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R. N. Gilmore, B.A.

Townsville Appointment

The Federal Home Mission Committee, along with the Townsville church and the Queensland Home Mission Committee, recently announced the acceptance by R. N. Gilmore, B.A., of their invitation to serve with the church in that northern city, where we have the most northerly congregation of Churches of Christ in Australia.

Because of the Federal interest and support for this cause, we take pleasure in introducing Mr. and Mrs. Gilmore to the readers of "The Australian Christian."

Mr. Gilmore graduated in 1953 from the Federal College of the Bible, where he was, successively, Secretary and President of the Student Committee.

He married Miss Joy Macindoe, of Dorrigo, N.S.W., in 1954. Mrs. Gilmore, a certificated nurse, is also a graduate of our Federal College. Mr. Gilmore ministered to the church at East Malvern, Vic., for five years, during which time he graduated Bachelor of Arts from the Melbourne University. Having subsequently served with the church at Dandenong, Vic., for three years, he accepted the call to Townsville, where his ministry will begin in April next.

Appreciation is expressed to the Dandenong church for graciously releasing its minister from a happy ministry to undertake this work of great strategic importance. The whole Australian brotherhood will join in

wishing Mr. and Mrs. Gilmore and their three children every blessing as they go to reside in Townsville, which is recognised as the "unofficial capital" of Northern Queensland. — Stanton H. Wilson, Federal Home Mission Secretary.

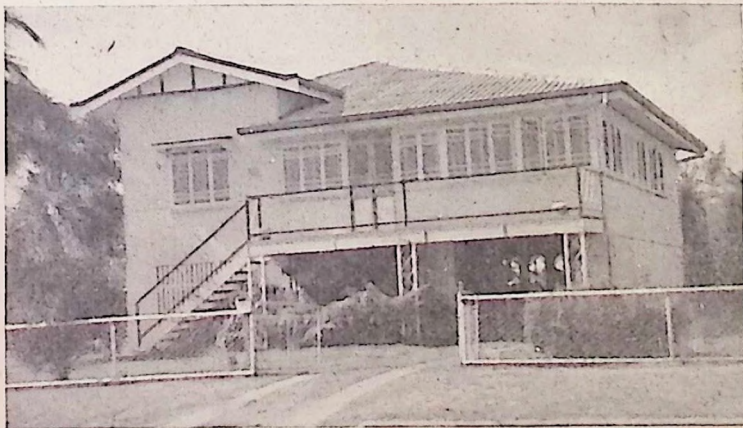
Townsville Progress

The church at Townsville is to be congratulated upon its recent acquisition of a most attractive property, costing £7,500, in the pleasant suburb of Pimlico.

The property consists of a corner site (3 blocks totalling approx. half an acre), at a bus stop and only three miles from the city Post Office. The Townsville University, a High School and two Primary Schools are all within a short walking distance of the Church site.

On the land, which has a frontage of 145 ft. on one street and 150 ft. on the other street, there is a comfortable 3-bedroom manse. The manse is so situated as to allow, subsequently, for the building of an all-purpose hall, leaving room for the erection, later, of a chapel, where, at present, a flood-lit bitumen tennis court now stands. The tennis court can be an immediate revenue-producing asset and a help in youth work, in particular, until such times as the church is able to erect a chapel on this imposing corner position.

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The grounds are attractively laid out with lawns and flowering tropical shrubs and stately palm trees. Provision is made for adequate parking reserves.

The church at Townsville has made this purchase entirely from its own financial resources. It took possession of the property on Dec. 1, absolutely free of debt. It is hoped that, under the blessing of God and with the joint support of the Federal Home Missions Committee and the Queensland Home Mission Committee (made possible by the contributions from churches and individuals) and with the coming of R. N. Gilmore, B.A., in April, and with the loyal co-operation of the congregation in Townsville, a strong and virile church will be built up and the Kingdom of God extended in this populous and thriving city of Australia's "Far North."
—Stanton H. Wilson, Federal Home Mission Secretary.

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OPEN FORUM

Dear Sir,

Recent Editorials, plus acceptance into the W.C.C. of Non-Protestant Churches and talk about Mere Independency, prompts thought and discussion on Christian Unity. There are many problems but neither the Christian faith nor the Body of Christ will be whole or wholly effective until all professing Christians, from Roman Catholic to Churches of Christ are organically joined in His Church.

God has spoken to us today, to go from the place where we are, to a "Land" which he will show us. Dare we disobey God, or tell him he is wrong, or insist that we will be happier where we are now, or refuse to begin the journey because he will not reach that "Land" in our lifetime?

In the cause of Unity each group will be asked to give up things which are held dear, for we are all going to this "New Land." For us this could mean that Congregational Autonomy ("Mere Independency"); Baptism, by immersion of believers; Lord's Supper, celebrated weekly and conducted by laymen, will all be in jeopardy. Of course, we think we have Scriptural basis for these and therefore they will not change. But what if God says they must go? He once said the Ark of the Covenant must go, the Jewish Sacrificial system, the Temple Worship, all as valid in their day as the things we hold dear today. But God wanted to lead his people on a spiritual pilgrimage. We must prepare ourselves today to go on another pilgrimage. — E. S. Sanders.

J. E. BROOKE (Balwyn, Vic.) looks at an interesting new translation . . .

"ALIVE WITH HIS LIFE"

The Bible begins, and proceeds through all its pages, with the fundamental assumption that God is the origin of all life.

This throbbing, pulsing universe, from its lowliest to its loftiest forms of existence, and the life within each one of us, which we feel and love and thirst for in ever greater fulness, is all from him.

As Isaac Watts sings, in one of his hymns:

"Life like a fountain, rich and free,
Springs from the presence of the Lord."

And once, in time, the New Testament declares, life found its highest fulfilment and richest manifestation in the glorious person of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Indeed, the Gospel of John opens in a way that obviously has in mind the first chapter of Genesis, but with the purpose of completing that sublime statement with a great new revelation.

It speaks of Jesus as "the Word"; that is, the expression of God's thought, and says that "when all things began, the Word already was. The Word dwelt with God, and what God was, the Word was. The Word, then, was with God at the beginning, and through him all things came to be; no single thing was created without him."

What a tremendous thought is expressed here. How personal and close it brings the whole conception of life's creation and availability, and possibility of growth and completion.

For this Jesus, Who himself showed life at its greatest and most glorious, and brought that life right into our human midst, is one with God in his eternal life-giving purpose, and is the One who acted and acts for God in all the bestowal of life.

The New Translation of the New Testament has a brilliant flash of insight when it goes on: "All that came to be was alive with his life, and that life was the light of men."

Everything existing, and man, the highest form of life, is alive with his life, the life of the eternal Word, Who became man, and came, and continues close to us, in Jesus Christ.

"Alive with his life!" This gives us a great, thrilling, transfiguring view of the whole universe and of our own life and eternity.

Let your mind dwell, first of all, on the thought of

CHRIST, THE LIFE OF ALL THINGS.

"All that came to be . . . alive with his life."

It means that Jesus Christ is not just a person who lived away back at a point in history, a tiny figure now "stranded on the shore of the oblivious years," nineteen centuries and more ago.

He is rather the One to Whom all things are, vitally related, the one great Source and Soul and destined Summary of everything in the whole great universe.

"All that came to be" — of every shape and form — all of it — "alive with his life." He is its being, its beauty, the goal of its striving, the sympathy of its suffering, the redemption of its ruin. This, deepest of all.

G. K. Chesterton had this great vision of the all-pervading, all-comprehending Christ when "the crimson seas of the sunset seemed to him like the bursting out of some sacred blood, as if the heart of the world had broken."

William Cowper thrilled to the same thought

"One Spirit, his,
Who wore the plaited thorns
with bleeding brows—
Rules universal nature."

And Joseph Mary Plunkett has sung of "all things that came to be . . . alive with his life," in the haunting lines:

"I see his blood upon the rose,
And in the stars the glory of his eyes,
His body gleams amid eternal snows,
His tears fall from the skies.
I see his face in every flower,
The thunder, and the singing of the birds,
Are but his voice — and, carven by his power,
Rocks are his written words.

All pathways by his feet are worn,
His strong heart stirs the ever-beating sea,
His crown of thorns is twined with every thorn,
His Cross is every tree."

And this is not simply a thought of beauty and comfort for mystics and poets. It is also rock-ribbed reality for those who want to know the stern truth about this human life of ours.

In Christ is

THE WAY IN WHICH OUR HUMAN SOCIETY WAS MADE TO WORK.

Our life together, as men, where it really lives, is "alive with his life."

This is not just an ideal. It is a fact, which we were wise to recognise, and which we ignore at our peril and ruin.

