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From the "Festival City" of Adelaide, ALBERT GLASTONBURY writes on . . .

## FESTIVALS OF MUSIC

Adelaide is truly a Festival City at present, with the Second Festival of Arts delighting overseas and interstate visitors as well as local enthusiasts. Amongst the distinguished artists who are sharing in this great occasion are the London Philharmonic Orchestra and the choir of the Royal Christchurch Musical Society (N.Z.) Religious themes are well to the fore.

Under the stimulus of such an atmosphere of music and culture it is not surprising to find a large number of Societies providing opportunities for amateur talent as well as entertainment for those willing to give support. The South Australian Churches are very proud to be the proprietors of such a Musical Society in the Churches of Christ Youth Choir, a talented group of approxi-

mately 40 young people, who for five years of the choir's existence have gained a reputation far beyond the limits of our own brotherhood.

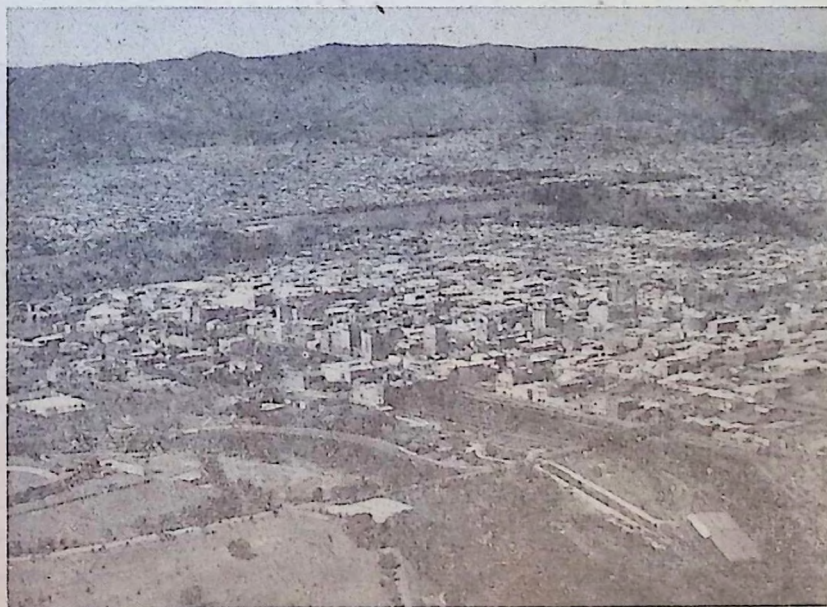
I am often meeting people from different walks of life, not connected with our churches, who have made quite flattering remarks about such and such a programme of the Youth Choir. The South Australian church members by the support they have given the choir realise the asset they have in this group. As I am not now actively associated with the choir, I feel that I can write in this way.

Formed in 1957 to give young people aged from 15-25 years a Christian atmosphere in which to develop their talents, it has "discovered" a number with musical and other artistic talents. Another reason for its formation was to provide a choir for youth rallies and conventions. It was featured at the 1958 Federal Conference and has performed at every S.A. State Conference since its formation; usually at two meetings and on one occasion at three. It has joined with other choirs for ecumenical occasions, and makes an annual trip to the Bordertown group of churches. Small teams from amongst its members have on occasions provided the musical ministry at suburban missions. Its latest venture has been to sponsor an annual Talent Quest amongst affiliated youth organisations. As the young people marry or attain 25 years of age they are replaced by others. These young people are all members or attend our churches, and serve in auxiliaries; some are youth leaders.

Seven young men from the choir have had, or are undergoing, training for the Christian ministry, and five are full-time ministers. Another is a leading S.A. sportsman. Their repertoire is of the highest musical standard and their songs bear the message of commitment. They sing with ingenuous ardor, expressing the conviction that "Jesus is the joy of living." Their dedicated leader is John Hall, organist of the Grote-st. church, Adelaide.

The Youth Choir is perhaps most widely acclaimed for its annual performance each February of a Gilbert and Sullivan Opera at the Unley Town Hall. Here they have attained an exceptionally high standard of performance, which reflects greatly to their own credit, and the Youth Department they represent. Every department of these undertakings, except the orchestra of 20, is the work of the young people themselves. One young man has made an outstanding job of the scenery. Anyone who has had any association with such activities knows the degree of discipline and capacity for hard work demand-

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Aerial View of Adelaide — Festival City.



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ed. It needs the co-ordinated efforts of almost 100 people. Their presentation during February, 1962, was the ever popular Mikado, which was seen by 2,500 people during a 3-night season. In the past five years an estimated 13,000 people have attended the 14 performances covering six separate productions. The Unley Town Hall during February takes on all the features of a Festival of Arts, as enthusiasts from the country meet their city friends in a happy and wholesome atmosphere. We thank the young people who have inspired us, and a great circle of friends who have consistently supported them.

## Fifty Years Ago

From "The Australian Christian"  
of March 21, 1912.

Editor: F. C. Dunn.

Filmer Welcomed from New Hebrides. — The Perth church held a picnic on March 9 in the King's Park to say a few words of welcome to F. G. Filmer, our representative in the New Hebrides. After tea, the President of Conference, W. B. Blake-more, extended a hearty welcome on behalf of W.A. churches. On the Lord's Day morning the church enjoyed the pleasure of listening to an address by the visitor upon his work and trials in the foreign field.

G. P. Pittman Reports on Baramati, India. — When we decided to pay a visit to Baramati, we sent a telegram to Bro. Strutton: "May we visit you now? — Pittman." In transmission this was converted into "May we have you know, Piltwapu." Bro. Strutton, however, managed to guess the right meaning, and sent a telegram to assure us that a hearty welcome awaited us. So we set out upon our journey of about 1,000 miles . . . Baramati is the most important town of the district, with a population of 13,000. The large marketplace is visited on bazaar days by 45,000 people from the surrounding villages. Mr. and Mrs. Strutton evidently made an excellent choice in selecting Baramati as the headquarters of the Australian Mission, and they were fortunate in securing such an important unoccupied district for missionary purposes. Altogether, there are 60 in the Mission, including five white missionaries, thirty-six Indian men and women, sixteen children, and three outside Christians from another Mission. After only six years' work, this represents a promising Christian community.

News Briefs. — Morning service at Charters Towers, Qld. increased to 22. . . . Bro. Tyson has presented a beautiful polished reading desk to the church at Launceston, Tas. . . . Plans for proposed new building discussed at Grote-st., S.A.



## RENEWING A COURTSHIP

Our readers will undoubtedly welcome the statement on the next page concerning discussions held between Baptist and Churches of Christ brethren in New South Wales during 1961. Occasional news reports have shown a growing measure of understanding and fellowship between the two communions, not only in New South Wales, but in other Australian States as well. Helpful discussions in South Australia have paved the way for combined meetings and for the sharing of the 1962 Magarey Lectures by both Baptist and Churches of Christ ministers. In Victoria, one of the younger Baptist ministers in the person of David J. Griffiths urged his fellow-Baptists at the Centenary service held on Feb. 18 to seek closer fellowship with Churches of Christ. *The Australian Baptist* reports that he said: "In order to cope with the problems that confront them, Baptists in the future will no longer be able to work effectively in isolation. The logic of circumstances will force us to seek the help of allies in our work. Why not begin with a determined and serious attempt to work in closer co-operation with our nearest relations — the Church of Christ? Why not make this one of the projects that stem from our Centenary?" Meanwhile, our own Department for the Promotion of Christian Union is exploring the possibility of closer contacts.

All this is indicative of a goodwill that holds promise of better things to come. Various co-operative sporting bodies have proved that we can play together. In the preparation and production of Christian Education material we have shown we can work together. But there are other things less happy about our past record of relationships. The Editor of *The Australian Baptist* refers to "the failure of talks some twenty years ago, when one member of the group was heard to say, 'There can never be union between the Churches of Christ and the Baptists.'" Actually, the record of talks ending in failure goes back a good deal further than twenty years.

Take, for example, the situation in South Australia fifty years ago. In September, 1911, there was warm co-operation at the Conference level between the two communions. At the closing meeting of the Churches of Christ Conference, Mr. McNicol, the Baptist Sunday School organiser, "expressed his profound conviction that before many years union would be effected, the statement being warmly applauded." At the end of that same year, the Church of Christ and the Baptist Church in Port Pirie united to form "the

Christian Church." After one year of such a union, it was reported that there had been 85 baptisms during the year, total additions being 113. All augured well for the future. But by 1917 the union was abandoned by mutual consent, never to be renewed since.

