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New Chapel, Southport,

QUEENSLAND'S RECORD OFFERING

Nearly £1,000 was contributed at the opening of the chapel for Southport church, the first Church of Christ on the Gold Coast, on Sat., Feb. 17, 1962, on a perfect day. Qld.

It was one of the finest representative gatherings that we have seen at an outdoor function in Queensland. The day started with a cup of tea at 10 a.m., provided by the Southport ladies on the green lawns facing the sea. Then some of our pioneers were questioned on the brotherhood past and their part in it — people like Albert Hinrichsen, Mrs. Kubler (daughter of Carl Stabe), Mrs. Hoens (daughter of Carl Fischer), Mrs. Haigh, first Women's Conf. Secretary, Will Morton, C. R. Burdeu. The whole function was taped and broadcast, and the pioneers photographed.

At 2 p.m. a crowd of 200 attended the opening of the new church premises. Will Morton officially opened the building. He is up in years, but the challenge of Southport inspired him to labor on the building every day for months. The Qld. Conf. Pres., S. Chalmers, gave fine leadership with questions to the pioneers, and at the opening ceremony. The Women's Conf. Pres., Mrs. W. Finger, brought a greeting at the opening ceremony. Southport had been using the Congregational Church building on Sunday afternoons for years. Their minister, Mr. Russell, gave a greeting and received a present from our folk. The Mayor and Mayoress, Alderman and Mrs. Harley, were present. Musical items were rendered by Mrs. Ludgater and B. Nowitzke. J. McCormick, Conference President-Elect, R. Acland, and M. R. Pieper also took part.

Cash and promises amounted to about £550. In addition, the Home Missions Committee offered an interest-free loan of £400 for 5 years. Mr. Dallinger, of Gatton church, presented all the silky oak timber for the pews, from his property. These were not ready, but the co-operation of the Lutheran and Baptist churches, and the Gospel Hall, provided adequate seating. Gifts of furnishings were made by Mrs. O'Brien, Mr. and Mrs. Balser, Mr. and Mrs. Green, Mr. and Mrs. Philp, Mr. and Mrs. Taber. David Mansell made a simple but effective appeal for help.—C.R.B.

Sonny Graham In Queensland

The Queensland brethren had not previously seen this young man with the interesting background. They had read much of him. Now they have seen and heard him. He has travelled much, visiting nearly every church. We found him quiet, of few words, and usually with a large guitar under his arm. He walks with a good bearing. However, when he begins his address the whole picture changes; the quiet man becomes clamant. His voice is loud, pleasant and clear.

Sonny was loyal to the Aborigine Board's claims. He faithfully told of the Australia-wide work, especially of the work among the children and the Welfare work at Norseman. He did not sermonise, usually. At Albion he gave a fine sermon, which was broadcast. Many favorable comments have been received.

At Acacia Ridge he told of the work among Aborigines, but on his return there on Feb. 11 he preached a gospel message with considerable power. The place was crowded, including quite a number of colored folk. Sonny Graham sang, as did Mrs. Sylvia Cairns, the Aborigine president of the Aborigines Advancement League. After the appeal for confession (and Sonny Graham makes a good appeal), three stepped to the front and made their confession.



At Kingaroy and Murgon, a number of natives attended. Colored people are members at our Gladstone church. Here these folk rallied to a leader who had proved his equal with whites. We are sure Sonny could do a mighty work with thousands of his race in Queensland. When in Kingaroy, H. C. Wheat, the tireless preacher there, took Sonny to Cherbourg, one of the State's largest Aborigine Mission stations. He had several press, radio and mayoral interviews.

Sonny's singing to his own guitar accompaniment was popular everywhere. He has an endless repertoire of songs and hymns, some well known and one of his own creation; also children's stories. Altogether, Sonny was quite a success and should stimulate the brotherhood thinking on this work.—C. R. Burdeu.

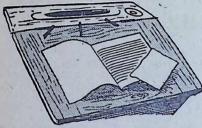
WATCH FOR IT!

NEW COLUMN THREE FEATURE

"QUESTING"

BEGINS NEXT WEEK

OPEN FORUM



THE WHOLE BODY OF CHRIST If the substance of the letter from E. S. Sanders (Jan. 16) represents the views of the majority of our brotherhood in Vic. (that is, about what we shall contend for in the W.C.C.), then the fears of a great number, concerning where membership in the World Council might lead us, were well founded.

Are we to conclude that our representatives at the New Delhi Assembly, and also the writer of the "recent editorials" mentioned, share the views of Mr. Sanders in his most extraordinary and contentious letter?

Without assurances to the contrary, we are facing a show-down that inevitably must come. Those who are determined to be faithful to the Word of God, cannot so compromise with error. Are Mr. Sanders and others so bent on union with those who have not "continued stedfastly," that they will disrupt the unity of our own fellowship? Such results are too far reaching and disastrous to the New Testament plea, to contemplate!—B. N. Rodda, Geelong, Vic.

"WHAT MUST GO?"

Some brethren apparently feel that E. S. Sanders (16/1/62) has some most unacceptable and dangerous ideas, and that somehow the W.C.C., or apparently his approval of the W.C.C., is responsible for them (if any).

Why bring in the W.C.C. at all? It seems it is because (strangely to me) some of our brethren are strongly opposed to our being interested in or affiliated with the W.C.C.

This opposition I cannot too strongly condemn. Thomas and Alexander Campbell, and most of our early leaders, did their utmost to remain in their respective sects and try to restore them to the New Testament pattern. But they were not allowed to do it. As our Christian editorial of 13/2/1962 pointed out, Alexander Campbell lamented sadly, "We have been forced into a separate communion . . we have been driven out of doors."

By contrast now — 200 Christian bodies, including ourselves, making up the W.C.C., are banded together, seeking to discover how we all can make our Lord's prayer, "That they all may be one," become effective and

true. Then, behold, some of our preachers and leaders (fortunately few) say, "No, we must not associate ourselves with them and this kind of endeavor."

From their actions and writings, what would Thomas and Alexander Campbell do? Our anti-W.C.C. brethren in effect are saying — let us keep separate, segregated, just to ourselves, and continue to be just a tiny (very small) voice, almost in the wilderness, crying in a small isolated way, let us restore N.T. Christianity and have the glorious united conquering Church.

To my mind, greatly as I respect and admire the work of some of these brethren, and respect every man's honest opinion, this attitude is both foolish and unavailing. We must meet, fraternise with, those who want to talk of divine truths and issues — not shun and avoid them. In co-operation is hope.—Elliott Arnold, Unley, S.A.

(Edited to approx. 300 words).

THE WHOLE BODY OF CHRIST. I write to support Messrs. Combridge and Youens in their reply to E. S. Sanders (Jan. 16, 1962). I am amazed that there has not been a greater number of brethren to reply in defence of the principles for which we stand.

I deplore also the tendency to tone down our plea and to introduce a liturgical form of worship. Let us be satisfied with the New Testament, its faith and practice. As one of your correspondents has said, "God has not changed his plan of salvation."—S. G. Taylor, Fremantle, W.A.

(As announced last week, discussion of E. S. Sanders' letter through these columns is now closed,—Ed.).

T. V. Weir, minister of the church at East Preston, Vic., was struck by a car when about to cross a road on route to a church business meeting on Thurs., Feb. 22. He sustained cuts and abrasions, but hoped to be back on duty again within a few days.

First anniversary of the church at Milleara, Vic., drew a large congregation to a service at which Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Taylor (Doncaster) were guest speaker and soloist.

The "New Life" Crusade at Ulverstone, Tas., conducted by a team of five students from Woolwich, N.S.W., was most successful. During three weeks of concentrated effort by the team in message, music, song and story, eighteen persons made the good confession. This result, together with thirteen brought in during a mission with P. R. Baker in September, means the addition of about thirty. The church is faced with the removal of its preacher at the end of February.

Fifty Years Ago

From "The Australian Christian" of Feb. 29, 1912.

Editor: F. G. Dunn.

Need for Preachers. - In Australia the need of preachers is becoming acute. Our Glen Iris College will in time, in a great measure, relieve the difficulty, but it must be evident to all who think that, unless there is a large increase of students in the near future, the supply of preachers will not nearly equal the demand. We have about 270 churches, and the present number of supported preachers probably does not exceed 130 . Our preachers will not receive high salaries, and there are no "easy churches" to work with . . . The Aged and Infirm Preachers' Fund idea is now taking practical shape, and the reproach of being the one large religious body in Australasia that makes no systematic provision for its disabled preachers will soon be wiped away.

Farewell to Thomas Bagley. — A meeting was held in the Lygon-st. chapel on Feb. 26 for the purpose of bidding farewell to Bro. and Sister Thos. Bagley. Bro. Bagley, having resigned his position as State Evangelist for Victoria, has accepted an engagement with the City Temple church at Sydney. The chairman (C. M. Gordon) and eight other speakers bore testimony to the splendid work done by Bro. Bagley. W.C. Craigle, on behalf of a number of friends, presented Bro. Bagley with a purse of sovereigns as a mark of the esteem in which he was held.