Our great system of human relationships is either "alive with his life," or is dying with denial of his life.

The spirit and teaching of Jesus come with the simple sureness of a fundamental law of life. "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness" — and, as soon as that is stated, our hearts assent.

Tennyson echoes it —

"Because right is right, to follow right
Were wisdom in scorn of consequence."

Or, Jesus says, "Love one another," and, however differently we behave, we know that that alone is life.

A little child in a family heard the phrase, "Human beings," and asked its meaning. "It means all of us," was the answer, "father, mother, brother, sister, our neighbors. Everybody we know is a human being." "But," said the child, "all the people we do not know — are they human beings, too?"

The spirit and teaching of Jesus are as self-evident as a question like that, which answers itself.

To see all men, near and far, as children of God and our brothers, and to practise understanding and creative goodwill towards them all — that is the way life was made to work.

As we look back at all the civilisations that have died, we see that they have died because they were out of line with Christ's way of life: "Down they come, one after another," said Thomas Arnold, "and all for lack of righteousness."

As we look out over our world today, we realise that, insofar as it is alive and sane, and kept from plunging into madness and disaster, it is only because there is in it just enough of Christ's quality of life.

When we think about the future, we know that the hope of the world is to live with this life; its doom is to die in the inevitable corruption and dissolution of evil.

The issues are clear in the ringing voices which sound through the final book of the Bible: "Babylon is fallen, is fallen," and "The kingdoms of this

world are become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign for ever and ever."

Shelley exclaims, in his "Lines written on hearing the news of the death of Napoleon," "What! alive and so bold, O earth?"

But why such surprise? God's earth, and the human society which he has ordered, live with his life and are bold with his goodness. It is greed and vaunting ambition and evil will which must die.

But we want to bring this truth close to each one of us. Christ, the life of all things in the universe, the life of all that is good and enduring in human society,

CAN BECOME SO REAL TO US THAT WE, PERSONALLY, ARE ALIVE WITH HIS LIFE.

His first disciples, as they followed him, felt his life flowing more and more into theirs, until they found themselves living an altogether dif-

ferent life, a life that was not really theirs, but his.

Then the time came when his physical presence was withdrawn. But still they felt his life in them; not now flowing from a personality close to them, but rather springing directly from a spirit within them.

And this became a possible experience of all who believed in him, even those who had never known him in his physical presence.

So Paul wrote to people who had never seen Jesus in an outward way, about his inward indwelling, as though it were the perfectly normal and natural Christian experience.

To the Colossians, he wrote of "Christ, Who is our life"; to the Philippians he declared, "Christ means life to me"; and to the Galatians, "I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me."

This, all vital Christians have humbly but joyfully confessed as the truth

about their lives, from Augustine, exclaiming, "My life shall be a real life, being wholly full of thee," to Gladstone, the statesman, of whom it was finely said, "In Christ his powerful intellect found anchorage; in Christ his impetuous temper found restraint; in Christ his versatile personality found self-fulfilment."

This vital, personal experience of Christ may be ours, each one of us, if we will accept him in faith, and live with him in prayer and communion. "Alive with his life."

The American novelist, Nathaniel Hawthorne, wrote to his wife, "How little did I know what it is to be mingled with another's being! Before you came to me I had only life enough to know that I was not alive!"

How alive are we in our souls? What do we know of being mingled with another's being, and that Being none other than God in Christ? He comes to us now, that through him, we may really live.



Notes supplied by R. S. A. McLean.

East Asian Christian Leaders' Meetings E. W. Heard.

It was a very great encouragement to be able to meet and take part in this Conference at Bangalore, India. Delegates came from most countries stretching from Korea and Japan in East Asia and India, Pakistan in the South West.

These have a total population of over 2 billion people. In most of them Christians are tiny minorities, often only 2 per cent of the population. On the map these countries look like a great sickle, edged along the borders of mainland China. Christian leaders from Australia and New Zealand and a representative each from Tonga in the Pacific and Africa participated. Under the chairmanship of Bishop Subropena of the Philippines, and Secretary, Dr. D. T. Niles of Ceylon, the Conference was immediately involved in preparation of reports involving much paper work. Some Asian leaders thought that the number of papers requiring reading did not allow sufficient time to seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

The devotional level of the gathering was very high, the chaplain being Manga Cameron, a Maori minister, who daily led us to the Throne. Many of the delegates had stopped over in

Bangalore before going on to the New Delhi Assembly of the W.C.C. Leaders of the World Council were also there, and on the first evening at the conclusion of the John R. Mott lecture the devotional time was given to a young minister of South Vietnam, who gave his testimony of the power of the Risen Christ in his life, being a former Buddhist priest, now an evangelist in that war-striven country.

The emphasis of the Conference was on the spontaneous growth of the Church under the power of the Spirit. Non-professional Christian witness (the laity), and the leading of Asian Christian youth to its God-given task were of special importance. Again the delegates were concerned for the practical problems of churches, rather than theoretical or doctrinal discussions of mature churches. There was great joy in the meeting together of Christians divided by race, nation, language and seas, but brought face to face in Christ. Across many lands the infant churches found common problems of the renewed living religious and national cults.

All found new inspiration for the common task of witnessing together to proclaim Christ in Asia.

The Power of Prayer Miss E. Vawser, India.

As we look back over 1961 we can affirm that our Heavenly Father has

been ever faithful, and his tender mercies are without number. One's heart sings with gladness as one thinks of him and of Jesus Christ our Lord. What a wonderful thing that Jesus came to this world as a babe! What a life he lived, but what a death he suffered for mankind! As Christians we should be the happiest people.

We rejoiced at Christmas with the little family who spent most of the year with us. Sudhaker Salvi, a Bible College student, was a total invalid after an operation on his chest to remove the seat of an abscess. This was a sponge which had been inserted there seven years earlier. Only by the Hand of God was he saved at the time of the operation, for he was left for dead and the surgeon told me that he had lost the case. However, he survived, but the wound never healed. Fifteen months later (12/9/61), when a specialist (a missionary surgeon returned from America) operated, he made a wonderful recovery. This again is only by the Grace of God.

At the time of the second operation, prayer was being offered in the churches at Baramati and Shrigonda, and in other places throughout the Mission. At Shrigonda everyone was present, and the children of the Girls' Home, one after the other, offered sincere sentence prayers for the recovery of the patient. I was at the hospital; we knew that the operation need not necessarily be counted serious, but because of the condition of the patient there was grave risk. The operation was over within four hours; it could have lasted much longer, and as the surgeon came from the theatre he said, "This has been done by the power of prayer." He felt and knew that prayer had been offered in all

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THE MINISTRIES OF OUR



WOMEN



FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

Devotional Programme, 1962

Parables.

February. — The Sower.
 March. — Laborers in Vineyard.
 April. — King's Son's Marriage.
 May. — Ten Virgins.
 June. — Talents.
 July. — Sheep and Goats.
 August. — The Good Samaritan.
 September. — The Rich Fool.
 October. — The Prodigal Son.
 November. — Rich Man and Lazarus.
 December. — Houses on Rock and Sand.

It would be greatly appreciated if State Secretaries would send Monthly Reports to Mrs. C. C. Neville, 14 Dalton-ave., West Hobart, Tasmania, by the second Tuesday in each month.

FEDERAL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Tasmania has sometimes been left off the map of Australia; other times it has been called the dot under Australia. We are happy that for the Churches of Christ throughout the Commonwealth, Hobart, Tasmania, will be well and truly on the map because of Federal Conference here in October of this year. To all those planning to come to this beautiful State, we are looking forward to meeting you, having fellowship together and sharing in the witness of Christ and his Church.

Such times when Tasmania has been omitted from the Australian map, there has followed an outcry in our Press; probably if inquiries were made into the cause it would be that an official had forgotten to include this small State, as in comparison to the mainland, it is only a dot.

I know you will agree that we all are guilty at some time or other of

forgetting things. We use various ways of reminding ourselves; use notes, diaries, leave things within our sight, maybe even make use of old custom of tying cotton around a finger.

Our Bible has quite a lot to say about forgetting and remembering. The Psalmist admonishes us to "Bless the Lord and forget not all his benefits, who forgives our iniquities and heals our diseases, crowns us with steadfast love and mercy." Is it possible for Christians to forget such wonderful words as these? In Proverbs we are told to forget not the words of the Lord or his teachings. Paul recommends us not to forget to do good and share what we have. Again, in another vein, he tells us to forget what lies behind and press on toward the goal of the upward call of God in Jesus Christ.

Jesus tells us, "The Counsellor, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in My name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you."

It seems then that it is a human weakness to forget, but we can strengthen this failing by responding to the challenge of Christ, by yielding our wills to God's will. Let us, then, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, go into the New Year asking for God's blessing on our women's work.