Victoria also has its record of hopeful talks and subsequent failure. Fifty years ago, at a half-yearly Conference, Victorian Baptists carried a resolution to the effect that "a conference between leaders of the Churches of Christ and leaders appointed by the Baptist Churches be asked for with a view to closer union." The then President of the Baptist Union (W. J. Eddy) affirmed that "there was little doctrinal difference between the Baptists and the Churches of Christ, and no valid reason existed for their separation." Churches of Christ welcomed the approach. As F. G. Dunn, then Editor of *The Australian Christian*, said: "A policy of continued aloofness will never help to bring about Christian union. It is to the honor of the Baptist Union that it took the first step in this direction." Helpful papers were written, frank discussions held, friendships developed and "misconceptions on both sides in regard to doctrinal views removed." Mr. Dunn commented, "It was mutually felt that organic union was desirable, but that the way must first be prepared for it by friendly co-operation in such ways as co-operation was found to be possible." But in time the talks ceased, and so did the co-operation. The same kind of process has been repeated since.

We do not cite these records from the past as any "damper" to the present discussions. Rather, it seems to us that the fact that we keep coming together after so many earlier failures indicates at least a certain nagging of conscience, an urging of the Spirit, within both communions. When enough of us really believe that we belong together and show a persistent, patient will to union that refuses to be sabotaged by the clash of personalities or problems, a new day could dawn for Baptist-Churches of Christ relationships. Humbly penitent before God for our past failures, we must seek the way of his leading, "in an agony of prayer, in self-criticism and in adventurous faith."

To say that nothing much divides us is little help. The fact is that we remain separate, and that "nothing much" has so far defied all attempts to break through it. Can we do it this time?



# Baptists and Churches of Christ

A statement has recently been released in Sydney by representatives of Baptist Churches and Churches of Christ which indicates the possibility of closer fellowship and co-operation between the two bodies in New South Wales. This statement, which is the outcome of "informal talks," has appeared in *The Australian Baptist* and also in *The Christian Messenger* over the names of representative leaders in both immersionist groups.

The talks were inaugurated by Dr. A. G. Elliott during his term of office as President of the N.S.W. Conference, in conjunction with the State Conference Christian Unity Committee, and the accompanying article traces the development of these fraternal gatherings from their beginning early in 1961.

There is evidence that similar movements towards closer union have been initiated in other States, and it is hoped that there will be increasing opportunities for further co-operation between the two bodies, and greater understanding between ourselves and our Baptist brethren throughout the Commonwealth.

## THE SEARCH FOR UNITY

### A Review of Discussions held between Baptist and Churches of Christ brethren in N.S.W. during 1961

"A very different situation exists now, than did when meetings were held between Baptists and Churches of Christ representatives some twenty years or more ago." So said Principal-Emeritus G. H. Morling in commenting on talks which have been going on in recent months between members of the two communions to consider again the relationship of these immersionist bodies to one another in New South Wales. It was out of his long experience of Christian life in New South Wales, and of Baptist - Churches of Christ attitudes both in the former conferences, and now, that Mr. Morling said this. The story of what has been taking place is released now, so that others too may share the knowledge.

Initiative was taken by Churches of Christ brethren early in 1961, for members of both groups to meet for fellowship. To this Baptists responded readily. It was felt speedily that fraternisation was good, but not good enough. There developed a strong urge to explore every avenue that might lead to better relationships between the two communions, not excluding union on New Testament grounds, if God wills it.

Those taking part in the talks were denominational leaders lay and ministerial, both at the executive and also the theological levels. It was noted in the discussions that though the meetings were prompted from within New South Wales, the brethren of the two communions were making tentative advances towards one another in other States also.



L. K. Green,  
one of the Churches of Christ  
representatives.

It became apparent at an early stage in the discussions that there has developed a great degree of unanimity between the two bodies. Baptists and Churches of Christ brethren expressed both surprise and delight at this.

Serious and frank talk ranged systematically over the main theological issues of the Scriptures, the Church, the Ministry, Baptism, the Lord's Supper, Liberty, Unity, the great doctrines of the Church, and, in particular, the way of Salvation.

The discussions on the subjects mentioned soon centred round the questions of Salvation, the Ministry, and the Lord's Supper. Though there were differences of procedure and also of emphasis on the latter two matters, all felt that they would not constitute grave problems. The question of Salvation was discussed at length, and, inevitably, in the context of baptism. This had been one of the areas of divergent views in the discussions years previously. Marked unanimity of outlook was discovered. On both sides it was emphasised that faith was of para-

mount importance. This faith was the personal response of the individual to the love of God in the sacrifice of his Son Jesus Christ on the cross for our sins. Though no attempt was made to force the minds of men at this point, it was felt that many misunderstandings might be removed if some definition of beliefs was made. The brethren did not desire this to become a "Creed" but simply to give expression to their common views on the matter. It is recounted here not for argument but for information. But at the same time it is hoped that it may be found truly to represent the thought of the majority of the brethren in both communions.

"We believe that man's salvation is based on the atoning act of Christ on the Cross and is God's free gift to all those who trust in his Son. In the words of Scripture, those who believe are 'justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus' (Rom. 3: 24), and are 'justified by faith' (Rom. 3: 28). Where there is faith there is salvation. Where there is no faith there is no salvation. By faith is to be understood no mere verbal acceptance of dogmas, however true in themselves, but the entire response of the whole being — mind, affections and will — in surrender to Jesus Christ. Christ saves when he is thus received by faith. We believe that faith in our Lord Jesus Christ should be followed by baptism in accordance with the Scriptures. This New Testament baptism, which is the immersion of the penitent believer in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is no mere formal act, but a genuine spiritual experience. 'We are buried with him by baptism into death, that, like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life (Rom. 6: 4)'."

It will be a wonderful thing if out of all the fraternising and investigating a way can be found of bringing Baptists and Churches of Christ into closer unity in life and witness for our Lord Jesus Christ.

Further meetings are planned. In the meanwhile this is released "for information only." But it is hoped that it will be made known widely in the local congregations, that they might pray about it, and seek for all their people the mind and will of God by his Holy Spirit, concerning these things. Though these present explorations are confined to New South Wales, it is possible that in the Providence of God they may have

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Supplied by R. S. A. McLean.

### Mission Launch Damaged

Reg. Combridge.

It was evening when we slipped the *Grace*, our 25 ft. Mission launch, back into the sea after repairing the engine. The sea was calm with a slight swell running. In the early hours of the morning, the dead calm sprang into gale force winds and heavy seas. At daybreak we called all the people together and attempted to get the *Grace* out. We had to run out of the bay and turn around — we made several runs to the place where we haul her ashore. We thanked God that we had a strong engine and a powerful reverse gear or she would have been smashed to pieces on the reef several times. We eventually got it into position and came in on the crest of a huge wave with engine running half speed in reverse.

With the aid of about thirty men, a rope was quickly slipped around her and we started to haul. The rope broke and the undertow dragged the *Grace* back again and a huge wave thrust her nose against a piece of coral reef. When we couldn't hold her in the pounding surf, the *Grace* went over on her side and broad-sided into the reef. Eventually we were able to stand her up and haul her out, but not "without damage to the ship." The bow was damaged and sprung, she was damaged on the side, some equipment was washed overboard and many fittings broken, including part of the engine. The engine was torn from its mountings and one of the bolts holding the stern bearing was shorn off.

even wider repercussions. Brethren, pray for one another, and seek in every way possible to foster good fellowship for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ and the Church.

The document is signed by W. H. B. Palmer (N.S.W. Conf. Pres.), C. E. Bowser, A. G. Elliott, L. K. Green, A. W. Stephenson, D. J. A. Verco, L. E. Wylie, E. F. Morris (Sec.).

Representing the Baptist Churches were: J. B. Wilson (Pres.), C. H. Gray (Past Pres.), L. M. Levy (Treas.), G. H. Morling (Vice-Pres.), E. Roberts-Thomson (College Principal), S. C. Squire (Past-Pres.), R. E. Walker (Vice-Pres.), B. A. King (Sec.).

Whilst we were turning the boat in the heavy swell outside the bay, it rolled badly in a gigantic trough when the mast, over 20 ft. high, smashed into the crest of the oncoming wave and sent the mast light in splinters all about us. We are thankful that there was no irreparable damage and that there were no severe casualties. A few of the men received cuts and bruises, and all of them behaved magnificently, risking their lives. I was truly proud of them.

Once again it was another close go with the *Grace*, but we thank God who both delivered us and the ship, though we will have to face repairs to the value of about £80.

### Liquor for Islanders

Newspapers recently published the following announcement made by Mr. Hasluck, the Minister for Territories in a recent press interview at Rabaul: "Missionaries in top level talks with the Papua-New Guinea Administration had made a majority recommendation in favor of drink for the native people. Their decision represents a complete swing away from the traditional Church and Mission attitude on drinking among the native people of Papua and New Guinea."

Throughout the years we have loudly

protested against the sale of liquor to Island peoples.

