgan spoke on *The Place of Prayer*. E. L. Williams, M.A., speaker a.m. on 5th, and film, *The Beginning*, screened p.m. Members attended H.M. rally, Maidstone, 6th. B.S. and friends enjoyed picnic to Bacchus Marsh, 7th. C.M.S., on 8th, elected A. Ashlin, pres., W. Burgess, vice-pres. R. Patterson (Maidstone) speaker a.m., 12th.

Cheltenham (R. C. Bolduan). — Presentation made to Miss Lucy Griffiths after she spoke at a.m. service. She has taken up her new duties as Sec., World Youth Projects, W.C.C. headquarters, Geneva. B.S. anniversary had packed meetings over two Sundays. Visiting speakers were V. Longthorp, D. Thomas, and Mr. Hendrickson (Kildonan Cottages). 20 Y.P. attended camp at Montbulk run by Southern Bayside District Youth Fellowship. Explorer boys enjoyed week-

end camp at Nar Nar Goon. Church parade of tennis and cricket clubs, Nov. 12, preceded by tea at which 60 were present. Evening service packed and Ken Fraser, guest speaker, assisted by John Birt (both of Essendon football team). They joined 60 Y.P. in after-church fellowship. L. E. Snow guest speaker a.m., 12th. Bus load of women attended "Woman to Woman" meeting at Blackburn.

BIRTHS

ELBOURNE (Eccles). — On Nov. 10, at Bethlehem Hospital, Vic., to Violet and George, God's gift of a daughter — Denise Joy. Both well.

PYE (Somerville). — On Nov. 7, at Ferntree Gully, Vic., to Joan and John, a daughter — Judith Melinda. Sister for Kevin. Coralie, Gillian.

STEWART (nee Gillanders). — On Nov. 12, at St. Stephen's Hospital, Maryborough, Qld., to Margaret and Don, a son — David Edward. Both well.

WHITTAKER (Martin). — On Nov. 11, at Springvale, Vic., to Marg. and Barry, a daughter — Rosalie Allison. Susan's baby sister.

ENGAGEMENTS

GHYS - FERGUSON. — Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Ghys, South Caulfield, Vic., announce, with pleasure, the engagement of their elder daughter, Lynette Pamela, to Keith Clark, twin son of Mrs. M. Ferguson, Ripponlea, Vic.

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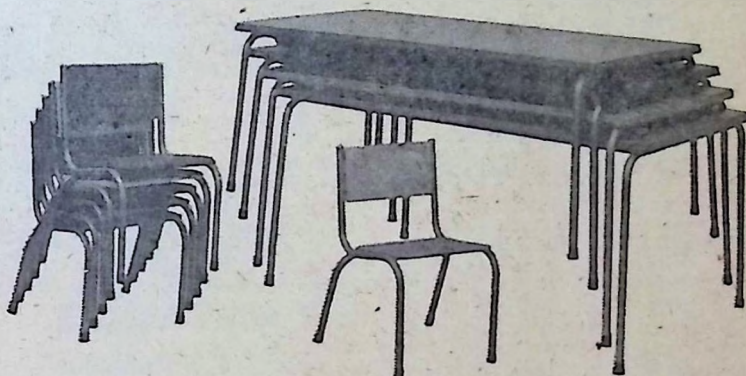
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