Lord God, inspire our minds

To worship now.

As we in humble faith

Before thee bow.

With thy bright flame, make pure

The heart's recess.

Our service, Lord, accept—

Accept and bless.

Interstate News

NEW SOUTH WALES.

There were 100 ladies present, representing 27 churches at the December meeting, the final meeting for 1961.

Mrs. Baker was in the chair and welcomed all to the meeting; the minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed as a correct record.

Miss Rofe (treas.) brought a recommendation to the meeting that the special project for 1962 would be to supply the material for the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hammer, jr., in New Guinea — about £250. This was moved, seconded and unanimously carried.

Mrs. Baker announced that £15/6/- had been received for the gift for Balladoran church, and a pulpit Bible

and a hymn board and numbers had been purchased.

The Christmas programme was prepared by Mrs. L. Wylie, and presented by the Mosman and Lane Cove sisters. Much work and preparation had been put into this effort, with specially printed programmes, instrumental items, film strip and Bible reading, suitable carols and a Christmas story.

The whole programme was very much appreciated and enjoyed by all. Prayer topic for the month of December was: For the Unity of All Nations. —J. Torode, asst.-sec.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

There were 193 present in Grote-st. chapel for the Dec. Conference meeting. Mrs. A. R. Jones presided, and welcomed delegates and visitors.

Devotions were led by the Vice-Presidents, Mrs. C. Cunningham reading Matthew 1: 18-23, Mrs. S. Lawrence giving a Christmas message, and Mrs. Cunningham rendering a solo.

Mrs. Jones welcomed Mrs. David Hammer, jr., to the meeting, and assured her of our prayers and our very real interest as she and her husband go out to the Mission field in New Guinea. A small gift was given her as a token of our love. Mrs. Hammer spoke briefly to the meeting.

There was a wonderful number and variety of gifts brought to the meeting for the members of the Hospital Dept. to distribute to patients in hospitals, and the leader, Mrs. Roberts, thanked all who shared in the giving.

Mrs. Pillar brought the Obituary report. A season of prayer was led by Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Trowbridge and Mrs. Wharton. Reports were presented by leaders of the Prayer Meeting Dept., Overseas Missions, Christian Education Dept., Home Missions, Social Service and Aborigines Dept. The Christian Education Dept. annual Programme Material booklets are now available at one shilling per copy.

Mrs. D. Hammer, snr., gave an interesting word picture of Christmas at Carnarvon.

Promise for the month — from Isaiah 26: 3 — "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee." —Barbara B. Fitzgerald, asst.-sec.

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Irwin Miller, a leading businessman active in the work of our American brotherhood of Disciples of Christ, has been appointed to the new 16-member Executive Committee of the World Council of Churches. All members are appointed to hold office until the Fourth Assembly, which is expected to meet in 1967 or 1968. The General Secretary, Dr. Willem Visser 't Hooft, has announced his intention to retire around 1962, on reaching the age of sixty-five.

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sincerity and he had been helped. Our hearts cannot contain the joy that has come for a life given back from the dead. You can imagine how happy the wife and two little boys will be to have their father home with them. At the time of writing he is still in the surgical ward and may have to stay for some time yet, he will not be allowed to come home until they are quite sure that he has made a complete recovery and is over the convalescent stage. His letters are full of praise and adoration for the One Whom he desires to serve.

Strategy Of Literature In The East

J. Oswald Sanders.

One of the most significant trends in the world today is the rapid increase of literacy — a development which upholds untold possibilities of good or ill.

Ideas rule the world — not guns. We are living in a day of ideological warfare. Benjamin Franklin said, "Give me twenty-six lead soldiers (meaning the alphabet) and I will conquer the world." Bacon declared, "If I might control the literature of the household I would guarantee the well-being of the State and Church." Trotsky thundered, "The most powerful means of propagating Communism is the pocket pamphlet."

It is my considered and firmly held opinion that the Christian Church at home and abroad has in large measure neglected the vast spiritual potential which Christian literature affords. If I were a pastor of a church, and I have been, I would make this a very high priority. Just recently I visited a church in northern N.S.W. where the minister has a bookstall, making available to his members, young and old, books covering doctrine and every likely spiritual problem. Some of his ordinary church workers have libraries that would put to shame those of many ministers.

Now on the foreign fields I have found that with increasing literacy there is a growing literary vacuum in many countries. There is no greater tragedy than literacy without literature, or literature of a wrong sort.

We must recognise four competing forces for the new literates of the world:

COMMUNISM

Communists have capitalised on the need of literature among the new literates of the world. Communism is most alert and organised. They spend fifty times, as much on propaganda as America. Take Indonesia as an example. Communists have flooded Indonesia with their propaganda and by no means present shoddy literature. Red literature is simply written and is produced for the masses. It is attractively produced on good paper, better than the West can produce it, and is often of a high moral tone. It is sold cheaply at a price the people can afford.

In 1954 there was enough literature produced by Communism to allow two pieces to every person in the world, and in India alone seventy per cent of available literature is Red!

CULTS

False cults are growing throughout the East because they recognise the value of presenting their claims

through literature. Here is an illustration from Thailand. In Thailand you will find cities where there are no Christian churches, and no ministers, yet you will find Jehovah Witnesses pedalling their literature, even though they do not know a word of the language. In 1955 Jehovah Witnesses printed 75 million copies of their Watchtower magazine.

The Seventh Day Adventists are wide awake to the advantages of spreading their literature, as also the Mormons and others. But take the Seventh Day Adventists. In Poona they have 600,000 adherents, propagated and won in India through their strategy of the press. The Adventists have forty-two publishing houses which print two hundred different languages and turn out over three hundred periodicals.

CORRUPTERS

Pornography known as "Yellow Culture," distributed by the West, is offset by the usually high moral tone of Communist literature. In Singapore, the Leftist Government (inclined to Communism) has banned all pornographic literature and entertainment. Books you can buy in Sydney and Melbourne are banned as pornographic in Singapore. I happened to pass a theatre where they were erecting a huge sign advertising the film Solomon and Sheba, but the next day it was taken down, banned by the Leftist Government as pornographic. Yet we can view these films here!

CHRISTIANITY

Christendom's literary efforts compared with Communism are but a trickle versus a torrent. One thing is certain, and that is that propaganda is the Devil's strategy. It is to our discredit that we have allowed him to achieve such success. Christian literature has the advantage over preaching. Of the best of sermons people generally retain one tenth of what they have heard. Christian literature has the following advantages — it never gets tired, can be read in secret, can be re-read, remains if we leave. It is free from natural prejudice. It is comparatively cheap, and goes where the living voice cannot penetrate. The force of the message is not lost in controversy. Christian literature has a large coverage, meaning it can be handed around. In all, results are permanent.

With new literates the need of Christian literature is so vital and urgent, because they are not critical

and have a tremendous reverence for anything that is written. I have seen these people wipe cigarette ash away from that which they were reading, with great care: to them a tract is a great treasure. They believe what they read simply because it is written.

The Christian Workers' Press, founded ten years ago in Hong Kong, has helped to meet the vacuum, and is an ideal printing centre. It is turning out seventeen languages for the C.I.M., and fourteen for other societies. In all, up to ten million pieces a year. Good seed, in good soil under the quickening influence of the Holy Spirit, must bring forth fruit. There is no estimating the tremendous power of the Christian press!

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News of British Churches

J. L. Colver, whose resignation as General Secretary of the Churches of Christ in Great Britain became effective at the end of October, has been inducted to the joint pastorate of the two churches in Bulwell, Nottingham. The service was conducted by William Mander.

The response of the churches to appeals by the Social Questions Committee — Angola, Congo, Refugees, Save the Children, etc. — has been so great that the committee has appointed Mrs. K. Anderson (Liverpool) as Appeals Secretary, in order to relieve the Secretary/Organiser, Sam Mason, of the heavy burden of secretarial work.

Following the Third Assembly of the World Council of Churches at New Delhi, James Gray was met by Keith Skillicorn and visited the Mission station at Surguja. He was to spend Christmas in Thailand, with Mr. and Mrs. Sewell, who are on the staff at McGilvray Theological College.

Two Overdale students, D. Wall and D. Nuttall, led a youth weekend in the Notts district. A united service was held at Riddings on Sunday, to which over 80 teenagers travelled to take part. — G. J. Hammond.

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In view of the seriousness of the world situation, we urge all our church members to continue instant prayer that the situation may not deteriorate any further, that wise counsels will prevail, and the leaders of the nations seek and accept the guidance of God.



OUR FAMILY PAGE

How Much Time for the Church?

Richard E. Lentz.