It is argued that the indigenous people should be allowed to drink the same as Europeans to avoid racial discrimination. Knowing the peril that liquor will bring to Island people, it would be better for total prohibition to apply to all, and not to make exceptions.

Prohibition no longer applies to the New Hebrideans, and already it is reported that some are making the most of their new freedom. It is well to remember that on most of the Islands in the New Hebrides there are no police, therefore no person is responsible to protect others or control incidents which undoubtedly will occur as a result of drunkenness.

Just over a year ago when it was suggested that the law prohibiting the sale of liquor be abolished, our Island elders said, "We are not ready for this, our people are too weak. We can remember the days many years ago when our people were allowed to drink, and how many were drunk night and day. We would like to show the Government Officers places where villages existed but the people were destroyed by 'the grog.' We want the law to remain to protect our people."

### Coming to Australia

Dr. and Mrs. Coulter and Miss Heather Middlemiss will arrive in Sydney from New Zealand on April 3. They will attend Conference meetings in Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne. At a special gathering to be held at Grote-st., Adelaide, on April 26, nine of the twelve new missionaries will be inducted to missionary service.

## Tasmanian District Conference

A. Bruton.

The Tasmanian District Conference was held this year at Devonport, on the weekend of March 3-5. The meetings were well attended, and a happy spirit of fellowship was evidenced throughout.

Visitors from all parts of the State and from Victoria were welcomed and accommodated in church homes. Those who came from the mainland to share in our Conference were W. A. Thompson (Vic-Tas. Conf. Pres.), Mrs. R. Amos (C.W.F. Pres.), K. Jones (College of the Bible), D. Smith (Home Missions and Evangelism), A. Jenkins (Aborigines Committee), V. Longthorp (Dept. Christian Education) and E. Heard (missionary on furlough from India, representing Overseas Mission Board).

All business sessions were presided over by N. J. Warnbrunn (Pres. Tas. Conf.), and these sessions con-

tinued throughout Saturday. The theme of Conference was *Christ Is the Answer*. E. Morrison (Peninsula) set the tone of Conference with his fine opening devotional based on Acts 15: 6, "It seemed good to the Holy Spirit, and to us."

Department reports all indicated a year of progress, and Victorian representatives each addressed Conference as their Department's report was presented.

Conference was glad to receive a greeting from Maurice Harvey, formerly of Caveside church, and now a missionary at Carnarvon.

The Overseas Mission report, presented by Mr. Heard, revealed that twelve new workers will be going forward to all fields this year. Included in this number are two doctors and three nurses.

The report of the Bethany and Social Services committee showed a



possible change in the pattern of the Bethany work. More children are being sent by the Govt. Social Service Department for adoption or for care in foster homes, and so there are fewer needing care in Homes such as Bethany. While we are thankful for this evidence of an awakening community concern, we shall need to consider carefully the future development of our work at Bethany.

P. R. Baker led in the afternoon devotional period on the Conference theme, *Christ Is the Answer*.

The report of the Tasmanian sub-committee of the Vic.-Tas Dept. of Home Missions and Evangelism showed an encouraging forward movement in this State. The Peninsula churches, after thirteen years of H.M. support, have now become self-supporting. The Dover-Geeveston circuit will have a full-time minister, N. Reese, commencing his work there during this month.

The report from the Dept. of Christian Education showed that the work on the Bichenno camp site has been hindered because of drainage difficulties, which will necessitate a drainage pipe-line to the sea, a quarter of a mile long. A Committee is to be formed in Tasmania, to work with the State Executive Committee to

go ahead with developments of the camp life.

The Saturday evening programme was shared by Home Mission and Overseas Mission Committees, and two fine addresses were enjoyed. D. Smith spoke for the Dept. of Home Missions and Evangelism, and E. Heard stirred and challenged us all as he spoke of the living conditions and urgent needs of the Indian people. An offering in cash and promises was taken at this meeting for the work of Home Missions, and totalled £91/4/6.

Dinner and tea were served on Saturday by the Devonport ladies in the new hall behind the church building. This was a great day for the Devonport church, as they had the use of the new building for the first time. The hall, though not quite completed yet, proved a great asset.

Sunday services in the Devonport chapel were crowded, and both services were addressed by W. A. Thompson. The morning collection, dedicated to the completion of the hall, amounted to £202/0/9.

The Women's Conference was held in the church building on Sunday afternoon, and all were thrilled as Mrs. Amos told of the Woman to Woman Evangelism project recently launched in Victoria.

An after-church fellowship hour was held, and was devoted to the work of Aborigines Missions. A. Jenkins introduced the work, and then handed over to Mrs. L. Taylor, formerly Miss Norma Byard, returned missionary from Carnarvon, who showed slides just received from the field, and spoke of the work being done. Supper was served in the hall.

A picnic at the Bluff on Monday morning concluded a very happy and enjoyable Conference weekend.

Conference next year will be held in Hobart, and the following officers have been elected: B. J. Golder (Pres.), C. R. Edmunds (Sec.) and committee men H. G. Byard, J. H. Harrison, E. K. Morrison, C. J. Orr, C. J. Robinson.

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## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### Ten Guiding Principles for Working With Youth

#### 1. INVOLVEMENT.

Teenagers need to be involved in all stages of programme planning, class studies, and group activities—from the setting of goals and aims through working on details, to the carrying out of specific assignments, and, later, to the evaluation of the experience.

#### 2. PURPOSE.

Both the adult workers and the young people need to know for certain what their purpose is in carrying on a youth programme. What are the young people about? Why? To what end? The Church, too, needs to be concerned about the purpose of the youth programme. What is its peculiar contribution to youth?

#### 3. HIDDEN AGENDA.

The Church's ministry to teenagers must speak to the hidden pressures, tensions, and needs of the individual persons. Family, boy-girl relations,

school, vocation, and social acceptance are particularly sensitive and important areas during this period.

#### 4. GROUPNESS.

The development of a sense of groupness and the establishment of the "Christian community" are desirable experiences for youth. The trend is toward the small group for more intensive fellowship and for frequent and varied experiences.

#### 5. CONTENT AND CLIMATE.

The "content" represents the hard core of the Christian gospel, through the study and activity experiences that only the Church can give. The "climate" is the social and physical atmosphere, the interpersonal relation among the young people. Both must be equally present and provided for in the programme of the Church.

#### 6. PERMISSIVENESS.

The attitude of "I trust you" must be the adult worker's attitude when dealing with young people. A free, relaxed situation, a wholesome give-and-take, the willingness to explore

and raise questions — these are desirable.

#### 7. THE "SUNDAY SCHOOL ANSWER."

There is something about the church atmosphere that seems to bring forth the usual, the expected, the "right" superficial conversation. Challenge youth's remarks, ask pointed questions, dig deep.

#### 8. AGE GROUPING.

The obvious differences in social and physical maturity of teenagers indicate that the Church should separate the under 18 from the over 18. Actually a two-year grouping would even be better, 14-15, 16-17, 18-19. And don't worry about numbers. As few as five teenagers can make an effective "group."

#### 9. THE ROLE OF THE ADULT.

The two extremes of the adult role are:— 1. the baby-sitter, who makes no contribution to the programme, who makes sure that the young people "behave themselves"; and 2, the dictator, who rules completely. The desirable role is that of coach—one

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# Door-Knocking for Christ

At a meeting early in 1962, the staff of the Collingwood (Vic.) Church of Christ Sunday School adopted a suggestion submitted by the minister, S. Wilkerson, to conduct a door-knock drive for new scholars. The vision became a reality on Sunday afternoons, Feb. 19 and 26, when 20 persons, including B.S. teachers and members from the Collingwood church, ably supported by several members of the Northcote C.Y.F. and one young man from Ivanhoe, undertook an intensive house-to-house visitation campaign.

Approximately 2,000 homes, representing about one half of the Collingwood municipality, were visited in the campaign. Special attention was devoted to Abbotsford, in which district the church is located, and the Housing Commission area, in which there are literally thousands of children, the majority of whom do not attend church or Sunday School.

Whilst, at this stage, it is difficult to assess the result of the drive, the following facts reveal that it could be regarded as highly successful:

1. The names and addresses of 83 prospective new scholars were obtained.
2. Already, 21 new scholars have attended Sunday School.
3. The names of several former members of Churches of Christ, who do not now attend church, were recorded.
4. The door-knock will remind the citizens of Collingwood of the existence of the Collingwood Church of Christ.

Although somewhat apprehensive at the outset of the campaign, the visitors, many of whom had never previously participated in door-to-door visitation work, quickly gained confidence and tackled their task with courage, determination and devotion. A short prayer session and period of instruction, conducted in the chapel by Mr. Wilkerson prior to setting out, together with the promise of the

great commission, provided a source of strength during the campaign.