Federal Conference Picnic. — Arrangements have been made with the Victorian Railways to run a special train to Upper Fern Tree Gully, where our Federal Conference Picnic is to be held on Sat., April 13, 1912. The usual procedure is to have dinner under the spreading willows in the beautiful National Park, and after resting awhile, to begin the ascent of the famous Fern Tree Gully. eventually reaching the summit of One Tre Hill. From this eminence, a magnificent panoramic view is enjoyed. After leisurely retracing steps, folks are about ready for an early tea. A few games follow, and then the company, tired but happy, betake themselves to the waiting train, and are soon speeding their way home again.—Horace Kingsbury.

D. A. Ewers Writes. — I have been wondering of late whether we are adopting the best plan of raising funds for Home and Foreign Missions. We throw all our energies into one great offering in the year, and if the day is very wet or very hot, the work suffers accordingly... Might it not be better to have 52 offerings in the year?

"Australian Christian" and W.C.C.

A correspondent in last week's *Open Forum* quoted the words: "We need a Restoration Movement within the so-called Restoration Movement." We fully agree — provided it is clearly remembered that we plead for a restoration of New Testament life and spirit, as well as of New Testament faith and doctrine. It is much easier to defend the doctrines of Christ than to display his spirit. This has become sadly obvious to us on more than one occasion during our experience with *Open Forum* letters over the years. We must defend the truth as we see it — but truth defended at the cost of Christian love is truth betrayed.

In recent weeks, lively discussion has followed the appearance of a letter from E. S. Sanders (16/1/62). It was a personal letter, presenting his own viewpoints. It made no claim to represent anyone else. However, the mention of the World Council of Churches in the second line of the letter was apparently enough for some writers to assume that these views were typical of those held by W.C.C. supporters in our churches — this despite the fact that one of the letters most critical of Mr. Sanders was written by one such W.C.C. supporter! A writer in this week's Open Forum even goes so far as to ask if Mr. Sanders' views represent those of our delegates to the recent New Delhi Assembly, or of the Editor of this paper — this despite the fact that, as far as this writer is concerned, the Open Forum heading clearly says, "The insertion of a letter does not imply editorial approval of its contents."! As for E. L. Williams and C. H. J. Wright, our delegates to New Delhi, if any really want to know how loyal Principal Williams is to our plea for restoration and unity, we would advise them to read immediately his stimulating book, A Biblical Approach to Unity (published 1957), and then face up to the challenge of C. H. J. Wright's Adelaide Federal Conference Sermon (1958), Restoration — Deeper Levels, in print as a Provocative Pamphlet.

As Editor, we have been criticised for overemphasising in recent years the activities of the World Council of Churches. We have tried to assess the truth of this criticism by undergoing the penance of checking back over all the editorials written since June, 1951. During our first two years as Editor, the question of affiliation with the W.C.C. was a live one indeed. We allowed equal space for the presentation of views both for and against; these articles stimulated a lively discussion in the *Open Forum*, and at intervals that sort of discussion has continued ever since. We found that, contrary to the impression of our critics, we have written much less editorially on this theme recently than we did in those early years; in fact, we believe that others could argue with greater truth that we have not written enough! We have, of course, reported events like the first Australian National Conference of Churches in 1960 and the New Delhi Assembly, but these have taken only a fraction of the space devoted to our own internal affairs. We have consistently advocated the claims of Inter-Church Aid, because we not only believe in it on the grounds of Christian compassion, but are sure that many of our readers with reservations on other aspects of the World Council's work have none at all on this.

Our position on this issue remains as it was when we stated it clearly on April 28, 1953: "We believe that we do well to remain in full membership of the W.C.C. while there are opportunities within it for promoting Christian unity on the basis of the New Testament. We shall continue to inform our readers of what the World Council is doing in its many and varied enterprises. and attempt also to evaluate its thought and plans. We believe it necessary for us all, whether favorable or opposed to the W.C.C., to know what is being done and said. Only an informed mind has the right to judge. But membership in the W.C.C. does not absolve us from any other activity in the interests of unity. Far from it — it only makes it all the more imperative that amongst others also concerned for unity we should have a strong and well reasoned plea to make. It is a first essential that our membership should be informed of the things for which we, as a Movement, stand. That will have priority in this journal, and we shall need the help of all men who love the brotherhood. whether or not they are opposed to the W.C.C."

In pursuing this policy, we have featured series of articles on such themes as Our Mission and Message, Faith of our Fathers, From These Beginnings, as well as many individual contributions on aspects of our plea. We have already announced plans for further such features this year. As we wrote on Jan. 15, 1952: "We urgently need a renewal of conviction in, and devotion to, our distinctive plea as Churches of Christ... We must all be seized afresh with the importance and relevance of the plea for Christian union on the basis of New Testament Christianity." What that ought to mean to us now we shall discuss next week.

REINHOLD LINDNER writes of an unusual mission work in Germany, where in camps . . .

"The Church Is Coming To Us!"

A distinction should be drawn between two types of camping sites: sites where there is a lot of coming and going, where the campers spend a single night en route, and sites where people come to spend their whole holiday. In the first category there is hardly opportunity for anything more than passing contact between the camp-evangelists and the campers. These people who are making long tours do not often feel the need for a profound conversation. It is different on camping sites where people are spending a longer holiday. The following report refers particularly to camps of this kind.

In the camps which can take be-tween 1,000 and 5,000 people, one meets all kinds of people of all ages. Camping offers a new opportunity for an increasing number of people to take holidays. One can spend one's time as one likes, and the dif-ference between one's ordinary life and the holiday is not so abrupt. One lives from day to day and there is always something to do: the women cook, the men always have some job on hand. And so they do not suffer from boredom. These advantages of camping have a good effect on the camping have a good effect on the social atmosphere. Many camping enthusiasts say that they are "different people" when they live under canvas. You can make friends with the other campers, or you can keep to yourself, just as you prefer. The atmosphere is usually free from conflicts, because people can approach their neighbors or keep their distance, as they prefer.

OPPORTUNITIES.

Not only in the holidays, but also at weekends during the summer months, many people go camping from towns like those in the highly industrialised Ruhr valley of Germany. This trend may become even more popular in future. It means that the Church has to face the question, what it is going to do to ensure that these people can attend a Sunday service.

The Church must go out to meet people where they are, i.e., in the camps. It must become part of the life of the camp. There is already a great demand for the Church! Many people are glad and grateful to the Church for not telling them to go to a strange building with unfamiliar proceedings, but for coming to them and "camping" among them (John 1: 14). Many people regard this out-going from the

Church's traditional walls as a sensation; they keep repeating, "The Church is coming to us!"

However, the camp mission does not do anything sensational. Services are held in the camps, which are attended by large numbers of holiday-makers also: for instance, by the campers from Holland spending their holidays in German Westphalia. Last summer the Dutch Reformed Church sent a minister to help with the camp mission in Westphalia; there is sufficient scope at the camp for ecumenical fellowship, in which the members of the German Free Churches also participate. In addition to the Sunday services, morning services are held on week-days, and services for children. The purpose of the filmevenings and social events (at which there is a lot of singing) is merely to introduce variety; they are not intended as means of attracting people to attend services. The emphasis of the work is on personal conversations, for which people are always ready; for they have plenty of time!

Under these circumstances many prejudices are quickly broken down, and many false concepts of the Church are dissipated. The campers are meeting the Church direct - in the form of a man. They can talk to each other, agree or disagree, they can all really say what they think. Some-times a word of spiritual advice or teaching can heal and help, and awaken a spark of gladness. It is not necessary, in fact it would be a "faux pas", to behave in the camp like an "official member of the clergy." The only essential thing is to speak with conviction, to be absolutely sincere in giving the most important message in the world. As this message is given by people who are living in the camp, there are plenty of opportunities for contact. The whole camping site is a field in which the Church can become a reality. The natural, unforced fellowship between the campers and the evangelists forms a sound basis for this all-pervading presence of the Church. The work is helped by many other factors. The tents



The camp evangelist can take his time, too. He is regarded as a "fellow-camper" because he lives among the campers. If he adapts himself to camp life, he is taken into the "camping fellowship." The primitive conditions in the camp create a sense of community. "The same rain falls on everybody," as one camper aptly expressed it. The Church is represented in the camp by modest men; from their camping clothes it is impossible to tell whether or not they have studied theology, and no one bears any marks of status in the "classless society" of the camp. Status does not count; what matters in camp is human behaviour.

are nearly always open. Just a friendly word in passing, and the evangelist is invited in. Then he soon finds the way to their hearts. In camp the walls between people are very thin — since tent walls are thin.