How much time should the church ask of busy parents? This question has been raised repeatedly in parents' meetings and in discussion groups of church leaders. It seems to express a real problem as well as some tension. What is a fair answer to the question about church claims upon family time?

Groups who have discussed the question have made two statements intended to limit the problem — or the solution. They have pointed out that family schedules and responsibilities vary. Not all families are alike. Churches in their claims must recognise differences in families and in periods of family life.

Then, it has been insisted that church duties do not represent the total of Christian service by families or their members. While Christian families will want to share in the programme and work of their churches, responsibilities of family rearing are Christian service, too! The amount of time devoted to church duties may not be used as the sole index of parents' Christian devotion.

Here are some constructive suggestions made by persons who have participated in discussion groups at family camps, in adult classes or parent meetings.

First, when personnel committees of the church select persons for various responsibilities, let them take into account both the responsibilities already being carried by those they would ask to take additional duties and also the family situation.

Second, church leaders might experiment with plans whereby church work can be done at home. Some vital duties might include telephone contact of persons — visitors, new people or shut-ins; and home meetings.

Third, the church might give more specific guidance to families in the stewardship of time as represented in their home schedules. Parent and youth discussions, sermons and literature were mentioned, with the request to be realistic and specific.

Fourth, churches might simplify family time problems by working for

a "free night" in school programmes, a night avoided by all church organisations, leaving family members free to stay home.

Fifth, church activities and meetings might be grouped so that family members might attend several groups on the same evening or at the same time — Scouts, choir, deacons, etc.

Sixth, alternate or substitute leaders for church programmes might be trained to serve in times of family emergency. "Maternity leaves" were mentioned.

Seventh, a parents' council or group of selected family members might be formed to evaluate the church programme periodically.

The pace and tempo of modern life are rapid. Few people, indeed, have empty moments. Not many have a clear choice between worthy and worthless claims. Our usual dilemma is the choice between worthy claims. The church family's difficulty is a characteristic one of modern life.

The Christian Church through the centuries has had the audacity to plan and carry through tremendous programmes of growth and service — depending entirely upon voluntary help. Where churches have been unable to claim the services of their members, they have died.

Families or family members do not serve only the church when they give time to church responsibility. The church in a real sense represents an extension of the family's noblest aspirations and fellowship. A great deal of church work is family work, too. And, of course, all of us together must recognise that family members are serving God in a unique and wonderful way as they give their time to strengthen home and family relationships. —World Call.

The Man in the Stone

One of the greatest sculptors of all time was Michelangelo, who lived in sixteenth century Italy. You can still see many of his paintings in the Italian churches, and some of his sculptures, too. Most of them deal with characters from the Bible.

There was brought into Michelangelo's studio one day a huge block of marble. People looked at it and said: "Whatever is he going to make of that?" But the sculptor looked at it, and knew at once what he was going to do. He saw the man inside the stone.

He hammered great lumps off the marble, made it a bit smaller at the top than the bottom, using the big

chisels and the little chisels until at last the great stone began to look a bit like a human figure. Weeks passed into months and months into years. Then, one day, the men and women who had first seen the unheavenly marble were allowed to look at what Michelangelo had done with it. Twice as high as an ordinary man, on what seemed a rocky pedestal, sat a gigantic figure of Moses.

"But how did Michelangelo know that Moses was there in the stone?" asked some of the onlookers.

An artist can see more than ordinary people when he looks at a block of stone — and God can see more than ordinary folk when he looks at a man, or a little girl. No one, looking at the baby in the bull-rushes, thought he would become one of the world's heroes. No one, seeing Moses as a courtier, or a murderer, or a shepherd, thought much of him. But God looked and saw what was in him and, like Michelangelo the sculptor, God brings out all the splendid loveliness. Michelangelo saw the soldier-prophet in the stone. I wonder what God sees in us? Cyril J. Davey.

Recognition?

Recognition, you say?
For what, I pray!
For serving the Lord
In your very own way?
For doing the things
That you know you should?
For living a life
That is kind and good
For giving to God
What is rightfully his?
A tenth isn't much.
Do you think that it is?
Supposing the story
Were told in reverse
And the troubles you had
Became suddenly worse,
And the Lord gave a tenth
Instead of his all
Would you still
Think him great,
Or just terribly small?
Would you seek him out blindly
If put to the test?
Would you think of him kindly
In time of distress?
Would you give up your life
Should he ask it of you?
Then, my friend, recognition
Is surely for you.

—Florence Rue.

It isn't the people who tell all they know who cause most of the trouble in this world. It's the ones who tell more. —Selected.

HERE AND THERE

At conclusion of the morning service at Marrickville, N.S.W., on Dec. 3, the chairman of the Board paid tribute to P. E. Thomas for his interim ministry, and presented a cheque on behalf of the membership as a token of appreciation. "Operation Apex," a programme of four weeks of preparation cultivated a high level of enthusiasm for the coming of the new minister, Mervyn J. Bedwell, and family, who were officially welcomed on Dec. 6. Greetings included N.S.W. Conference President, W. H. B. Palmer, and A. E. Frede on behalf of local Ministers' Fraternal. Address of welcome was given by P. E. Thomas. Mr. and Mrs. Bedwell were received into fellowship and commenced their ministry on Dec. 10, having moved, during week, into the new manse recently acquired by the church. The previous manse is to be adapted for Christian Education purposes.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold C. Caldicott, of Latrobe-terr., Geelong, Vic., led the group of 160 Victorian young people who left Melbourne by train on Dec. 22 to share in the Gold Coast Crusade, conducted by Youth For Christ at Burleigh Heads, Qld. The daily programme included morning Bible study, afternoon sport, and evening outdoor rallies. The Melbourne Y.F.C. party returned on Jan. 1.

A representative gathering attended the welcome to Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Jackel on the commencement of their ministry at Peel-st., Ballarat, Vic. A. Graham presided over the gathering and spoke on behalf of the church. Other speakers were representatives of sister churches, Ministers' Fraternal and local church auxiliaries. J. A. Wilkie conducted an induction service on the morning of Dec. 3.

Morning service from Wangaratta church, Vic., will be broadcast over 3NE, at 11 a.m., on Jan. 21.

Graham Lord was inducted into the ministry at Victor Harbour, S.A., at a service conducted by the S.A. Conference President, C. E. Curtis, on December 24. The church is enjoying large gatherings with holiday makers.

Good attendances at morning and evening services on Jan. 7 brought to a conclusion over six years of much appreciated ministry by M. D. Keatch at Warragul, Vic. At a fellowship hour, following the evening service, opportunity was taken to express appreciation of the work of Mr. and Mrs. Keatch. Presentation of a canteen of cutlery, dinner set

and a cheque was made. The holiday period provided fellowship with many visitors.

Very successful 70th anniversary and Temple Day services were held at Ascot Vale, Vic. There were packed services all day, with nearly 200 at the morning service (one family coming from as far afield as Sydney). L. E. Snow spoke, Miss Jean Milne was soloist. At dinner table fellowship, Dr. W. A. Kemp read some humorous paragraphs from the officers' meetings over the past 70 years. G. Moyes spoke on the plans for the new full-time ministry with Newmarket church. At the P.S.A., R. C. Bolduan spoke on "A Preacher's Scrapbook," concerning some of his missionary memories during his period in India. Mrs. B. Ferguson was soloist. Much interest was created in the many old photographs of past church events. After tea, the evening service was conducted by the leaders of the Young Adult and Christian Youth Fellowships. 5 decisions climaxed a great day. The ladies had served 300 meals, and a Temple Day offering of £195 was received.

The church at Canley Heights, N.S.W., where Rex Ellis ministers, is rejoicing in 21 baptisms in recent weeks. No special effort has been undertaken, but the Holy Spirit's power has been very evident. The local bodge group which is becoming renowned through Sydney has felt the impact of power. Three of the boys have been baptised, and three others are keenly interested.

V. T. Parker concluded an appreciated and successful eight-year ministry at Annerley, Qld., on December 17. A farewell evening for Mr. and Mrs. Parker and son was held on the 15th, with a good representation from local and district churches, the building being too small to accommodate those present. Appreciation was expressed by the chairman and elder (H. Farmer), C. Hughes, M.L.A., S. Chalmers (Conf. President), Mrs. Finger (Women's Conference), auxiliary leaders and W. Finger (secretary), who presented a wallet of notes. Other gifts were presented to Mrs. Parker and Douglas.

Redd Harper, the singing star of the Billy Graham films, Mr. Texas and Oiltown, U.S.A., will be the guest speaker and soloist at a great Youth for Christ rally in the Melbourne Town Hall, on Saturday evening, Jan. 20, at 7.45 p.m. Redd is a born and bred Texan, and much of his early life was spent in the saddle.