The visitors were met with civility and courtesy wherever they went. In fact, it was not uncommon, when knocking on the door of a Roman Catholic, of whom there are many in the district, to be greeted with such remarks as, "I am not of your faith, but the people who live opposite have several young children who may be interested."

Like the inner suburban churches of all denominations, the Collingwood church has "struggled" for many years under almost heartbreaking conditions. The pattern of young people being won to the Lord, later marrying, and then moving to outer suburban areas, where they serve their new churches loyally, is all too familiar in the churches of the inner industrial suburbs. For this reason, the inner churches will never really be strong, but the work must nevertheless continue as there are still many men, women and children in Collingwood, Fitzroy, North Melbourne, etc., who need the gospel of Christ.

The Collingwood church is thankful to God for his guidance and help in this matter. By means of careful follow-up visitation work, it is hoped not only to induce the new contacts to attend Sunday School, but also to lead them into a personal relationship with Christ. We are deeply grateful to those who assisted in the campaign and strongly recommend this form of evangelism to our sister churches.—R. O. Darby, B.S. supt.



## OVERSEAS VISITOR

Miss Jessie Trout, Field Liaison Officer of the United Christian Missionary Society, whose headquarters are at Indianapolis, U.S.A., met with 50 Federal and State representatives on March 14 in the Churches of Christ Centre, Melb., as guests of the Vic.-Tas. Overseas Mission Dept. A delightful buffet luncheon was served by Mrs. Lowrey and her helpers. Greetings were brought by W. A. Thompson (Vic.-Tas. Conf. Pres.), and Mrs. V. Stafford (C.W.F.). The guest of honor spoke of her travels and experiences during the last five months in Japan, Hong Kong, Nepal, Afghanistan and India. She stressed the challenge of the present time for renewed missionary endeavor. The opportunities are there. An urgent call to young people to respond is being made so that the gospel can be taken to lands where the doors are open. These people are in desperate need of evangelists, nurses and doctors. Miss Trout will visit Adelaide before returning home.—B. L. Williams.

QUESTING

A. E. White.

My daughter is keeping company with a Roman Catholic boy. What can I do about it?

I don't know what you can do. It may be too late to do anything but accept it with as good a grace as you can. Your concern is understandable, as there are very real dangers in such a relationship.

These problems develop so quickly that we may first hear of them only after a friendship is firmly established. Young people meet each other in casual ways and form friendships without bothering about religion. Even where the problem of an inter-faith relationship is recognised, young people continue with a friendship they find so pleasant, for, of course, they have no intention of becoming serious! Famous last words! Unless the limits that do exist are known and accepted at the beginning, this casual friendship can lead to heart-break, and it may be a parent's heart that will break first.

Roman Catholics and Protestants do not find many areas of agreement, but they give the same advice here: don't start an inter-faith boy and girl relationship. Such friendships may not be serious at the beginning, but they can quickly deepen into love. Then pressures will come that will test and strain and often break church loyalties. Far better to accept some sadness before deep attachments are formed than to risk the almost certain unhappiness and bitterness that will come from a mixed marriage.

We should not wait until there are inter-faith problems bothering our children before we do something to equip them for a happy and fulfilling marriage. Some parents are much more ready to condemn their children for making wrong choices than they are to help them make the right choices.

It may not be too late to share with your daughter in a positive way. Do not simply try to break this dangerous friendship. Rather you should try to introduce her to ideas and ideals which will help her make the decisions that will honor Christ and the Church and enable her to share in a life-partnership that will bring her true happiness. If we put Christ first at the beginning of our friendships, we won't have to worry about his place at any other time.

Next week: Dull business meetings.

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who demonstrates and teaches, scolds and praises, but who leaves the playing of the games to the young people.

## 10. RANGE OF EXPERIENCE.

Recognise that some persons and some groups are at the "beginner" level. Challenge them with an increasingly more difficult programme, leading them through the "regular" up and yonder into the "advanced" class.—Adapted.

—Inserted by the Christian Youth Fellowship Committee of the Department of Christian Education of Victoria and Tasmania.



## HERE AND THERE

Mrs. R. V. Amos (Pres., Vic.-Tas. Women's Conference), during her recent visit to Hobart, addressed meetings of the C.W.F. and the midweek Bible Study Group. Her messages were greatly appreciated.

Melbourne young people, especially young men, are urgently required for the youth choir to perform at Conference Youth night — Tues., April 17 — at Collins-st. Baptist church. Rehearsals are held each Tuesday evening in the Churches of Christ Centre Reception Room, 7.30-9 p.m.—V. G. Ryall.

The many friends of the Pittman family will be sorry to learn of the passing, in his ninety-first year, of Sidney Herbert Pittman, brother of Randall T. Pittman. Until six months ago, he was still playing the organ at St. Matthew's, Prahran, Vic., where he had served for approximately thirty years. Before becoming a professional church organist, Mr. Pittman had served the Victorian brotherhood as Conference organist, and also with the Vocal Union, first under the leadership of his brother, E. W. Pittman, and later under Nat Haddow. At Maryborough, Vic., he led a combined choir before becoming organist of the Methodist church in that town. He died on Tues., March 13, and the funeral services were conducted on the 15th. To his daughter and two sons, and to other loved ones, we extend Christian sympathies.

We have been asked by Josiah Park, of the Hobart church, to point out that a reference to five meeting-places in the church's history (A.C., 6/3/62) is incorrect. Actually, there have been 6 such meeting-places during the 90 years: viz., Oddfellows' Hall, Collins-st., School of Arts, chapel erected in Lr. Harrington-st., and later disposed of, Temperance Alliance Rooms, the old Baptist chapel in Harrington-st., and the present building, used for the past 76 years.

At Chelsea, Vic., the church's first full-time minister, C. G. V. Thomas, was inducted in the morning service of March 11, with B. J. Combridge in charge. A. Avery and J. Searle were among the congregation. A church welcome was extended to Mr. Thomas and Mrs. Thomas, senr., at a basket tea. It was regretted that Mrs. C. Thomas and family were unable to be present. Members of the Eastern District Conference Camp attended the gospel service, bringing the numbers to 147. Many took the

opportunity to thank J. Dow for the work and service given over the past few months, and to wish him well.

Members of Churches of Christ will welcome the report concerning the development of "informal talks" during 1961 between representatives of Churches of Christ and Baptist Churches in New South Wales. The consultations, in which our representatives took the initiative, have been free and frank, with the genuine desire for closer co-operation. The measure of agreement thus far achieved, as expressed in a joint statement, has now been fully endorsed by our own Conference Executive in N.S.W. and also by the Executive of the Baptist Union in N.S.W. This, of course, is only a beginning, but we look forward to even closer union under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.—A. G. Elliott.

The next meeting of the N.S.W. Ministers' Fraternal will be held at Chatswood chapel on Monday, March 26, at 10 a.m. Topic of discussion will be continued on "The Ministry." Luncheon to be served at a small cost.—R. W. Beadle, sec.

The church at Footscray, Vic., held a social evening on Thurs., March 8, to give public welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Glen Brown and sons, Gordon and David. The first month of ministry was marked by well attended services.

A public opening session, on March 3, was held in sunny conditions in the grounds of the Churches of Christ Bible College at Woolwich, N.S.W. Visitors from Taree, Newcastle, Wyoming and Wollongong districts joined with many from suburban churches to make up a company of between four and five hundred. Mrs. A. Baker (C.W.F. Pres.) reminded the audience that the College was just on 21 years old. H. Palmer (N.S.W. Conf. Pres.) spoke of the College as the heart of N.S.W. church life. The Chairman of the College Board, D. Verco, thanked the churches for the splendid financial support given over the years, and presented the College's need for adequate library buildings. The Principal, A. W. Stephenson, announced that ten new students entered College this year, bringing the total to 42. This year the College begins a four-year programme of Bible studies at a higher level. After enjoying tea, served by Mrs. Corlett and her helpers, visitors inspected the grounds and rooms, particularly the newly designed dining hall.

Saturday, March 10 was an important day in the history of the Warragul (Vic.) church, when the new brick veneer manse was officially opened and dedicated by C. G. Taylor (Pres.-Elect, Vic.-Tas. Conf.). E. J. Austin (representing the church) said that in less than 10 years the church had developed, from H.M. support to become self-supporting, had built a new youth hall, renovated the chapel, purchased land for further development and had now built the manse. This is valued at more than £6,000, but cost far less, owing to much voluntary labor by men of the church and assistance by the builder, L. H. McDonald, who is also a church member. The cream brick veneer manse includes three bedrooms, a study, a large lounge-dinette and a modern kitchen. Greetings were expressed by M. D. Keatch, immediate past minister. G. A. Hearn (present minister) presided over the opening ceremony. At the conclusion of the service, those present were invited to inspect the manse. Afternoon tea was supplied by the ladies.