THE SERVICE.

The service, too, is easily audible through the walls of the tents. If at all possible the service is held in the open air. The preacher does not stand up in a pulpit or wear a gown. The service is relayed by loudspeakers, so that the whole camp can hear it. On fine Sundays there are between 4,000 and 5,000 people in some camps, so that a certain amount of disturb-

ance is inevitable. But most of the people listen. No one has yet sai that the noise of the loudspeakers disturbed them. This form of service is addressed not only to the small group who bring their camp-chairs close to the preacher, but to everyone in the camp, and it is appreciated by many more people than those who actually express their appreciation to the evangelist.

It is the personal contact which makes a service of this kind so much more effective than a broadcast service. The preacher is not an anonymous voice. If one likes, one can give him one's personal opinion about his sermon. The fact that the service is relayed by loudspeakers means that the preacher must say something which concerns everyone in the camp. He does so if he proclaims the message of the Bible, for the message insists on being made known to the whole world. If the pastor expresses this claim, people will recognise it.

The services last only half an hour. They open with a recorded peal of bells and an organ voluntary. Or this recorded organ music is often replaced by a small trombone band in the camp itself, inviting the campers to attend the service. Next to the sermon, the trombone bands are the most important part of the service. They do much to strengthen

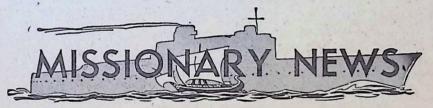
the evangelistic and personal character of the Church's work in the camp. The trombone bands represent in Germany the local churches from which they come.

The music played by the trombone band, or the organ, is followed by a statement that the service is being held in the name of the Triune God. An invocation is followed by a prayer addressed to Christ, who is present in the Holy Spirit, and then comes the short ten-minute sermon. Everything has to be said in ten minutes. which means leaving out anything superficial. The preacher must be direct, simple and uncomplicated. This gives the sermon strength. After the sermon the service continues with a prayer, the blessing, and notices, and closes with music by the trombones, or the organ. The whole service need not take more than half an hour. It is appropriate that the service should be short and simple. It is bound to be short, because very often three different services have to be held one after another in three different places.

DIFFICULTIES.

The difficulties of mission work in camping sites are just as clear as the opportunities. They are due partly to the circumstances. Close contacts are often made, but they do not last long enough. Cannot

the local churches absorb the people on whom the camp mission has made an impression? Most of these people had no contact with their local churches before, nor with their pastor, so they do not respond if they are urged to take part in the life of their local church. The contacts made in tne camp are often too non-committal. The main reason for this is that so far the mission work has never remained in one camp for more than a week. There are not enough evangelists or tents for an evangelist to remain permanently in the same camp. But the work in the camping sites ought to be followed up, otherwise it will have no lasting influence on people. Otherwise the Church's work in the camping sites will merely look impressive; in reality it will only be a new form of activity without effect. For, among other things, people are quite prepared to be impressed by the Church. This danger, however, is not insuperable. The financial problem should not prove an obstacle. The question how to find ministers, especially during the school holidays, is a more difficult one. But here, too, it should be possible to find a way, because church work in camps is proving to be a unique opportunity of the Church to fulfil its function in modern society. This work must be continued and strengthened. Many opportunities have still to be discovered



Notes supplied by R. S. A. McLean.

Why the Emphasis on Education? K. Ludgater.

It's a humid February morning here at Ranwadi, and beside me Jack Edwards is busily preparing roll books and lessons for the start of school tomorrow. Outside, groups of boys, girls and parents are beginning to arrive. Jack says, "Well, school's in again. Lessons, cut fingers and malaria."

Although we have enjoyed our fortnight's stay here, Shirley and I are now looking forward to getting back to Londua and to our work at school. The Grace was to have come for us last Friday, but high seas have made trayel impossible for a few days.

After coming here for a brief Field Council meeting, we have been able to see quite a deal of the work being done by our Pentecost brethren. Wind and rain held us up for two or three days until finally we journeyed to

the northern villages in the dinghy. The Mission rest house was a welcome sight after a hot walk, which was broken by numerous purposeful chats along the way.

The main purpose of our visit concerned the schoolboys. To relieve an impossible situation at Ranwadi (where Jack and Barbara have an anticipated enrolment of over 90, with possibly no capable native teachers!), we decided to send Grade 4 boys, who had not completed their work for the year because of the Edwards' furlough, to Londua and Nasawa. At such short notice, we were surprised to find that after talking long into the night, the men were 100% behind us. They were all quite keen to send their boys away for further education, providing the financial burden was not excessive, although these same villages prove quite a stumbling-block in the education of girls.

Two days later a visit to the Southern Pentecost villages of Wali and Ranputor also met with an enthusiastic response. Tomorrow, weather permitting, thirty boys will travel with us to our senior schools at Nasawa and Londua. School will be in again, with all its opportunities to mould young lives.

Why all this emphasis on education? Why can't we talk more of evangelistic enterprise? Still these questions are asked, and must be answered. To us these boys and girls represent an open door for evangelistic teaching, and a vital field for the future of all our work. Strong Christian leaders are desperately needed in these islands where temptations abound and many continue to fall by the wayside. During the past twelve months, two of our schoolboys with fair prospects have fallen into immorality, and we fear lest they are plunged deeper into sin.

We have senior schoolboys with us for three to five years in their adolescent years, and in this time we have the task of trying to bring them to a more mature knowledge of Jesus Christ. Having no translations of the Scripture in their language, they need much instruction in English in order to widen their understanding of the world and God. To ensure that a steady stream of students pass on to higher education in the Solomon Islands and the new Teachers' Col-

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THE MINISTRIES OF OUR

WOMEN FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

NEW SOUTH WALES.

There were 113 ladies present at the Feb. meeting of the N.S.W. C.W.F. at City Temple on Friday, 2nd. The theme of the meeting was Frontier of Sharing. Mrs. Baker was in the chair and welcomed all to the meeting.

The devotion was led by the Wollongong sisters, with Mrs. Anderson presiding; 8 ladies came up from Wollongong for this meeting, and it was indeed a joy to have them with us and taking part in the meeting.

Mrs. A. Surtees and Mrs. Bedwell were especially welcomed to the meeting as new preachers' wives in the city area. There was one visitor from Victoria. The remainder of the meeting was devoted to discussion of plans for Conference.

It was decided to commence Conference at 10.15 a.m., to allow more time for the meeting. Mrs. Baker asked Mrs. Milne to advise the ladies about catering arrangements, and Mrs. Larcombe to advise regarding the floral decorations.

It was also decided to dispense with an afternoon speaker, and highlight some of the reports with questions and answers.

Mrs. Baker also suggested that all ladies wear a name-tag, with name and church on it, to enable each one to know immediately to whom they were speaking.

lege in Vila, we must keep up a reasonable standard in Arithmetic and other subjects. As well as this, much time must be spent in definite Bible studies, for ignorance of the Scriptures is one of the causes of slow progress in these islands, and we hope that these young men will return to work and witness in their villages.

This week "School's In" in all our villages. Pray for all teachers and scholars, that they may learn of him, whom to know is life.

HEAVY SEAS DAMAGE "GRACE"

A cable from Mr. Combridge advises that our 25 ft. Mission launch, the Grace, has been damaged by heavy seas. Damage is estimated at over £80, and there were some minor casualties.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Waghmode (India) on the birth of another son. Both mother and babe are well.

Mrs. Baker spoke briefly, challenging each of us to do our best to make Conference a success and not to shirk our responsibilities to the Lord, in the work that he calls us to do.

Mrs. Cole rendered a solo, and Mrs. Elliott led in the intercessory prayer.

The meeting was closed with prayer and benediction.—J. Torode, asst.-sec.

VICTORIA-TASMANIA.

The Vic.-Tas. C.W.F. held its first meeting for 1962 on Feb. 2, in the Reception Room of Churches of Christ Centre, with 132 ladies present, representing 52 churches; 10 apologies. President, Mrs. Amos, opened the meeting with a devotional thought and then introduced Mrs. B. Ferguson, supt. of Prayer Committee, as leader of devotions.

A welcome was extended to all; visitors from interstate were Mrs. Hawtin (Nailsworth, S.A.) and Mrs. Alan Crisp (Qld.). Greetings were received from Mrs. Heard, now staying at Ludbrook House; also greetings from Mrs. June Reynolds (Noumea, New Caledonia). New delegates welcomed were Mesdames Bagot, Hedgwood and Denning. Miss P. Davis (Sister in Charge at Margaret Coles Hospital) told of her experiences in the Billy Graham Crusade, and also of the recent Leighton Ford Crusade, and left us with the challenge, We are ambassadors for Christ.