He is a cowboy preacher-singer with a particular appeal to teenagers.

At the instigation of the Department of Christian Union of our N.S.W. Conference, a joint committee of Baptists and members of Churches of Christ has been meeting for some time in Sydney with a view to greater co-operation, and considerable progress has been made. Dr. A. G. Elliott was invited to be one of the speakers at the recent Assembly of the N.S.W. Baptist Union, and our N.S.W. Conf. Pres., W. H. B. Palmer, has been engaged in consultation with Baptist representatives in proposals for co-ordination and reciprocity between Churches of Christ and Baptists in establishing causes in new areas.

First meeting for the year of the N.S.W. Ministers' Fraternal will be a picnic on Monday, Feb. 5, at the Sydney Botanical Gardens, for ministers, their wives and families. Meet on the lawn near the waterfront, at 10 a.m.

W. Berlin, a highly esteemed officer of the church at Burwood, N.S.W., and formerly of Brisbane and Port Moresby, has been recently honored by the Queen with the award of the British Empire Medal (Civil Division) and citation, for outstanding services rendered to the Commonwealth of Australia in New Guinea. We congratulate Mr. Berlin on the honor conferred upon him.

D. W. G. Holmes, minister with West Moreton Circuit, Qld., will commence a ministry at Hurstville, N.S.W., in February. R. Holt (Chinchilla) will succeed Mr. Holmes at West Moreton.

The morning service at Rockdale, N.S.W., on Jan. 7, was one of Commission and Dedication to Mr. and Mrs. D. Hammer, Jr., prior to them leaving for our Mission field at New Guinea. Representatives of the State Overseas Mission Committee attended, also State Conference President (W. Palmer), Women's Conf. President (Mrs. A. Baker) and many from other churches. The preacher was E. W. Rofey (State Overseas Mission sec.). Luncheon was served to members and visitors. Mr. and Mrs. Hammer both spoke at the farewell evening service.

G. J. Foot, treasurer of Margaret-st. church, Launceston, Tas., was recently elected to the Cornwall seat in the Legislative Council, Tasmania's Upper House. Mr. Foot is well known in church activities and is Commonwealth treasurer for the B. & F.B.S.

Ulverstone church, Tas., requests the prayers of sister churches for the success of a mission to be conducted by a team of Woolwich students from Jan. 21 to Feb. 11. N. Reese is the resident minister.



INTERSTATE CHURCH NEWS

Discipleship

Neville Thomas, Wangaratta, Vic.
Rhonda Gallagher, Kayleen Parker,
Sandra Coates, Martin and Dennis Nolan, Flinders Park, S.A.

L. Blowfield, Kellieville, Tas.

Mrs. Reynolds, Susan Trezise, Footscray, Vic.

Kay Whiteside, Beth McDonough, Ascot Vale, Vic.

Helen Tinkler, Pat. Thompson, Mrs. Turner, Ormond, Vic.

I. Anderson, D. Bardon, R. Gerhard, West Moreton, Qld.

Mr. and Mrs. K. Yesberg, Fay and Jan Christensen, Rosalind Smith, Bevin and Raymond Greenwood, Judith Reed, Noreen Hoppe, Too-woomba, Qld.

Deslil McEwan, Peter Simon, Rockdale, N.S.W.

Neal and Gregory Heatley, Preston, Vic.

Juleen Pederson, Beulah-rd., S.A.

Mrs. Whelan, Maureen Whelan, Oakleigh, Vic.

Maxwell Allsop, Heather Barton, Camberwell, Vic.

Mrs. J. Cox, Misses P. Tregloan, L. Butts, Hamilton, N.S.W.

Misses B. Flemming, S. Harrop, Mesdames R. Dewar, I. Flemming, M. Larcombe, Warrnambool, Vic.

Misses C. Dean and J. McQueen, Gardiner, Vic.

Membership

Mr. and Mrs. Lum, from Oakleigh, Vic., Jerry Ho, from Subiaco, W.A., to Ascot Vale, Vic.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Bedwell, Burwood to Marrickville, N.S.W.

Mr. and Mrs. Kilner, Barry Horsley, to Rockdale, N.S.W.

Mrs. Groves, from South Yarra, Miss L. Salter, from Lygon-st., Carlton, Mr. and Mrs. F. Owens, Mrs. N. Pine, to Prahran, Vic.

Dr. and Mrs. Rose, Miss Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Wensveen, Tincka and Desire Wensveen, to Hamilton, N.S.W.

D. Witham, Noble Park to Warrnambool, Vic.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Vertigan, Central Baptist, Launceston, Tas., to Warragul, Vic.

Marriage

Norma Warburton to Albert Simpson, Portland, Vic.

Shirley Lemmon to Malcolm Allen, Rockdale, N.S.W.

Fallen Asleep

Mrs. Lola, Beulah-rd., S.A.

Mrs. Anderson, Lygon-st., Carlton, Vic.

P. McDonald, Miss L. Darnley, Mrs. J. Hopkins, Gardiner, Vic.

Mrs. N. McDonald, Warragul, Vic.

AUST. CAPITAL TERRITORY

Canberra (G. R. Stirling, B.A.). — During absence of minister, R. Rugendyke, S. Moignard, F. Berry, A. Ongley and M. Rigby (Methodist) addressed regular services, and S. McKay, Christmas day gathering. R. A. Hickin (B. & F. B. S.) preached evening, 31st. Over five Sundays average of 137 communed. At after-church fellowship on Jan. 7, Dr. G. Hall (Wembley, W.A.) screened color slides of Mission work among aborigines. Fellowship with many interstate visitors enjoyed.

TASMANIA

Collins-st., Hobart. — Averages for Dec.: a.m., 151; p.m., 90; communed, 152; offering, £57/10/2. C.E. under direction of Joy Williams, splendidly presented Nativity play at evening service, Dec. 24. Church happy to have fellowship with Living Links, Mr. and Mrs. E. Heard and family, on furlough from India. Mr. and Mrs. T. Street (Aborigines Mission station) are also on furlough, Mr. Street being speaker at morning service, Dec. 31. Fellowship enjoyed with number of mainland visitors during Christmas period.

Margaret-st., Launceston (C. J. Robinson). — Church joined with other Launceston churches to support Launceston Crusade led by J. Blinco. E. W. Taylor (Devonport), H.M. speaker, Dec. 3. Ladies assisted with City Mission Christmas treat for elderly folk. C.W.E.F. concluded year with devotional session including nativity play, The Other Inn. This was re-

peated at gospel service, Dec. 17, when choir presented special Christmas music. Chapel extensions officially opened afternoon of 17th. One decision at gospel service that evening. Audio-visual, Christmastide, screened at p.m. service, 24th. B.S. raised £95 for Indian orphan support during 1961 and J.C.E. contributed £15 to be divided between Bethany, Overseas Missions and Aborigines Missions.

Ulverstone (N. Reese). — Chapel almost filled, Dec. 24. Many visitors present. Lady welcomed into fellowship. Evening meeting well attended, when children and items were included in service.

Devonport (E. W. Taylor). — Early morning prayer meeting, commenced during mission, continues. H. Green (missionary) showed slides of work among aborigines at Mt. Margaret Mission. At annual meeting of church all officers re-elected. Older members conveyed to Bell's Parade, Latrobe, for picnic, Dec. 13. Dec. 17 was missionary service. B.S. classes presented amounts collected during year for missionary projects. Missionary film screened after service.

QUEENSLAND

Too-woomba (H. J. Finger and A. C. Male (interim)). — D. Norling speaker at 79th church anniversary. Over 50 Y.P. spent weekend at annual Darling Downs camp at Cunningham's Gap, under leadership of H. J. Finger and Horace Christensen. Highlight was devotions by John Christensen following barbecue and social at A. Hendricksen's, Tarome. Church looking forward expectantly to coming ministry with Mr. and Mrs. Thurrowgood. Some members journeyed to Melbourne for C.O.B. Graduation service, following which Mr. and Mrs. Allan Male were welcomed for an interim ministry. Christmas Day service held in evening, and speakers and soloists from several countries told of Christmas in their lands. Large crowd attended and were challenged by A. C. Male's address. At Christmas Sunday morning service a married couple owned Christ as Saviour. Mylo ladies' committee entertained guests, staff and general committee to carol and social evening at the Home. Gift of a T.V. set to Mylo is greatly appreciated. Home was saddened by sudden Home call of first guest Albert Heuschle. Communion, baptismal and New Year gospel services conducted by A. C. Male in spite of electricity power blackout. Harlaxton Land Fund, and Mylo, have

benefited by various slide evenings given by Bev. Grenfell, of her travels overseas. Congratulations to Fred. Winter, jr., who passed final University exams in architecture. Church welcomed Harold Finger back from visit to New Hebrides.