## ★ Crusade for Purposeful Living

A Crusade for Purposeful Living, held at Blackburn, Vic., Feb. 18 to March 4, proved a wonderful time of blessing. The Crusade was led commendably by F. Hunting (Dawson-st., Ballarat) as missionary, with H. Feary (York-st., Ballarat) as song leader. Results of the Crusade were 19 primary decisions, 4 reconsecrations and 14 dedications. Average attendance at weeknight services was 132, with Sunday services 283 a.m., and 227 p.m.

On the 22nd, F. Hunting spoke to a special Women's Rally, attended by 65 ladies. The C.W.E.F. formed a choir and sang at the two Wednesday night meetings. Throughout the Crusade the singing was splendid, and the church is grateful to the many soloists who rendered items at the various services. On Sat., 24th, and at all services on Sunday, 25th, the York-st. Gospel Singers rendered many items, appreciated by all who heard them.

A Men's Rally was held on the afternoon of the 25th, when F. Hunting gave a challenge to 50 men. This meeting was followed by a tea. The Crusade closed with a baptismal service on March 4, when three people who had confessed Christ during the meetings were baptised. An after-service fellowship hour followed, when opportunity was taken to express thanks to F. Hunting and H. Feary. G. Gilmour (chairman of Board) expressed appreciation of the church, and made presentations to both men.





# OUR FAMILY PAGE

## Young People Ask About Marriage

Richard E. Lentz.

When young people talk together about marriage they raise many questions. Five of these questions are almost universal among church groups.

The first question is,

Why are not my parents happier together than they are, if they love each other?

Sociologists tell us that millions of couples are very unhappy in marriage and wish they were free again. These couples assume that their unhappiness goes unnoticed by their families. But children sense that their security is dependent upon the permanence of their parents' love, and they know when hostility or indifference is present. You can't fool even a baby!

In our homes, however, it is more probable that our preoccupation with marriage and family responsibilities has been misinterpreted by the younger members of our family. The realities of family life, such as budget, housekeeping and discipline can become burdensome. There are numerous justifiable anxieties of parents. It is not unnatural nor rare for conflict to arise between two persons who have a wholesome love for one another. We do need, however, to offset these negative impressions which we provide for our family with evidence of our joy in marriage and of our delight in home associations.

Many fathers and mothers regard their married love as a sacred, private possession of just the two of them. Aspects of their love and some expressions of it should remain theirs exclusively. Many young people report, however, that they have never known their parents to embrace or kiss each other. This would seem to be an unfortunate extreme.

Second, young people ask,  
What are my chances of success in marriage?

The wide publicity given to divorce statistics has made thoughtful young people more cautious in their planning for their future.

There are reassurances to give them. Divorce never just happens! There are known, recognisable fac-

tors which contribute to marital success or failure. Anyone is wise to take these into account. Persons who are careful in their selection of a marriage partner and who prepare themselves for marriage have every reason to anticipate success in marriage.

Experts tell us that the majority of divorces could have been prevented even after marital difficulties began to appear, if help had been sought or the couple had been willing to work out their problems together.

Third, is the question,

What if I do not marry?

Sometimes by emphasising the exclusive blessings of marriage we unintentionally give the impression that all persons should marry or that there can be no satisfying, significant life outside of marriage. Health, profession or other responsibilities may make marriage unwise or even morally wrong for some people. Fortunately, today there are many thrilling opportunities for lifelong happiness and usefulness open to single persons.

Never should young people be led to believe that only by marrying can they be happy or that by remaining single they will have failed as persons or citizens. All Christians — married or single — are under the same stewardship requirement to "live for him."

Fourth, is the commonly asked question,

How will I know whether or not I am in love?

It is not surprising that young people are confused about romantic love. In one twenty-four-hour period recently there were 552 "love songs" played or sung on radio programmes of one American city! Young people usually ask to have love differentiated from infatuation. Infatuation is usually self-centred, seeking its own good and of short duration. Love is sharing or giving, "we-centred" and of longer duration. Infatuation burns out and love grows — and may continue to grow throughout life. Love is best described in 1 Corinthians 13: 1-13.

Fifth,

Is Christian marriage different?

Would we dare say No, it is not different than all others? In the Christian Century, Peter Bertocci wrote, "Marriage is Christian only if the relationship and problems that they (two Christian individuals) create are approached in accordance with the norm of Christian love..."

"If God becomes as it were the Third Partner in the marriage, then each person is God's partner and is never to be treated like a possession or a conquest."

From these two questions it is clear that Christian marriage is characteristically different from any other kind of marriage; just as the Christian faith is different from other religions.—World Call.

## He Knows the Way

My Father's way may twist and turn,

My heart may throb and ache,  
But in my soul I'm glad to know  
He maketh no mistake.

My cherished plans may go astray,  
My hopes may fade away,  
But still I trust my Lord to lead,  
For he doth know the way.

Though night be dark and it may seem

That day will never break,  
I'll pin my faith, my all in him,  
He maketh no mistake.

There's so much now I cannot see,  
My eyesight's far too dim;  
But, come what may, I'll simply trust  
And leave it all to him.

For by and by the mist will lift,  
And plain it all he'll make,  
Through all the way, though dark to me,

He made not one mistake.

—Author Unknown.

## It Cannot Be Done

A little girl, playing on the seashore, made a hole in the sand with her little toy shovel, and then with the bright tin pail her mother had bought her for her birthday, she tried to fill the hole with ocean water. As fast as her little legs could carry her she worked, filling up the pail from the ocean and emptying it in the sand hole, back and forth as fast as she could run, until her mother found her crying, worn out, utterly frustrated with her first experience in a failure familiar to all mankind.

Some things cannot be done. We cannot measure the immeasurable; we cannot empty the ocean of illimitable love with our little tin buckets. There is no church, there is no creed, there is no mind created big enough to grasp the length and the width and the depth of the love of God revealed in Christ. It is a love that passeth knowledge.—J. Wallace Hamilton.





## Discipleship

Mrs. Hayes, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Tonkin, Wedderburn, Vic.

Valerie and Murray Jaggard, David Crossman, Max Carter, Kilburn, S.A.

F. Weber, Anne Spalding, Bruce Paterson, T. Giurletto, June Vikstrom, Russell Nelson, Christine and Margaret Jones, Carol Minahan, Kay Freeman, Mrs. T. Whightman, Sherry Whightman, Mr. and Mrs. J. Russell, David Hansen, Mrs. S. Kwasnicki, Lesley Abernethy, Daryl Stephens, David Scambler, Blackburn, Vic.

Heather Davis, Bayswater, Vic.

Tim Theobald, Lesley Johnson, Janice Lord, Wattle Park, Vic.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wise, Croydon, Vic.

Joan Morgan, Margaret Erskine, Carol Turpin, Wiley Park, N.S.W.  
Sue Bedwell, Sue Burgess, Marrickville, N.S.W.

## Membership

Mr. and Mrs. D. Harper, to Kilburn, S.A.

Mr. and Mrs. Gove, Camberwell to Blackburn, Vic.

Miss R. Potter, Invermay to Launceston, Tas.

Helen Smith, from Lenswood; John Spencer, from Mile End, to Beulah Road, S.A.

Mrs. J. Knee, Wonga Park to Croydon, Vic.

Marilyn Brennan, Victor Harbor to Nailsworth, S.A.

B. Chad, from Tamworth, Mr. and Mrs. Brown, from Bankstown to Wiley Park, N.S.W.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Mitchell, Ormond to Warragul, Vic.

Mr. and Mrs. Readhead, to York-st., Ballarat, Vic.

## Marriage

Margaret Kelly to Don Fraser, Kilburn, S.A.

Margaret Wilson to Ken Holland, Thornbury, Vic.

Janice Roberts to William Moller, Nailsworth, S.A.

Carol Sargent, Newmarket, Vic., to John Harrison, North Essendon, Vic.

Alison Mason, North Essendon, Vic., to Kevin Phillips, Strathalbyn, S.A.

Dorothy Crabtree to Rupert Goodman, Caulfield, Vic.

Margaret Mott to Peter Wing Tang, Surrey Hills, Vic.

## Fallen Asleep

Mrs. Dyson, snr., North Williams-town, Vic.

Mrs. W. T. Magarey, Unley, S.A.  
Mrs. Booth, Burwood, N.S.W.

## AUST. CAPITAL TERRITORY

Canberra (G. R. Stirling, B.A.).—Film, *Going Steady*, screened at Hi-Y meeting, with 83 viewers. Over 350 present at B.S. picnic at Cotter Reserve, Mar. 3. On 4th, 173 communed. At C.M.S. tea, E. Gaffey gave guidance on public speaking. 165 communed, 11th. Boys' Brigade paraded at evening service, when 9 Y.P. stepped forward.