Correspondence contained letters of thanks from Vic. Aborlgines Committee for gift of £100; from Dept. of Christian Education for gift of £50, also from Federal Women's Conference for donation of £10 towards the Jessie M. Trout Scholarship Fund. Letter from our Living Link in New Guinea, Miss Aileen Draney, requested 3 and 4 ply wool and knitting needles for children learning to knit.

At the Prayer Pause, Mrs. V. Stafford led us to the Throne of Grace, especially remembering those who have lost loved ones; those brought to our notice being Mr. Randall, Mrs. Augustine and Mrs. Wenzel.

Mrs. Amos introduced L. A. Trezise, from Dept. of Christian Education, who explained the position regarding Monbulk. As a result a recommendation was submitted from Executive as follows: "As a practical expression of our sympathy and appreciation, we recommend that groups conduct appeals during the months of

February and March, the money to go towards the refurnishing of the proposed new camp." Moved Mrs. Waterman, and seconded Mrs. Hodges. Regarding our "Woman to Woman" Evangelism, several groups have requested further information; North Essendon planning a mission during the month of May.

Reports of Committees: Mrs. Ward (Social Service) reported that there had been a call for baby clothes following the recent bushfires; as a result there was a need to augment the stocks.

Mrs. Sterling (Nominating Committee) requested that nominations be handed into the various committee supts.

Mrs. Lloyd (Missionary Committee) reported £1,686/10/6, with the suggestion that in order to boost funds we make all meetings interesting and good. Change of plan regarding missionary camp at Monbulk was announced: tentative booking had been made at the Salvation Army Camp at Parkdale, date being March 30-April 1; Hall's Gap, March 16-18.

A framed print, presented to Ludbrook House by Mr. Morris (Brighton), was on display, this being of Mr. and Mrs. Ludbrook, known as the "Foreign Mission Ludbrooks."

All ladies were asked to keep in mind the Choral Society concert on April 15; tickets now on sale, proceeds to Ludbrook House.

The meeting closed with the singing of the W.C.W.F. hymn and prayer.—N. Newham, Scc.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

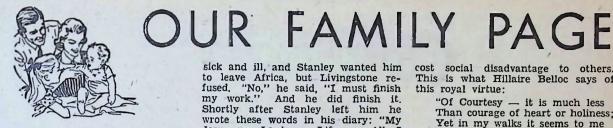
Devotions were prepared by Shepperton-rd. Fellowship, led by Mesd. Vinnicombe, Freeman, Newcombe and Johnston.

Visitors welcomed were Miss Kennedy, Mrs. Powell, Mrs. Underhill, Mrs. Freeman and Mrs. Greenwood (new minister's wife at Sheppertonder, who brought greetings from S.A.), Miss Cook (Tas.). Welcomed back from holidays were Mrs. Beck and Mrs. Cook.

Mrs. Stewart shared her prayer text from Ps. 90: 1-2. We have been saddened during the month when our sister, Mrs. Hicks, was suddenly bereaved of her husband; Mrs. Dunwoodie, her father (Mr. Somers); Mrs. Peacock and Miss S. Jenkinson, their loved mother; and our dearly loved sister, Mrs. Eva Robinson. Prayer for those who were left to mourn was offered by Mrs. Ewers. Mrs. Robinson had been a Past President three times, and her valuable knowledge and experience will be missed by us all.

Our Asst. Sec., Mrs. Fallon, has now gone to Victoria to live, and opportunity was taken at the Auxiliary Picnic held in King's Park in January, to make her a presentation of a daily devotional book.

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Grandma's Garden

I stood in wonder at what I saw. There were rows of fresh vegetables growing in the warm sun.

I had hoped that Grandma would not try to raise a garden this year. She suffered a severe sickness during the winter. She would be eighty-two years old in the fall, so I had not bothered to plough her garden. Weeds were growing high when she went home in the spring after her illness.

But now, I wondered at what I saw. "Grandma," I exclaimed, "how did you do it? No plough, no tractor." "Well," she replied, "I got tired of doing nothing, so I did a little work with the hoe now and then. I'd rest often, but every time I pulled out a weed or chopped one out, I'd plant a vegetable. Before long I had a garden. Won't you take some tomatoes home with you?"

I have finished many a hard seemingly impossible task by remembering Grandma and her garden. Yes, what you face will be hard work, too. Most anything worth doing will be difficult, but by pulling one weed at a time and planting something good, wonders are performed. And God will help us. The garden of life is made beautiful in the same way. -Nathan Bridwell.

Surrendered

I was in Blantyre, and I took the opportunity of going to see the Livingstone memorial. There are stained glass windows, and in two of them there are extracts, one from a letter written by Livingstone, and one from his diary.

One was written earlier in his life, and it was this: "I will place no value on anything I possess, or expect to possess, except in relation to the Kingdom of God." There is no harm in possessing, or in expecting to possess, so long as you value it for what it can do for the Kingdom of God.

The other extract was written two days after he had parted with Stanley. Livingstone was lost for many years while in Africa, and a great New York paper sent Stanley to find him. You know the story how at last this American found the British missionary. Livingstone was sick and ill, and Stanley wanted him to leave Africa, but Livingstone refused. "No," he said, "I must finish my work." And he did finish it. Shortly after Stanley left him he wrote these words in his diary: "My Jesus, my Lord, my Life, my All, I again dedicate my whole life to thee." He was thinking only of his work, and of the dark-skinned people of Africa.

"It shall not be so among you," said Jesus. "But whosoever will be great among you let him be your minister, and whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many." Jesus comes and he asks us for the surrender of our whole lives to him; then he can use us. -Gilbert Thomas.

Courtesy

One of the nicest things to come out of Africa in these recent years is a courtesy campaign in Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia. The whole thing started last September under the initiative of two women, one from Harrow, the other from Birmingham. The movement grew till there were 39,000 supporters in Salisbury, a strong committee was formed to direct operations, sympathetic business men gave £200 to pay for advertisements, and courtesy campaign committees have been set up in Bulawayo and the Northern Rhodesian copper-belt.

Campaign workers refuse to be served in shops before Africans who may have arrived at the counter before them. They address Africans in a dignified and polite way and shun the common practice of calling Africans of any age, or position -"boy." They refuse preferential treatment as white people.

These women have both courage and insight. They may have started something that could spread round the world and become a most blessed and potent influence in reconciliation. Why not let us have a world-wide courtesy campaign in which all peo-ples are treated by all peoples with kindness, consideration, politeness and dignity? The effect would be amazing.

Courtesy means treating people as people, dealing with them as we would have them deal with us, refusing to descend to the degradation of degrading others. It calls for imaginative insight into other people's feelings. It refuses to judge by appearances and seeks a righteous judgment. It refuses the social advantages that cost social disadvantage to others. This is what Hillaire Belloc says of this royal virtue:

"Of Courtesy — it is much less Than courage of heart or holiness: Yet in my walks it seems to me The Grace of God is in courtesy."

And the grace of God, of which courtesy is a manifestation, is the one thing that can save this distraught world. - From Reconciliation. Feb., 1961.

REQUISITES FOR LIVING

There are eight requisites for living: health enough to make work a pleasure; wealth enough to support your needs; strength enough to battle with difficulties, and overcome them; grace enough to confess your sins, and forsake them; patience enough to toil until some good is accomplished; charity enough to see some good in your neighbor; faith enough to make real the things of God; hope enough to remove all anxious fears concerning the future. -Anonymous.

The Pusher Engine

There is a two-mile stretch of railroad near Birmingham which has the steepest grade in the country. People like to come to watch the trains climb the hill.

In addition to the main engine at the front, another engine comes up at the rear of the train at the bottom of the hill. This engine has a further purpose; it is there to keep any cars from breaking loose and going back down the hill.

When the train reaches the top, the front engine takes it on to Birmingham, while the little pusher engine goes back down the hill to help another train over the hard climb. Some people in the station and many passengers on the train do not even know of the little pusher engine.

Each Christian has a job to do. This is true in the home and in the Church. Others may appear to have more important positions than ours but "the parts of the body which seem to be weaker are indispensable."

The little pusher engine is always there to help over the most difficult part of the journey. — Donald L. Helseth.

A sign in an Oakland (Calif.) church advertising a rummage sale, read as follows:

"This is your last chance to get rid of things not worth keeping, but too good to throw away. Bring your husband."

HERE AND THERE

Mr. and Mrs. W. Giezendanner and Jennifer were given a welcome to Moorooka church, Qld., on Feb. 15. The brotherhood was represented by S. Chalmers, Qld. Conf. Pres., Mrs. A. Finger (Women's Conf. Pres.) and H. Farmer (H.M. Committee).

Supporters of the Vic.-Tas. Christian Education Dept's monthly youth activity are advised that it com-mences its 1962 season of casual coffee-style programmes at Nicholas Hall, Lonsdale-st., Melb., on Sat., March 10, at 8 p.m. All young people welcome; casual clothes, cushion, and donation of 4/- all that is required.