West Moreton Circuit (D. W. G. Holmes). — All churches held Christmas tree nights to conclude B.S. year. J.C.E. conducted hike on L. Christensen and L. Lobegeiger's properties. Marburg and Rosewood ladies held thanksgiving dinners. K. Jenner (Boonah) showed movies and slides of Woolwich College. At Rosevale Christmas service, three young men were baptised; building packed with members and visitors. Happy time of fellowship experienced at New Year picnic; Rosevale sacred concert held that night. Mt. Walker church received gift of platform furniture from W. Sellars. Rosewood, Mt. Walker and Rosevale brethren look forward to ministry of R. Holt (Chinchilla) in Feb. Marburg, Lowood and Esk hoping to engage minister in near future.

Annerley. — Church activities continue on high spiritual tone. A. Hillford doing wonderful work among children as B.S. supt. V. T. Parker's ministry concluded, Dec. 17. A man accepted Christ at evening service and choir, under leadership of K. Schaffer, provided special music. Church looking forward to commencement of ministry of H. Sargent.

Wambo Creek (D. O. Norling). — Church appreciated visit of D. Mansell, who spoke at services and lectured at teachers' training class. Harvest thanksgiving service held, Dec. 17.

Albion (M. H. A. Pieper). — People contacted by tent mission invited to gospel service. Screening of film, *Homestead, U.S.A.*, was special feature of meeting. After-church fellowship was held to bid "bon voyage" to Professor and Mrs. Wilson and family on eve of their departure overseas. Special youth service, with members of B.S. and kinder taking part, attracted congregation of over 100. Boys' Brigade platoon is now 19th Brisbane Company, with 17 boys attending.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Marrickville (M. Bedwell). — Youth rally, with 150 present; address by H. Sargent. B.S. annual demonstration, Dec. 13. Ladies' and men's indoor bowls' clubs combined for well attended evening. Church Christmas' function, Dec. 19, when gifts of foodstuffs were brought for distribution to needy of district.

Rockdale (C. J. Mackenzie). — Choral service, Dec. 24, given by

Young Women's Choir and John Clinch. Sydney City Mission appeal very well supported. Many visitors welcomed over holiday period. Remembrance Bowl appeal stands at £30/4/6.

Inverell (G. H. Earle). — As has been custom for several years two Christmas trees were erected, second being for children to place their gifts for purchase of powdered milk for children in Shrigonda Home, India. Christmas pageant presented by B.S. scholars and teachers. Y.P. combined with other youth groups of town to hold combined party and barbecue.

Hamilton (W. D. Howard). — Members absent through illness welcomed back into fellowship. Thanks to Messrs. C. Fraser, J. Moran, Elbourne, E. Potter (Principal, Tahlee College) for messages brought during minister's holidays. After-church fellowship held on occasion of commencement of Mr. and Mrs. Howard's 3rd year of ministry with church. Most inspiring gospel meeting, Dec. 10, when 3 were baptised. Afterwards they, along with 7 others were welcomed into church. At church evening on Dec. 19, Sis. Camps (pres., C.W.F.) presented church with cheque for £140. Musical items rendered by D. Jefferson and G. Jefferson, and Christmas carols were sung in Dutch by Wensveen family. Many visitors during month.

Taree. — Holiday season brings usual long list of visitors; 43 found welcome at services on Dec. 24. C.E. Bowser, B.A., Dip.Ed., was speaker, 24th and 31st. At service on Christmas Day, conducted by M. Hodgson, a record number were present, and Christmas Bowl offering was big step up on gifts received over past years. C. G. Love (Tamworth) spoke Jan. 7. Extensive additions and improvements being made to manse preparative to coming of Mr. and Mrs. V. T. Parker at end of month.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Naillsworth (A. M. Norris, B.A.). — Three services during Christmas weekend were well attended, visitors from several States being present. After service, Dec. 17, Youth Council presented a nativity play to large congregation, which included visitors from newly formed church at Windros Gardens and Forrestville. Christmas Bowl appeal exceeds £55.

Beulah-rd. (R. Clymer). — Average attendances Dec.: a.m., 115; p.m., 83. Baptismal service for B.S. scholar. Guest speaker, Kamal, spoke on Life in Malaya, and sang to teenagers at their monthly tea. The Long Stride screened at after-church fellowship, Dec. Choral service held Christmas Eve; after the service choristers sang carols to those unable to attend.

Offering for Bowl of Remembrance, amounted to £79. Members saddened at sudden passing of Mrs. Lola. Mrs. Loughhead, Hancock, Milne and Rule are ill.

Flinders Park (J. B. Baker). — G.I.B. held successful tea and 42 girls attended church service, when badge presentations were made. Mr. Hutchins (M.P.) presented two boys with Queen's Badge, which is highest award made in the B.B., at their evening.

VICTORIA

Chelsea (K. Hank). — Record attendance at B.S., Dec. 10. Two young girls welcomed into church fellowship. Lady baptised, Dec. 17. After-church fellowship was enjoyed by large gathering which took opportunity of saying "good-bye and God bless you" to K. Hank, who leaves to take up the full-time ministry at Ararat.

Horsham (L. S. Dewberry). — Five have been baptised and received into fellowship. Av. attendances for Nov.: a.m., 160; p.m., 117. Church has been saddened by Home call of Mrs. Ethel Simpson. Preliminary measures are being finalised for erection of new manse. Series of three films has been completed depicting powerful influence of Bible and church in Korea. Church co-operated in Day of Community Prayer, conducted by Horsham Ministers' Fraternal. Teens Twenties function, Dec. 2, shared with three car loads of Y.P. from Hamilton. Mr. Clark led devotions. Monthly youth service, 3rd, heard Junior Comp. choir and solo by Cliff Taylor. Church met '61 Budget and agreed to £5 per week increase to meet new manse commitment. Read Along Together campaign has been helpful with Five Studies in the Plea and The Gospel of Stewardship studied thus far. All auxiliaries have had commendable year of service. B.S. gave all offerings in Dec. to Christmas Bowl of Remembrance appeal. David Fribel has won award for best pupil at High School.

Ascot Vale (G. Moyes). — 70th anniversary of church celebrated and many past friendships renewed. 35 Y.P. visited "Gladwood" and members' homes for singing of Christmas carols. C.Y.F. and Y.A.F. enjoyed outing to Warneet for beach trip to conclude successful year. Two young ladies baptised, Dec. 10, and received into fellowship. Dec. 13, B.S. presentation of prizes; interesting films screened and supper served. Speaker, 31st, was L. E. Snow in absence of minister.

Peel-st., Ballarat (C. W. Jackel). — Speakers at B.S. anniversary were A. Graham and C. Jackel, who also

presented the prizes. Children did excellently under leadership of D. Feary. Hall was filled for concert arranged by M. Fishwick. Many visitors have been welcomed. Lord's Day meetings have been well attended, chapel being full at times even over holiday season. There have been four decisions. Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Jackel in loss of sister. Mrs. Schrader and W. Compton both progressing after hospitalisation. Solos by D. Feary and A. LeContier appreciated, as is assistance by A. Graham and G. Jackel, latter recently graduated from Woolwich, took gael service. Albert Graham was presented with gift in appreciation of his valued services.

Lygon-st., Carlton (R. J. Duckett). — 68 attended final meeting of mid-week prayer and Bible study session for 1961. Offering taken at Christmas party for parcels to local pensioners amounted to over £15. Missionary boxes have raised £100. Church extends sympathy to relatives of late Mrs. Anderson. Preacher and soloist at gospel service, Dec. 24, was L. Barlow.

Footscray (A. E. Hurren). — B.S. had Christmas tree with difference. Little bags of money were hung on tree by each scholar for Refugee Appeal. C.W.E.F. led p.m. service, 17th, portraying birth of Christ story. A lady and B.S. girl were baptised and welcomed into fellowship on following Sunday. Mrs. Cannon (S.A.) and Mrs. and Mrs. C. Cordy and Bevan (N.S.W.) have been visitors.

Moreland (G. A. Grainger). — Christmas services well attended, with special items by choir. Young lady made good confession. Following service held at chapel on New Year's Day, members travelled to Millgrove for family picnic. Annual meeting of C.W.E.F. appointed Mrs. Turnbull, pres.; Mrs. A. Jenkins, sec.; Mrs. Hill, treas.; Mrs. Harman, catering convenor. Congratulations to Dennis Crowley on winning high award in Air Cadets.