## TASMANIA

Margaret-st., Launceston (C. J. Robinson).—B.S. picnic held at Myrtle Park, Feb. 17. At annual meeting of C.M.S. plans for 1962 discussed, first activity being Autumn Show, Mar. 10. A. McDonald addressed C.W.E.F. on Religious Drama. C.Y.F. held "open night," at which guest speakers were Mr. and Mrs. T. Street; they screened pictures of Mission work among Aborigines. On evening Feb. 25, church combined with other Launceston Protestant churches in special service in National Theatre to commemorate end of Fiesta Week. Several members attended State Conference at Devonport. C.Y.F. held youth camp at Pipers Head, Mar. 2-5; minister was leader. At meeting of C.W.F., ladies invited representative from nurseries to speak on rights and wrongs of gardening.

Sandhill. — On afternoon of Feb. 25, 26 B.S. scholars and teachers paid visit to Caveside school, 45 miles away, and spent enjoyable time, with items being given by both schools, and Bible quiz conducted, concluding with short address by M. Wilson, Cave-

side. Refreshments were served, and visit paid to a farm prior to returning to Launceston. It is hoped further visits will be made during year.

Tasman Peninsula Circuit (E. K. Morrison). — Nubeena-Ilighcroft: C.E. held meeting at White Beach, with Bible study. C.M.S. monthly meeting discussed baptism. Kellevie: C.E. held cottage meeting, with charades on Bible scenes. Meetings again being held in chapel until title to land obtained, when chapel will be moved to Copping. Combined meeting held at Eaglehawk Neck, 9th. Kellevie C.E. arranged programme. Buzz groups formed for Bible study.

## WESTERN AUSTRALIA

North Perth (J. K. Robinson - int.). — G. Owen farewelled on leaving for Canberra. C.Y.F. planted lawn and trees at rear of chapel. Interim ministry appreciated. Renewed interest in midweek meeting, with attendances over 20. B.S. picnic at Mosman's, Labor Day. C.W.F. held social and film night. C.Y.F. visited Observatory, 15th. Mr. Lavery home from hospital; D. Meldrum in hospital; Mrs. York ill. Mrs. Miles (Vic.) recent visitor.

Narembeen (J. Holliday). — Church preparing for mission commencing at Bruce Rock, Mar. 21. Men's basketball team went to Kalgoorlie for match, Feb. 24. B.S. has recommenced. Church sorry to say farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Dayman and family, who have gone to live at Morawa.

## QUEENSLAND

Maryborough (D. G. Nelson).—Minister completed his first year with church. February month of great blessing, with 5 Y.P. making their decision and 5 reconsecrations. One member of C.Y.F. has offered himself for full-time service. C.Y.F. has roll of 75, with 57 regulars. D. Nelson and Jim Ferguson share leadership. They have "adopted" Rhambau Kampe, an Indian boy at Baramat. Attendances at all services have increased, and the Planned Offering has greatly increased church income. £8/10/- weekly is set aside for new chapel and hall when city property is sold. Harry Dollin, recently baptised at Nambour, gave testimony of his conversion from an alcoholic to a disciple. Lorna Jones, Baddow kinder. supt., has been transferred to Brisbane. Working par-



tles have recently painted interior of Baddow chapel. Midweek prayer and Bible study group have passed 30 mark in attendance.

**West Moreton Circuit (R. Holt).**— Mr. and Mrs. Holt have commenced ministry with Rosevale, Mt. Walker and Rosewood churches. Circuit combined for visit of Sonny Graham; combined Y.P. meeting very well attended and tape recording of visit appreciated. Circuit women have given £60 steel cupboards for New Hebrides; £20 for equipment Hermann Memorial Hospital; £20 for Southport church. Cobine family (Sunnybank) visited Marburg and Rosewood churches; Mr. Cobine speaker at morning and evening services. Members attended Southport church opening service.

## NEW SOUTH WALES

**Georgetown (R. B. Elbourne).**— Design for Development Campaign getting under way. F. W. Reeves has accepted leadership in Teaching of Giving section. Counsellors and hostesses have been appointed. Seven Y.P. baptised Mar. 11. Mr. and Mrs. Elbourne, snr. (Vic.) have been visitors.

**Hornsby.**— Good weather favored B.S. picnic at Clifton Gardens, Feb. 24. I.C.E. conducted devotional meeting at Bingley Hall. Young man rededicated his life to the Lord at gospel service. C.W.F. conducted a stall at Boys' Home fete, Mar. 10. Mr. Bartholomew conducted after-church fellowship, 11th. Speakers have been Messrs. Bartholomew, Cole, Ellerby, Fennell, Henderson, Morris, Oswald.

**Marrickville (M. Bedwell).**— C.W.F. addressed by Mrs. Bedwell at opening meeting, Feb. 20. Successful B.S. picnic at Bronte Beach, 24th. G.L.B. entering third year of operation. As extra activity, girls engaged in 2nd Sydney Division Swimming Carnival at Canterbury, 16th. "C" and "E" grade cricket teams are doing well. Infant dedication service (as part a.m. service), 25th. Gospel services featuring series of personal testimonies. Team from Caringbah C.M.S. visited for bowls contest, 22nd. N.S.W. Conf. Pres., W. H. B. Palmer, speaker am., Mar. 4. C. Leiber (Christian Literature Crusade) addressed Missionary Life Gift Fellowship, Feb. 28. C.W.F. conducted sweets stall at Boys' Home fete, Pendle Hill, 10th. raising £51. "Youtharama," Mar. 10, again attracted over 150, mostly Y.P., M. Bedwell giving the message. Two young ladies made the good confession at youth gospel service, 11th.

**Bankstown (S. C. Rogers).**— Visiting speakers have been A. Surtees (Padstow), R. Greenhalgh (N.S.W.

Dir. Christian Education). Miss Dawn Bussey (Woolwich) welcomed as asst. to minister. Mrs. Cox, beloved pres. C.W.F. for several years, resigned for health reasons; Mrs. Rogers welcomed as pres.

**Wiley Park (P. Saxby).**— Church appreciated faithful year of ministry by C. Bowser, and Mrs. Bowser for her messages in song. Mr. Brown thanked for help during preacher's absence. P. Saxby has commenced student ministry. Mr. Palmer (Conf. Pres.) and Mrs. Palmer visitors, Feb. 25. Samuel and Japheth visited B.S. same day. Five Y.P. have accepted Christ in last two months. Three of these have been baptised and received into membership.

**Burwood (A. G. Elliott, M.A., Ph.D.).**— Adult Christian Education recommenced with re-formed groups and new study series. Missionary project also envisaged in connection with A.C.E. for near future. B.S. picnic held at Clifton Gardens. On following day supt., A. K. Wilson, was speaker a.m. C.W.F. active with muscalle and garden party in recent weeks. Franklyn Elliott has entered Woolwich College. Church has welcomed Mr. and Mrs. T. Scotland and family (W.A.), who are associated with W.E.C. Training Centre, Strathfield. Mr. Turnbull, injured in accident, is making good recovery.

## SOUTH AUSTRALIA

**Kilburn (G. Rose, L.Th.).**— Church and auxiliaries experiencing increasing tempo of activities. Margaret Kelly and Don Fraser honored prior to their marriage. Monthly sing-song after evening service, with supper following, is proving good time of fellowship. Jim Stewart convalescing after surgery.

**Mile End (A. E. Brown - interim).**— Church enjoying high peak in all phases of work; large attendances at all services most weeks. Special youth service, Mar. 4; 115 from B.S. formed choir, with another 150 in congregation. Renovations include additional floor space to cater for fast expanding B.S. and long needed cry room being completed. All auxiliaries and clubs well attended. Church still awaiting new minister.

**Unley (C. H. J. Wright, B.A.).**— Harvest Festival, Feb. 25. The many gifts displayed were taken to Christian Rest Home and Morialta Children's Home. C.M.S. had well-attended first meeting of year, when office-holders were re-elected. Congratulations to Anne von Einem and Anne Wright, who recently won Commonwealth Scholarships. At annual church business meeting, A. E. Brooks and D. C. Ritchie appointed elders, and I. Gates, H. McLachlan, D. L. Messent, W. B. Wharton, deacons.

**Beulah Road (R. Clymer).**— Local brethren were speakers at services during minister's vacation. Av. attendances Feb.: a.m., 124; p.m., 80. Church happy to have fellowship with Wendy Hunt (Bordertown) and Douglas Clutterbuck (Whyalla) whilst they are attending Teachers' Training College. Successful family picnic at Henley Beach, Feb. 24. Harvest Thanksgiving service held and produce forwarded to Christian Rest Home. At C.W.F., Mrs. Braddock (pres.) gave devotional talk after election of officers. Mrs. Hornhardt in hospital. At first C.E. fellowship meeting for year, 50 Y.P. enjoyed fellowship tea and film, *The Wackiest Ship*.