- G. Powell (Morawa, W.A.) will com-mence a new ministry at Cottesloe, W.A., in September.
- G. Gibson (Nambour, Qld.) is conducting a mission with the church at Roma, Feb. 27-March 11.

Crowded meetings at both services on Feb. 18 marked the close of the ministry of H. J. Patterson, M.A., after over eleven years with Hartwell (Vic.) church, serving a full-time brotherhood ministry. Many past members attended. Four Y.P. were received into the church a.m., two others baptised at p.m. service, and welcomed into membership at communion. At a fellowship tea, over 200 packed the hall, when appreciation of Mr. Patterson and his ministry was voiced by K. Barton (representing Camberwell Ministers' Fraternal), W. A. Thompson (Vic.-Tas. Cenf. Pres.), L. Butler (church), and other leaders of auxiliaries. On behalf of the church L. Seath presented a T.V. set and cheque to Mr. and Mrs. Patterson. Both suitably responded. The sec. expressed thanks to the ladies for organising catering arrangements for this happy func-tion. The choir, under the leadership of Rex Cleland, rendered special music at both services. Work on extension and renovating of chapel had been completed, giving added attractiveness to the day's special features.

On Feb. 17, a welcome was extended to K. Christensen and family at the commencement of his ministry in Lismore, N.S.W. Deputy-Mayor, Ald. G. Blair, extended welcome on be-half of the Mayor and citizens of Lismore. Representatives of the Church Board, Ministers' Fraternal, Youth For Christ, Christian Endeavor Union, Baptist church, and various church auxiliaries spoke words of welcome. Supper was served in the church hall.

Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Thoday were gladly welcomed to full-time ministry at Semaphore, S.A., on Thurs., Jan. 18, and inducted by D. K. Beiler (immediate past S.A. Conf. Pres.) on Sun., Jan. 21. The work of the church is in good heart, with attendances and finances responding well. The choir continues to render appreciated help at gospel services.

The Executive of the Vic.-Tas. Ministers' Assoc. advises all members that their next meeting takes place on March 5, at 2 p.m., in the Churches of Christ Centre; lunch at 1 p.m. Guest speaker will be Dr. Francis A. Macnab, of the Cairnmillar Institute, who presents the subject, A Psychotherapist's Approach to Pastoral Care. We urge all to be present.—Reg. E. Hillbrich, Sec.

The arrival of George Davis at Murwillumbah, N.S.W., from Auckland, New Zealand, on Feb. 4, marked the commencement of a ministry keenly anticipated by the church. Prior to this date, the church was without a full-time pastor for nine weeks, following the termination of four years' service by B. E. Cavill. During this interim period, one of the members (Don Bartrim) and a number of men from other churches, maintained the preaching on Sunday mornings. While the manse was vacant, the church members took the opportunity to prepare the property for the arrival of the new minister and his family; many enjoyable hours of fellowship were shared painting, gardening, and sewing curtains for the manse prior to its re-occupation. A combined induction service and public welcome was held on Thursday, Feb. 8, for Mr. and Mrs. Davis. This function attracted representation from many kindred churches and local organisations. David Mansell (Qld. State Evangelist) was invited to give the charges to church and pastor on this occasion, and a deep impression was left by his exhortations to co-operate in the name of our Lord.

The next Vic.-Tas. C.W.F. monthly Council Meeting will be held March 2, at 11 a.m., in the Reception Room of the Churches of Christ Centre. 217 Lonsdale-st., Melb. Leader of devotions will be Mrs. Kreitschmar (Wattle Park), and the speaker (Mrs. G. N. Frost) will tell of her work at Pentridge. All delegates and friends very welcome.—N. Newham. Sec.

Two Pulpit Bibles in good condition are available for congregations who may be in need of such. Any interested in securing one of these Bibles is invited to contact the Vic.-Tas. Conference Secretary, W. W. Saunders, at the Conference Executive Office, Churches of Christ Centre, 217 Lonsdale-st., Melbourne, C.1.

The hope is expressed that many of our members in Tasmania, and also in Victorian country districts, are planning to attend the sessions of Victorian-Tasmanian Conference to be held in Melbourne, April 11 to 17. Conference commences with the Women's Sessions on Wed., April 11. Offers of hospitality are invited from Melbourne and suburban members, and applications for hospitality invited from country and Tasmanian members planning to attend. All correspondence regarding hospitality should be sent to Mrs. R. Rankine, 5 Atkins-ave., Camberwell, E.6. (BX 2881). Early application desirable.

> New Manse BERWICK, VIC.

K. Mason was inducted to the ministry of the Berwick church by Principal E. L. Williams at the morning service on Sun., Feb. 18.

In the afternoon, he presided at the dedication and opening of the manse. After the singing of the Doxology, Arthur Pigdon (interimminister) led in prayer. Greetings (including one tape-recorded in Too-woomba, Qld., by past minister, A. C. Male) were given by representatives of the Shire of Berwick, Dandenong Church of Christ and Gippsland Conference and St. Michael's Catholic Church. Written greetings came from Berwick Church of England and Presbyterian Church, and from Dennis Hughes (Williamstown, S.A., former minister).

After presenting greetings from the Vic.-Tas. Conference, the Conference President (W. A. Thompson) gave an address, marking the dedication of the manse. Miss Jean Milne beauti-fully sang "Bless This House," and an offering of £76 was received. Mrs. Grenfell was pianist.

Mr. Stevens (builder) then handed over the key, and the door was opened by Miss E. Hillbrich, sup-ported by the two elders, P. Aurisch and N. Meyer. Following inspection of the manse by the many people present, the ladies served afternoon tea in the B.S. hall.

The church is grateful to those who helped in preparing the manse, electric wiring, interior painting, curtains, etc., and for the gifts of stove, refrigerator and lighting fixtures.

The erection of the manse at a cost of £3,500 is a step forward in the history of the church, which expresses its humble gratitude to God.



Discipleship

Joy and Brian Smith, Hartwell,

Margaret Earl, Barbara Ferguson, Betty Major, Ivanhoe, Vic.

H. G. Vandervet, Mrs. A. Henderson, Fremantle, W.A.

H. Perry, R. Short, R. Connor, Robin Cohen, Ruth Clarkson, Swanston-st., Melbourne, Vic.

M. Henchcliffe, K. Anscombe, R. Garvie, L. Tronc, Mr. and Mrs. L. Muller, Richard Muller, Mrs. S. Clow, Mrs. R. Tucker, Mrs. J. B. Clark, Barbara and Barry McDougall, Roma, Qld.

Margaret Davis, Carolyn Cook, Moreland, Vic.

Graham and Robert Cahill, Preston, Vic.

Janet Marshall, Toowoomba, Qld.

Membership

Mr. and Mrs. Gitchans from Unley, S.A.; Mrs. Louden, from Ivanhoe; Mr. and Mrs. H. Smith, Glenferrie to Hartwell, Vic.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Ellis, Hampstead Gardens to North Adelaide, S.A.

Mr. and Mrs. McCall, from Narembeen; Mr. and Mrs. J. Dayman and family, to Morawa, W.A.

Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Thoday, Mackay, Qld. to Semaphore, S.A.

Mrs. Seaman, Mrs. Oxlade, Mrs. Shipway, Berri to Ascot Park, S.A.

Mrs. Schneider, Torrensville to Ascot Park, S.A.

S. Clow, from Baptist to Roma, Qld.

Mrs. Burch, Miss T. Burch, to Croydon, Vic.

Mr. and Mrs. Mills, from Ann-st., Brisbane; Mr. and Mrs. H. Lowe and Ian, from Annerley to Toowoomba, Qld.

Marriage

Elma Heier, Morawa, to Bill Arnold, Bruce Rock, W.A.

Margaret Young to George Gibson; Diane Mucklow to Clyde Young, Semaphore, S.A.

Margaret Saggers to Les. Allen, Fremantle, W.A.

Nancy MacGowan to Kevin Oliver, Preston, Vic.

Coral Deering to Peter Hall, Hartwell, Vic.

Noreen Hoppe to Les Male, Toowoomba, Qld.

Fallen Asleep

Mrs. Harry Cox, Morawa, W.A. Mr. Roots, Earlwood, N.S.W.

Mr. Somers, Mrs. Halls, Subiaco, W.A.

TASMANIA

Collins-st., Hobart. — Annual meeting Feb. 14, elected M. Atwell, sec.; Dr. E. W. Knight, asst.-sec.; W. D. Hemmings, treas.; H. England, asst.-treas.; N. Monson, C. Mason, D. O'Brien, deacons; Mesd. E. Boxhall, M. Woolley, N. Bradshaw, Pearsall, Schultz, Golder, Ayers; L. Boxhill, auditor; J. Park, A.C. reporter. Resignation from Board of Trustees of A. E. Heard regretfully accepted. Decided that new organ be purchased at cost of £1,400. Appreciation expressed for excellent services rendered by men who are preaching at services during period without minister. Members are faithful in attendance.