North Essendon - Milleara (A. E. White, B.A. - A. J. Lloyd). — B.S. scholars brought gifts for less fortunate children. On Dec. 17, married couple were baptised at a.m. service. J.C.Y.F. and B.S. presented Christmas play at well attended p.m. service. Three young men associated with S.C.Y.F. will enter C.O.B. this year. Chapel filled for Christmas day service. Milleara: Dec. services well attended. S.C.Y.F. from Nth. Essendon attended service, Dec. 10. On 17th, B.S. prizegiving was associated with a.m. service; there was a large attendance of scholars and parents. Attendance at special service, 25th, most encouraging.

Ormond (R. C. McKenzie, B.A.). — B.S. prizegiving, afternoon Dec. 17, and children presented Christmas tab-

leau. Two young ladies and one married lady have made decisions for Christ. One young man made reconsecration. C. Gadge screened film, *The Christmas Story*, which was interspersed with congregation singing carols on Christmas eve. Communion service held Christmas day. J. Thorpe is using his vacation from M.B.I. to give voluntary service at Norseman Mission station. Mrs. McNight (Auckland, N.Z.) visitor, 24th.

Hampton (C. L. Smith, B.Comm.). — Ladies' auxiliary closed year with successful fete; as a result they were able to give to the church £156, Social Service Dept. £25, Aborigines £20. Gym. classes held excellent display; able to donate £127 to church funds. "C" grade cricket team undefeated.

Hartwell (H. J. Patterson, M.A.). — C.W.A.F. held luncheon, Dec. 5, when 60 sat down to beautifully decorated and well supplied tables; items rendered by Mrs. C. G. Taylor, Miss J. Drinkmilk and local ladies; proceeds given to Christmas Bowl. Election of C.W.A.F. officers: pres., Mrs. Seath; sec., Mrs. McCrae; treas., Mrs. Layton. Mrs. Rankine retired after 8 years' service as sec. to become recording sec. with State C.W.F.; presented with crystal vase. C.M.S. organised outing for old folk of Christian and Emmaus Homes on 10th. Good Companions visited "Uncle Charlie" with gifts for his work in hospital visitation. Christmas pageant, p.m., 17th, arranged by B.S., assisted by Y.P. and senior male quartet.

Wangaratta (A. E. Stevens). — Youth Fellowship night held at home of W. Dagger (Glenrowan), with social and devotional programme. B.S. scholar immersed and received into fellowship. Working parties have been overhauling and maintaining camp site at Cheshunt.

Swan Hill (G. A. Harrison). — Morning family service, Dec. 17, broadcast over 3SH; attendance 110. Farewell evening tendered to B. McFarlane and family on 16th, when presentations made by church, B.S., C.W.F. and Good Companions. Mr. McFarlane served for 7 years as church sec. C.E. and C.Y.F. held outing at Lake Charm. Church combined with Woorinen members for a.m. service, 10th.

Portland (C. G. Henderson). — An "empty box" provided at Christmas function for children to aid other children's work in form of toy or money. After evening service, Dec. 24, members took part in carol singing around district. Christmas Bowl appeal stands at over £6. On Dec. 28, a picnic was held at Narrawong for aboriginal folk. This was biggest for many years, over 90 being present, including some from Melbourne. Fellowship enjoyed over holiday period

with visitors and past members. C.S.S.M. assisted in evening service, 31st, with John Lane, B.A. speaker. For three-monthly talent effort concluded in Dec. from distribution of £17 in talents, amount of £168/11/3 was raised.

Colac. — B. J. Combridge preached at both services recently. K. Milne is taking preaching until B. Dowsett commences. Visitors were welcomed during holidays. Home and Overseas Mission offerings were largest ever given at Colac. Total of £316 has been given during year for brotherhood work from 25 members.

Preston (G. W. Barnett). — Film, *Child of Bethlehem*, screened at evening service; two decisions. Nurses' Choir rendered items, p.m., Dec. 17. In absence of minister at Y.P. camp at Kennett River, services have been conducted over holidays by local members, p.m. services being led by church sec. (A. Quaife) and J. Rayner, Mayor and Mayoress of Preston (Cr. and Mrs. Gayther) visitors a.m., Jan. 7, at which soloist was Mrs. Quaife.

Surrey Hills (R. A. Ryall). — Many former members attended last services in 71 year old chapel, on Dec. 17. R. V. Longthorpe preached a.m., G. Gilmour presided, B.S. attended tea, then sang carols at evening service, which concluded with prizegiving. Old chapel has now been demolished and new building about to commence. Services are being held in Youth Hall.

Swan Hill (G. A. Harrison). — Services well maintained over holiday period, and church has had fellowship with number of visitors. Special Christmas service held Dec. 24, with C.E. taking part, depicting Christmas story and bringing special items. Exterior of manse has been repainted. Minister will conclude interim ministry, Jan. 28. 12 Y.P. attended Murray Valley camp at Mildura.

Warrnambool (F. W. Bradley). — Seven have been welcomed by faith and obedience to Christ. Ladies had evening at home of Mrs. Zanos and enjoyed supper cooked by minister. B.S. held social and prizegiving. Attendances are being well maintained, chapel being full on several occasions. Numerous visitors welcomed over holidays. Two baptised p.m., Dec. 24. Combined service with Baptists, in their chapel, Dec. 25. F. W. Bradley was speaker. W. Newham soloist and speaker, p.m., Jan. 7.

Gardiner (F. A. Youens). — Church welcomed Sister F. Kennedy (passing through Melbourne), and appreciated talk on situation facing our Mission in New Hebrides. Fair congregations, supplemented by numerous visitors over Christmas-New Year period. Helpful service held in chapel Christmas morning. Miss F. Cowper soloist at gospel service, Dec. 31.

Principal A. L. Haddon Dies Suddenly

Members of our churches will regret to hear of the sudden passing of Arthur Langan Haddon (66), Principal of our New Zealand Bible College, on December 17.

Dr. Haddon had just returned from New Delhi, and was preaching at the morning service at South Dunedin church. He had concluded his address which, characteristic of him was about Christian Unity, a subject dear to his heart, and reaching through the medium of radio (it was a broadcast service), a much wider audience than our own brotherhood alone, when, during the singing of the closing hymn he collapsed and died immediately.

At the time of his death he was engaged in writing a history of our New Zealand Churches of Christ.

The funeral service was conducted at the N.E. Valley church, to which he ministered for 20 years whilst serving also as Principal. A. J. Templeton and E. R. Vickery conducted the service, with G. D. Munro preaching. The chapel was packed, and there were many representatives of other communions present, including the Bishop and Dean of Dunedin, and the Principal of Knox Presbyterian College.

Dr. Haddon is survived by his wife, a son and a daughter.

The World Convention headquarters office in New York has issued the following appreciation of Dr. Haddon.

Principal Haddon had been Principal of the College of the Bible in Dunedin for 35 years, and the Editor of The New Zealand Christian for 34 years. He was a stalwart Christian leader of the Churches of Christ (Disciples) in New Zealand. He was a member of the New Zealand Council of Churches, and for two years he was its President.

He was first Vice-President of the World Convention of Churches of Christ (Disciples) from 1948-1952, and one of its speakers on the programme at the Conventions held in Buffalo and Melbourne.

Dr. Haddon visited the United States this past October, when he began a speaking tour about Oct. 1 in Honolulu. This tour had been arranged for him by the World Convention. He spoke during the entire month of October in churches, seminaries and to Ministerial Associations in a number of American centres. His presence and messages were a great blessing wherever he went. This was his fourth visit to the United States. He left New York on Nov. 7 for New Delhi, where he attended the Third Assembly of the World Council as an Official

Delegate of the New Zealand Churches of Christ (Disciples),

Principal Haddon was a great Christian leader. Perhaps his best and finest contribution has been as the Principal of our only Bible College in New Zealand. It was here that many young men have been trained for the Christian ministry under his wise leadership and through his excellent teaching abilities. A great Christian leader has fallen in our world brotherhood ranks. —Jesse M. Bader, General Secretary.

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Direct life to its best:
Teach us to walk the way of truth,
Thus give thy servants rest.

Arouse thy Church to do thy will,
The mission of thy Son,
That all the world may him believe
Let her be strong and one.

While tensions mount, releasing death,
And man destroys his ease;
Lord, speak thy mighty Word again
And give the nations peace.

Lord Christ, whose way is truth and life,
Whom none but pure hearts see,
Speed forth thy message of the Cross,
Draw all men unto thee.

—A. L. Haddon.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Heard, missionaries from India, and Miss F. Kennedy, missionary from New Hebrides, were welcomed home at a meeting arranged by the Victorian Overseas Missions Committee and Lygon-st. church, on the afternoon of Dec. 17, and were later, with their relatives and friends, entertained at tea by the Lygon-st. Board.