**Croydon (W. N. Bartlett).**— During minister's holidays, S. Riches and Mr. Lawrie preached. Mar. 7, C.W.F. monthly meeting. Mrs. Wharton (Social Service Dept.) gave talk about new girls' youth hostel at Menindie. C.Y.F. devoted night of 9th to collecting for "Red Cross Calling" appeal; £50 collected by 20 Y.P. who took part. E. Heard (India) present Mar. 11 and gave talk to B.S. and men's class in afternoon, and preached at gospel service. Youth tea held. Mr. Heard showed slides of work in India at after-church fellowship.

**Murray Bridge (H. Cave).**— C.W.F. gave special welcome to Mrs. Cave at their meeting. B.S. changed to 9.30 a.m. programme from Mar. 11, using hall only for classes. Harvest Thanksgiving day to remember. Beautiful display of gifts benefited brotherhood social work. Choir rendered special anthem. Big attendances all services. 115 took communion, including many visitors. C.Y.F. enjoyed well-planned hike, reaching home of Mr. and Mrs. Schutz for supper. Robert Watts led devotions. Mrs. Peter ill. Mr. Peter has been able to join worship past few weeks.

**Nailsworth (A. M. Norris, B.A.).**— Church honored Janice Roberts prior to marriage. Harvest Thanksgiving services, Mar. 11. Chapel beautifully decorated and large quantity of goods divided between Christian Rest Home and Morialta Home. Choir contributed to evening service suitable anthems. Church benefiting from pre-Easter series of studies in John's Gospel.

**Naracoorte (M. D. Williams).**— C.M.S. annual picnic held at Pink's Beach. A man confessed Christ at gospel service on Feb. 25. Great spiritual uplift derived from visit of N. Young (missionary on furlough from Japan). He delivered messages at both services, Mar. 4, and spoke at C.E. and B.S. After-church fellowship held same evening, and he showed slides of Mission work in Japan. Some members attended Conference meeting at Mundalla, 7th. Harvest Thanksgiving services, 11th.



**Grote-st., Adelaide** (L. E. Jones, B.A., B.D.). — Gospel service, Mar. 4, saw baptism of a young woman. Four received into membership at morning and evening services by transfer and baptism. Church celebrated Harvest Thanksgiving, 11th, with record display of goods, which were donated to Colebrook Home. Excellent singing by choir at both services, under direction of W. Watson. Mrs. Brooks active again after surgical treatment. Miss Leedham convalescing after accident. Attendances at C.Y.F. pleasing, with excellent programmes arranged.

**Ungarra.** — R. Young speaker, Feb. 18, and E. Holland, Mar. 4. Recently 13 food parcels posted to overseas missionaries. Golden Jubilee meetings being planned with eager anticipations.

**Brooklyn Park** (J. W. Lewis). — Improvement in attendance and interest has given Board of Officers every confidence in future building extension. Land which church wishes to buy has been tied up in legal matter; final decision awaited. Large amount of paper collected and money given to Building Fund. Ladies held successful stalls to raise more funds. Y.P. joined with others from 10 different churches, including 4 different denominations, to hear illustrated talk by C. H. J. Wright on New Delhi Assembly. B.S. attendance improved, with number of new scholars.

## VICTORIA

**Caulfield** (R. C. Dixon). — Messrs. Brown, Goodman, Lees, Saunders, Storey, elected elders; Messrs. Brooker, Carpenter, Elbourne, Jones, Jenner, Lynch, Machin, Peet, Paday, Sault, elected deacons. New hall nearing completion. Auxiliaries have raised £468 towards project to date. All auxiliaries planning hard for year. P. Jones has taken over leadership of B.S. from J. Dow, who has resigned owing to full-time studies at College of the Bible.

**Ballarat, Peel-st.** (C. W. Jackel). — Attendances have improved, especially p.m., when building has been full on several occasions. Training class, covering variety of subjects and of 12 weeks' duration, has been commenced. During minister's absence at St. Arnaud, R. McLeod and T. Maxwell spoke acceptably. Mrs. Pratt (Nambour) showed pictures of trip to World Convention, and Rhonda Ratcliffe gave slide illustrated message on rehabilitation of unfortunate girls in Qld. Av. attendance of ladies, 30. L. Murphy is doing good service in making equipment for B.S. Teachers have arranged campaign for 35 new scholars and several teachers. Minister has been giving morning mes-

sages on elders, deacons, their qualifications and function, prior to annual meeting. Features of Begonia Festival evening service were full chapel, presence of Begonia Festival chairman, Des. Feary, presiding at Hammond organ, G. Jackel leading singing, Arthur LeCouteur and Yoke Eygelaar, solos, and seasonal address by minister; chapel tastefully decorated by Mrs. J. Feary. Av. offerings for Feb., £36. Budget is success. Several members received much profit from attending District Conference at Geelong.

**Chelsea** (C. G. V. Thomas - J. Dow). — B.S. picnic, Mar. 3. Large number Y.P. attended clubs' parade, 4th. C.Y.F. had after-church fellowship. C.W.E.F., 7th, attended by 40 ladies.

**Shepparton** (T. A. Fergusson). — C.W.A.F. held successful evening, when church members, recently returned from overseas, showed pictures of their trip. Proceeds were added to New Building Fund. Money for this project comes in steadily, £60/11/- being placed in Blessing Box in porch for this purpose during first 2 months of 1962. Harvest Festival services well attended, Feb. 25, when wonderful array of fruit and other goods adorned chapel. Visitors included Mr. and Mrs. Keith Jones and family (C.O.B.). Annual church business meeting, Mar. 7, when all auxiliaries submitted reports showing satisfactory year's work. Statistics show 13 have been added to membership by baptism and 9 by transfer. Av. weekly attendance for year: a.m., 83; p.m., 59; communicants, 86. Average weekly Budget offering, £39/3/-, while an average of £18/4/6 has been added weekly to New Building Fund for same period. A. V. Taylor re-elected sec., R. A. Clydesdale and A. V. Taylor re-elected elders; N. Read and I. A. N. McArthur added to Board of Management; all others re-elected from previous year.

**Sunshine** (B. F. Goldsteen). — "Squash" night held in home of Sis. M. Smith, Mar. 3; 52 attended. B.S. scholar made good confession, 4th. C.M.S. programmes planned with more variation. C.E. attended State Convention meetings at Brunswick and Coburg. K.S.P. attained 3rd place in P.C.F.O. athletic carnival. Ladies attended World Day of Prayer.

**Wedderburn.** — Mr. Westmore, part-time preacher for 18 months, has resigned and left district. During latter part of his ministry 3 married ladies were added to church by faith and baptism. Services are being carried on by G. R. Lanyon, snr., Lloyd Lanyon, K. Williamson (Boort) and David Hillier (Charlton). Members, although small in numbers, are very loyal in attendance. Mid-week prayer meeting, well attended, is led by G. A. B. Jackel. Mrs. Hayes,

with her class of girls, doing good work for Mission to Lepers. Women's World Day of Prayer well attended at Presbyterian.

**Bayswater** (H. S. Prime). — Anniversary and Temple Day celebrated Feb. 18 — a.m. speaker, H. S. Prime; P.S.A., speaker, B. J. Combridge; most enjoyable items brought by McLean Trio and R. Tully; fellowship tea at 5 p.m.; gospel service with minister speaking and items by C.W.F. ladies. C.W.F. annual meeting, 13th, office-bearers elected: pres., Mrs. M. Prime; vice-pres., Mrs. V. Davis; sec., Mrs. M. King; treas., Mrs. A. Hunda-syde. East Dist. women's annual meeting at Bayswater, 15th, when Mrs. J. Adkins (Bayswater) was welcomed as pres. of E.D.C.W.F. for forthcoming year; Mrs. G. N. Frost (Pres., National Council of Women) speaker. I.C.E. held 2nd birthday meeting, 25th, with B. Sheppard, guest speaker; visitors from other societies present; followed by fellowship tea. Over 40 men at C.M.S. evening, when S. Davey spoke of work of Aborigines Advancement League. Offering taken for work of League. Young girl made good confession and was baptised, 25th.

**Cheltenham** (R. C. Bolduan). — Visiting speakers during minister's vacation: D. Smith, W. W. Saunders, L. E. Snow, V. C. Stafford, E. L. Williams. Chapel filled on night Mar. 4. 25 C.M.S. men met around tea table before church. Cricket club had final church parade for year. Film, *Does Christ Live In Your Home?*, was screened. District prayer rally held in chapel, Feb. 28; 40 attended. C.Y.F. presented concert at Melbourne Benevolent home, Mar. 2. Large attendance at Carrum Beach for B.S. picnic, Feb. 24. First quarterly meeting of C.W.F. attended by 35 ladies, who saw slides on past church activities.