QUEENSLAND

Moorooka (W. Giezendanner). — Church appreciating new ministry commenced in Jan. Though membership is not numerically strong, church will be self-supporting. Fellowship enjoyed with G. Barton (Sydney), Miss. E. Judd (Ormond) and M. Giezendanner (C.O.B.).

Roma (V. G. Boettcher). — Annual meeting disclosed 21 additions since commencement of present ministry. Auxiliaries reported year of great activity and progress. Outstanding achievements were complete renovation and additions to manse and commencement of erection of Youth Memorial Hall. Officers elected: E.R. Butler, chairman; W. G. McDougall, sec.; Alex. Waldron, treas.; R. Ball, A. Bell, R. Kieseker, A. Richardson. Attendances well maintained; interested non-members attending. Increased B.S. enrolment; attendance of over 60, Feb. 18. Visit of Sonny Graham appreciated, with over 90 present; visit featured in local press. Y.P.S.C.E. continues with increasing interest and attendance of 25. C.W.F.

donated some hundreds of pounds to manse and church improvements. Church expresses thanks for gifts sent by many towards Youth Centre.

GIURCH-NEWS

Toowoomba. — Large congregations attended all services and crowded into school room after evening meeting when messages by Mrs. Pedler, Messrs. Dunn, Scholl, Winer and H. Finger, of thanks, farewell and good wishes for Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Male were spoken as they concluded in-terim ministry and left to take up work at Portland, Vic. Monthly parades and items at evening services by Good Companions appreciated. Col. Sherman making progress after surgery. Prayer meetings well attended. Family camp reunion fellowship tea enabled campers to relive 11 years of family camps. YPF. work done in garden of manse. Film evening by Harlaxton ladies added to funds of Mylo Home for Aged. Recent gifts and bequests have helped Mylo finances greatly. Baptisms for year 32: active membership 320.

Warwick (C. R. Perkins). — On Feb. 3, a well attended meeting heard Sonny Graham speak on Aboriginal work. Following service, fellowship hour held and farewell and presentation of Bible made to Miss Zelda Boettcher, attending Brisbane Teachers' College. Her services as church organist and B.S. teacher will be missed. Mr. and Mrs. Gill Rossner (Tannymorel Police Station) suffered great personal loss in destruction of their home by fire, Feb. 10, whilst they were in Sydney on annual leave. Fund to assist them has been commenced by Warwick church.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Morawa (G. Powell). — Church deeply shocked and saddened at sudden Home call of Mrs. Harry Cox, and extends Christian sympathy to leved ones. Graham Carslake returned to C.O.B. Mrs. Simpson (Wudinna, S.A.) visitor. Gavin Baws returned from trip to Qld. with Mrs. Brett (Carnarvon Mission). Number of members received into fellowship by transfer.

Cottesloe (A. J. Griffiths). — Combined with brotherhood, farewells were expressed to Mr. and Mrs. A. Fietcher, prior to departure for New Guinea: chapel filled to capacity. Blessing was the experience of those who met with Sis. Kennedy and Japheth from New Hebrides, and viewed slides shown. Basketballers preparing for coming season. Farewells made to Fallon family and two young lads, transferred East. Joyce

Bolton has entered P.B.I. Mr. and Mrs. Griffiths and Dawn leave early March for Prospect, S.A. Minister exchanged on Feb. 11 with L. Donaldson (Fremantle).

Fremantle (L. Donaldson). — Y.P. group now formed into C.E. Fellowship and address of A. J. Griffiths enjoyed by congregation of 110, Feb. 11. 94 witnessed baptismal service, p.m., and rejoiced to hear further confession of faith. Recent interstate visitors have been Mr. and Mrs. Gason and John Leach. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. S. Bullard on silver wedding.

Subiaco (G. Smith). — Good attendances, in spite of heat. C.E. Convention gave grand time of fellowship with Eastern States visitors. Visiting speakers, G. Helyar Dawn, Mr. Smith (Baptist, N.S.W.), Samuel and Japheth at Y.P.S.C.E. Mrs. Gordon welcomed to tea visitors from Carnarvon and missionaries. Girls took part in gospel service. New hall progressing. Y.P. had working bee. Miss P. Whittaker returned from overseas trip. Mr. and Mrs. Brian Johnstone leaving for New Guinea. Sis. W. Lake, R. Wishart, Lee and Mr. Corton ill.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Lismore (K. Christensen). — Ministry of F. L. Leivesley concluded in Jan. Interim ministry of G. Chapman (Woolwich) much appreciated. Services at Goonellabah average 30 communicants. All auxiliaries active again. Church welcomed many visitors over holiday period.

Hamilton (W. D. Howard). - After worship service, Jan. 14, church farewelled Mr. and Mrs. D. Jefferson, prior to departure for Orange, Both have served church in various capacities. Sec., N. Fraser, and minister spoke on behalf of church and presented coffee service. Y.P. successful picnic to Moonie Beach, Anniversary Day. Attendances at all services and midweek meetings show marked increases. During month, two recon-secrations and one decision. Work on second stage of beautification of chapel commenced. Members sympathise with Mr. and Mrs. Horward in bereavement. 38th annual business meeting of church, Feb. 8. Deacons elected: D. Brown, J. Moran, E. Carlson, T. Fraser. Owing to ill health, Alex. Fraser resigned from Board of Officers. His many years of faithful service have been placed on record. Many visitors during month included Sis. E. Fraser, Mr. and Mrs. Wilkins (Adelaide), A. Lowe (Annerley, Qld.).

Marrickville (M. Bedwell). — Attendances kept up well over holidays. Church family picnic, Jan. 29, Newport Beach. Special weekend, Feb.

3-4, to serve as "springboard" for church's Prayer Powered Programme for 1962. 150 attended "Youtharama" youth rally, 3rd, with guest artists Reubert Hayes (theatre and radio personality) on the electric organ; Horace Hoepper, bass vocalist; and speaker, Lauri Barker. Lady made decision for Christ. Large attendances 4th. Y.P. assisted p.m. Reubert Hayes and Horace Hoepper rendered numbers at both services. Young lady made decision, and another on 11th. Church regrets passing of Mrs. Smith after long illness. Representative from Slavic Mission speaker, Jan. 24, at meeting of Missionary Life Gift Fellowship. Indoor bowls evening resumed after holiday period.

Earlwood (G. Sloman). — Good attendance at youth rally, Feb. 17, and at meetings 18th, when Mr. and Mrs. Sloman resumed after vacation. Generous response to appeal for interest-free loans towards purchase of manse, attractive villa situated at corner of Permanent and Ashtonave., few minutes' walk from chapel.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Maylands (D. G. Hammer). — Dr. Hall spoke and showed pictures of W.A. Aboriginal Mission work. Sympathy expressed to Mrs. Ingham in death of sister, also to Mrs. Wilkinson at passing of husband. Young members received into fellowship at morning service. Mr. and Mrs. A. Anderson returned from holiday in Vic. Breaking their journey on their way back to Norseman Mission, Mr. and Mrs. Heyhoe attended Sunday service. Mr. and Mrs. Greenwood, having completed their ministry at Broken Hill, attended several services before going on to W.A.

Albert Park (C. E. Watson). — Feb. a.m. av., 150, but p.m. av. dropped to 80. During holiday period there were 15 additions and one transfer. Kitchen evening and farewell extended to Mr. and Mrs. R. Lawton, as they leave for Vic. Mr. Lawton enters C.O.B. B. Dowsett resumes at C.O.B. Evening services to continue to commence at 6.30. Plans proceding for year of increased education and evangelism.

North Adelaide (B. W. Manning).— Two received into fellowship by letter from Hampstead Gardens. Amongst visitors who have attended recently have been some very old members of church. Monthly evening service proving help and cheer.

Ascot Park (R. H. Sercombe).— Three ladies welcomed by transfer Feb. 11. B.S. achieved record attendance of 221 on 18th; 11 new scholars. Morning worship well attended, and lady welcomed by transfer. C.W.F. held recipe night 15th. Semaphore (D. K. Thoday). — Church grateful to A. G. Mathieson and K. Heath for splendid interim ministries. Interest and enthusiasm well maintained. Miss D. Young recovering from surgery. B.S. remained open during holiday recess; gratifying interest and attendances.

VICTORIA

Ormond (R. C. McKenzie, B.A.).—
J. Thotpe, returned from Norseman, spoke a.m., Feb. 11, on his experiences at Mission. An I.C.E. was commenced, Feb. 11, so increasing number of groups to 3. One lady and two young men confessed Christ at gospel service, 4th. Young man baptised, 11th. Increased attendances at Wed. night prayer meeting and Bible study.