SILVER WEDDING

WATSON - ATKINS. — Bert and Merle Watson announce, with thanksgiving to God, the 25th anniversary of their wedding, celebrated at Coburg Methodist Church, Jan. 23, 1937. Present address, "Betheden," 1 Ward-st., W. Preston, Vic.

ENGAGEMENTS

HOLLARD - PEDERSON. — Mr. and Mrs. E. P. C. Hollard, Melrose Park, S.A., have pleasure in announcing the engagement of their elder daughter, Elwyn, to John, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Pederson, South Plympton, S.A.

WATERS - YOUNGS. — Mr. and Mrs. Noel Waters, 100 Bluff-rd., Black Rock, Vic., announce, with pleasure, the engagement of their only daughter, Janine Fay to David Henry, second son of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Youens, The Manse, Gardiner, Vic.

BIRTHS

JOHNSON (nee Glover). — To Rona and Ray, of Trammere, S.A., twin sons — David Leigh and Graeme Anthony.

WEST. — To Doreen and Alan, on Dec. 23, at Ferntree Gully Hospital, Vic., a daughter — Roslyn Frances.

DEATHS

DIXON (Woodbridge). — On Dec. 20, 1961, Alice Mary, dearly loved wife of Charles, mother of Jean (6cc.), loved daughter of the late Ann and George Woodbridge, sister of George (dec.), Lucy (Mrs. Stevens) and Esther (Mrs. Mitchell). "At rest."

DIXON (Woodbridge). — On Dec. 20, 1961, Alice Mary, life long friend of Ethel Robertson. "Sadly missed."

McDONALD. — On Dec. 22, 1961, Percival, 8 Gillman-st., East Malvern, Vic., dearly loved husband of Myrtle, loved father of Jock and Dorothy, father-in-law of Eileen and dear "Pop" of Janette.

PETERS. — On Jan. 8, 1962, at Alfred Hospital, Vic., Harriet (Girle), beloved friend of G. Johnson and sisters. "In God's care."

IN MEMORIAM

BARNES. — A token of loving remembrance of our dear mother, who was laid to rest by Rowley Morris and E. J. Miles. Loved mother of Myrtle Hattersley (Lygon-st.), Wes. and Elsie Barnes (Carnegie), Hazel and Charles Stanhope; dear gran. of Hal Hobbs, Wes. Manton and Rowley Piper.

CROSSFIELD. — In loving memory of Albert Edward, called Home, Jan. 17, 1960.

—Ever remembered by his wife and daughter, Gwenyth.

FISHER. — In loving memory of our father and mother — Sam Fisher, called Home from this life, Nov. 20, 1945, and Susannah, Jan. 12, 1959. Both passed away at their home, Panitya, Vic.; late of Balaklava, S.A. —Ever remembered by their loving family.

GOLDSWORTHY. — Treasured memories of our loving father and mother, Reginald, Jan. 12, 1941, Amelia, Jan. 2, 1954. "Till we meet again."

—Inserted by their loving sons and daughters.

LACY. — Kenneth Edward, dearly loved husband of Joyce, loving daddy of Rhonda and Philip, called Home Jan. 18, 1955. "In heavenly love abiding."

—Inserted by his loving wife, Joyce.

LACY. — Kenneth Edward, loving son-in-law of Robert and Rebecca Gray, called Home Jan. 18, 1955. "In our hearts he will always stay."

—Inserted by Mr. and Mrs. R. Gray.

MARRIAGE

KEMP - DARCH. — On Dec. 12, 1961, at East Camberwell, Vic., Enid Sybil Darch to William Alfred Kemp.

CURTIS - CRISP. — The marriage of Christine, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Curtis, 47 Mountridgest. Everton Park, Queensland, to Allen, only son to Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Crisp, 55 Haig-st., Box Hill South, Vic., was celebrated by L. G. Crisp at the Church of Christ, Albion, Qld., on Jan. 13, at noon.

RETURN THANKS

PATCHING. — The wife and family of the late Stanley L. Patching wish to thank all kind relatives, friends and neighbors for beautiful floral tributes, cards, telegrams, letters and personal expressions of sympathy in the sad loss of loving husband, father and grandfather, and also thanking Pastor L. E. Jones, B.A., B.D., and Sister Lendrum, for kind help and understanding. Will all please accept this as our personal thanks, as cards, letters, etc., are too numerous to answer, and so many addresses are unknown.

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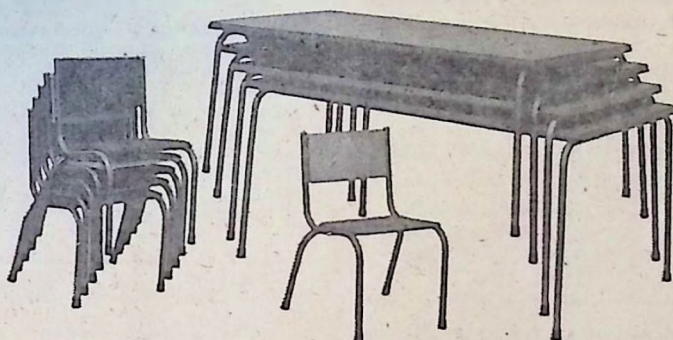
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OBITUARY**William Henry Winter.**

On Oct. 5, the church at Rockhampton, Qld., sustained a great loss when W. H. Winter passed away quietly in St. Andrew's Hospital, Rockhampton. Our late brother was in his 95th year. The last few days of his earthly life were a benediction to those who were with him. Throughout his long life this saintly, wise and generous man was the loyal friend of the church and every good cause; eternity alone will reveal the measure of his dedicated liberality. Converted some 70 or 80 years ago, Mr. Winter came to the Alpha area in 1910. He was for three years in Springsure, and for the last 48 years resided on the property at "Shady Downs," about 360 miles from Rockhampton and church fellowship. From the inception of our cause in this district until his death he never failed to give practical evidence of his interest. Mr. Winter was in the highest sense a great man; throughout the West his name is a legend, known and revered by many who never met the man himself. Mr. Winter is survived by two brothers, Alfred and Herbert, and a sister, Mrs. Winter-Little; a second sister, Mrs. Butler, died recently. His own family consists of a son, Frank Winter, and two married daughters, Mrs. W. Mayne and Mrs. C. Reading, and his grandsons John and Raymond Mayne; all living in the Tambo-Springsure area. To these folk we extend our sincere sympathy. He whom we loved and admired has left the scene of his labors for that of his reward. —W. J. Davidson.

Norman William Heath.

The church at Maylands, S.A., has lost one of its most faithful members in the sudden Home call of N. Heath at the age of 71. He was present at both services on Sunday, Dec. 17, had a heart attack that night, and passed away in hospital on the 19th. He was baptised by H. R. Taylor at Maylands in Aug. 1913, and thus spent almost half a century in the one church in which he held membership. He was married to Winifred Cameron in 1917, and the Heath home soon became "open house" to all passing through, particularly by missionaries. Mrs. Heath's sister, Miss Florence Cameron, is well known for her lifetime of service in our Indian Mission. Mr. Heath was retiring by nature, and although a consistent attender of State and Federal Conferences, never sought office. He served his home church as B.S. teacher and member of the Official Board. His main brotherhood contribution was of a practical nature. He was a plumber by trade, and Longwood Youth Camp is only one avenue in which he served his Lord. We remember his life with

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thanksgiving, and commend Mrs. Heath and the family, Bill (sec., Maylands), Berek, Joy, Geoff, Kevin and Mary (Mrs. M. Coombs) to the tender mercies of our God. —D. G. Hammer.

William Simons.

On Nov. 22, William Simons departed this life to be with Christ. His death, a week after suffering a severe stroke, was a shock and loss to Mile End church. Thirty-three years ago he surrendered to Christ at North Adelaide, under the preaching of Mr. Ludbrook. Soon after, he took up residence at Mile End, where he became an active member serving as church treasurer for over 30 years, and at the same time was a faithful member of the church Board. This meticulous work won the highest praise of the congregation. For many years he worked assiduously in caretaking and tidying of the church buildings and yards. Always a preacher's friend, he gave much practical support and encouragement to the ministry. He was regular at the prayer services, and in ministering at the morning service. His quiet unassuming nature, gentleness and pleasant disposition won for him a host of friends, whilst his beautiful character and diligence in spiritual things will earn for him his Master's "well done" on the great day. He had a strong sense of duty towards his country. This was evident in that he was the first to leave Australia during the First World War, and was among the last to return. He was wounded twice and took part at Anzac landing and served in France and Belgium. Christian sympathy is extended to his wife and daughter who await a glad and glorious reunion at our Lord's return. —C. W. Jackel.

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