**Glen Waverley** (R. W. Marshall). — Forward in Faith campaign launched at half-yearly meeting, Feb. 21; 44 members present. Auxiliary reports, plans for 1962, show wise, keen leadership. Tennis club formed, entered 3 sections Baptist - C. of G. winter comp. Suggested overall plans for building extension presented. Change to budget planned giving adopted. W. W. Saunders commenced series stewardship addresses, 25th. 53 attended missionary night, 23rd; appreciated illustrated talks on Indian field by Mr. and Mrs. Heard. 12 shared in H.M. prayer rally, East Kew, 28th. B.S. attendances record level, 147; missionary project 1962 — support of Indian boy and girl. C.W.E.F. assisted at auxiliaries' parade, gospel service, Mar. 4; over 60 present.

**Thornbury** (R. H. Hillier). — Work progressing very well. Special word of thanks to speakers who assisted during minister's holidays. Youth tea, Feb. 11, enjoyed film, *Windows*



of the Soul. Son of Man screened, p.m., 25th. On Mar. 4, at 11 a.m. family worship service, 131 broke bread. Y.P., at youth tea, had message from S. Davey.

Wattle Park (L. G. Crisp, L.Th.). — Homecoming services, Feb. 11, well attended. G. J. Crossman (Malvern) morning speaker; Hilton Williams, soloist. P.S.A. compered by Allan Rowe, with items by Miss J. Milne (soloist) and Ron Smythe (violin). Speakers during minister's holidays have been: E. R. Sherman, B. J. Combridge, C. Young. All auxiliaries report good attendances and interest. Sympathy extended to Salisbury family in loss of their father. Mrs. Shangle in hospital.

Yarrowonga (D. Russell).—Annual business meeting held. Officers' Board remains same. Ken Danes elected supt. B.S., and Miss S. Chappell, sec. Reports showed auxiliaries functioning well. Good Companions' club has been formed, with Mrs. Russell and Mrs. K. Danes leaders. Membership is good and much interest shown. Mrs. Foulkes in a Melbourne hospital.

Croydon (W. J. Thomson).—Church rejoices to receive confession of faith of married couple. A young woman welcomed by transfer. Members attended mission at Blackburn, Feb. 21. C.M.S. held monthly tea and were entertained by Mr. Bullen, followed by film and commentary by W. Rogers on his trip to Europe. Good Companions held church parade, Mar. 4, with Mrs. W. Galletly as new assistant leader. C.W.E.F. well represented at Trial By Jury, at Lygon-st., and at birthday meeting at Boronia.

North Essendon - Milleara (A. E. White, B.A. - T. Mason). — Attendances very good at church and auxiliary meetings. Feb. averages were: a.m., 164; p.m., 108; comm., 158. S.C.Y.F. has been divided into two age groups. J.C.Y.F. showing great enthusiasm. C.W.F. gave £30 for Monbulk Re-building Appeal. Cricket club has had successful season. Church regrets removal of R. K. Fox, organist, to Sale. Active church roll for both churches is now 228 and av. weekly 1961 communicants was 171. Milleara: Feb. average: a.m., 62; comm., 37. B.S. reached record attendance of 115. C.W.E.F. held first annual meeting and elected Mrs. K. Jackson, pres., Mrs. B. Ploog, sec. Good Companions and Explorers are increasing in numbers.

Swan Hill (D. G. Beanland). — B.S. joined with other schools in town for combined sports afternoon, Mar. 12. Y.P. attended C.E. Convention in Melbourne, Labor Day weekend. Mrs. Carroll (Mudgee, N.S.W.) among visitors, 11th. C.W.F. experimenting with monthly social evenings.

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**LEWIS, William E.** — Suddenly, in Sydney car accident on March 10, 1962, loving brother of Mrs. Winter and Mrs. Walsh (Sydney), and Mrs. Potter (twin sister), Malvern, Vic.

## IN MEMORIAM

**FINGER.** — In loving remembrance of my father and mother, Alfred Edward, called Home March 16, 1953. and Grace Evelyn, called Home January 19, 1959.

—Inserted by A. Laurence Finger.

**PRESTON, Emma A.** — Treasured memories of my dear mother, reunited with Dad and George on March 22, 1959.

—Lovingly remembered by Maude.

**STREADER.** — Treasured memories of Louisa Victoria, called Home March 26, 1961. A loved mother sadly missed.

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## ENGAGEMENT

**COLLINGS - THORPE.** — Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Collings, 9 Myrtle-ave., Ringwood East, Vic., have much pleasure in announcing the engagement of their younger daughter, Elayne St. Clare, to Pastor Andrew William Thorpe, Wesleyan Methodist Church, Cohuna, Vic., second son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Thorpe, St. Ives, Sydney, N.S.W.

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## OBITUARY

W. H. Parker.

Until a few years ago, when he saw fit to retire as an elder, W. H. Parker was a most active and efficient member and officer of the church at Croydon, S.A. He was baptised at Strathalbyn in 1912 by G. T. Black after committing his life to Christ at the S. G. Griffith mission. He became a deacon and B.S. teacher. Before being transferred to Kadina in 1925, he was serving as church sec. Till 1936, he took an active part in the work at Kadina, becoming a deacon, sec., choir member, B.S. teacher, and interested in Kappas. Leaving Kadina he spent a few months at Hindmarsh before going to Broken Hill where he also gave unstinted service for the best part of two years. Coming to Croydon, he soon made his contribution as deacon, choir member and Kappa leader. In the course of the years he became church sec. and then elder. Heart trouble, which affected him greatly, especially after retirement from British Petroleum for whom he was Installation Officer at Birkenhead, was the cause of his sudden death at his home in Woodville on Tues., Feb. 6. He leaves a wife and daughter, son-in-law and two grandsons, Ron and Paul, to mourn his loss. We commend them to the comfort of our Heavenly Father.—W. N. Bartlett.

Mrs. A. Lockyer.

Through the Home call which came to Mrs. Lockyer on Jan. 29, at the age of 83, the church at Croydon, S.A., lost another foundation member. Mrs. Lockyer was baptised as Miss A. Bartlett at Glenelg by Jesse Colbourne. When the Bartlett family moved to Kent Town, our sister first attended the Christian Church at Stepney, but later linked up with our church at Norwood, where she married Mr. Lockyer. They built a home at Croydon, and upon the opening up of the church in that area, Mrs. Lockyer transferred her membership there. After a few years, business interests took them to Victor Harbour, and Mrs. Lockyer attended the church there until her return to Croydon about 20 years ago. Here she joined her three sisters, also foundation members of the church, in a faithful attendance at the Lord's Table every Sunday morning, with gentle spirit and simple but strong faith. She was bereft of her only son many years ago. Her husband died in 1957, but she met these crises as every other in her life in the calm and strength of Christ. Three daughters and a daughter-in-law, with their children, mourn the loss of a very devoted mother and grandma. To all of these the church extends sincere Christian sympathy, and also to her

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Wallace Roots.

The church at Earlwood, N.S.W., entered the loss of a kindly Christian gentleman in the Home call, on Jan. 31, of Wallace Roots, at the age of 75. Mr. Roots was a deacon who did splendid service also as door-keeper. His smile and hand-shake, his humble prayers and his very regular attendances will live in our memory. Just prior to his illness, the rock at the front of the chapel had been concreted, and day after day we saw the twelve steps gradually taking shape under his skilful chiselling. They stand today as a memorial to his love for Christ and the Church. Mr. Roots was an active member of the Congregational Church prior to being immersed by the late E. C. Hinrichsen during his ministry in 1944. Last year marked Mr. and Mrs. Roots' 50th wedding anniversary; it was a keen disappointment that he was not well enough to celebrate. To his dear wife, whom we love, and to his married daughters and son, we have already offered our sympathy, and now quote the words of the poet, "To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die."—M. A. Cox.

The provisional programme of the W.C.C.'s Youth Dept. during 1962 includes the holding of 47 ecumenical work camps in 39 countries. The first of these was held in Caico, Brazil, Jan. 27-Feb. 25 — one of the four programmed for Latin America. In addition, there are to be camps in twelve Asian countries, six in Africa, two in the Middle East, and two in North America.

Dr. Karl Barth, at 75, still an influential and controversial theologian, plans to make his first visit to the United States during next month, arriving during the Easter period. In earlier days, Dr. Barth was noted also for his leadership in Protestant resistance to the Nazi regime in Germany.

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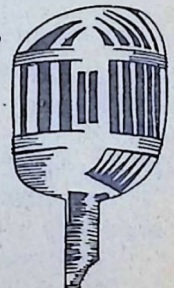
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