Robinvale. — Messages received from W. W. Saunders, L. Keatch (Mildura) and local brethren. Welcome given to young lady by transfer. Happy Hour during B.S. vacation proved successful for those not on holiday. Fellowship with many visitors, including Mr. and Mrs. Jones (N.Z.), Mr. and Mrs. Williams (S.A.). Church enjoyed meeting with representatives from Sunraysia district at quarterly prayer meeting. Ladies' Fellowship gave £50 towards new B.S. building.

West Preston (T. T. Robinson).—During minister's holidays, speakers were A. Thomas, R. Cook, C. Hart. Church picnic held at Seaford, Jan. 29. Annual business meeting of church, Feb. 6. R. G. Farmer elected sec. to fill position vacated by J. Berry on his transferring membership. Three Y.P. told of experiences gained at National C.E. Convention in Perth, at Y.P.S.C.E., 5th. Successful, well attended B.S. prizegiving night, 9th.

Brunswick (R. E. Burns). — Youth Club commenced with picnic to Jubilee Lake. H. Myerscough showed his slides of trip to World Convention and Europe. Betty Mariner and Harvey Reece to enter University. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. H. Andrew on 50th wedding anniversary. W. Jenkins now recovering after illness.

Essendon (V. Quayle). — C.W.E.F. began new year Feb. 5, with Mrs. Lois Strack, pres. 19 attended Elderly Citizens' Fellowship, Feb. 7. Mrs. J. Strack elected pres., C.W.A.F. Good Companions re-commenced with 35 girls present. 119 attended everymember-present a.m. service, 11th. Bring-a-guest service, p.m., 84 present; item by Girls' Quintette, p.m. C.M.S. held tea and elected Geo. Strack pres. Guest speaker, D. Nicholls, M.B.E. Av. attendances, Jan., a.m., 80; p.m., 38.

Footscray (G. S. Brown). — On Feb. 4, F. T. Morgan was a.m. speaker and M. Carter, p.m. On 6th, C.W.A.F. elected Mrs. Greatorex (pres.), Mrs. Kaye (sec.) and Mrs. Underhill (treas.) C.W.E.F. meeting, 7th, had large attendance for Tupper demonstration. Miss Elwyn Dowling soloist, Feb. 11. Mrs. Smart and Mrs. Allan Wicking very ill. Special prayer meeting held for sick during week, as well as usual prayer and Bible study night.

Glen Waverley (R. W. Marshall) -Minister commenced second year, Feb. 4, after holidays. Elders and H. Arms (Clayton) filled pulpit acceptably. Chapel filled 11th, when four welcomed by transfer. 93 broke bread. membership 125. Gospel services well supported. Preparations being made for Forward in Faith campaign. During auxiliaries' recess, men scrubbed, resealed floors. B.S. has space difficulties; 3 joined teaching staff. 130 attended successful picnic, Aspendale, Feb. 3. Girl from B.S. made decision, baptised. Missionary offerings, 1961. totalled £78. Equipment purchased for Ranwadi School (New Hebrides) and parcel sent. B. & F. B. S., Wycliff translators, also supported. C.Y.F. resumed, 24 present, D. Patterson, counsellor. M. Whittaker succeeds G. Frecker as Explorer leader. Mrs. Trembath (Ivanhoe) demonstrated floral decoration at C.W.E.F,

North Essendon - Milleara (A. E. White, B.A. - T. Mason). - Minister has completed 11 years' service with church. New associate minister, T. Mason. (C.O.B.). A. J. Lloyd farewelled at social gathering at Milleara. Speakers paid tribute to his conse-crated service during 1961. Morning worship, Jan. 27, broadcast by 3DB. Recovery Sunday, Feb. 4, marked by good attendances and challenge to reconsecration. Four adults welcomed, two by faith and baptism, two by transfer. K. Heath (chaplain, Brunswick Tech. School) speaker, 11th. Milleara B.S. had record attendance of over 100, 11th. Mrs. Funston, new C.W.A.F. pres. Chapel filled for district Aborigines Mission rally, when Dr. Hall was speaker. Offering for Christmas Bowl Appeal, £65.

Strathmore (J. Lloyd). — C.Y.F. commenced Jan. 16, also held Sunday evenings, membership growing. Good attendances marked closing service of T. Lane, and good wishes of church go with him for ministry at East Preston. Church extends sympathy to relatives of late Mrs. Wenzel. J. Lloyd welcomed as full-time minister, Feb. 4, R. V. Amos being speaker. Four of Explorers enjoyed weekend at Flinders.

Warracknabeal (F. Stone). — Mrs. Chivell, snr., still in hospital, but improving in health. B.S. resumed following the vacation. Competition for attendance and efficiency won by

Bible Class. Plans in hand to begin new campaign. Church appreciates new full-time ministry after lapse of 12 months.

Collingwood (S. Wilkerson).—Church members enjoyed family picnic, Mordialloc, Australia Day. Men met with Collingwood Inter-Church Fellowship, Feb. 4. C.W.F. conducted annual business meeting, 5th, and elected sec., Mrs. B. Haylock; pres., Mrs. W. Cordingley. Speakers during preacher's vacation; R. Fullerton, N. McCann, I. Fields, G. Haylock. Good Companions enjoyed evening at City Baths, 16th. Explorer Club formed under leadership of W. Cordingley and G. Haylock. Christmas Bowl offering, £8/12/6. Mrs. A. Trew now receiving communion at home. Mrs. Carroll improving in health.

Ivanhoe (H. W. Street). — During January, Ivanhoe churches combined for evening services, with service on 14th being held in our chapel. On Feb. 14, weekly evening classes commenced on new series of studies. Thirty-three attended first study on The Bible as the Word of God. Studies will continue for most of this year. Teens Dept. is functioning in B.S.

East Kew (A. W. C. Candy). — 109 communed on Feb. 18, and gospel service well attended. Visitors included Dr. and Mrs. R. Williams (Hobart), and Mrs. R. Williams (Hobart), and Mrs. and Mrs. Ron. Robertson (Missionary Aviation Fellowship, New Guinea). Dr. Hall (Perth) screened pictures of work among Aborigines in W.A. Mission stations. After-church fellowship meeting held recently to farewell Dr. and Mrs. John York, taking up medical work in Sydney. Good Companions and Explorer clubs popular, under trained leadership. C.Y.F. attracting new members. I.C.E. providing opportunities for spiritual and practical training. Increasing number of new contacts throughout district. Special addresses on The Second Advent creating keen interest. Church encouraged by definite answer to prayer on behalf of many sick members. All back again to services.

Kaniva (J. W. Way, B.Sc.).—Large gatherings at all services. Six Y.P. received into fellowship, Feb. 18. C.M.S. tea and meeting on 18th, with 27 present. M. Landt gave talk on juvenile delinquents.

Maryborough (R. Pritchard). — At first meeting for 1962, C.Y.F. elected pres., Jeanette Davenport; sec., Glenyce Rowles; treas., Bill Sing. In absence of minister at Dunolly, p.m. service, Feb. 11, taken by David Marr (C.O.B.). After service, opportunity taken to farewell Pauline Smith (transferred by P.M.G.), also Elaine Smith (enters Teaching College, Geelong). Presentations made by church and auxiliaries. B.S. re-commenced; record number of scholars, 109. Allan

Monk and Tom Woolman have joined teaching staff. On 18th, choir travelied to Maidstone to share and give items in Teenweek.

Swanston-st., Melbourne (K. A. Macnaughtan). — Good attendances during holiday period. Visitors from U.S.A., interstate and country churches. Several confessions and baptisms since last report. Christmas Bowl appeal, £81; Aborigines appeal, £70. B.S. attendances up to 115.

Moreland (G. A. Grainger). — After vacation period, work commenced with every-member-present worship service. Auxiliary parade and induction of all auxiliary leaders at gospel service. Midweek prayer meetings proving great help. Two married ladies and two lads from Church School made decision for Christ following baptismal service, Feb. 18. Mrs. Grainger appointed pres. C.W.A.F. Church sympathises with Akam family in sudden Home call of Mr. Akam, after many weeks of ill-health.

Mitcham (K. Bowes, M.A.). — One reconsecration during month. Everymember-present, Feb. 11. Both services well attended, 89 communicants. Good Companions have attendance of 26. B.S. began new year with teaching staff of 18; attendance record being broken, 115 scholars to date. Cricketers took charge p.m., 18th. C.M.S. visited Bayswater to hear S. Davey speak on Aborigines work. Cottage prayer meetings still well attended.

Portland (C. G. Henderson). — Church delighted Temple Day aim of £300 will be achieved. Eight Y.P., with C. G. Henderson and Mrs. A. M. Goldsworthy, attended mid-summer Y.P. camp at Hall's Gap. Dr. G. Hall has shown slides on Aborigines Missions. Training class for readers and helpers held. Mr. Stokes, guest speaker at Portland Convention, preached a.m., Jan. 28. C.E. attended rally at Hamilton, Feb. 17. E. W. Heard (India) speaker p.m., 18th. Farewells and presentations made to Mr. and Mrs. Keith Cook and family on their leaving district. Several Y.P. have left for further study in Melbourne. Sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. L. King, Mr. and Mrs. G. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. A. Gull in bereavements. Av. attendances for Jan.: a.m., 124; p.m., 43; communed, 76; offering, £30/18/2.

Preston (G. W. Barnett). — Married woman baptised, Feb. 4, and at conclusion of p.m. service her two sons made decision. Mr. Sheedy, asst. Director Education in Schools, a.m. speaker. Mrs. Barnett, representing Aborigines Mission Comm., gave message a.m., 11th, and at night film, Where Your Treasure Is, was screened. Four B.S. boys baptised p.m., 18th. Telecast ABV-2 series, Paul of Tarsus, prior to p.m. services, very successful.

Balwyn (J. E. Brooke). — On Feb. 18, three Y.P. were received into fellowship through faith and baptism, and another B.S. scholar made the good confession. P.B.P. held open meeting, 13th, with guest speaker from "Seeing Eye" Dog Training School. All auxiliaries working well. H. Steele commences interim ministry March 4.

Croydon (W. J. Thomson). — C.W.E.F. monthly meeting took form of Holiday Experiences; 12 ladies present. Men holding working bee to paint B.S. hall. C.Y.F. enjoyed visit from Montrose C.Y.F. Youth tea, Feb. 11, after which Y.P. conducted gospel service, subject being What Docs Happen at Camp. B.S. picnic 17th, at Semco Oval, Black Rock.

Drumcondra (R. Banks). — Church enjoyed fellowship with many visitors during holidays. Messages by local and visiting brethren much appreciated during minister's vacation. W.M.B. planning more intensive visiting campaign, also increased missionary effort. Officers for ensuing year: pres., Mrs. Andrews; sec., Mrs. R. Pearce; treas., Miss H. Wiltshire. C.W.E.F. regrets departure for Melb. of Miss Merle Hall, sec. for many years. Presentation made to her, and appreciation expressed. B.S. picnic held at Torquay, Feb. 17. Ladies' Aid held successful "bring a gift, buy a gift" social afternoon at home of Mr. and Mrs. L. Mountjoy; proceeds £20, toward painting of manse kitchen. Husband and wife received into fellowship, 18th.

Geelong (A. C. Caldicott). — Large attendances. Fifty Y.P. from West Preston shared gospel service, en route from camp at Anglesea. B.S. at Thomson, new area, is healthy. Terrace School in process of changing from afternoon to morning. £250 to be spent on beautifying church grounds.

OPEN FORUM

FIFTY YEARS AGO.

By a remarkable coincidence the Christian of Feb. 13 contains an article which is of tremendous interest to me! Remembering past years being the privilege of the old, I was thrilled to read the first item in the Fifty Years Ago column! My wife and I had come from Sydney to live in Melbourne only a few days prior to this meeting. We had the joy of attending this meeting at Brighton. In addition to those brethren mentioned as having spoken (and who I believe have all passed away), the chairman, the late very muchloved Theo. B. Fischer, very kindly intimated that Mrs. S. and myself had recently arrived from Sydney and would be glad if I would "say a few words," which I was happy to do.

Having always been actively interested in Bible School work in Tasmania and N.S.W., I spoke for about five minutes on the work in those States. We also met many workers from the various Melbourne and metropolitan churches. Hence, it was very nice to see in the A.C. the reference to which I have referred.

Incidentally, I must be one of the oldest subscribers to the Christian—have taken it since its first issue. My parents (the late Mr. and Mrs. George Smith) were great friends of the late A. B. Maston. I was local agent and reporter for the paper for years—until I went from Hobart to Sydney in 1912.

I hope you keep the column going, and give many of your older readers much pleasure.—T. W. Smith, Blackburn. Vic.

(We are happy to assure Mr. Smith that this column will be a regular feature this year.—Ed.).

Key of Life Crusade

Gilgandra, a town in the Mid-West of New South Wales, was greatly stirred by the Key of Life Crusade sponsored by the Church of Christ, Gilgandra, with Eric Hart (Bexley North) as evangelist, and Don Barter (Padstow) song-leader. The number of non-church people who attended the meetings (held for 12 nights, Feb. 7-18) was most encouraging; one night over 200 attended, and the meeting had to be conducted in the open air because the church building could not accommodate the crowd. We rejoice and praise God that he called 13 souls to himself — 7 first feetisions, 4 reconsecrations and one for baptism.

We commend Mr. Hart to the brotherhood, and thank God that he gave himself without reserve in proclaiming the Word from the pulpit, visiting in the district, counselling and helping both the saved and unsaved with their problems. Also we commend Mr. Barter for his leading in song, his direction each night of the young people in singing of hymns with a real message, his singing of solos, his enthusiasm and faithfulness in visitation, and the wonderful way in which he led us all nearer our Lord by his consecrated life.

Pianists who gave of their talent and performed so willingly and lovingly were Miss Ray Baker, who travelled over 600 miles to be with us for a week, Miss Nelda Dallinger who nightly travelled 68 miles to be with us, and Miss Beth Mudford.

A Happy Hour was conducted each afternoon for the children, being led by Miss Frances Wood, assisted by Misses Hazel and Gwen Quayle and Pat Mowatt. These young people

tackled this task willingly and with much love for the children and our Lord, and were rewarded with an average of 60 children attending daily. The Sunday School is capitalising on this, and receiving new scholars.

One of the reasons for choosing February for our Crusade was to give four of our young people the opportunity to witness for the Lord as a final effort before they left Gilgandra. Opportunity was taken to farewell them at the conclusion of the mission. Miss Frances Woods and Brian Hill enter Woolwich Bible College, Miss Pat Mowatt goes to Sydney University, and Miss Hazel Quayle to Teachers' College, Bathurst. All these young people have given their lives to Christ for full-time service, and the church at Gilgandra rejoices in sending them forth.—N. Flint, minister.

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APPRECIATION

HICKS (Les.). - Mrs. Mavis Hicks wishes to express to all Christian friends her deep gratitude and thanks for the loving and helpful expressions of sympathy in the sudden passing of her dearly beloved husband. Will all please accept this as a personal expression of thanks?

ENGAGEMENT

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Ministries of Our Women (continued)

Roll call of Fellowships showed that 71 sisters were present - apologies 6. Financial statement as read by Mrs. Beck showed a balance in hand of £1,464/17/2. Prayer of thanks for offering was given by Mrs. Reid.

Miss Kennedy was introduced to sisters by Mrs. Gordon, and we were very pleased to have an interesting message from her.

We rejoiced with our President that the Budget for last year reached the amount of £928.

Reports: Overseas: Mrs. Gordon gave several items of interest, in particular of new missionaries going out shortly.

Aborigine: Mrs. Pallot advised clothing lists for Mission children were now ready. All children from Car-narvon are now to travel into Carnarvon to school.

Wooroloo: Mrs. Verge thanked sisters for loyal support and wonderful supply of Christmas gifts — pray that visitors will help to show the love of the Lord as they visit. Mrs. Lamont also reported a very happy visit and Christmas service at Wooroloo.

Hospital: Mrs. Wyss reported over 200 gifts had been distributed to patients at R.P.H. More devotional books would be appreciated.

Social Service: Mrs. Holloway asked for helpers for Budget Shop and suggested an occasional gift of groc-eries, etc., would help with parcels for needy.

Home Missions: We were pleased to hear that 5 decisions had been made to date at the Busselton mission pray for the break through.

There being no further business, Mrs. Digwood closed with prayer.— P. Reid. Sec.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Mrs. A. R. Jones presided over the monthly Conference Meeting held in Grote-st. chapel on Feb. 1. The attendance was smaller than usual, 129 being present, 102 of whom were delegates. The fact that schools were still on vacation was probably a contributing factor.

This was the occasion of the Overseas Mission Rally, but a short business session was conducted first. It was decided that our exhibit on National Flower Day be entered in the Religious Section, but that we do not compete for the prize-money. Ladies were reminded that contributions of one shilling per woman member are now due for our Living Link, Miss Dorothy Butler, of Car-narvon Mission to Aborigines. The leader of the Aborigines Dept., Mrs.

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Promise for the Month: Psalm 121: 8: "The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore."—Barbara B. Fitzgerald, Asst. Sec.

W.C.W.F. PRAYER FOR FEB.

That as we come to the World Day of Prayer we may feel the close bonds of sisterhood around the world. Pray that each country as it shares shall be particularly blessed. Let us remember, "Therefore I tell you, whatsoever you ask in prayer, believe that you receive it, and you will."—Mk. 11: 24.

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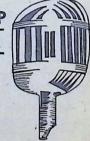
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